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# Syed **Mention**

SHEFFIELD-The Sved Scholarship Foundation is proud to announce that their annual scholarships will increase from \$1,000 to \$2,000 in 2022. Shoals area high school seniors may apply for these scholarships if they aspire to work in the healthcare field. Students are selected based on their application and letters of recommendation. Dr. Faizullah



Syed passed away unexpectedly in May of 2019.

The Syed family and several members of the community formed the Syed Scholarship Foundation to preserve Dr. Syed's legacy yearly through these scholarships. Pathan Syed, Dr. Syed's oldest son, said "I'm sure dad would be very happy knowing his name helps the study of medicine.' Applicants can go to www. syedscholarshipfoundation.org to apply.

## Ells Named at Safeplace



announced today that Sandra Ells has been appointed as the new Executive Director of the agency. An experienced business leader,

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Sandra will succeed Rachel Hackworth and assume responsibilities immediately. "Sandra has done a fantastic

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JBS/Pilgrim's

Better Futures (JBS)

Pilgrim's for Pilgrim's

team members and

child dependents

applied. "It is common for Alabama's

business and industry to look to

**Free Tuition** 

for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), is

Alabama's community colleges to train their workers," said Jimmy H. Baker, Chancellor of the Alabama Community

PHIL CAMPBELL -- Northwest-Shoals Community College (NW-SCC) has entered into an agreement

with Pilgrim's, a subsidiary of leading global food company JBS, to train its

employees for associate degrees and

NW-SCC signed the agreement with

Pilgrim's representatives on February

1 to participate in the JBS/Pilgrim's

Better Futures program that offers free college tuition to Pilgrim's team

members and their child dependents.

Pilgrim's offers to pay the remaining

tuition balance, often called a last dollar tuition scholarship, for its workers

technical certifications.

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The Truth in Love

Northwest-Shoals President, Dr. Jeff Goodwin. left, and Pilgrims' Russellville Complex Manager, Jamie Young, sign the Pilgrims **Better Futures** Agreement last week in Phil Campbell. NW-SCC photo

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# Paul Thorn Event **Raises Over 22K**

FLORENCE-Marriott Shoals Hotel & Spa last week announced the proceeds from a December fund-raising concert featuring Paul Thorn and his incredible band.

The event was sponsored by Shoals Primary Care and all funds raised from concert sales and silent auction sales were earmarked for the Jeffrey Charles Eubanks Endowment Fund at the University of North Alabama.

During the check presentation ceremony of \$22,562, Marriott Shoals General Manager, Larry Bowser, said, "Jeff Eubanks meant so much to Marriott Shoals and the entire Shoals community. He taught us all so much about food, laughter, and fun. We have made

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job leading the staff through this transition and enhancing the health and culture of the organization, said Board President Brynn Albretsen. "She knows Safeplace inside and out, and really is the best person to move us forward and grow our presence and reputation to serve the victims of domestic violence in our community.' Previously, Ells served as

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role of Interim Executive director in October 2021.

"We extended our search well beyond the Shoals area, and it became apparent that the person we were looking for was already there." said **Coy Johnson**, Chairman of the Search Committee. "Sandra brings a thorough knowledge of the programs in place, a full understanding of our clients' needs, and the compassion to address them. Sandra will be a steadying force for our staff."

Mrs. Ells holds degrees in Business Administration and Accounting and has more than 20 years of experience in accounting in both the corporate and non-profit sector.

## A 2nd Show for Gregory

SHEFFIELD -James Gregory, a veteran

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comedian known as "funniest man in America," will perform two standup comedy shows at the Ritz Theatre on Saturday, March 12 at 4:30 and 7:30pm. Tickets are \$35-\$55 and are available now at tennesseevalleyarts.org.

Gregory has been performing stand-up for 40 years. His PG-rated brand of comedy storytelling has led to regular guest stints on multiple syndicated radio programs and sold-out shows across the country. The 7:30 evening performance at the Ritz sold very quickly, with only a few seats left. So, a second show at 4:30 pm was added.

"We were thrilled at how quickly the first show we booked began selling out," said **Christi** Britten, the executive director at the Tennessee Valley Art Association. "It really shows that people are ready to sit back and

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'Counting" takes on many forms and shapes. We may think about NASA readying a rocket for launch. Everyone is watching, anticipating the lift-off. 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 blastoff! "Counting" may remind us of childhood adventures of learning math by using our fingers. An elementary school teacher "counts" heads of children on a field trip, making sure no one has wandered away. While these examples center on numbers, the word "count" also means depending or relying on someone.



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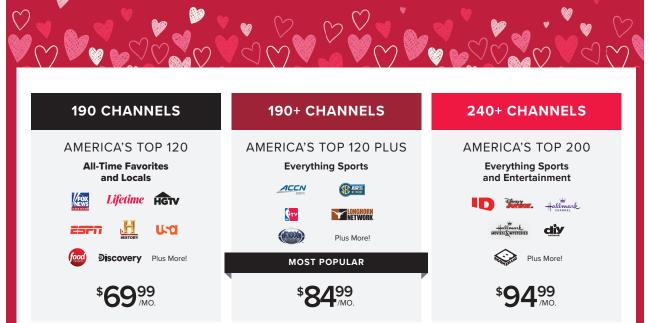
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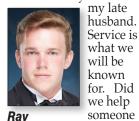
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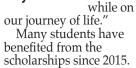


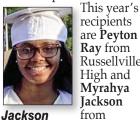
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In addition to JBS/Pilgrim's offering the last dollar tuition scholarship, NW-SCC committed to offering specialized advising, financial literacy, and professional development to Pilgrim's employees who choose to attend.

"We take great pride in adapting to the needs of our students and the local workforce," said Dr. Jeff Goodwin, President of NW-SCC. "We look forward to keeping an open dialogue with Pilgrim's to make sure their workers and their families are successful at Northwest-Shoals.

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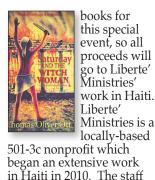
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## **Ott Signs Book** for Haiti Works

FLORENCE-Retired UNA professor, Dr. Thomas Ott will discuss the remarkable history of a Haitian family hero, a story hidden for half a century,

during a special book signing and fundraiser at Pickett Place in Florence on Tuesday, February 22 at 6:30pm. He will be discussing his

second book, "Saturday and the Witch Woman<sup>7</sup> the true history of a former slave who saved two white children from massacre during the Haitian revolution, and raised them secretly as his own. Ott is donating all the



in Haiti in 2010. The staff here is 100% volunteer. Liberte' operates two

elementary schools, a vocational program for women, an orphanage, and a 4 year school of Biblical Studies in Haiti. For more information, email, jay@ liberteministries.org.

## **3 Local CARES** Act Awards

MONTGOMERY— Gov. Kay Ivey has awarded a total of \$6.75 million

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# Transparency and Input Are Lacking

rom a raw marketing aspect, it is absolutely a short-term success. The recently released branding (logos) for the city of Florence created quite a stir with social

media generating comments from across the country and beyond. It may not amount to very much revenue in local business and city coffers, but more people have heard about Florence, Alabama in the last two weeks than during any other two week period in our history. That includes high-profile fishing and sports tournaments, UNA national championships, and our hosting the NCAA Division II National Championship football game for more three decades. Anyone who knows a few dozen people outside of the Shoals has

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likely fielded a few questions or comments. A long-time Florence councilman, now retired, appreciated the philosophy that as long as people were talking about him, he didn't care what they were saying.

Tatem Design of Birmingham came up with the series of visuals, One of which included the letters F, l, and o, arranged in a way that can appear to read "F!"

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# **DVIES...** It's a Date

SHEFFIELD - 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: 10 Things I Hate About You, You've Got Mail, and Sabrina.

The series will begin on February 11 and 12, and continue for a final Valentine's Day showing on February 14. Each on February 14. Each screening begins at 7pm. Tickets are \$10 each and available to purchase now at tennesseevalleyarts.org or at the door. The three films will be

shown on The Ritz's big screen, complemented by the romantic ambiance of the historic theatre setting. Concessions, including wine, will be available, making for a romantic date night or fun evening out with friends.

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## A Deserving Dump

### Editor:

CNNs Jeff Zucker, Chris Cuomo, his brother Ex-Governor Cuomo, and now Whoopi Goldberg...

All Trump haters...what does that tell you about, "What goes around comes around?" All well-deserved.

### Paul Sabatino Florence.

# **Problematic Analogy**

In a recent letter, Mr. Steve Cox compared the handling of leprosy in the Bible (Leviticus 13,14) to Covid Mario restrictions. (How Was It Handled?-February 2)

Editor:

There are some major differences. Leprosy was diagnosed by specific

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This reminds me of King Hezekiah in the Old Testament...



staff will be present to answer questions and offer assistance with federal agencies. The local date and times are Friday, February 11 from 10am - 2pm at Northwest Council of Local Governments at 103 Student Drive in Muscle Shoals. No appointment is required to speak with someone. UNITED WAY IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS who can help answer its 2-1-1 line.

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# **Keeping the Bond**

Writer's note: It's my hope that we will continue to talk about serious matters with our children at young ages. They can comprehend and they will remember at important moments of their lives. Please don't let the world's trends make you give up on teaching your children what is right. Find ways and times to discuss quality of life issues, and let your children know that this is how the people in their family conduct themselves. Recently I re-read a family discussion column that I wrote in September, 2003. I thought that it would be good to share it again, so here it is. Keep teaching!

Try this. Gather the kids and a mediumsized, plastic container of water. You'll also need black pepper and liquid cleanser. While all the kids watch, pour a layer of pepper on top of the water. This experiment is about the bonding property of water. Water forms and collects because of the hydrogen oxygen bond. Water is made when the two become one. The water unit adheres to itself. That is one of the reasons why there is a "skin" on the surface. That is what causes the pepper to float on the top.

Have one of your children gently put his finger down into the water and pull it out. The finger will be covered with pepper. The water's bond held. Re-pepper the surface. Now have a child dip her finger into the liquid soap. Let any excess drip off. Then put that finger into the water. Wow. The pepper dissipates. The water's bond is broken. When the bond releases, the pepper is affected. The soap is an outside agent with chemicals that break the H2O Bond.

What's the lesson in the science? Teach your children to never be an outside agent to a marriage bond. Discuss the sanctity of marriage. Help them to commit, even at this early age, to not ever bringing any outsider into their two-becomeone marriage unit. Teach them how to never be a

person that would date a married person. Tell them how you are committed to keeping outside agents out. (You are, aren't you?) Share with them how that all other marital problems involve only the mates gmail.com

and can be solved from within. Inviting a thirdparty dissolves love, trust and control, and the bond breaks. And remember, the children (the pepper) are always affected.

Talk to your children about these matters. Then on the lighter side, remind them that this experiment also shows why you always tell them to use soap. Soap helps the water break up the dirt to get them clean.

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## Letters... **Problematic** Analogy...

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symptoms. With Covid, people are not diagnosed by symptoms, but by frequent testing that appears to be highly inaccurate. Since viruses diseases and usually produce symptoms, one could assume that it is a "false positive" rather than a positive who is 'asymptomatic."

With leprosy, the infected person was to wear a mouth covering. With Covid, perfectly healthy people have been forced to wear face coverings for their entire workday for almost two years. A person should be able to choose to protect themselves, but they cannot spread a disease they don't have.

The leprous person was to be isolated while he was contagious. With Covid,

Joy Unspeakable and

Full of Glory

**1 Peter 1:8** "Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see *him* not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:" **1 John 1:4** "And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full." **Galatians 5:22** "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith," **Philemon 1:7** "For we have great joy and consolation in thy love, because bowels of the saints are refreshed by thee brother."

the bowels of the saints are refreshed by thee, brother." Man, what a blessing to note the Apostles connect joy with being a child of God. Why is that? They were looking

at the end of the road. The greatest joy a saved person will experience is at the time of their death. To be finally

free from this old flesh forever is hard to describe. See:

2 Corinthians 5:8 "We are confident, I say, and willing

rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with

the Lord." **Philippians 1:21** "For to me to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain." When we bed down tonight, what joy

there is in knowing that if it's the last one, we'll wake up

What a joy it is to know I'll soon meet my Creator as

my Saviour. What a joy it is to know I've entrusted my

kids, grandkids, great-grandkids and church family and

missionaries into the hands of an Almighty Everlasting God. What a joy it is to know that soon there will be no graveyards, doctors, medicines, insurance, tears, parting, wars, politicians, hunger, sin, pain, bills, lying and liars,

cursing, stealing, and a trillion other things that are used

to discourage the saved and damn sinners to a lake of

fire. What a joy it is to know I'm not going to have to pay

for my sins, and at death wake up in heaven. Seeing Jesus

Christ, that's real joy. Sinner friend, what's at the end of

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in the arms of Jesus. Brother, that's joy.

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uninfected people have isolated themselves or been forced into isolation in certain facilities though they were not contagious. For many of the elderly, 2020-21 was spent in loneliness and confusion

and they tragically died in isolation of natural causes. People "socially distanced" themselves from the leper, not from their healthy family and friends. Only the leper was considered contagious, not the whole of society!

Perhaps people should stop and think before the "experts" tell us to tear our houses down because a person has tested positive, as the lepers were required to do.

Janet Barnes Sheffield

## **Check Your** Gas Receipts

Editor:

On January 23 at 14:45 hours I purchased fuel from a gas station on Chisholm Road in Florence at pump #3 were gasoline was advertised on their road sign for \$2.91 (9/10) per gallon. The pump displays were out and the fuel prices barely legible, but the advertised price was still \$2.91 (9/10). When I asked the clerk about paying using a debit card he said he would turn on the pump and to pay after fueling. I had to leave my debit card at the counter in order to use this pump. I refueled and paid the clerk.

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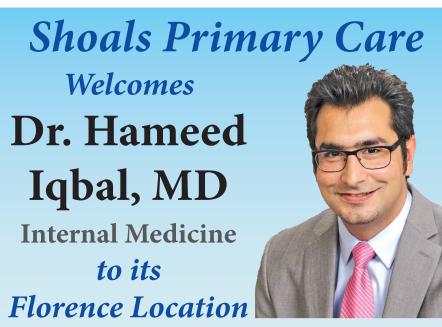
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But not the Westboro Church. They picketed U.S. soldiers' funerals, dragging flags on the ground and carrying signs saying, "Thank God for Dead Soldiers," "Thank God for 911" and other offensive signs stating that God kills soldiers because of homosexuality in the military. The Westboro Church picketed the funeral of Lance Corporal Matthew Snyder who was killed in the line of duty in Iraq in 2006.

His father was understandably upset and sued Phelps, one of the leaders of the protest, as well as the church. A jury in Maryland agreed with Snyder and awarded him 10.9 million dollars.

This verdict was reversed by the U.S. Supreme Court on the grounds that the First Amendment protected the speech of the Westboro Church.

"Westboro may have chosen the picket location to increase publicity for its views, and its speech may have been particularly hurtful to Snyder. That does not mean that its speech should be afforded less than the full First Amendment protection under the circumstances of this case."

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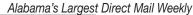
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the high-pressure environment of a dealership? While including the added benefit of social distancing for higherrisk shoppers, a (mostly) virtual buying experience can often save you time, money and unwanted stress. Buying Cars Online VS Dealership

When it comes to buying cars online versus at a dealership, it's not an all-or-nothing situation. There is the traditional method of visiting a dealership and completing your purchase there, as well as the opposite practice of completing the purchasing process from your office chair at home. There



are many variations that fall between those two extremes. You could shop dealerships first, and ultimately find a specific car, or you could do your research and dealing online and ultimately purchase your car at a dealership. Here are steps you should follow no matter where you fall on the spectrum.

### Do Your Research

Choose a model, trim level and your must-have features. Be sure to check car safety ratings and car insurance rates for your chosen model. You can change your mind at any time, but knowing what you want will help you narrow your search.

### Set Your Budget

Establish your budget before you inquire about pricing. Determine whether it makes sense to look for a new or used car, which can significantly affect pricing. When you land on a car budget you feel comfortable with, you can look for funding.

### Get A Pre Approved Auto Loan

Whether this car purchase is your first or your fourteenth, it's always important to brush up on auto loan basics before purchasing a new vehicle. Familiarize yourself with the process and secure your funding before you reach out to dealerships for pricing.

### Go For A Test Drive

Once you've located the specific car you want, make sure to test drive it to make sure everything is running smoothly. But don't get caught up in the moment — wait until you're back in front of your computer to get down to brass tacks.

### Get Ouotes

After you've found the car you want, you can contact dealerships about pricing. Ask them for their best out-thedoor price (inclusive of taxes and fees). Negotiate

Ěmail each dealership again and ask them to beat the lowest quote you've received. Then keep circulating the new lowest quote until the dealerships stop coming down on their price. A few extra emails could save you hundreds or even thousands — of dollars.

### Protect Your Investment

Purchasing a car is a significant investment — make sure you take the proper steps to ensure a secure transaction. Ask to see the title before you make the purchase and, if the car is used, make sure to ask for a car history report. Take time to review the purchasing and loan contracts, and if possible, have them reviewed by a lawyer.



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Want To Keep Your Refund? Spend It. Your refund can generally be used for a variety of expenses, including most of your ordinary household expenses, like:

Use your tax refund to pay your bankruptcy attorney for the fees and costs of your case.

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- · Mortgage payments
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- · Educational expenses
- · Medical and dental expenses
- Insurance
- · Home maintenance and repairs
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## Check Your Gas Receipts

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per the advertised price. An argument ensued about the advertised price and the actual cost at the pump. The clerk and manager were adamant that it was not their fault. They said the advertised price on the road display could not be fixed by them, so they continued advertising the price as \$2.91(9/10). I told them it was illegal to continue selling fuel at a different price than what was advertised by the road sign. It cost me an additional \$.78 for my fuel. I also explained that everyone who purchased

fuel expecting to pay \$2.91 (9/10) was being ripped off this way.

They reiterated that they couldn't do anything about it, but wouldn't put a sign on the affected pumps alerting the public to a change in pricing from the road sign. They refused and I informed them I was calling the Florence Police. About 10 minutes later the police arrived, but just about 30 seconds before, the clerk came out and changed the price on the road sign to \$2.99 (9/10). I explained to the responding office what had transpired. He said he couldn't do anything about it now because the advertisement was now consistent with the pumps. So, my public service is to alert the public about fuel stations that may be ripping off the public and getting





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away with it. I lost only \$.78 this day, but adding up what they may have ripped off the public for would be much higher. I would like to see the division of weights and measures visit them and audit their sales

for that week. With fuel prices so volatile, this is a good reminder for us to take notice of the advertised pricing and pump pricing when we fill-up our vehicles.

Lawrence F. Zandarski Florence

## What is the Next Hoax?

Editor:

On January 6, Schumer used the "temple of democracy" when referring to the Capitol. Yes, Schumer wants to have a temple, but not one concerning democracy, but more like socialism.

Schumer wants to centralize all power in Washington. Therefore, the states will have no power to address voting rights or anything else. He and Biden want to get rid of the filibuster (even though in 2005 he said that it would be a "doomsday for democracy" if the Pubs got rid of it and we would be a banana republic).

If they succeed, democrats can further centralize power.

This reminds me King Hezekiah in the Old Testament. He was king of Judah after the fall of northern Israel. Hezekiah centralized all worship including activities sacrifices for meals at the Temple in Jerusalem. He destroyed local places

of worship called 'high places.

Back to Biden - it's almost like he wants us to bow and worship that building when, in fact, that same building has been used to conjure up a never-ending supply of hoaxes since 2015 – the Russian hoax, the first impeachment, a two-year investigation, another impeachment, an insurrection, and now a democracy hoax.

Apparently, there is a cabal at the White House that gets together to decide on the next hoax to release to the government, congress, and the mass media; because, within a few hours, these groups are spitting out the new buzz words.

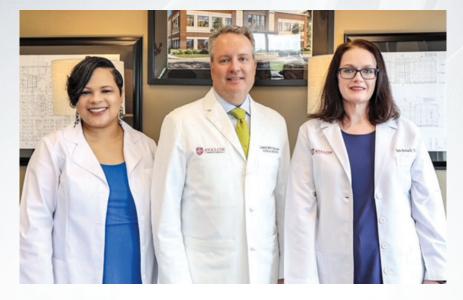
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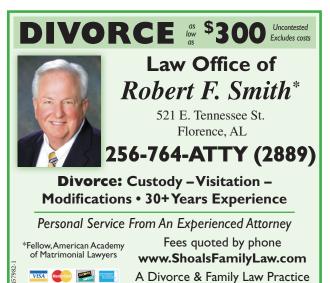
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# UPPORT o coaches

## Dear Athletic

Support: My son's not good at sports. He likes to play. Loves basketball, baseball, football. But he's just not any good. Barely even gets to go in the games. He's already in junior high, and it surprised the heck out of me when he made the basketball team. I've got two questions for you: First, do coaches really still cut kids from the school teams? I mean, if my son made it, I just don't think kids still have to "make the team." Second, what can I do to get my kid better at sports?

– Making It

Making: Coaches still cut kids from basketball teams. If your son made the team, despite not being the best athlete, then maybe low numbers were his golden ticket.

Dear

These days, the main reason a coach cuts a kid is because of equipment. There are only so many jerseys, so many spots on the bus, etc. There's also the issue of quality coaching. At the junior high level, there's usually only one, maybe two, coaches. They have to keep the numbers low enough to really coach the whole team.

Maybe there weren't many kids from your son's school who tried out this year. That might explain how he made the team.

Regarding how to "get him better at sports." Man, if I could answer that question, I'd be one rich dude.

Dear Athletic Support: I think my daughter is getting bullied during her athletics period at school.

I'm not going to say what sport because I don't want anyone trying to put this together. I don't want anyone to get in trouble, either. I just want to make sure my daughter is okay. I can remember what it was like in the locker room. Everybody always thinks the guys have it tough. You should try being in a girls' locker room. I'm sure it's changed since I was in school, but I am really worried about my daughter. She's never said anything to me outright about being bullied. It's just a feeling I have in my gut. Should I try and talk to her about it? Eli Cranor is a former Worried Sick

Dear Sick: Yes, you should talk to her as soon as possible. Bullying is a very serious issue, especially among teenage girls. With the advent of

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social media, there are many new ways to bully. These cyber-attacks aren't just constrained to the locker room they're everywhere. For many teenagers, it feels like there's no escape.

That is why you need to talk to your daughter as soon as possible. Try and keep the conversation from becoming accusatory. If she does open up, a good next step would be reaching out to the school counselor.

professional quarterback and coach turned awardwinning author. His debut novel, "Don't Know Tough," is availabale for pre-order wherever books are sold. Send questions for "Athletic Support" to eli.cranor@gmail.com



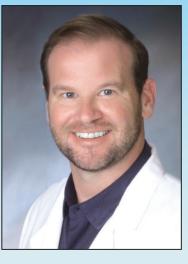


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"We Rocked the World" - The Colbert County Tourism Bureau will sponsor a monthly music event titled "We Rocked the World – Muscle Shoals Music: Songwriters in the Round," every third Thursday throughout this year at the Fizz Restaurant inside the Clarion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

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.

tavorites 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 • Monday, Feb. 14, 7pm: Sabrina (1954), starring Audrey Hepburn and Humphrey Bogart The three films will be shown on The The three films will be shown on The

Ritz's big screen, complemented by the romantic ambiance of the historic theatre setting. Concessions, including wine, will be available, making for a romantic date night or fun evening out with friends. Tickets are \$10 each and available to

purchase now at tennesseevalleyarts.org or at the door

The Help Center in Florence we 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.

Community Action Agency of Northwest Alabama Gerald Williams Cooperative Gardening Program for all eligible residents of Lauderdale, Colbert, and Franklin Counties. Free vegetable seeds, plants, and fertilizer vouchers are provided to help qualifying local residents

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The Cooperative Gardening Program is a partnership of the Community Action Agency of Northwest Alabama, TVA Retirees. Bicentennial Volunteers Inc. Southwire, and many others.

Pancake Breakfast at the Elgin Senior Center on Monday, February 14, 7-9am. Eat in or carry outs available. The center is one block south of the red NISSAN: ROGUE SV, light in Elgin on Hwy 101.

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background. But taking out

loans isn't necessary. He

just needs to be patient, and

wait a little bit while you

two buckle down on the

Baby Steps and get out of

debt. He could get a second

job for a while nights or

weekends, and then you'd

be able to pay off your

debt faster and avoid those

stupid loans thanks to the cash you set aside. Plus,

there are millions of dollars

in scholarships out there

for traditional and nontraditional students.

Sometimes when people feel stuck in a job, they automatically default to the

idea they need a degree. What your husband really

needs right now is a clear idea and direction. Then, you determine if a degree

is necessary to get there. Don't misunderstand me.

I'm not against social work.

But I've talked to so many

people who went six-figures

into debt, only to wind up

# Says by DAVE RAMSEY

### **BE PATIENT, FIND YOUR** PATH...AND FORGET ABOUT STUDENT LOANS

### Dear Dave,

My husband and I are 30, and we are on Baby Step 2. He wants to go back to school and become a social worker. He currently makes about \$20,000 a year as a teacher's assistant, and he wants to take out student loans to do this. He already has an associate's degree, which wouldn't mean four years of loans, but the idea scares me à lot. I have a good *job, so how can I still support* him and his desire to further his education without agreeing to go deeper into debt? Britney

Dear Britney, So, it's kind of a situation where *you're* working the Baby Steps and he's not. On top of this, he wants to go into debt to do social work. Does he know what social workers make these days?

This guy obviously has a heart for helping people. That's a great thing. But I've got to believe there are ways to expand his options. Social work is one path, but there are probably several paths he could follow to get involved in what he loves about the idea of social work.

I'm guessing he has a passion for counseling and advocating, too. Finishing

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making \$38,000 as a social worker for the state. That's crazy! You two need to sit down *together*, and talk all this out. Tell him why you're worried, and point out that borrowing a bunch of money isn't the only way and definitely isn't the smart way-to make this happen. If you really want to support him, Britney, you need to help him see there are steps he can take to pursue his dream without it turning into a financial nightmare for both of you. - Dave

Dave Ramsey is a seventime #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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## **Medicare** Minute "Medicare Part A Part 2"

Last week we discussed how Medicare Part A will cover you if you are admitted into the hospital. A hospital, under Medicare, can be acute care hospitals, critical care hospitals, inpatient rehabilitation facilities, long term care hospitals or mental health care.

The one aspect of Medicare Part A we get the most questions about is coverage at a skilled nursing facility (SNF). To be covered by Medicare at a SNF certain criteria has to be met. First, of course, is you must have Medicare Part A. Next your doctor has determined that you need daily skilled care given by, or under the supervision of, skilled nursing or therapy personnel. Your skilled nursing care will have to be in a SNF that is certified by Medicare.

What a lot of people don't know is that you must have a "qualifying" hospital stay to be covered at a SNF. Under Medicare a "qualifying" hospital stay is at least a 3-day inpatient stay prior to being admitted to the SNF. If you go to the ER and are held one day for observation and are admitted into the hospital for two days this does not constitute a "qualifying" hospital stay. If you are admitted on a Monday and discharged the following Wednesday this is not a "qualifying" hospital stay. In the two examples above those are 2-day inpatient stays. A good rule of thumb is you must be admitted as inpatient for at least three midnights.

You also need to know that Medicare Part A will only cover you for 100 days at a SNF and only 20 of those days are at 100%. In other words days 1-20 are covered at 100%. Days 21-100 you will pay the first \$185.50 per day and Medicare pays the rest of the cost. Starting with day 101 you will pay 100% of the bill.

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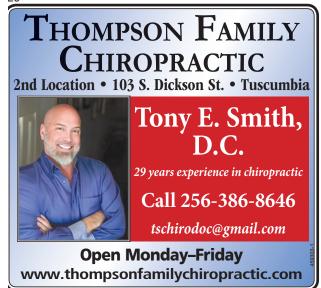
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**BEAUTIFUL** Remembering Grace's threat, Carter attempted to break things off with Paris. Taylor learned the shocking truth about Brooke's night with Deacon. Brooke decided Deacon. Brooke decided to come clean to Ridge ... but would she get to him

THE BOLD AND THE in time? Taylor determined to let Ridge know about Brooke's ultimate betrayal. Steffy faced off with a confused Brooke. Ridge Taylor's misinterpreted line of questioning and revealed that Brooke fell off the wagon. During a heated argument, Steffy threw Brooke's past scandals and obstacles in her face. Wait to See: Ridge is mortified to learn a sordid truth. Brooke desperately attempts crisis control with Ridge. Deacon reluctantly spills the secret of his shared

kiss with Brooke to Sheila. GENERAL HOSPITAL Carly rushed to General Hospital. Nina was very worried. Chase and Brook Lynn called for help. Maxie and Felicia awaited word. Victor's plan hit a snag. Friends and family anxiously held vigil at the hospital. Tempers flared at the Haunted Star. Maxie, Brook Lynn and Chase made a difficult choice. Sam and Drew had a long-overdue conversation. Charlotte was worried about her father. Anna, Dante and Laura put their heads together. Carly and Drew were surprised to cross paths. Austin comforted Maxie. Under threat, Peter revealed how he'd protected himself. Nina was at a loss for words.

Maxie was faced with an impossible choice. Elizabeth and Finn learned the truth. Laura was relieved. Anna demanded answers. Brook Lynn felt tremendous guilt. Curtis and TJ conferred about their Valentine's Day plans. As Terry prepared for her first date, Elizabeth made a startling discovery. Wait to See: Sonny checks on Phyllis, who has decked out Charlie's for the holiday in an unexpected way. Nina and Ava confide in each other. Carly sets up a meeting that could impact her future.

THE YOUNG AND THE **RESTLESS** Adam took matters into his own hands. Sally got the last laugh. Nick and Sharon struggled to help Noah. Jack found himself at a crossroads. Lauren and Amanda went fishing for intel. Devon and Abby received some disturbing news. Victor backed Ashland into a corner. Nikki pointed Lily in the right direction. Victoria put Adam in his place. Billy traveled outside his comfort zone. Chance suffered a setback. Chelsea has an unexpected wakeup call. Wait to See: Victor and Nikki take time for romance. Billy surprises Lily. Ashland comes clean with Victoria.

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The Ritz Theatre first opened in 1928 as a movie house. In honor of its origins, films at The Ritz relaunched in December with a series of holiday films.

According to Jennifer Butler Keeton, marketing director at the Tennessee Valley Art Association, the focus in showing films is to create memorable experiences for people to wâtch some of their favorite films on a big screen.

"The movies will make for a great date night, of course. However, specifically we chose romantic comedy favorites that would be just as fun for friends to come see together," said Keeton. "And we have three very different films, so there's something for everyone."

To learn more about the Tennessee Valley Art Association, which runs Valley Tennessee the Museum of Art and the Ritz Theatre, visit tennesseevalleyarts.org or call 256-383-0533.

**THE SCHEDULE GOES AS FOLLOWS:** Friday. February 11, 7pm 10 Things I Hate About You (1999), starring Heath Ledger and Julia Stiles Saturday,

February 12, 7pm You've Got Mail (1998), starring Tom Hanks and Meg Rvan

## Monday,

February 14, 7pm (1954), starring Sabrina Hepburn Audrey and Humphrey Bogart



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The Ritz Theatre in Sheffield will honor the legacy of beloved film legend Sidney Poitier with a series of film screenings and discussions. The films-Stir Crazy, In the Heat of the Night, and Raisin in the Sun-will be shown February, 17, 18, and 19, at 7pm. Each event will also include an introduction or discussion by a local scholar or critic. This event is timed to memorialize

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Poitier, who died January 6 of this year and to commemorate his February birthday and Black History Month. Tickets are \$10 each and are available at tennesseevalleyarts.org or t the door.

Join us for a hike through the North part of the Cane Creek Canyon Nature Preserve on Saturday, February 19 at 9am located a 251 Loop Road,

Tuscumbia. This hike is open to any women interested in joining! For distancing purposes, we only have a limited number of spots available. It will be approximately

4-5 miles in distance with elevation changes. We will be exploring the North Preserve and hiking to Karen's Falls. This is our second time to hike the North Preserve, so get ready for some exploring!

This is a donation-based hike, and you are encouraged to contribute however much you feel comfortable with in order to reserve your spot. All donations will go back to the League of Outdoor Women for

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## **Eubanks Endowment...**

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commitment to the of North University Alabama to continue to raise money for this fund. In doing so, we can educate young people in the skills of the culinary world. We know Jeff would be proud." of the

"Graduates Culinary Arts program are prepared for successful entry into a variety of service and administrative positions in the culinary and/or food service industry," stated Dr. Sara Lynn Baird, Dean for the College of Arts, Sciences, and Engineering. "They are prepared to gain employment in service and management positions in business and to potentially start their own business."

"Jeff was a special person in our community, and this gift honors his legacy," said Kevin Haslam, Vice President for University Advancement at UNA.

Dr. Javar Myatt-Jones spoke on behalf of Shoals Primary Care, the Premier Sponsor for the fundraising "Shoals Primary event. Care is dedicated to helping the community and the University," said Myatt-Jones. "This event provided an excellent opportunity for us to do just that."

"This was truly a community event," he said. 'We are thrilled with the turnout, and we are happy to share that we will be doing another show on December 16, 2022.'

Marriott Shoals Hotel & Spa and the University of North Alabama Culinary Arts Program are working together on a culinary

event to take place April 14, 2022. Proceeds from that event will also go to the Jeffrey Charles Eubanks Endowment Fund. More will information be announced in the coming weeks.



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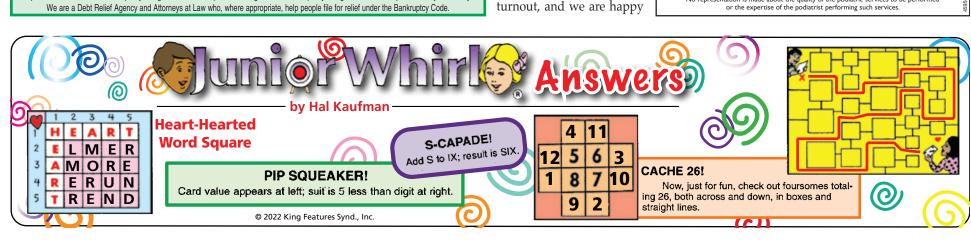
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SIGNS

Commentary Florence!

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There 2,500 were comments/jokes on the city's Facebook page within 24 hours of the January 25 announcement. As of last Thursday, 8,700 had signed a petition at Change.org entitled, Bring Back the old Bring Back Florence Logo! Some 300 community

surveys were distributed to select people FROM select people asking what citizens hoped to convey in a new series of branding elements for the city.

Yet, some people who should have known about such a crucial step were apparently out of the loop until the reveal on January 25, also an invitation-only event.

One would think that input would be sought from a host of areas and diverse perspectives.

The results were questionable and the public was uninformed during the process. It seemed to be more important to surprise everyone with the results than include everyone in the process.

That exclusionary aspect is the crux of the problem.

The exclamation point with the stacked "l" and 'റ″ in question beside the F can also be vaguely interpreted as a guitar. A thin vertical line or two would completely change the perspective.

During a scheduled meeting council last week, with a sociallydistanced full room, some tempers flared. Some of the comments from attendees were personal and accusatory.

Live viewership was a constant 1300-1400 on Facebook during most of the meeting. Some council members

said/implied thev didn't initially associate the "F!" version of the new branding with any potential vulgarities.

However, It doesn't take one's mind being in the gutter to know that the younger generations and the prevalence of social media would take it in that direction with any of 2 or 3 consonants, F! being the primary one.

Not understanding that is either being very naive or a problematic difference of generations.

The council deadlocked with a 3-3 vote during the meeting on a motion to drop Tatum from the logo design (\$25,000, only \$10K of which has been paid) and to drop them from the remainder of a proposed contract (\$75,000).

The council will take up the issue of Tatum again at next week's meeting. I'm confident they will work together on the solution to this issue.

to see such energy by the community. If a fraction of that could be channeled in a positive direction moving forward, citizens of Florence could solve a lot of issues.

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*Location*: 34.7961°N, 87.6829°W corner N. Cherokee & W. College Sts, Florence

Burrell served the African-American community from 1903 till 1969. First it was an elementary school for the training of teachers, hence the name NORMAL School. Then it became a High School in 1937 until desegregation in 1969. Today it serves as the Burrell-Slater Community Education Center and also houses memorabilia for Florence schools.

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



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