Your Mailbox... & Everyone Else's! The Return RETURN ADDRESS 219 W. Tennessee Volume 138 Number 20 March 9, 2022 POSTAL PATRON 19 W. Tennessee St. Florence, AL. 35630 256-764-4268 of Pancakes ier Journa FLORENCE-The Kiwanis Club of Florence is hosting its 70th Annual Pancake Day this PaperChain

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LAUDERDALE-The Lauderdale County Commission will

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Due to some traffic concerns this year,

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287-4958 or email or Kiwanisclubflo@gmail. com. Tickets are available at the door for \$10, or \$5 for children under 12. Last week's Courier

Journal has a coupon for \$1 off per person (up to 5) at the door. The page flip version of that coupon is here: https:/ courierjournal.pageflip.site/ editions/CJ74172

All the proceeds go to LOCAL organizations helping the children of the Shoals community.

Lectures on Saturday

ROGERSVILLE-March 12 marks the date of the 2nd Annual Lecture Series in Rogersville at the Church of Christ at Čedar Grove.

Some of the top orators in the brotherhood will speak on the theme, "More than Conquerors." • 9am - Mike Hixson is the preacher at the Coldwater, MS congregation and the host of the TV program "Counterpoint"

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PAID POLITICAL ADVERTORIAL Hughston Seeks Colbert County DA Post

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

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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



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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

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School of Law in 2008. He is the third generation of his family to practice law in Colbert County.

Photos courtesy Lauderdale County Solid Waste Dept

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

from Mississippi College

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anyone wishing to camp at the Wheeler Campground on the weekend of April 8-9 will need to call the Solid Waste office and MAKE RESERVATIONS. This is ONLY for the opening weekend at Wheeler. Both campsites will be on a "first-come" basis after the April 8-9 weekend.

The Solid Waste office will start accepting opening weekend on March 21. Anyone interested interested call may the Solid Waste office Monday-Friday at 256-760-5878 from 8am-4pm.

Individuals may reserve ONLY ONE campsite. No one can reserve multiple campsites.

The Wheeler Campgrounds have water and electric hooks and a dumping station. The cost of \$15 per night and \$10 per night for senior citizens.

Payment for the opening weekend must be made to the Wheeler Campground attendants by 4pm on April 8. If payment for the reserved campsite is not made by that time, the site will be opened up for

a new occupant. Brush Creek Park features primitive camping areas and pad

camping (for RVs and pull campers) with water hookups only. There is a dumping station at the park.

The Tennessee Valley Authority, which owns the property where the two campgrounds are located, recommended the hasi length of camping stays be changed to a maximum of 14 days. Campers staying the maximum length must then leave the park for 10 days before returning.

Tent camping is limited to a maximum of 10 days. They must leave the park for seven days before returning. "By limiting the length

of stay, we are trying to ensure that more people will have the chance to enjoy our parks and campgrounds," said Tom Smith, manager of the Lauderdale County Solid Waste Department. "Last year we had a number of people staying at both campgrounds and because of the overcrowding, some people had to be turned away. After talking with TVA officials and the County Commissioners, we believe this is the best course of action."



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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.

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

You're invited to the Alabama Policy Institute 2022 Annual Huntsville Event featuring Rightside Radio Host, Phil Williams at Burritt on the Mountain in Huntsville Thursday, March 10. Reception and Hors D'oeuvres at 6pm and program bacing at 7pm

and program begins at 7pm. Phil Williams is a retired Colonel in the United States Army, an attorney, an ordained minister, a former State

Senator for Etoway County, and the Chief Policy Officer and General Coursel for the Alabama Policy Institute. Now the host of Rigthside Radio - live weekdays

from 2-5pm on WVNN in Huntsville. Sponsorships range from Platinum at \$10,000 to Bronze at \$1,500. Individual tickets are \$100 each. For questions or to RSVP, contact APU's office at 205-870-9900 or

meredith@alabamapolicy.org.

Heritage Christian University Alumni Days is an annual event hosted by HCU to gather friends, family, and alumni together for a time of spiritual growth and fellowship. Event is scheduled for Thursday, March 10-Friday, March 11 at HCU located at 3625 Helton Drive, Elorance Florence

The Florence Kiwanis Club's Annual Pancake Days returns for a 70th year Friday, March 11, 6am-7pm and Saturday, March 12, 6am-1pm at the Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum Advance tickets are \$8. Bundles of 10 or more in advance, \$7 each. At the door \$10 Children under 12 are \$5 at the door. Advance tickets are available from Florence Kiwanis members or email kiwanisclubflo@amail.com.

Florence Knights of Columbus, Council 3989, Fish Fry at Saint Joseph Regional Catholic School, 115 Plum St. Florence on March 11, take out only.

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\$12, children ages 4-6 \$5. All proceeds go to Knights of

Columbus Council 3989 Charity Other dates for fish fry are March 25 and April 6.

The history of the Montgomery bus boycott is incomplete without examining the fact that many black women stopped riding Montgomery's public buses after they were regularly harassed by white bus drivers and passengers. An important exhibit at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library examines the plight, courage and leadership of these women who were essential to the success of the Montgomery Bus Boycott long before Rosa Parks became its national symbol The exhibit runs through March 25 on the library's 2nd floor. This project is supported by the

Alabama Humanities Alliance, a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The exhibit is in participation with Troy University's Rosa Parks Museum.

The Lauderdale County Sports Hall of Fame has announced the 2022 class. This years inductees will include Elmo Alexander, Cary Williams, Daniel Creel, Daniel Jackson, James Barksdale, Marcus Bodie, Emily Mason Stewart, Jay Stejskal, Troy Pettus, and Amanda Thormore Hurt

Thompson Hunt. The banquet takes place Saturday, March 12 at the Florence Conference, Center at 6:30pm and tickets are \$35 each. Tickets are available at area schools or by calling Dennis Hargett at 256-762-9056 or Steve Harrison at 256-810-3460.

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and branches so they don't snap off in a windstorm and land on your home or a power line.

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Stow your gear. When strong winds are forecast, secure patio furniture and other yard items or put them in your garage or a shed so they don't become dangerous projectiles.

Cover up. Close and secure storm shutters if your home has them. Keep blinds and shades drawn and tape or tack window coverings around the edges to help protect you from broken, flying glass. Tie thick blankets over vehicles that are exposed to the elements to diminish damage from hail.

If power outages are common in your area, prepare an emergency kit and keep it in a central location in your home.

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around the country. There will be a break for lunch at noon with food

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Winkler is a former professor at Freed-

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Grace, etc. Cedar Grove is 5 miles out of Rogersville AL on

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1:29). In Acts 4:12, we are told there is salvation in no one else for His name is the only name whereby we can be saved.

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Friends, we are thrilled to examine the Scriptures with you. We would be honored to study with you further on these serious eternity-determining matters.



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AHA 74th Meet is in Florence

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meeting will include presentations from historians, tours of historic KABAN sites, keynote presentations, and an awards banquet.

Thursday pre-meeting tours include a guided tour of "Village One" U.S. Nitrate Plant Village, the Locust Hill, and St. John's Episcopal Church. An opening reception will take place at Pope's Tavern and Museum that evening. Friday events include a keynote presentation by Dr. Carrie Barske Crawford of the Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area, numerous paper presentations from historians around the state, and tours of local historical sites.

Friday evening's award banquet will feature Dr. Don Noble, Professor Emeritus of English at the University of Alabama and host of the Emmynominated Alabama Public Television literary interview show, Bookmark. He will discuss "Fifty Years of Alabama Literature."

Saturday's session will include an archivists' roundtable, paper presentations, and an address by AHA President Ben Severance, professor of history at Auburn University Montgomery and author of three books on Civil War history.

For more information, registration, or to join the AHA, visit www. alabamahistory.net.

Grant Awards from Arts. FAM

FLORENCE-The Kennedy-Douglass Art Center Volunteers and Florence Arts and Museums (FAM) recently announced grant awards for art supplies for teachers for 2022. Lauderdale County art teacher, Dusty Farris, travels among four county schools: Brooks,

Central, Underwood, and Waterloo. She requested funds to purchase materials for her elementary grade students to learn embroidery to create a tapestry depicting an animal from Australian aboriginal art. The students will learn a new medium for creating art, while exploring the life and art of a different culture.

Muscle Shoals Middle School art teacher, Anna Grinnell, uses her art projects to integrate art with other academic learning. This year she will use her grant to work with the English Department instructing

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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.

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the students in making clay sculptures and writing Japanese Haiku poetry. She also hopes to make "empty bowls" to donate to the Salvation Army fundraiser.

Congratulations to these talented and dedicated teachers and their schools. We all look forward to seeing the results of their labors.

Forestry and Horticulture

FLORENCE-The 26th Annual Urban Forestry and Horticulture Conference takes place Thursday and Friday, March 17-18 from 8am - 3pm at Cross Point Church of Christ, 1350 Cox Creek Parkway in Florence.

"Growing Forward to a New Normal: Creating Resilience in Urban Landscapes" is the theme of this year's event.

A program featuring outstanding speakers with expertise in various fields will present current research and trends for the home gardener and the urban landscape, that can help us understand and address the issues of environmental and climate resilience.

Early registration is \$45 and includes lunch.

Recertification classes for Green Industry Professionals will be on Thursday, March 17 from 9am–2:30pm. Participants can receive recertification points and CEU's.

The public is invited. On-site registration starts at 8am and the cost is \$50.

The Conference is sponsored by the City of Florence Mayor and City Council, the Florence Beautification Board, the Florence Tree Commission, and the City's Urban Forestry/Horticultural Department. Registration form and

brochure are available at www.florenceal.org. For more information,

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Gill Hoards **ASUN** Awards

ATLANTA - North Alabama's Skyler Gill was on the receiving end of multiple ASUN Conference postseason basketball awards on Wednesday. Head coaches from around the league voted Gill as a second team allconference selection and member of the ASUN All-Freshman

Team. She

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Defensive Player of the Year.

Gill's 3.2 blocks per-game led the ASUN and is fourth nationally. Her 71 total blocked shots also led the league and is 11th-best in the nation despite her missing the first six games of the season due to injury. The block total set a new UNA single-season record and includes an eight-block performance on Feb. 3 against Jacksonville that set a new school singlegame mark. For the year, Gill had at least one blocked shot in all but two games played and had four games with at least five blocks.

The five-time ASUN Freshman of the Week was also good on the glass, finishing second in the conference with 8.6 rebounds per game.

Gill averaged 9.6 points per game, reaching double figures 12 times on the year, including a career-high 21-point performance at Lipscomb, and she had five games with at least five assists.





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Questioning All Our Motivations

hil Mickelson is a five-time major tournament champion on the pro golf PGA tour. He made history last year as golf's oldest In A

major champion at age 50 last year by winning the PGA Championship. "Lefty," as he is commonly referred to, has a huge following even though his best years are clearly behind him. That following has taken a huge hit since longtime golf writer, Alan Shipnuck, released some advance comments from an unauthorized biography he's

Words TOM MAGAZZU

writing on Mickelson. While working on an idea to create a Saudi-funded league

that may have the potential to rival the PGA, Mickelson referred to the Saudis

as "scary mother *explative*-s to get involved with."

"We know they killed (*Washington Post* reporter, Jamal) Khashoggi and have a horrible record on human rights. They execute people over there for being gay. Knowing all of this, why would I even consider it?" Mickelson was quoted as saying. "Because this is a once-in-alifetime opportunity to reshape how the PGA Tour operates."

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Editor

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Light the Fountain

Jones to Flip the Switch

FLORENCE-Light the Fountain, the annual tradition at the University of North Alabama, has been set for Thursday, March 10 with a rain date of March 15. The ceremony is set to begin at 7pm at the heart of UNA's campus, Harrison Fountain and Plaza, with the lighting to take place at 7:30pm This year, Ande Jones, UNA

graduate and former UNA volleyball, tennis, and softball coach, has been tapped to flip the switch that lights the fountain.

Dr. Kimberly Greenway, Vice President for Student

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Editor:

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Losing Your "Paw" and Your Salt

This is for the saved preachers and friends and family I have left that are still alive. Read about the horse in Job 39:19-25, but notice verse 21: Job 39:21 "He paweth in the valley, and rejoiceth in his strength: he goeth on to meet the armed men." Preacher, are you still pawing in the valley? Jesus said: Mark 9:50 "Salt *is* good: but if the salt have lost his saltness, wherewith will ye season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace one with another." What has happened to the fire and brimstone sermons and powerful salty, Spirit filled workers that once filled this nation? What has happened to the salty, battleready, excited and motivated saved men and women that used to grace this country? What has happened to the thunder and corn- shelling voices that used to cry aloud and spare not? Have you lost your "paw" and your salt? Has socials, music, fruitful discussions, vacations and buildings become more important than ministering and preaching the word? What a time of embarrassment when we meet Jesus Christ, me included. SEE 1 John 2:28.

What kind of horse, tree or ox are you? The bible compares people to trees, oxen and horses. We are ordered to: Isaiah 58:1 "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." **2 Timothy 4:2-3** "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;" Whose ears are you going to scratch this Sunday? Think: Matthew 12:36 "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment." Galatians 1:10 'For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ." Saved folk, get with it, our time is running out.

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at Carter's loft. DAYS OF ÓUR LIVES Gabi dropped a bombshell repair their bond. Kevin at the DiMera shareholder was unsettled by Ryan's meeting. Johnny struggled to overcome the Devil. Gwen tried to persuade Ava not to implicate her in Abigail's kidnapping. Xander was reunited with Sarah. Jake was stunned when Johnny revealed Nikolas wondered if they his true colors. Belle were being used. Michael gave EJ an update on his and Willow sat down case. Orpheus and Clyde for a celebratory dinner.

THE BOLD AND THE conspired about EJ. Ben informed Jake that he and Ciara believed Johnny possessed. could be Johnny misdirected Susan's suspicions. Chanel offered Allie a shoulder to cry on. Nancy beau. Will returned to Salem and reunited with demanded Marlena. Sonny expresses if TR truly is a changed man. **GENERĂL HOSPITAL:** Trina was shocked by what

she witnessed. Elizabeth made a difficult decision. Sonny approached Carly to try to connect. Sasha Cameron and Josslyn had their suspicions. Spencer and Nikolas began to was unsettled by Ryan's status. Britt had a nice family reunion. Victor toasted a new beginning for the Cassadines. Brando and Sasha got lost. Dante and Sam realized they were too late. Ava and

Maxie and Austin's warm moment was interrupted. Nina had news for Sonny. Josslyn sought comfort from Carly. Wait to See: Elizabeth has an important conversation with Cameron and Jake. Esme interrupts Ava and Nikolas's planning. Finn tells Chase what's havvened.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS

Victor called Ashland's bluff. Jack shared his Phyllis. with regrets worried about Victor Lauren Michael's safety. retaliated against Ashland. Nate faced an ethical dilemma. Sharon saw a new side to Noah. Phyllis helped Jack find closure. Traci came to Billy's rescue. Devon and Lily struggled with an important decision. Victor kept Lauren in the dark. Kevin understood the assignment. Nikki pointed Victoria in the right direction. Wait to See: Jack is haunted by his past. Amanda shares her concerns with Devon. Chelsea plays with fire.

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Alabamians Being Lied to

Editor:

Recently there have been two negative political ads, one about Mo Brooks and one about Katie Britt. I'd like to clarify the not so evident background to these ads.

The recent Mo Brooks ad plays clips of Brooks not supporting and not trusting Donald Trump. What might not be apparent is that the clips from Brooks stem back prior to the election of President Trump. I have to admit that I and many others were skeptical of President Trump as well. But, after Trump became President, his actions gained a lot of supporters. Mo Brook's comments were recorded PRIOR to Trump presidency admittedly show icism of Trump. the Trump and skepticism of Brooks, however, became a Trump supporter. I don't hold these comments against him since we all had doubts.

The Alabama Liz Cheney ad stems from the period that Britt announced her senate candidacy in March of 2021. Breitbart News published an article that month discussing her background. When Britt announced her candidacy, she bragged about being a strong supporter and proponent of the U. S.

Chamber of Commerce. Her website highlighted her relationship and our own RINO, Richard Sheldon, highlighted her support of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce Since her well. as announcement, Britt has sanitized her website and no longer mentions the U. S. Chamber of Commerce. Britt tells us that she is pro-Trump, pro Alabama, and pro-border control. If she supports the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, she can't possibly be in support of these issues. The U. S. Chamber of Commerce is pro-open border and probig business and pro-low wages which means she is NOT pro-Trump, pro-Alabama, or pro-border control.

If you don't believe me, search the *Breitbart News* website for Alabama Liz Cheney for March of 2021. This is the original article and don't let the web divert your search. I've been told Dale Jackson has discussed the same issue on his WVNN radio show.

You're being lied to, and it's not Mo Brooks doing the lying.

Bob Seaman Killen

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Editor:

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Barry Lee Rogersville

What is Their Success?

Letters to Editor:

How can the current political regime proclaim success in its policies? 1. Border crossings of

illegals are setting records. Clearly the regime has an open border policy! 2. Gas/gasoline prices are

climbing when only a year ago prices were low. We were exporters before the regime shut down pipelines and limited drilling.

3. Our military is unprepared. It is more concerned with going woke than military preparedness

4. Reports indicate 8.4 million are unemployed when there are 10 million job openings. Are the excessive job openings mainly because we are supplying "government grants" that are comparable or greater than the jobs pay? 5. Sky high inflation--The

US inflation rate rose to 6.8% over the last year to its highest point since 1982, as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

6. The supply chain problem is maddening-store shelves are bare in practically every store.7. Our National security is suspect with a woke

leadership at the helm at a time when Russia/China/ North Korea, and Iran are flexing their military muscles. Everyone is aware of our weak regime that surrendered to the Afghan Taliban leaving both people and an enormous amount of our advanced military equipment behind

equipment behind. 8. Domestic terrorists have run rampant--rioting, looting, killing, burning/ destroying our inner-cities with little attention by Democratic Governors/ Mayors/law enforcement officials-failing to arrest, convict, and jail most of the criminals.

Much more regime incompetence/and or intentional debacles could be identified. However, I'll stop with this note. Pray the Lord will raise up leaders like President Trump who will rescue the Republic from the grasp of the assortment of Marxists/ socialists/communists!

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Commentary

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He also said he didn't care if the rival league

succeeded as long as it provided him leverage

against the "dictatorship"

Commissioner

Monahan and the PGA

Mickelson said he and

three other top players

paid attorneys to write the

operating agreement for

been terrible, but bigger names then Mickelson

Everything Mickelson said was factual, assuming

there ARE three other

players helping him with legalities. The Saudi references on human

rights, the killings, the PGA

dictatorial positions, and

the fact that he didn't care

if the league succeeded, all

In fact, his statement

sounds like he was trying

to get the PGA to blink and

for Monahan to part with

more of that bankroll for

those who follow him on

the tour in years to come,

not shut it down in favor

of the Saudi interests.

Mickelson wouldn't want

to destroy something as important and historic as

the PGA, and it's not for himself. He wants it better

for those coming behind him, both within the PGA

THAT speaks volumes.

So far, four of his

KPMĠ,

Mickelson issued a 500

word apology. However, apparently he didn't grovel enough, because

he is not getting a lot of

The words "apologize"

He never apologized

to Monahan or the PGA

Tour, and why should he have to? Monahan

is considered a piece of work by many. He has ego enough without Lefty

Mickelson said his only

motivation was for the

good of the game and the

players, even if it meant being the fall guy. Why is Lefty suddenly a

pariah because his honest statements landed in the

having to stroke it.

and "sorry" were not used

Workday, have cancelled

or paused sponsorships.

Spineless

partners

Express, Golf, Amstel

and

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often enough.

Light,

So, let's look at this.

His language may have

the prospective league.

have said worse.

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PGA...

Tour.

true.



middle of the fairway? Yeah, so Mickelson was once linked to an insider trading episode. For some reason, he ended up having to repay the "government" \$1 million he made in the stock deal. When is Nancy Pelosi going to be prosecuted for her repeated insider ethics?

unscrupulous characters all the time to increase market share and stock values. Virtually all of us are trying to leverage situations for our betterment. We do so every time we try to look for a new job with more money, or lean on a current boss who thinks we may leave otherwise.

Do your stocks or mutual funds benefit from foreign sweat shops or under-age labor in China and other oppressive societies? Who makes your shoes, purses, umbrellas, Christmas ornaments? Do we question where our gas comes from before we pump it?

their sponsorship deals run smoothly, and we all know it. How is that acceptable by the NBA, the players, or the fans?

We allocate federal tax money to dismembering infants in the womb by the thousands. We justify it by calling it a medical procedure, like it's a clipping away part in of an ingrown toenail. Simultaneously, most of the media glamorizes it like we are doing humanity and females a favor.

So, let's not get too sanctimonious in our criticism of Mickelson's character and his possible motives.

Every bit of player growth in pro sports has involved some degree of leverage at some point. Curt Flood's 1969 lawsuit against major league baseball paved the way for player free-agency in pro sports, but 30 years later. Flood never benefitted personally from his

The first stock car race took place four decades after the Indianapolis Motor Speedway opened in 1909. Look at NASCAR now.

The fledgling American Football League was a shadow of the dominant National Football League until Joe Namath guided the AFL's New York Jets to an unfathomable 16-7 win over the Colts in what is

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lawsuit.

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Dear Readers, as our children announced last week, this month is my 20th Anniversary in the Courier Journal! Wow! I had no thought that our relationship would last this long. Beautiful. In the next few months, I would like to reprint columns of old. I have said some things. Thank you for letting me share! Today, I share my first Courier Journal column released on March 20, 2002 entitled, "Who? And Why?

Who? And Why?

Today's column covers the basic questions of Who? And Why? I will answer these questions using phrases that I have heard or that I have said before.

Who am I?

"Clint and Ruby's daughter" – progressive, strong, open, and fun. "The Baby"

Baby' four, youngest, of protected, optimistic, always wanting to "bunch

up" and do something. "College graduate" – University of Tennesee – don't hold it against me. "Kevin's wife"

wife" - Twenty years and growing. [J] "Mother of three"

Lora, 14, Garrett, 12,

Randall, 8. With this comes soccer mom, basketball fan, cheerleader, guide, chief cook and bottle washer, chauffeur, etc., and indescribable love.

"Child of God" – had

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to put this on the list, but but I write them down.

"G.R.I.T.S." definitely a girl raised in movements. the South. It means that In my colu I cook green beans with I hope to present topics drippings, I love fried corn and describe scenes that more Southern than you

are black." "African American" – my flavor.

" T e a c h e r / Over these 20 years, I do Encourager" – Teach hope that your family has them when you sit in your enjoyed and been encouraged house, when you walk in by these recorded family the way, when you lie *moments*. I want to thank down and when you rise *my family! They have been* up.

"Writer" should write that down." put it on paper or I lose reading. Yours, Cat sleep.

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it really encompasses the I am stimulated by list. good times and bad – by big events and little

In my columns to come. and there's always sweet will make you think back tea in my frig. Someone about your family, and once said to me, "You're that will encourage you to think ahead for your family and that will help you and your family to enjoy this moment.

so patient, supportive and "You loving. Our kids have grown up in the paper. My husband Why do I write? I write has answered to "Mr. Cat." because I always have. It's And - we all have been in my head and I have to truly blessed. Thank you for

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community," said Macke Mauldin, President and CEO of BancIndependent. "The charities we support provide vital assistance for families undergoing hardships. Our efforts help

our part." "We heard from our local food bank partners last year that a simple donation of five dollars can feed a family for a day," said Nikki Randolph, Community Randolph, Communication Engagement Officer at Back Independent. "This Bank Independent. message really resonated with the community, and thanks to their generous donations, we were able to feed over 5,000 families through our "Feed a Family for \$5" campaign."

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now known as Super Bowl III. The WFL in the 70's and USFL in the 80's made weak runs at success, but failed. A vivid memory of that time was Steve Young's mammoth 20 year, \$40 million contract.

The original American Basketball Association was founded in 1967 and was an exciting brand of basketball with a red, white, and blue ball and the original 3pt line.

the original 3pt line. Several of its teams merged with the NBA in 1976. Moses Malone, Spencer Haywood, Julius Erving, Rick Barry, George Gervin, and Artis Gilmore were among the stars who started their careers in the ABA. All those efforts to some degree paved the way for better opportunity for players.

The U.S. women's national soccer team was celebrated recently for its leveraging in the recent \$24 million settlement with U.S. Soccer for greater equality in the sport. NBA, MLB, and

NBA, MLB, and NFL players all get a sympathetic ear when going against owners. Owners have all the risk, but players are still revered and looked upon as undercompensated.

PGA players are independent contractors with all their own expenses against the PGA behemoth, but Mickelson isn't allowed to advocate for the golfers coming behind him? Or is he allowed to – as long as the shadowy aspects aren't revealed? And notice that Lefty has not outed the other three players.

If his quotes hadn't come out the way they did, Mickelson may have been successful at pressuring the PGA for greater compensation and benefits for golfers at all professional levels. So many more future golfers have benefitted. Solid figures are hard to grasp, but an aggregate of only \$100 million annually would have been a disappointment.

As the lead, he would have been a hero for decades in the eyes of those a generation below him fighting hard to make it in the sport. Instead, now he is a pariah with none of his peers and associates speaking up for him?

writer HAD to The those know advance would put quotes Mickelson in harm's way from that vindictive group he so keenly referenced. Shipnuck may have also ruined an opportunity for many future golfers, both male and female. Who all did he potentially damage with his leak? Where is our criticism towards him?

Two-faced cowards. Hypocrites. All of them and all of us.



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Senior Scrimber

Dear Scrimper, There are several super cheap wirelesses providers I can recommend for older smartphone users who are looking to save money by paring down their cell phone plan. Here are three of the cheapest options available that you can switch

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Tello uses the T-Mobile network and gives you the option to bring your existing phone or purchase a new device, while keeping your same phone number if you wish. If you want to keep your phone, it must be unlocked. Just enter your phone's ID (press *#06# on your keypad to get it) on Tello's website to make sure that it's compatible with the network.

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Boost Mobile uses the T-Mobile and AT&T networks and lets you use your existing phone (if compatible) or buy a new one.

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GUEST OP-ED "They were Framing the President," to Oust Him... **An Attempted Coup!!**

By Harold Pease, Ph.D.

One of the biggest stories in American history is that in 2016 the losing candidate in a presidential election race spied on the winning candidate before

the election in Trump Towers. It happened again six months later in the White House in an effort to unseat the duly elected president. This was the heart of the findings of the multi-year Durham probe presently being unveiled through indictments. In most countries, as well as our own in the pre-Donald Trump era, the words treason or attempted coup

would have been used in describing the above and swift justice rendered—usually by a firing squad.

HAROLD

Expert on the

A Russian Hoax has been alleged since 2016. Sean Hannity reported almost nightly on it in 2016, but only conservatives paid any attention. "Hillary Clinton paid for data to suggest a Donald Trump Server was communicating with a Russian bank-then promoted the false data on Twitter in 2016." The Trump server, a big part of the original narrative, communicating with a Russian bank, Alfa Bank, was thereafter easily debunked by the FBI, but not the spying by the Clinton campaign.

Iohn Durham was appointed by then Attorney General William Barr in 2019 to investigate the origins of the probe into alleged between connections Trump's 2016 presidential

Russia. campaign and Durham has processed through the grand jury indictments. First, three ` Kevin Clinesmith, an FBI attorney for Robert Mueller who pled guilty to altering an email during the process

of acquiring a wiretap warrant on Carter Page. Second, Michael Sussmann for pushing their false Trump Russian collusion on to the FBI to get them to investigate while he also represented the Hillary Clinton Third, campaign. Third, Igor Danchenko, November 4, 2021, the primary source Christopher for PEASE, Ph.D Steele, the former History / Political spy. He paid bv British Science Instructor was Democrats during US Constitution the 2016 presidential

campaign to create the fake intelligence narrative used by the feds between October 2016 and September 2017 to apply for successfully warrants surveillance targeting former Trump campaign adviser Carter Page to get to Trump ("Who is Igor Danchenko?"

November 4, 2021). Spying by the Clinton campaign has resurfaced as far more than alleged and prosecutions are expected to follow. So far all roads lead to Hillary Clinton. The New York Post's front page, February 15, 2022, featured Hillary hugging the Trump Towers skyscraper. She is listening with an earpiece on the private conversations held within. The heading reads, "HILLARY THE SPY: Outrage Over Revelation that Clinton 'paid for' Access to Trump's PC's."

Durham's court submission recently, alleged that a tech executive, supposedly helping the

government combat cyber threats, used his privileged access to domain name system (DNS) traffic between servers to mine contacts between Russia and facilities connected Donald Trump. to According to Durham, the information was taken out of context and distorted to suggest that Trump might be a clandestine agent of Vladimir Putin's regime." ("Durham's Jaw-Dropping Revelation," Dropping Revelation," National Review, February 15, 2022.). The tech (the second Clinton campaign associate) has since been identified as Rodney Joffe, a Clinton supporter who was hoping to land a big national-security national-security post if Hillary Clinton were elected president in 2016.

This story is big because, again, all fingers point to Hillary Clinton. Maria Bartimoro on Fox News headlined "Durham: Clinton Campaign Paid to Infiltrate Trump Servers to Link Trump to Russia." US News headlined "Durham Filing Detailing Spying on Trump White House Raises National Security Implications," by Jeff Carlson and Hans Mahncke, February 14, 2022 Updated: February 16, 2022. New York *Post,* Feb. 14, headlined, "Clinton Campaign paid tech workers to dig up Trump-Russia Connection: Report." National Review headlined "The Media's Blackout on Durham Revelations," by David Harsanyi on February 14, 2022.

Such filled the nation's newspapers and airways in the same manner as the Titanic going down April 14, 1912, or Richard Nixon resigning the presidency of the United States August 8, 1974—a big front page story that could not be ignored by any competent news outlet. It filled the news for several days, a story that everyone

would know of and talk about —certainly as big as killing Osama bin Laden, or anything happening in Afghanistan last August or Ukraine today. However, this was true

only on conservative outlets. The controlled press from Saturday to Monday had a media blackout of it all. "ABC gave the latest Durham probe filing zero seconds of coverage, NBC zero seconds, CBS zero seconds, MSNBC zero seconds and CNN gave only 2 minutes and 20 seconds to the story. The biggest story of from the New York Times and the Washington Post, the two largest newspapers in the nation. These are the same media outlets that promoted the nowdebunked Russia Hoax.

The viewers of these socalled news outlets and their affiliates got nothingnot even propaganda-no attempt to even debunk the Special Council's sources. Deafening Silence!! Consequently, they are left ignorant. There were hoards of reporters covering the Robert Mueller probe, promising that it would destroy Trump. Instead it proved Trump's innocence. Why is this so serious? if

true, and indictments are followed by prosecutions, these news outlets become not only subject what criminality to may be involved, but also accomplices in the coverup of treason and the attempted coup of a duly elected president, more so if they "knowingly" participated in it. In short, "Durham's newest filing accuses the Hillary Clinton campaign

Hillary Clinton campaign of working with a technology firm that was collecting Internet data from Trump Tower servers, subsequently the and White House, as a means of creating a narrative



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

DATE NIGHT CAN BE **INEXPENSIVE AND** FUN

Dear Dave,

We're trying to get control of our finances by living on a budget. We also have about \$18,000 in debt we are trying to pay off. My husband brings home \$3,400 a month, and I am currently taking care of our eight-month-old baby. We would like to have a date night once a month, and he thinks we should set aside \$200 for this. Under the current circumstances, I feel like this is too much. What do you think? Carolyne

Dear Carolyne, If you'd told me you guys make \$150,000 a year, I'd say go have a great time. But with your income, and a lot of debt on top, I'd put the brakes on that amount. It sounds like he's looking for an outlet to unwind and have a little fun, without giving a lot of thought to the big picture. The good thing, though, is you're working together and beginning to take this personal finance thing seriously.

My advice would be to lower the date night amount to about \$50 right now. That's plenty for a reasonable dinner and a babysitter for a couple of hours. You might not have to figure babysitting expenses into the equation at all if you have family or friends nearby.

Going out on a date doesn't have to mean spending a lot of money. Years ago, when my wife and I were broke, we did tons of stuff that didn't cost a dime. Things like hiking and picnics are great ways to spend quality time together, while keeping your pocketbook in your pocket. Just be creative, talk about it *together* and make sure you find ways to have a little us time on a regular basis.

I think you're right on this one, Carolyne! - Dave

Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national bestselling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey Show," heard

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Affairs, said Jones was a natural fit for the ceremony. This is part of the ongoing celebration of the Year of the UNA Woman in honor of 150 years of admitting women to the institution.

"The event also provides students the opportunity to engage with one another and the campus community in this shared experience and to appreciate the symbolic representation of the campus coming alive with spring weather and the second half of the spring academic term," added Greenway. "The event further emphasizes the beauty of UNA's campus, the generosity of donors, and the enjoyment of being at UNA."

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Historic Sheffield Saturday Walking Tours, April 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, Downtown Sheffield, City Hall, 600 30, Downtown Shellierd, Sty., N. Montgomery Ave. Free guided tours include history of people and homes of N Montgomery Ave and proprietors of the downtown commercial district. Sponsored by Historic Sheffield Commission. Info: 256-383-0783

Historic Tuscumbia Saturday Walking Tours, April 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, Downtown Tuscumbia, The Palace 100 S Main St. Free guided tours will focus on the history of Tuscumbia

and its people. Sponsored by Colbert County Historic Landmarks Foundation. Info: 256-383-0783

Historic Walking Tour - Walnut Street Historic District boasts tree lined sidewalks, diverse architecture and elegant homes. On April 9 participants will walk by 20 beautifully restored homes that belonged to some of Florence's promipent figures and originally prominent figures and originally composed the Walnut Street Historic District. These houses were placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The tour will begin at 10am in the UNA

Tennis Courts parking lot on Hermitage Drive, where parking will be available. Tour led by Billy Warren

Men's Unity Breakfast - Saturday, April 9 at 8am at Word Fellowship - 101 County Rd 426 in Killen. Come and join other men in the Shoals area for food, some fellowship, and to worship our Lord. No charge, just come for food and fellowship. Bring some guys with you and let's show the love of Jesus to the men in this community!

Indian Cuisine Demonstration with Prema Monteiro on April 9 at UNA East Campus, 1640 Tune Ave, Florence. Demonstrations of traditional Indian cuisine. Info: 256-383-0533 or www. tennesseevallevarts.org

United Way is looking for volunteers who can help answer our 2-1-1 line. Training will be provided for volunteers and you can help from the comfort of your own home! Please visit https:// www.uwnwal.org/volunteer-opportunities to submit your information!

Gloria and the Fifth, April 9 & 10 at Norton Auditorium, UNA Campus, Florence. Guest conductor Dr. Ian Loeppky and combined UNA/Guest Choirs perform John Rutter's Gloria with the Shoals Symphony Orchestra. The piece described by many as exalted, devotional, and jubilant will be preceded by a powerful performance of Beethoven's timeless, classic: Symphony No. 5, Op. 67. Saturday show @7pm, Sunday show @3pm. Tickets & Info: www.shoalssymphony. org or 256-710-1623

Applications for Arts Alive 2022 -This year's festival takes place on May 21st and 22nd. You can read all the details about this year's event and apply at https://www.zapplication.org/event info.php?ID=10035

Remembering a Legend: A Tribute to Roger Hawkins, takes place April 16 at the Shoals Theatre, 123 N Seminary St, Florence. Concert, featuring Muscle Shoals legends on stage, sharing stories and admiration of the late Roger Hawkins. Special guests include drummers and musicians from across the country. Doors Open 6pm, Show 7pm. Tickets available on etix.com. Info. theshoalstheatre.org or 256-764-1700

The Elgin Senior Citizens will have their monthly Ham and Bean Day on Monday, April 25, from 11am-1pm at the Senior Center. Immediately following at 1:15pm, there will be a political forum in the Senior Center auditorium. Any candidate on the primary ballot for the Elgin Crossroads precinct is invited to attend. The ballot is the same for most of eastern Lauderdale County.

Candidates can meet and greet the voters and have the opportunity to speak. Candidates are encouraged to call 256-483-7371 or 256-710-2049 if they plan to attend.

The public is invited for lunch, to meet the candidates, and hear what they have to say. Candidates, or their representative, wishing to speak please register at the door. Elgin Senior Center is located one block south of the red light in Elgin on Hwy 101. The primary election day for the State of Albhorne in Turoday, May 2, 2022

of Alabama is Tuesday, May 24, 2022.

Alabama Kidney Walk & Celebration Alabama Kidney Walk & Celebration on Sunday, May 1, 9-11am, River Heritage Park, 15 Hightower Place, Florence. Honorary Chair: Henry J. King, President of King Realty & Auction Company, Inc. Join the Alabama Kidney Foundation for a moriper full of childron's activities for a morning full of children's activities, music, food/beverages, prizes, and

music, foo much more. The annual Shoals Kidney Walk & Celebration is the AKF's primary fundraiser to help local kidney patients with financial assistance, education, and

support. More info: www.shoalskidneywalk.org

Reunion of USS Kitty Hawk CVA/ CY-63 - June 6-9, 2022 in San Diego, CA. For information, contact Jim Melka

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A high school student was strip searched and, in turn, sued.

A teacher at the school smelled marijuana and told the assistant principal. The school officials searched every student in the classroom and found paraphernalia in a student's backpack. The student was escorted to the office by the school counselor.

Because they did not find marijuana in the student's backpack, the principal and the counselor proceeded to strip search the student. Nothing was found during

the strip search, but the end of a marijuana cigarette was found by a teacher under the student's desk the next day.

The United States District Court for the Northern District in Alabama held that the defendants were entitled to qualified immunity, and the 11th Circuit reversed.

In this case, there was no justification for the school officials to believe that the student was hiding drugs in her bra or underwear. In another case, the Court identified three scenarios where a school official might have "suspected facts" to justify a strip search:

(1) where there is evidence of a general practice of students hiding contraband in their underwear;

(2) when other students suggest that a particular student is hiding contraband in his or her underwear or

(3) when an earlier search of the student's underwear resulted in the discovery of contraband.

None of those circumstances were presented in this case. "As a result, the school officials lacked the necessary 'justification in suspected facts' required. Because the school officials were on notice of a constitutional violation, the district court erred by granting the defendant qualified immunity.

Under Alabama law, a defendant is not entitled to State-agent immunity if the defendant acted willfully, maliciously, fraudulently, in bad faith or beyond his or her authority

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

Please send the questions to: "Ask the Attorney,"

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at 256-760-6420

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.

Areas of national or international accomplishment include, but are not limited to, agriculture, art, athletics, innited to, agriculture, art, athletics, business, education, government, humanities, literature, medical, military, music, public service, religion, or science and technology. Procedures for submitting a nomination are as follows: Visit the www.florenceal.org > government > Mayor Andy Betterton > Walk of Honor > Nomination Form to print a copy

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Packet from the Mayor's Office, 102 South Court Street - Suite 200, Florence, AL 35630.

Completed nomination forms and any additional information can be dropped off at the Mayor's Office or sent via email to MayorBetterton@florenceal.org.

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

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

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

hospitals continues to increase. Regular blood donors who have not given recently and first-time donors can make a major impact by donating. One donation can save up to three lives. Donate at the Center, 307 Veterans Drive, Florence. Schedule an appointment, 256-765-7038. www. lifesouth.org. The hours are: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am-5pm; Tuesday and Thursday 9am-5pm; Saturday 9am-3pm; Sunday 1-5pm. To find a donor center or mobile

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

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