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MUSCLE SHOALS—First Metro Bank is again hosting a donation drive for the Alabama Sheriff's Colbert County FAME Girls' Ranch until March 3.

This is the third year for First Metro to sponsor this drive for residents at the local non-profit organization.

Items needed include Tylenol, Advil, Midol, Melatonin, cold medicines, Lysol, laundry detergent (scent-free preferred), fabric softener, dryer sheets, cleaning supplies, snacks, juice, body wash, Secret or Degree deodorant, body lotion, shampoo/conditioner, Chapstick, hair products, and gift cards.

Both First Metro Bank locations in Muscle Shoals, and offices in Tuscumbia and Russellville are drop-off sites for donated items.

The FAME Ranch in Russellville is one of four such ranches in Alabama providing Christian, family-style residential homes for Alabama's young women in need. This allows them to grow spiritually and physically into productive, responsible, and happy young adults.

First Metro Bank is proud to help positively impact these young ladies. All donations are greatly appreciated!

**Wilson Gets
Nod at FSB**

FLORENCE – First Southern Bank has hired **Todd Wilson** as its new Business Development Officer & Vice President,

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MUSCLE SHOALS - Governor Ivey made a couple of brief stops in Muscle Shoals last Thursday to help celebrate some good economic news.



Dura Automotive System's celebrated the grand opening of its new state-of-the-art manufacturing facility with a Shoals Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting.

will house advanced robotics and proprietary forming and joining technologies to create lightweight structures including those used for electric vehicle battery systems. The \$59 million investment is projected to employ almost 300 people.

"I had several calls with governors to employ almost 300 people. See A HUGE DAY... Page 3

The Tigers' 8th Class



FLORENCE—The eighth class of the the Burrell Slater Athlete Hall of Fame will be inducted Friday, February 4 at the Burrell-Slater H.S. Gymnasium. Honorees are William Houston, Harry Barnett, and '55-'56 Boys Basketball team.

The schedule for 2022 class induction is as follows:

Barnett Friday, February 4 at 6:30pm. Doors at the newly-renovated Burrell Gym open at 6pm.

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Rollout Gets Attention

FLORENCE—The city of Florence unveiled a new brand image last week based on the collective insights and feedback received from the city leaders and Florence residents.



City leaders identified opportunities to raise public awareness about Florence as a destination. A key part of this

initiative was to craft a strong brand image that would be recognizable and representative of the city as a whole. To guide the effort, city officials and residents of the city were engaged early in the process.

Birmingham-based branding and design firm, Tatum Design, was hired to create

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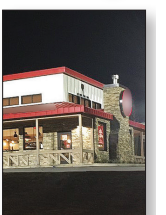
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operating at the main office on Court Street in Florence.

Wilson graduated from the University of North Alabama with a bachelor's degree in computer information systems.

He has excelled in positions with Wells Fargo Financial in Gadsden (2004-2006) and Regions Bank in Florence (2006-2020) with several promotions to management positions in lending, commercial relationships, and strategic planning.

Wilson is committed to bringing the same success and drive to his new position.

"Todd has a long history of great success working with businesses and individuals in the Shoals," said First Southern Bank President and CEO, Joe Beaver. "He will be a great addition to our commercial lending team, and we are very excited



Wilson

to have Todd join the First Southern family!"

Comment on US 72 Project

FLORENCE — The public has until February 14 to comment on a proposed plan for sanitary sewer system upgrades and extensions to provide sewer service to commercial areas along U.S. 72 and the proposed Lauderdale County Agricultural Event Center.

The comment period is required because the city is seeking federal funding through the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration.

The assessment is required by the National Environmental Policy Act and National Historic Preservation Act.

Florence Gas, Water and Wastewater Department Manager Mike Doyle said the comment period is standard with a project funded by a federal grant.

The project will consist of upgrades to an existing lift station, a road bore, installation of a 12-inch force main, and gravity sewer lines.

The city applied for \$1,672,895 in funds through the Economic Development Administration's Economic Adjustment Assistance Program in October. If the grant is awarded, the Agricultural Center Board would be responsible for providing \$716,955 in matching funds.

Stowe on the Culture of Tea

TUSCUMBIA – "The History of Tea and Tea Culture" will be the subject of a talk and tea tasting presented by Jennifer Stowe at Belle Mont Mansion, 1569 Cook Lane, Tuscumbia on Saturday, February 19 at 2:30pm. The event will include tea refreshments and an optional tour of the historic home built circa 1828.

Stowe is founder of Mid-TN Tea Association. She is a nationally recognized professional speaker whose topics include all aspects of tea and tea etiquette, herbs, and health.

Tickets are available in advance for \$15.

Reservations are required. You may purchase through EventBrite or by credit card by calling Belle Mont at 256-381-5052. A limited number of tickets will be available at Fiddledee D! gift shop in downtown Tuscumbia. Proceeds benefit operations and preservation of the museum. Masking is encouraged during the talk and seating, which is limited, and will be socially distanced.

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and senators and all it took was 90 seconds on the phone with Governor Ivey for me to decide Alabama was the location for DURA," saidb Chris Charlton, CEO of Charlton Inc, part of the contingent

representing DURA at the event.

The new Muscle Shoals facility is the latest investment by the Michigan-based global automotive supplier in support of vehicle technology transformation toward electrification. This addition to their family of 31 worldwide sites will be home to DURA's first lightweight structures manufacturing facility in North America.

Ivey's party then stopped at the Northwest Alabama Regional Airport to celebrate Contour Airline's new commercial flight schedule between Muscle Shoals and Charlotte-Douglas International Airport in Charlotte, North Carolina. The direct flights to American's hub in Charlotte will provide Shoals residents with access to cities all around the world. The airline will offer 24-weekly roundtrip flights using a 30-seat Embraer ERJ-135 aircraft.

Contour Airlines was selected last week for a 31-month contract under the U.S. Department of Transportation's Alternate Essential Air Service (EAS) program.

Ivey, Contour CEO Matt Chaifetz, and Congressman Robert Aderholt were all on hand for the event.

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What foods do your taste buds encourage you to love? Unfortunately, my taste buds push me toward sweets. I can devour a pack of Oreos in no time at all. Some people are turned toward salty items like pretzels or mixed nuts. Then there are those who crave the sour taste of a lemon.

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"We Rocked the World" - The Colbert County Tourism Bureau will sponsor a monthly music event titled "We Rocked the World - Muscle Shoals Music: Songwriters in the Round," every third Thursday throughout this year at the Fizz Restaurant inside the Clarion Inn, 4900 Hatch Blvd., Sheffield. The event is 7-9pm and is free.

Want to list your event in Community Notes? Email your information to editor@CourierJournal.net.

The Ritz Theatre's romantic comedy film series is the perfect Valentine's celebration for sweethearts, friends, and rom-com lovers. This series will be an opportunity to watch three romance film favorites on the big screen.
• Friday, Feb. 11, 7pm: 10 Things I Hate About You (1999), starring Heath Ledger and Julia Stiles
• Saturday, Feb. 12, 7pm: You've Got Mail (1998), starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan

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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

The Childhood Classics exhibit is on display at Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts and the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library through March 25. Childhood Classics is 100 years of original illustration from the Art Kandy Collection. Exhibit made possible by the Alabama State Council on the Arts, the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library Foundation and the Kennedy-Douglass Trust.


Tuscumbia Parks and Recreation is conducting baseball and softball registration thru February 28. For more information call 256-386-5655.

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Nominations are now open for the Walk of Honor, located in the beautiful River Heritage Park. The Walk of Honor recognizes individuals of Florence and Lauderdale County who have achieved national or international acclaim.

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Irvine Joins UNA V'ball

FLORENCE -- Abby Irvine, who served last season as a graduate assistant coach at Liberty University, has joined the University of North Alabama staff as an assistant volleyball coach.

UNA Head Volleyball Coach, **Tristan Johnson**, said the former University of Houston setter will be a great addition to the Lions' staff.

"Abby comes very highly recommended by some of the best volleyball coaches in the country," Johnson said. "Her experience playing at the highest level, along with her time spent within the ASUN will serve her well."

Irvine assisted with all aspects of running the Liberty program.

Irvine completed her four-year career at Houston in the 2020-21 season, helping the Cougars win the American Athletic Conference (AAC) West Division title as a senior. Her career stats

include 2,364 assists, 161 kills, 924 digs and 74 service aces in 396 career sets played.



Irvine

She was a four-year member of the AAC All-Academic Team.

A native of Willis, Texas, Irvine graduated from Houston in 2020 with a bachelor's degree in health and a minor in psychology. She was pursuing a master's degree in biblical studies at Liberty.

AMHoF Again a Fan Favorite

TUSCUMBIA—After a long hiatus, the Alabama Music Hall of Fame is once again in the limelight of tourist attractions among travelers and music lovers. The December issue of *Convention South* magazine listed the museum as one of the top attractions in the state through a poll from the

very popular "Readers Choice Awards." Nestled in the magazine's article of "Meeting Planners to Watch in 2022" were the favorite attractions as selected by readers.

"When the pandemic began, it was necessary to remain relevant in the tourism market by continuing to advertise, remain open with many new safety precautions and procedures, and just keep playing the music," said According to Executive Director, **Sandra Burroughs**. "One thing we have all learned during the past two years is that travel and vacationing are crucial to building and maintaining economic industry and also for us all, psychologically. Music partnered with travel eases the mind and relaxes the body," she added.

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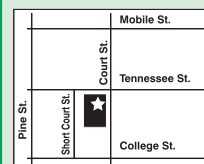
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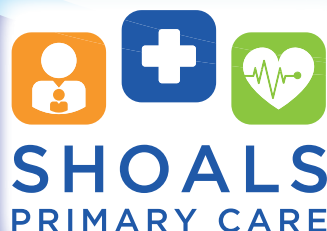
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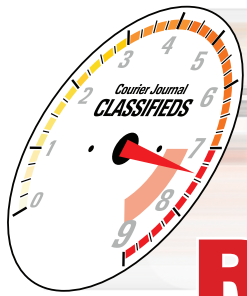
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Hughston Seeks Colbert DA Post

TUSCUMBIA – Tuscumbia attorney Hal Hughston, III qualified in January to run for District Attorney of Colbert County in the Republican Primary.

Current District Attorney Bryce Graham has announced he is not seeking re-election.

An experienced attorney, Hughston said safety will be his top priority.

“If elected Colbert County District Attorney, my top priority will be to keep you safe,” Hughston said. “I will hold criminals accountable for their actions, and I will offer rehabilitation for those who need it. I will make sure victims of crime receive the justice and the respect they deserve in court.”

Hughston is a native of Tuscumbia and played football for Deshler High School and Samford University before graduating from Mississippi College School of Law in 2008. He is the third generation of his family to practice law in Colbert County.

Hughston serves as the City Prosecutor and Attorney for Tuscumbia, prosecuting more than 14,000 cases in the past fourteen years. As a criminal defense attorney, Hughston has been involved with more than 350 felony cases in just the last five years, including numerous capital murder cases. He also has a diverse law practice that includes personal injury, family, business and corporate law.

Hughston is married to Kimberly Nesbitt Hughston, daughter of Shawn and

the late Steve Nesbitt, who left a legacy of community involvement and service.

Kimberly, grew up in Muscle Shoals and graduated from Muscle Shoals

High School and Auburn University. She earned an MBA from the University of North Alabama, and is the Director of the Small Business Development Center at UNA.

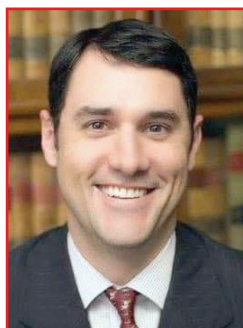
The Hughstons reside in Tuscumbia with their two young children. They are involved in the Shoals community, serving on various boards and in civic organizations, and are active

members of First Presbyterian Church in Tuscumbia.

Hughston’s father, Hal Hughston Jr., and grandfather, Harold Hughston, both served as circuit court judge in Colbert County.

“The Hughstons have a family tradition of serving this community, and I would be honored to have the opportunity to continue that tradition by serving as your Colbert County District Attorney,” Hughston said.

For more information, contact Hal Hughston at Hal4DA@gmail.com or visit www.halfordistrictattorney.com. Or, find him on Facebook at [hal4da](https://www.facebook.com/hal4da).



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the logo and tagline based on what they saw in the city and feedback from Florence officials and residents.

The new logo and "Live For More" tagline was designed to emphasize the area's spirit, character, and future.

The new logos feature an exclamation point made up of the "l" and "o" letterforms integrated into the word "Florence" with the tagline, "Live For More."

The exclamation point represents the unexpected *wow factor* that people experience when they visit Florence, and discover there is so much to offer for a small town. That feeling is what Tatum hoped encapsulated in this unique logo.

The new logo symbolizes the passion, love, delight, and pride of Florence residents - all reflected in the logo's exclamation point. It's the city's promise of what people will experience here. The primary brand colors were inspired by the natural beauty of our city - the Tennessee River, the trees, foliage, green spaces, parks, and trails.

The first step of the official rebranding process was meeting with city leadership. The goals and objectives were laid forth by Mayor Andy Berterton and the Florence City Council. Following these initial meetings, a comprehensive

community survey was then crafted and distributed to the residents of Florence. Hundreds of community surveys were collected. The community's input and feedback from the surveys were utilized as the guide for the new brand.

One of the primary insights from the community was that the city of Florence has a lot to offer. The city is not just one thing. It's many. The unique combination of the river, downtown, University of North Alabama, and many other elements set the city apart as a dynamic, unexpected destination. The most popular phrase community members used to describe the city of Florence was "Alabama's Best Kept Secret." This insight revealed an opportunity to raise awareness inside and outside of the city.

In spite of the advance planning, the branding immediately had its detractors who primarily voiced opinions on social media in the days that followed.

City spokespeople were quick to emphasize that new brand will not replace the existing city seal that will be used on official city business. However, it will become a part of a family of logos. This family of logos will serve the multiple needs and audiences as our community grows and moves forward.

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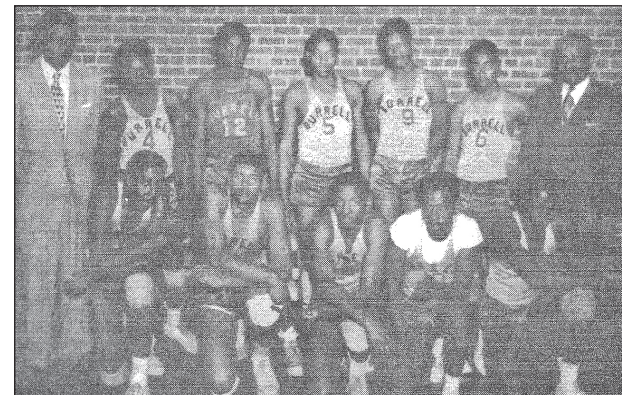
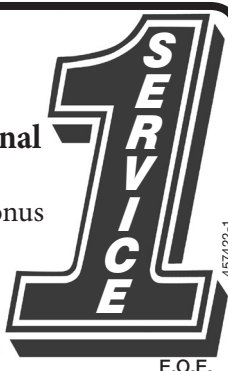
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Burrell Athletic HoF...

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Tickets are \$25 each and are sold ONLY IN ADVANCE. There will be no door sales and no reserved tables. All committee members have tickets for sale. Committee members include Anita Cobb, Sue Reeder, Beverly Perkins, John Humes, Billy Simpson, Joe Duster, and Dave Smith (chairman).

preseason and post season tournament championships. Burrell represented North Alabama in the Tuscaloosa, AL District Tournament. Their season record was 31-5. Six players attended college, two played college basketball, and two players received PhD's.

The Tigers' coach was Jesse Taylor (Fairfield, AL), a Miles College graduate who is now deceased.

The Burrell Slater Athlete Hall of Fame was organized in 2013 after several years of discussion. The first Induction Class was in 2014. There was no induction class in 2021 due to Covid-19.

BRIEF BIOS OF INDUCTEES

William Houston:

Houston played on Burrell's last championship football team of the 1950's. He was an outstanding football and basketball player. He routinely scored 20 points or more for the Tigers and was a consistent rebounder and team leader. Houston is still a regular golfer in Michigan where he resides.

Harry Barnett:

Barnett played football and basketball. Harry was noted for his rugged style of play on the basketball floor and the football field. He possessed sure hands and was a devastating blocker in football. He caught 47 touchdown passes in his three varsity years.

Barnett averaged 12 points and double-digit rebounds in basketball. Harry is currently a minister in Lithonia, GA.

Burrell-Slater Boys H.S. Basketball Team 1955-56:

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Guest Commentary

In Remembrance of Brigadier General Charles McGee

Our nation lost a leader, warrior, and one of America's famed Tuskegee Airmen on January 17 when Brig. Gen. Charles McGee made his last takeoff at the age of 102.

McGee was born in Cleveland, Ohio on Dec. 7, 1919. He moved frequently with his father's work throughout Ohio, Florida, West Virginia, Iowa, and Illinois. Along the way, McGee entered the Boy Scouts, rose to the rank of Eagle Scout, and was accepted into the engineering program at the University of Illinois.

World War II broke out before he finished his degree, and McGee enlisted in the Army Air Corps on Oct. 26, 1942. McGee was accepted into a group of African American volunteers who were sent for flight training to Tuskegee Army Air Field in the heart of the segregated south.

Most of the nearly 15,000 volunteers who went to Tuskegee didn't finish flight school and went on to become navigators, bombardiers, air traffic controllers, and

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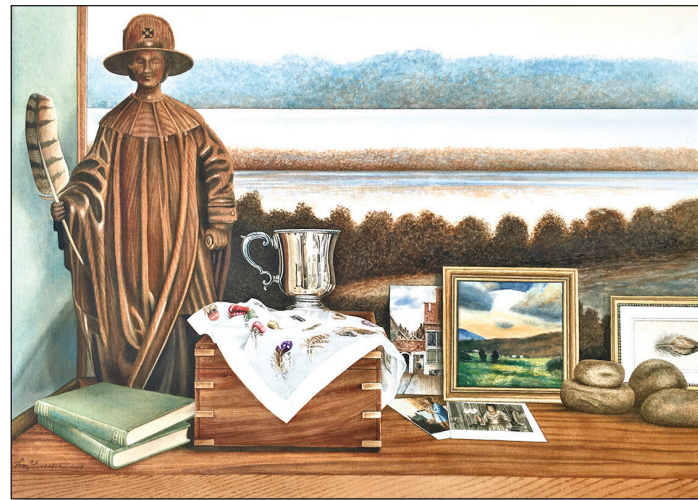
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THIS WEEK

The Past 30 Years

Stevenson's Oil, Watercolor Work

TUSCUMBIA— Nationally acclaimed Florence artist, Tim Stevenson, will be exhibiting artwork from throughout his career in Tim Stevenson: The Past 30 Years, on view February 1-March 12 at the Tennessee Valley Museum of Art. The exhibition includes his early watercolor paintings through his oil paintings of the last few years, providing an engaging overview of his evolution as an artist.

Stevenson paints in a representational style, which means his work depicts real-life objects, landscapes, and people. Even though Stevenson has been a working artist for over 50 years, this exhibition includes his work from 1978 to 2020. This time span represents the path to



his current style of painting, and it is also the period of his artwork that still survives.

"Prior to 1978, I had done a lot of what would fit into the Surrealist category," said Stevenson, "along with some abstract work, most of which I destroyed in the spring

of 1978, a sort of personal revolution."

In 1978, he started teaching himself how to paint with watercolor and began the artistic evolution that led to his successful career as a

See **30 YEARS...** on Pg 27

GRAPHIC NOVEL

ILLUSTRATION - Matt Swan and Jason Behel will teach fundamental drawing skills and illustration at 11am February 5 at Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts, 217 E. Tuscaloosa St., Florence. All supplies and equipment will be supplied. Workshop is free, however registration IS required at www.florencealmuseums.com.

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Too Many Plea Deals

Editor:

I think one of our problems with our justice system is too many lazy DA's.

Instead of trying to get true justice they take the easy route of a plea bargain, the beneficiary of which is the perpetrator and the loser of which is the victim. Case-in-point, the recent killing of four innocent people in the Waffle House in Nashville.

Why does the man who killed these people deserve to live even in a prison. These people and their families get no justice with a life behind bars plea deal or a DA who refuses to seek the death penalty because this is the easy

way for him to handle the case.

We need more DA's with some gonads.

Barry Lee
Rogersville

All of chapters 13 and 14 are about how to handle their safety from this horrible disease...

How Was it Handled?

Editor:

With a virus going around, should we as Christians wear a mask to protect ourselves and others?

Let's take a trip in the Bible to the book of LEVITICUS chapters 13 and 14. They had a problem with a disease that was primarily airborne and had a death rate of less than 1/10 of 1%; not a very high rate of death but a bad disease.

We have a disease today that is basically airborne and a death rate between 1 and 2%. How did God have them handle their disease?

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Having Real Peace

My, what a price we are having to pay for doing things our way. Financial freedom is not peace. The peace that eternally satisfies has to start from within us. Where does peace come from? The bible says about people and the world: **Isaiah 59:8** "The way of peace they know not; and *there is* no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace." **Romans 3:17** "And the way of peace have they not known:" But about God the bible says: **Isaiah 45:7** "I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things." National unrest, financial distress and the worst spiritual confusion lack of sound reasoning I have ever seen in my short lifetime. 4200 religions in the world. Now I know I am not going to turn the world around with these short messages, but God can turn your world around if you will listen to Him. If you insist on your way and your wickedness, here's what to expect from God: **Isaiah 48:22** "There is no peace, saith the LORD, unto the wicked." No peace, no rest or satisfaction.

But if you should decide you are sick of your ways, you have an alternative. Turn to the word of God. **John 14:27** "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." Jesus Christ said that. **Romans 5:1** "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." **Romans 10:9&10&13** "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. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Friend, make your peace with God first, then the God of peace will be with you.

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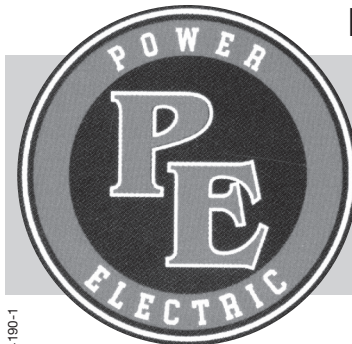
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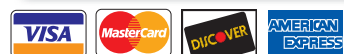
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Financial planning can help you gain a better understanding of where you are at financially, how to prepare for challenges that may be ahead, and how to plan for where you want to go. If you do not have a financial plan prepared for you or your family, a financial advisor can help. Here are the typical steps of the planning process:

Goal setting. In this foundational step, your financial goals take the spotlight. This is your opportunity to identify what you hope to achieve during your lifetime and when you'd like to get there. For example, you may want to own a home in three years and start a family in five years. Or you may want to return to school to pursue an advanced degree, which may incur short-term costs but help you earn more in the long-term. Or you may want to retire early and travel the world. In order to achieve any of these goals, you need to name them first.

Fact-finding. During this phase, you will gather numbers to see how things add up. Your financial advisor may ask questions to calculate your personal balance sheet, which estimates your net worth based on assets and liabilities. Your income, spending habits, monthly bills and outstanding debts all need to be laid on the table. The price of future goals needs to be quantified, so you can determine what you need to save to afford them. If your goals don't match the reality of your financial circumstances, one or the other needs to change.

Plan creation. A comprehensive financial plan plots how to reach personal and professional goals within the context of actual income and expenses. With a clear line of sight into your financial status, you can look for opportunities to trim unnecessary expenses and redirect money toward your goals. Your financial advisor may also provide investment strategy, asset allocation, and portfolio recommendations based on your individual goals and personal risk tolerance to help optimize your finances.

Strategy implementation. This is where things get real. If your plan requires you to save a certain amount of money each month, then it's up to you to make it happen. If reaching your goals means you need to increase your income, now's the time to put in the extra effort to get that promotion or switch fields to pursue increased compensation. Your financial advisor can help you select savings vehicles that are suited to your investment goals.

Ongoing plan reviews. Ideally, your financial plan is a dynamic document that is adjusted periodically to reflect your life circumstances. Your financial advisor will recommend at least one annual meeting to check in on your progress toward your goals and fine-tune your financial plan.

Financial planning takes work, but the process can be very rewarding. Larger goals become easier to attain when you can take small steps to reach them. It's never too early or too late to put a financial plan in place. A financial advisor can help you create your plan and manage your investments to help you realize your life goals.

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The Help Center in Florence will be open on the 3rd Saturday of each month on a permanent basis. The volunteers felt they could better serve their Saturday clients if they made the change to be open on 3rd Saturday every month to help avoid confusion. Hours are 8:30-10am - for food distribution ONLY. Saturday hours are for families who are unable to come from 8:30-noon on Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

Memories with Alan Flowers and Friends - The St. Francis Project will present a concert of songs from the golden age of Broadway into the 21st century at 2pm on February 20 at the Shoals Theatre, 123 N. Seminary St., Florence. Many of the original cast, who participated in these musical during 60 years of productions of the Florence Summer Music Theater, Zodiac Players and Coffee and Bradshaw High Schools, will return to the stage.

Tickets are \$25 for orchestra and \$15 for balcony and may be purchased through the Shoals Theatre box office, online at theshoalstheatre.org, First Methodist Church of Florence, First Presbyterian Church of Florence, St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, and Trinity Episcopal Church.

All proceeds benefit The St. Francis Community Outreach Project.

A book signing and fundraiser to support Liberté Ministries is set for 6:30pm Tuesday, February 22 at Pickett Place in Florence. Liberté Ministries a local charity supporting Haitian missions, a school and an orphanage.

Author Thomas Ott is a historian of Haitian culture who wrote the true story of Haiti in its war for independence and a courageous slave named Saturday.

Ott will be signing and discussing his book, "Saturday and the Witch Woman," and 100% of proceeds that night will go toward the missions.

In the bloody war where thousands died, Ott details the account of how Saturday dared to save two white children. Out of fear, the story was kept secret for over 50 years. Pickett Place is located at 438 North Seminary St. in Florence.

Black History Vibes - The University of North Alabama and the Entertainment Industry department present *Black History Vibes* - a jazz fusion tribute to Jimi Hendrix on Thursday, February 24, 7-9pm at The Mane Room, 310 N. Pine St., Florence.

"Charlotte's Web" The play will be presented March 2-5 at Ritz Theatre, 111 W. Third St, Sheffield

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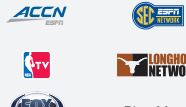

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Lee

Dear Lee,

When the whole thing is done, the payment you end up with shouldn't be more than 25% of your take-home pay on a 15-year, fixed-rate loan. The ratio of land to house can vary, and that part's up to you. If you're buying a big piece of land, you're probably going to have a higher ratio of land cost to home cost than if you bought a simple lot and put a really nice home there.

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The only rule here is my rule about mortgage payments. Again, no more than 25% of your take-home pay on a fixed-rate, 15-year note. Otherwise, you can end up house poor. And when you're house poor, it takes away your ability to save, build wealth, and give.

Having a big house and a lot of land is cool if you can afford it, Lee. But it's not worth it if it's financially stressful and

prevents you from living your best life!
— 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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THIS IS A SUBJECT THAT I'VE TOUCHED ON BEFORE but the world did not read what I wrote so the problem is getting even worse. This column will surely put an end to the worldwide problem and we can all get back to talking without scratching each other's faces off. The cancer of misinformation and disinformation is even more contagious than the Omicron variant. It is literally threatening democracies all over the planet. We have to cure this cancer before it's too late. To cure the problem, we must understand the problem.



Jim Fisher

MIS VS. DISINFORMATION

by "The Computer Skeptic"

misinformation is "incorrect or misleading information." This includes honest mistakes made when someone does not have all the facts. You know, the kind of stuff that Uncle Goober says about vaccines causing an eyeball to grow on your forehead. Uncle Goober, bless his heart, doesn't mean to spread that lie, he's just a victim of misinformation. And perhaps a little dumb.

Disinformation is more sinister. Merriam-Webster's definition is "false information deliberately and often covertly spread (as by the planting of rumors) in order to influence public opinion or obscure the truth," Government propaganda is a

type of disinformation. Other examples come from politicians, discredited medical "experts" who have found a way to cash in by lying to people, and your average cable news network talk show host.

Here's a mnemonic device to help you remember the difference: Misinformation is misleading. Disinformation is a d&#@ lie.

Like so many other things in our lives today, this pandemic of mis-and-disinformation is going to get worse before it gets better. I grew up assuming that ubiquitous computers would make all of us smarter. To my dismay, the Information

Age--where anyone can know anything about anything in seconds--seems to have ushered in a dystopian world where up is down, right is wrong, and nutty people are way too eager to share their outlandish ideas with the world. Seriously, people who believe in a flat Earth, fake moon landings, and political conspiracies used to hide in the corners of society only speaking to like-minded people out of fear of being laughed at. Now, these psychopaths and con artists have been given a virtual megaphone on social media and have zero qualms about discussing the benefits of drinking urine to prevent cancer.

Our cherished freedom of speech combined with the internet has given nutty people the illusion of being authoritative and worth listening to. That power has given them the ability

to infect millions of others with their perfectly rational arguments of how our government is run by shape-shifting lizard overlords bent on subjugating us into a New World Order. All this rubbish has primed our nation (and others) for a civil war.

So where do we go from here? Civil war is not an option in my mind but it is in many other minds. That's not acceptable. My next column will deal with solutions to this cancer on our society. Until then, please don't drink pee.

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The town of Greece, New York failed to make reasonable efforts to include prayer givers of minority faiths, with the result that, although it is a community of several faiths, its prayer givers were almost exclusively persons of a single faith."

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How Was it Handled?

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If someone had symptoms, he would get tested. God told the priests how to test them. In chapter 13: 45-46, when someone was infected he had to do certain things.

#1) he had to put a covering upon his upper lip. Nowadays we call it a mask.

#2) he was to cry out unclean, unclean. That way people knew not to get close to him. Nowadays we call it social distancing.

#3) he was to dwell alone. These days we call it quarantining.

In chapter 14: 33-47 we see that even someone's house that was contaminated had to be cleansed or torn down.

All of chapters 13 and 14 are about how to handle their safety from

this horrible disease.

God's people took it seriously and still followed these rules in Jesus' time.

Luke 17: 11-15 we see that the lepers who approached Jesus stood "afar off". The disease they had was called leprosy.

The disease we have is called covid.

Let's all take a tip from the Bible and be safe by wearing a mask and keeping a little distance from each other.

Steve Cox
 St. Joseph, TN

Agenda Falls Far Short

Editor:

The *Times Daily* highlighted the new Republican legislative agenda called "standing tall for Alabama". Proposed features include

reduced taxes for small business and farmers, pay raises for government workers, and expanded Internet and broadband in rural areas.

However, as the paper concluded, the agenda falls far short of addressing the basics of poverty, health and education that can improve lives and help the working poor stand taller. Instead of making it easier to carry concealed weapons, why not expand Medicaid, help rural hospitals, and provide improved medical services for expectant mothers and newborns.

The state GOP opposes mandates for vaccines and masks to control COVID while thousands die, and our hospitals are overwhelmed.

Removing the sales taxes on groceries would help alleviate the oppressive burdens on the backs of the working poor and improve their lives. Federal assistance makes

that possible.

Instead of censoring school curricula and history with pointless distraction about critical race theory, the legislature should look for meaningful ways to improve Alabama from 47th in state school rankings.

Instead of dangling red meat for the base, we need a legislative program that will broadly lift our quality of life, economic opportunities, and voting access. (Alabama ranks 41st among best states to live, and Birmingham ranks 177th out of 182 cities in which to raise a family.) Such indicators guide business on where to invest and create jobs. They are vital to our well-being.

Dan Waterman
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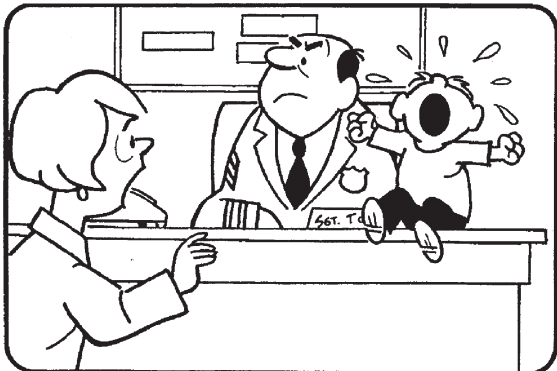
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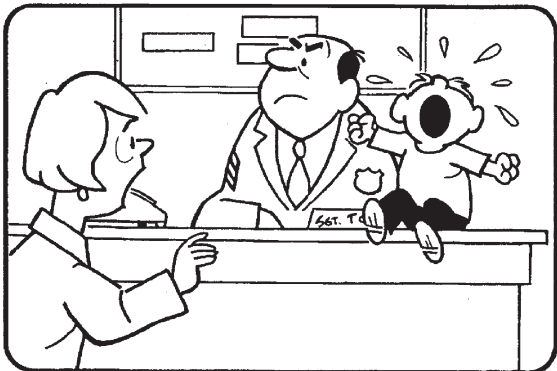
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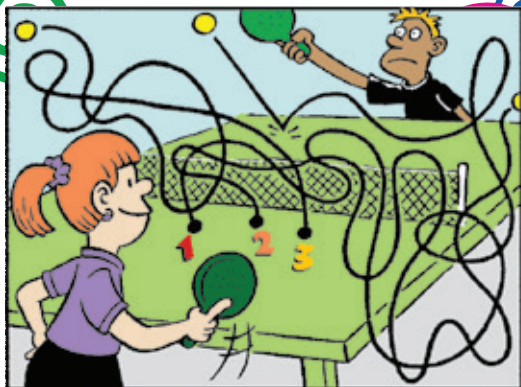
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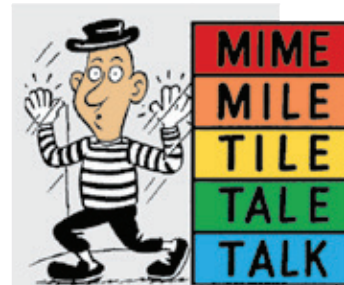


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must change one letter in the previ-
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In our example, we changed MIM to
TALK in four moves. See if you can
change the following words in four
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1. LESS to MORE
2. OUST to REND
3. PEST to GONE
4. RUBE to GENT
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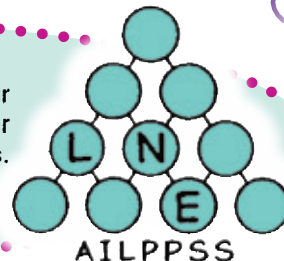
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The second thing to notice is the term "benefit period". This tells you the deductible is not an annual deductible but could hit you more than once in a calendar year. A "benefit period" begins when you are discharged from a hospital or skilled nursing facility and ends when you haven't received any inpatient care for 60 consecutive days. If you are admitted as an inpatient after the 60 days of no inpatient care a new benefit period begins, meaning another \$1,556 deductible. Also if you are confined to the hospital for 60 consecutive days your deductible will cover you but on the 61st day you will begin paying a coinsurance.

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representational painter. "I had a long road ahead of me in learning how to communicate in a representational style," said Stevenson.

"It wasn't until I encountered the Dutch masters of the 17th century (such as Vermeer and Rembrandt) that I began to make headway, both in terms of style and also in learning what stories I wanted to tell."

Museum visitors will be able to see this progression of subject matter as Stevenson explored the types of stories he wanted to tell through his art. Early on, Stevenson painted "friends, cousins, their dogs, buildings, and so forth, along with local and regional nature." The



exhibition includes three early paintings that depict people he knew during that time period.

Over time, travel and life experiences caused him to shift focus, and his "horizons expanded to an

emphasis on the broader world." In the late 1980s, he opened a retail business in Georgia that sold oriental rugs, which led him to develop a rug series. He also began painting still life after seeing the "Dutch masters" around 1990. Since moving back to the Shoals area, Stevenson said, "Nature in general has had my attention, and still does."

Much of his more recent work features landscapes, interior paintings, and the occasional still life.

Throughout these different periods and varying subject matter, Stevenson's goal has remained the same. "I want to express what it feels like to be alive in a particular place at a particular time," he said. "As this show is going on, I am formulating new directions and new ways to express that feeling."

Museum hours for this exhibition are Tuesday-Friday 9-5 and Saturday 10-5. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students, and TVAA members are admitted free. To learn more visit tennesseevalleyarts.org or call 256-383-0533.

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Brig. Gen. McGee...

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mechanics. Just 932 became pilots, and of those, 355 went on to fly fighters. But they were Tuskegee Airmen, one and all.

McGee earned his pilot's wings and was commissioned as a second lieutenant on June 30, 1943.

Upon completion of fighter training, he was assigned to the 332nd Fighter Group in Italy for combat operations in February 1944. At first, the group flew P-39 airplanes, then P-47s, and finally P-51s—all painted with distinctive red tails and trim that identified them as Tuskegee Airmen.

The group's mission was to protect heavy bombers that were attacking targets from Italy to Poland. On occasion the group was directed to attack targets of opportunity on the ground.

Its record in both roles became legend, and bomber groups learned quickly that the "Red Tails" would stay with them throughout their missions. Just 27 bombers were shot down during the 179 escort missions the Tuskegee Airmen flew, compared to an average of 46 bombers for the other fighter groups.

The number of targets the Red Tails destroyed was equally impressive. During escort missions, the group's pilots destroyed 112 enemy fighters in the air. One of those, a Focke-Wulf 190, was destroyed by McGee himself while escorting a formation of B-17s over Czechoslovakia. The group destroyed another 150 aircraft on the ground, along with 600 rail cars, 350 trucks and other vehicles, and 40 boats and barges.

But the costs were high. One in four Red Tail fighter pilots would be lost in combat—66 were killed in action and another 32



were taken prisoner after being shot down.

At the end of the war, the majority of surviving Tuskegee Airmen returned to their civilian lives. However, McGee loved the thrill of flying too much to get out of the service, and when the Korean War broke out, he returned to combat duty.

By 1950, the age of jet fighters had arrived, but McGee was assigned to a ground attack squadron flying critical close air support missions in the P-51 Mustang. While the F-86 jets flying air-to-air missions got most of the glory, the risks associated with the air-to-ground role were much higher and Mustang squadrons suffered the heaviest attrition rates—more than double that of any jet fighter.

But it was in those high-risk environments that McGee thrived. He flew 100 combat missions in Korea and was promoted to major.

By the time he went to Vietnam, McGee had pinned on lieutenant colonel and was selected to command and lead the 16th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron. In that role, he flew 172 combat missions in the unarmed RF-4 photo-reconnaissance aircraft.

By the end of his career, McGee had risen to the rank of full colonel and had amassed 6,308 flying hours and 409 combat

Brig. Gen. Charles McGee was recognized at age 100 by President Trump at the 2020 State of the Union address. *Heritage.org*

with his presence came away loving our nation that much more.

Charles McGee was an incredible airman, a warrior, and—in every sense—an American hero. He was promoted to the rank of brigadier general by President Donald Trump on Feb. 4, 2020, and received several standing ovations that same night at the State of the Union address for a life incredibly well-lived.

Here's a nickel on the grass for an absolute legend. Godspeed, Gen. McGee.

John Venable served 25 years in the Air Force. He is a senior research fellow for defense policy at The Heritage Foundation.

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Side 1 describes the origins of this church going back to the arrival of missionary Joshua James in 1820. Side 2 describes the successive buildings culminating in a 1960 service in the adjacent building. The current sanctuary was occupied in 1992. This marker was erected last year by the East Lauderdale Historical Society.

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



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Healing and Friendship?

Editor:

Understanding humanity doesn't take a degree in business. What it does take is putting yourself in another's shoes and walking that long, hard mile. If you put your hand out to help another out of suffering and strife or put your hand out to shove someone back into their place, you know which side you're on. If you fan the flames of hatred and bigotry or fan the fires of healing and friendship, you've got a pretty good guess where you stand as a human.

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If you don't open your eyes to see you are being led by your nose hairs as the powerful bring out your baser instincts fueling your hatred and bigotry that every follower of Jesus strives to rise above, there will be an ugly surprise waiting at the end of your chapter. Yes, I'm a bleeding heart liberal that will give away my last dime to help someone less fortunate than myself. I'm very glad I'm me and I'm not

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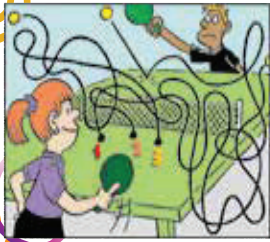
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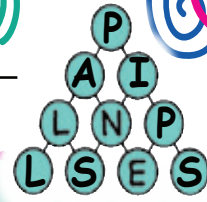
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CHANCE...CHA **FALL PRIDE**


FIG 1 FIG 2

1. Last chance. 2. "Pride goeth before a fall."

Answers: Top to bottom, left to right: Pall, pails, pans, pane, pins, pine, pipe, pips.



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Soap Opera Preview

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL Ridge issued Deacon a dire warning. Douglas recounted the story of Brooke and Santa Claus to a stunned Thomas. Carter was caught off-guard when Grace confronted him about kissing Paris. Ridge taunted Deacon and demanded answers. Carter became conflicted

when Grace threatened blackmail. Steffy saw an opportunity to reunite her parents in Douglas' story. Hope attempted to keep Brooke from spiraling out of control. *Wait to See: Steffy utilized Charlie to corroborate Douglas' account of New Year's Eve. Carter and Paris have a heart-to-heart about where their relationship is headed. Ridge takes comfort in Taylor's company while Steffy plots to bring Brooke down.*

DAYS OF OUR LIVES Chad and Kate attempted to figure out what happened to Abigail. Meanwhile, Abigail realized that she wasn't the only one Kristen was holding captive on the deserted island. Craig came clean with Nancy. Chloe told Brady the truth about her father. Nancy was devastated by Craig's bombshell. Ben had a big surprise for Ciara. Julie felt unnerved by Johnny's visit. Steve and Kayla were happily reunited. Tripp shared his secret plans with Roman. Chanel inadvertently revealed the truth to TR. *Wait to See: Paulina is alarmed when she hears about Chanel's encounter with TR. Allie is stunned when Nicole relays her suspicions about Tripp's mother. TR reveals his identity to Lani. NOTE: "Days" will be preempted for 2 weeks due to NBC's Olympics coverage starting Feb. 4.*

GENERAL HOSPITAL Sonny was determined to make a grand gesture. Michael surprised Willow with a trip to Paris. Esme played the victim. Stella confronted Marshall. Family and friends gathered to celebrate Ned and Olivia's vow renewals. Brook Lynn asked forgiveness. Maxie plotted her next move. Chase and Dante reconnected. Finally alone, Sonny and Carly had a chance to talk. Spencer's loved ones gathered at Kelly's before his sentence began. Sam sought out Spinelli. Mac and Dante prepared to take Peter back to Pentonville. Sonny went to Charlie's to see Phyllis. Laura confronted Victor. Esme wondered about Spencer. Kristina encouraged Sonny. Felicia and Anna anxiously awaited word. *Wait to See: Family and friends gather to celebrate Ned and Olivia's vow renewal. Obrecht questioned Nina's motives. Maxie was relieved.*

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Victor gave Adam an ultimatum. Victoria got the upper hand. Sharon shared words of wisdom with Abby. Victor and Nikki questioned Ashland's motives. Sally was blindsided by Chelsea. Lauren was skeptical of

Michael's new endeavor. Devon and Abby searched for common ground. Phyllis considered a change in scenery. Tessa came clean with Mariah. Victor shared his suspicions about Ashland with Victoria. Michael gave Nate the third degree. Adam came to Sally's rescue. *Wait to See: Mariah and Tessa celebrate their engagement. Noah puts his best foot forward. Abby and Chance are challenged as parents.*

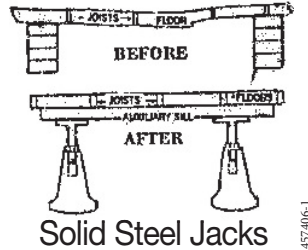
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