

Cozart Gets Extension

FLORENCE – The University of North Alabama has extended the contract of head softball coach, **Ashley Cozart**, through the 2026 season, Director of Athletics, **Dr. Josh Looney**, announced last week. Cozart is 297-117 (.717) now in her ninth season at UNA, including a 22-7 record



Cozart

this year through March 23. Her overall head coaching record is 488-163 (.750) that includes helping the program at Lindsey Wilson College. She has also led the Lions through a successful transition to the NCAA Division I level, posting an 83-53 (.610) record to date during the re-classification period.

Her first five seasons resulted in five consecutive trips to the NCAA Division II Tournament. The 2016 season culminated with the program's first NCAA Division II National Championship. The championship run included the program's first Gulf South

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"In Rotary we believe we must Serve to Change Lives," said Tricia Lewis, who co-chaired the Rotary STAR Park project with Dr. Bill Armstrong. STAR, a

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James Howell Hampton gets some assistance on the STAR Park's Xylophone during the recent grand opening. His father, **Ross Hampton**, was a drummer with UNA's band.



Wyatt Pruitt, right, gets some face paintings at the STAR opening by UNA student **Ansu Overstreet** who hails from Sierra Leone. Staff photos: TVM

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"It is a tremendous honor to receive

the Governor's Seal of Excellence in Work-Based Learning," said NW-SCC President Dr. Jeff Goodwin. "Our work-based learning team does a tremendous job of partnering with area businesses and industry to develop programs like

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HVAC instructor Randy Corsbie works with a student in the HVAC lab on the Shoals Campus. Courtesy photo

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Conference (regular season and tournament) title in 29 seasons. "Ashley is most deserving of this extension," Looney said. "Under her standout leadership, UNA softball has won championships and extended that success into competitive consistency throughout the four-year NCAA Division I re-classification period. She has recruited at a high level while producing team members who are actively engaged in the community and successful in the classroom. Like so many in this community, we are grateful that Ashley and her family have decided to continue to make North Alabama their home." "I am honored and grateful to be a part of UNA Athletics," said Cozart. "The opportunity to continue to work at such a special place and around amazing people was an easy decision. This is a dream job for me and my family, and I can't thank everyone who has been a part of the process."

UNA Athletes Land NIL with Bojangles

FLORENCE - Alabama Bojangles Franchisee - New Generation Foods - hosted a signing day on Friday at its Florence location to formally sign four University of North Alabama student athletes to "Team Bojangles."

The restaurant gathered with **Cortez Hall** (football; running back), **Cameron Turner** (football; RB), **Brady Pope** (football; QB), and **Harley Stokes** (softball) for the NIL (Name-Image-Likeness) signing.

"We had a blast celebrating some of UNA's extraordinary student athletes," said **Justin Haddock**, President of New Generation Foods. "Bojangles is invested in this community and is proud to partner with Cortez, Cameron, Brady and Harley to recognize the importance of collegiate sports in Alabama."

The NIL deals are an extension of Bojangles' longstanding partnership with North Alabama athletics and will include the athletes supporting restaurant promotions for the popular chicken and biscuits chain.



UNA athletes, Cortez Hall, Harley Stokes, Cameron Turner, and Brady Pope have a photo taken by TimesDaily's Dan Busey. Courtesy photo

New Cathedral Caverns Camp 4th-6th Enjoy Camp Keller

WOODVILLE, AL - Cathedral Caverns State Park sits in one of Alabama's most pristine and undeveloped areas. This makes it a desirable getaway for many families. There was just one problem - a small number of campsites. Until now.

Cathedral Caverns officially unveiled its new campground last week with a ceremonial ribbon-cutting attended by several state officials, legislators, and local government and business leaders.

The new campground features 25 full-service campsites with 50/30 AMP power and water and sewer service. All of the sites are an average 15 feet wide by 55 feet deep with a picnic table, fire ring and a grill. The sites also have large offsets to accommodate slide-outs.

"This new campground provides a fantastic way for visitors to enjoy northeast Alabama while visiting the amazing sights at Cathedral Caverns," Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Commissioner **Chris Blankenship** said. "Now more visitors can explore the caverns, hike the trails, and enjoy multiple days of great outdoor recreational opportunities at this beautiful park."

The campground project was partially funded through a grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission, which was administered by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA).

Reservations for the campground can be made online at <https://www.alapark.com/reservations>.

TUSCUMBIA-Camp Courage: A **Helen Keller Experience** will take place April 7-9. Participants are 4th-6th graders from across the state who have hearing and/or visual impairments. Kickoff for the camp will be Thursday, April 7 at the Helen Keller Birthplace in Tusculumbia at 5:15pm. Campers will experience a reenactment of Annie Sullivan's arrival by horse and buggy to Ivy Green and her first interaction with young Helen.

The Helen Keller Birthplace is located at 300 North Commons West in Tusculumbia.

Rescue Grant for HASRA

FLORENCE—Heart of Alabama: Save, Rescue, Adopt (HASRA) is pleased to have received a \$28,000 **Rachael Ray Save Them All** grant from Best Friends Animal Society for its rescue programs. This grant will do much to help save the lives of homeless pets living in Colbert and Franklin Counties in Northwest Alabama.

"This exceptionally generous grant allows us to include formerly homeless, abused, and abandoned dogs surrendered to Franklin and Colbert County animal shelters in our work of finding forever homes for the homeless pets in our care," said **Debbie Rappuhn**, HASRA President. "Our goal will be to adopt out 800 dogs to loving families. We appreciate the support of Best Friends Animal Society in making this lifesaving

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The Club (Florence Senior Center).
Gospel Meeting at Heritage Christian University "Your Questions Answered" Wednesday March 30 - Friday April 1 at 4:30 and 6:30pm with a dinner provided at 5:30pm

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The deadline to enter online is Friday, April 8 at 3pm.

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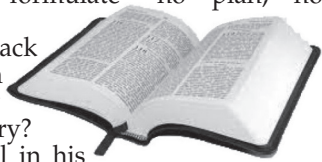
Reconciliation

Have you ever found yourself in conflict with another, seemingly forever straining a personal relationship? Did you consider trying to restore the severed friendship in a passing moment of humbleness, yet soon pride and ego stepped in. Sadly, married couples along with physical brothers and sisters are often found to be in conflict with one another. Personal hostility and active indifference between two parties are often unwilling to resolve. Our examples before us could have ended peacefully had our guilty parties chose reconciliation.

Friend, where would the unforgiven sinner stand today had God chose to formulate no plan, no bridge of

reconciliation for man back to God, made possible in the person of Christ, by way of the cross of Calvary?

Unforgiven man, yet still in his sins would remain severed from God, without hope in this world or the world to come (*Ephesians 2:12*).



Benefits of Biblical and Godly Reconciliation

Man is powerless to save himself (*Romans 5:6*). Sinful man, in his weakness and inability to save himself is fully dependent on a Saviour, the sinless sacrifice of Jesus Christ for the sinner.

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Will we escape the unforgiven sinner's doom (*Romans 6:9*). Only when we, the sinner, have been found to be justified, standing uncondemned and acquitted before God, redeemed by the blood of Christ, may we escape the wrath to come.

God's vengeance awaits those who obey not the gospel of our Lord (*2 Thessalonians 1:8*).

Godly reconciliation is such a beautiful truth, God restoring mankind, by way of His son, Jesus Christ. Friend, let us recall the plea as God implored man, by the inspired pen of the apostle Paul, to be saved from their sins (*2 Corinthians 5:20*): "We pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God."

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.



Elders of the Cedar Grove church (Newell Graham, Richard McLemore, Randy Baker, Paul Sain)

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Shorts...

Rescue Grant for HASRA

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work possible."

HASRA is an active partner in Best Friends Network which offers help and support to animal rescue groups and shelters that save lives in their communities. "When you choose to adopt your next pet, you are becoming part of the solution right here in our community," said Rappuhn.

The Rachael Ray Save Them All grant program is funded by the Rachael Ray Foundation™, that provides grants to shelters for euthanasia reduction initiatives. It is funded by a portion of proceeds from each sale of Rachael's pet food, Nutrish.

Walking Tours in Colbert Co.

TUSCUMBIA—The Colbert County Tourism and Convention Bureau invites residents and visitors to take a stroll through the histories of Sheffield and Tuscumbia during a series of walking tours on Saturdays in April.

The free tours begin **April 2** and continue on **April 9, 16, 23, and 30**. Each of the tour will start at 10am.

The Tuscumbia tours begin outside The Palace Ice Cream and Sandwich Shop, 100 S. Main St. The Sheffield tours begin at the Municipal Building, 600 N. Montgomery Ave. The tours will be led by local historians.

"April is one of the most beautiful times of the year to be outdoors in Alabama," said **Susann Hamlin**, President and CEO of Colbert Tourism. "The spring flowers and trees are blooming and the weather is typically perfect for a morning walk."

The Tuscumbia tours are organized by the Colbert County Historical Landmarks Foundation. The Sheffield tours are organized by the Historic Sheffield Commission. Each lasts 60-90 minutes.

Hamlin said walking tour participants should wear comfortable shoes and dress appropriately for the weather that day. For more details on the

Sheffield or Tuscumbia tours call 256-383-0783 or visit www.colbertcountytourism.org and see the Calendar of Events.

Walking Tours in Florence

FLORENCE—Visit the Shoals has announced The annual April walking tours in Florence return in 2022. **Free guided tours are offered each Saturday in April at 10am.**

April 2- Florence City Cemetery: Tour begins at 705 E. College Street, Florence or entrances on Tennessee Street. Tour guide is **Harry Wallace**.

April 9- Walnut Street: Tour begins at corner of Hermitage Drive and Walnut Street. Tour guide is **Billy Warren**.

April 16- Forks of Cypress: Directions to the site are as follows: take Cox Creek Pkwy. to Jackson Road and turn right (no traffic signal at intersection) and turn right at the dead end. Tour guide is Harry Wallace.

April 23 - North Court & Seminary Streets: Tour begins at Rogers Hall, 1 Harrison Plaza, Florence. Tour guide is Billy Warren.

April 30- UNA Campus: The tour will begin in front of the Harrison Plaza Fountain and led by Billy Warren.

Self guided tour brochures are also available from the Florence/Lauderdale Visitor Center. For more information, call 256-740-4141.

Community Baby Shower

FLORENCE – The Anderson College of Nursing and Health Professions at the University of North Alabama will have a community baby shower on April 9 for expectant mothers who live in the Shoals. In addition to the shower, there will be a bootcamp for siblings to help them prepare for the baby's arrival.

The Tiny Cubs Community Baby Shower will be Saturday, April 9 from 10am-1pm in Harrison Hall on the UNA campus.

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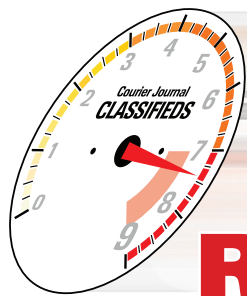
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Community Baby Shower

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"We are looking forward to hosting another baby shower this spring," said Dr. Vicki Pierce, Dean of the Anderson College of Nursing and Health Professions. "It is rewarding to provide this service for expectant mothers in our community."

This free community event affords mothers-to-be the opportunity to learn about basic prenatal and baby care from senior-level nursing students, clinical supervisors, and faculty from the College. The sibling bootcamp will offer soon-to-be-siblings a chance to learn what it means to have a new baby in the home and how they can help be part of the new baby's care.

"As a labor and delivery nurse for 10 years, I am very passionate about improving perinatal care throughout our community," said Melissa DeFoor, an event organizer as well as the Assistant Department Chair of Undergraduate Programs in ACONHP.

The first Tiny Cubs Community Baby Shower took place in Fall 2021. DeFoor said dozens of expectant mothers availed themselves to the resources provided,

and, it was through the success of that event that the decision was made to incorporate the sibling bootcamp this year.

"We identified and met a need to offer a free educational event to expectant mothers. Additionally, we are excited to again offer a service-learning opportunity to our nursing students," said Dr. Ann-Marie Irons, event co-organizer and an ACONHP Assistant Professor in Undergraduate Programs.

Along with learning more about basic care, participants will also receive a free gift bag and have opportunities to win items, including car seats, Pack 'n Play play yards, breast pumps, and more. Several local vendors have been invited to participate in the event.

"I am proud to have had the chance to be a part of the Tiny Cubs Community Baby Shower," said Jessica Fowler, a senior nursing student who participate in the 2021 event. "I feel like we helped a lot of families."

To information on registering for the Tiny Cubs Community Baby Shower, call 256-765-4936.

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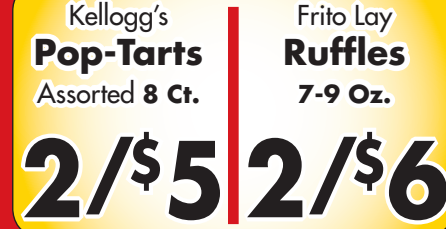
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The city of Florence committed \$125,000 for the park, and most of the additional \$200,000 needed has been raised through partnerships with Rotary, individual donations, and sales of recognition stars.



Dr. Bill Armstrong, left, and Tricia Lewis co-chaired the STAR Park playground project for Rotary now located below O'Neal bridge adjacent to McFarland Park in Florence.

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new STAR playground is designed to better allow water to flow through it.

The Kiwanis Club of Sheffield spearheaded a similar project in Sheffield about a decade ago. The Boundless Playground at Riverfront Park has also been popular over the years.

The Rotary Club of Sheffield was chartered in 1920 as the first Rotary Club in the Shoals Area. In 1921, it sponsored the Rotary Club of Florence. The Florence Rotary Club sponsored the Rotaract Club of University of North Alabama in 2018.


Last year's announcement of the park commemorated 100 years of Rotary service in the Shoals.

"The Rotary Sensory, Tactile, and Adaptive Recreation Park is a much-needed addition to our parks and recreation infrastructure, and it further demonstrates the genuine care and concern

Rotary has for all the citizens of Florence," said Florence Mayor Andy Betterton. "I am grateful they chose to mark this momentous birthday by donating an inclusive playground for all abilities."

A previous playground in that location sustained significant damage from flooding in 2019. The

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HVAC...

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the Power 5 to get our students plugged directly into the workforce."

NW-SCC began the Power5 program in January 2020. It is the first registered competency-based HVAC apprenticeship in Alabama. At the time of its inception, the Power 5 program had 22 apprentices who were placed in work-based learning during the first semester. It had eight pre-apprentices completing the Manufacturing Skill Standards Council (MSSC) credential in their high schools.

HVAC Instructor Randy Corsbie works directly with industry partners to train students and place apprentices in the field. "The HVAC industry in our area has needed a program like this for several years," stated Corsbie. "It has been amazing to work with our industry partners to help build a program that has filled immediate workforce needs in the HVAC industry. We have experienced tremendous growth in the program, and I believe it will continue to increase."

In its first year, the HVAC program experienced an enrollment increase of 72%. Student participation in the Power 5 program continues to grow. The program currently has 38 apprentices, 3 pre-apprentices, and 12 applicants. The flexibility of the program gives students previously disconnected from post-secondary education an opportunity to start or continue their education while earning a competitive wage. Apprentices range in age from 18 - 60.

During the transition to remote work and learning due to the COVID 19 pandemic, no Power 5 apprentice lost any work opportunities. Corsbie utilized FaceTime, video chat platforms, and messaging applications to observe students in the field and provide instant feedback while students completed installation and repair calls. "This really helped our students learn to adapt," said Corsbie. "In the field you face all kinds of problems that you are not expecting. This helped them learn that first-hand while they were still in school."

For more information about the Power 5 program at NW-SCC, visit <https://www.nwsc.edu/power5>.

Commentary

Elections Have Consequences

We have heard many times that elections have consequences, most often by those representing the party in power. That is especially true when the sitting President has the privilege of nominating a new Justice for the Supreme Court.

Joe Biden's nomination for the soon-retiring Stephen Breyer is DC Circuit Court Judge, Ketanji Brown Jackson, who once clerked for Breyer.

Philosophical differences continue to widen on the Court which, in theory, has a 6-3 conservative slant. That ratio and the widening will continue with the senate split at 50 members each and Vice-President Harris with a tie-breaking vote. I doubt Harris will have to get involved.

It comes down to two diametrically opposed general attitudes. One asserts that the Constitution should be interpreted from its original form – as it was written. The other asserts the Constitution should be considered a living, breathing document and be applied in a manner consistent to current needs and trends.

We can see where the latter philosophy has been taking society in recent years. Why would

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In A Few Words



TOM MAGAZZU
Editor

Courier Journal

THIS WEEK

in the *Shoals*

March 30, 2022

Happening
THIS WEEK



2021 AROY Participant: Lauren Bernard, Deshler High School

Courtesy photos

Youthful Renderings

FLORENCE—Artistic Renderings of Youth, a juried exhibit of work by 7th–12th grade artists from Colbert, Franklin, and Lauderdale counties, will be on display at Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts in Florence from April 4 – May 9. The exhibit was founded by Florence art educator Jerry Foster and is celebrating its 31st year.

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Mattea at The Ritz

SHEFFIELD - The Tennessee Valley Art Association is excited to present Kathy Mattea live at the Ritz Theatre in Sheffield on Friday, April 1 at 7:30pm. Tickets to see the country and bluegrass star range from \$35 – \$55 and are available at tennesseevalleyarts.org.

The Ritz Theatre provides an intimate venue with only 350 seats to see the artist hailed by The Washington Post as “one of Nashville’s finest song interpreters.”

Mattea has enjoyed much success and acclaim during her 35-year career in country, bluegrass, and folk

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Mattea
Promotional photo

THE LAUDERDALE COUNTY SOLID WASTE OFFICE has begun taking RESERVATIONS for the first weekend of camping at Wheeler Campground on Alabama 101. The office is open from 8am-4pm Monday-Friday. The phone number is 256-760-5878.

The campground opens April 8. All campers for the first weekend, must register with the Solid Waste Office. There will be NO FIRST COME basis during the first weekend. Anyone reserving a campsite has until 4pm on April 8 to pay the campground hosts. Camping is \$15 per day and \$10 per day for seniors.

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Editor:
I hope the Republicans treat President Biden's pick for the Supreme Court with the same respect and kindness that the Democrats and liberal media did President Trump's picks.

Chris Crafton
Killen

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Science or Reality

Editor:
Science is the search for reality. As Einstein showed at turn of the last century, when science does not match reality, reality wins every time.

Jack Sullivan
Florence

Where Are the Voters' Voices?

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I am writing to you as a citizen of Florence regarding my concerns about the financial future of our city and Lauderdale County.

While I was serving on the Shoals Economic Development Authority Board of Directors, Senator Tim Melson appropriated over \$10 million from SEDA funds to help support his desire to fund the AG Center. This appropriation was made without a vote or approval by either the

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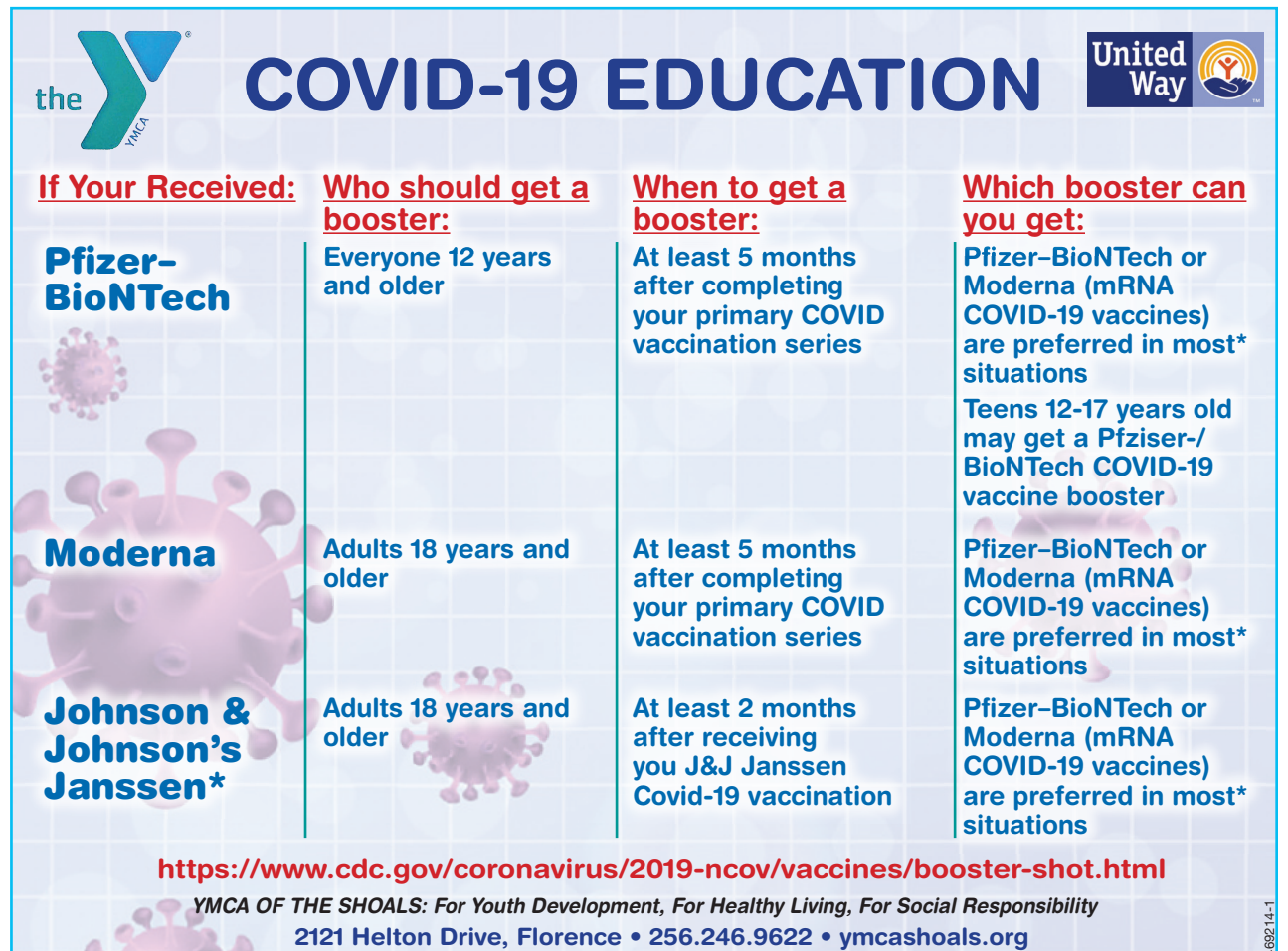


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Sarah

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This exhibit provides an opportunity for the community to discover young artistic talent in our area. The competition is coordinated by middle school and high school art teachers to give students the opportunity to exhibit their artwork and receive recognition for their talent. Artwork representing 19 different schools will be on display this year. Ribbons are awarded in three grade divisions. Division 3 (grades 11 and 12) also has the Ronnie Riner "Memorial Drawing Award" for the most outstanding drawing; the Jerry Foster "Avant Garde Award," for the most innovative and design challenging piece; and a University of North Alabama Art Scholarship. Art students can submit their artwork to



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the jury process through their middle or high school art teacher or individually. Students may enter up to 3 original pieces, 3-dimensional or 2-dimensional in any medium.

Students who would like to submit their artwork independently should call the Art Center at 256-760-6379 to get more details on artwork requirements. Artwork can be dropped off at the Art Center through Tuesday, April 29. Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts is located at 217 East Tuscaloosa Street in Florence.

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A Righteous Thing

2 Thessalonians 1:6 "Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;" What a passage! Imagine God having you in His crosshairs. We must be very careful not to avenge ourselves. Remember: **1 Corinthians 14:33** "For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints." If Christ is in you then what the world needs to see in you: **Colossians 1:27c** "Is Christ in you, the hope of glory?" When the world sees you, does it see the image of Jesus Christ? Why not? Did you know your children reflect what you are? Even so, God's children are to reflect who He is. Maybe the reason you don't see much IN them is they might be under another influence and are reflecting another family. **Proverbs 14:34** "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." It's quite possible kids and families today are living in a way they were not trained. It's hard to come home to face God and family with a lot of unnecessary baggage you were not designed or trained to carry. **Proverbs 13:15b** "the way of transgressors is hard."

Is the way you are living a righteous thing? The soul of this nation is up for grabs right now. Is yours? Comfort, compromise, complacency and confusion are the headlines. It's easy to try and blame God for troubles, isn't it? **2Ti 3:1-4**: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;" Do you fall in here anywhere? What are righteous things? Getting you and your family saved and serving God, and in the Bible and having a family altar in prayer will do for starters. There's hope, but not outside of that.

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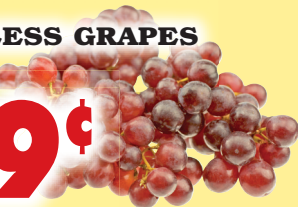
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The Shoals Republican Club will host a breakfast meeting on Saturday April 2 from 8-10am at Central Baptist Church, 1600 Huntsville Rd in Florence.
Speakers include: Attorney General Steve Marshall; Lew Burdette, Candidate for Governor; Ben Harrison, Candidate for State Representative, District 2; Maurice McCaney, Candidate for State Representative, District 1.

Historic Walking Tour - Florence City Cemetery on April 2. The tour of the Florence City Cemetery, established in 1818, features unique headstones and monuments adorned with burial and religious symbolism. The cemetery contains graves belonging to early settlers, two former governors in the O'Neal Family, along with other prominent community leaders and families.

The tour begins at the Florence City Cemetery entrance at 10am 705 E. College Street next to the Animal or entrances on Tennessee Street. Tour led by Harry Wallace.

Historic Sheffield Saturday Walking Tours, April 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, Downtown Sheffield, City Hall, 600 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 Tusculumbia Saturday Walking Tours, April 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, Downtown Tusculumbia, The Palace

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Shoals Grief Support will begin monthly meetings once again starting on April 5 at 10am. The grief support group is open to the public. Masks are optional.

The group will meet at Cliff Haven Church in Sheffield the first Tuesday of each month at 10am. The church is located at 1601 Andrews Avenue in Sheffield, directly behind McDonalds and WBTV Radio. This grief support group is sponsored by Kindred Hospice. For more information call 256.764.0873.

Spring has Sprung Clothes Give-away for Adults, Teens, and Children - Thursday, April 7 from 8-10am at the Care Center, First Baptist Church in Killen

Revival - Revive Us Again at Muscle Shoals Church of God - April 8 & 9, 7pm with Bro. Gary Phillips and April 10, 10:45am with Bro. Wayne Dotson.

Church is located at 1700 Firestone Ave., Muscle Shoals. For information, Pastor Greg Pace 256-318-2610.

The Town of Killen will be hosting Food Truck Fridays this Spring and Summer! Come to Killen Park for lunch in the park! (Stay tuned for the first date announcement.) Food truck vendors are now welcome to apply! If you are a vendor please visit www.revds.com for your business license. Stop by Killen Town Hall at 319 J.C. Mauldin Hwy for your food truck application.

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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!

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Gloria and the Fifth, April 9 & 10 at Norton Auditorium, UNA Campus, Florence. Guest conductor Dr. Ian Loepky 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

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The 17th Annual Empty Bowls Luncheon presented by The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of the Shoals will be Wednesday, April 13, 11am-1pm at Marriott Shoals Conference Center, Florence. Tickets are \$20 in advance or at the door. Carry out only. 4 or more pre-order online.

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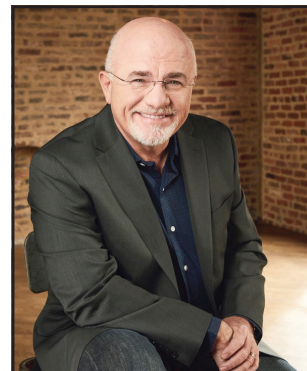
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Starla

Dear Starla,
I'm truly sorry to hear you're going through this. If you're not already connected to a good church, I hope you'll consider finding one. Having caring people of faith around you in times like this can help a lot.

The credit card debt is a small part of your financial picture right now. Still, my advice is to go ahead and pay it off as soon as you receive the settlement money. That way, you'll be completely debt-free and still have \$70,000 in the bank.

There's a little bit of a catch, though. You'll need to live for a while like that money isn't there. Use just enough to get yourself settled somewhere else, if that's a

consideration, and then start looking for a job so you can eat and pay the utilities. There are tons of places hiring right now, and the money's decent, so it shouldn't be too hard to start generating a regular income soon.

If you'll do this, that big chunk of cash will still be sitting there a year from now when the pain of the divorce has lessened a bit. At that point, you'll be stronger and more emotionally and mentally ready to think about the future and make real plans.

And if you haven't already, cut up that credit card and close the account. The last thing you need right now is an avenue to more debt. God bless you, Starla.

— Dave

Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of "The Ramsey Show," heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. He has appeared on "Good Morning America," "CBS This Morning," "Today," Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.



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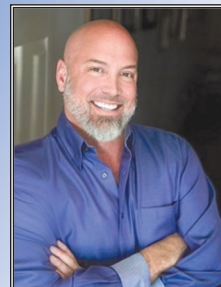
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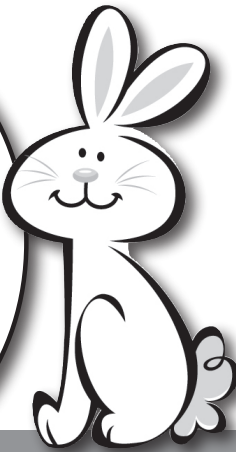


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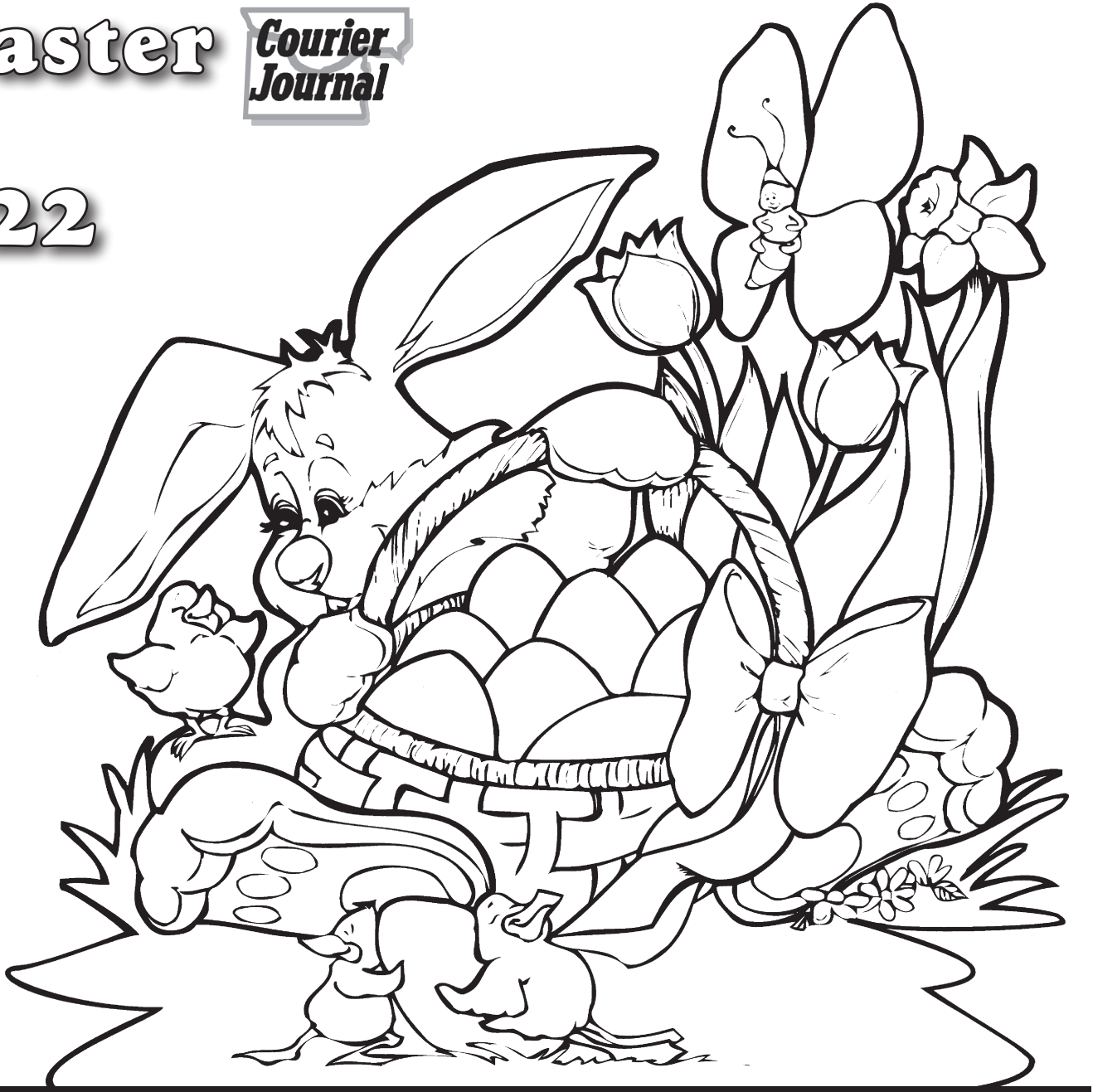


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Jim Fisher

BATTERY SMARTS

by "The Computer Skeptic"



Let's conduct a skeptical examination of the claims versus reality, shall we?
 "You have to charge a battery for 24 hours before using it." False. You'll still see this suggestion in new devices. I suspect it's because the lazy manufacturer simply didn't update the manual from decades ago when this was an issue. Modern batteries typically ship with roughly 50% charge. You should charge the new battery because it will give out on you pretty quickly, but you don't have to charge it for 24 hours.
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“Can I shoot him?”

A question lawyers are asked frequently is when can a person legally shoot someone. I always say please don't. There are all sorts of myths about when you can use deadly force and when you can't.

When I was in law school, it was pointed out to me that if a person drew a line and said if you cross this line, I'll shoot you that in Connecticut you might have to draw that line four or five times, each time warning the person that you were going to shoot them. In Texas, one line and one warning will get you off with a jury.

There's a lot of truth to that and let me explain why, giving you two local examples. In one case, a grown man assaulted a teenager and then continued the assault on the father of the teenager at their home. The father shot the man and killed him. I thought that sounded fairly justified. The jury didn't and he was found guilty. In another case, two guys got in a fight, the victim followed the (soon to be) defendant into his home where he was shot in the chest with a .20 gauge shotgun and while on all fours, the defendant picked up a hunting rifle, shot the victim in the head and killed him. I thought that he was guilty for sure because it sounded like the fight was over once he had been shot the first time. The jury found him not guilty.

I wasn't there for either one of those cases and only know what I read in the newspaper. What we do know is that to use deadly force, the threat must be imminent and involve physical force, not just verbal insults, and your fear of physical harm must be reasonable. Shooting a large man in a dark alley who is trying to rob you with a knife would be reasonable. Shooting an unarmed person who you weren't really afraid of would not be reasonable. Verbal insults do not justify killing a person.

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Commentary

Supreme...

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we hand someone a lifetime key to create more societal disruption? Democrats seem to prefer the chaos.

Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX) questioned Jackson about her professed admiration for Derrick Bell, the alleged godfather of a much-hyped idea, Critical Race Theory, a public statement of which came from Jackson as recently as 2020. Cruz was accused of only focusing on the fact that she was a black female with a reason to "gin up white grievance."

Of course, that doesn't take into account that Biden himself focused on race and gender as vital when he specifically stated he was going to nominate a black woman for the open position on the court.

Predictably, Cruz was labeled as a racist by all the liberal talking heads and many parts of the Twitterverse.

Cruz had some valid points in questioning as did other republicans. They certainly didn't insult Jackson with character smears and personal assassinations that recent republican nominees Gorsuch, Kavanaugh, and Barrett had to endure. Who can forget Anita Hill's fantom sexual accusations against Clarence Thomas - that senator Joe Biden happened to be presiding over?

Nonetheless, Jackson had the sympathy of like-minded liberals who saw any hard line of questioning as strictly racial and gender -based; white men lording over a defenseless black women.

She successfully danced around most of the CRT issues. Wiping a tear away at one point during questioning was also perfect timing on Jackson's part. Brilliant, make no mistake.

CRT talking points hold that this country was founded on evil principles and that slavery is our original sin. Therefore, everything that now transpires in this country is the fruit of a poisoned tree, and it should all be addressed into perpetuity.

Is Jackson's judicial philosophy in line with the basic philosophy of the United States of America, or will she be running roughshod for a cause in an effort to right every perceived wrong from the

last few hundred years? If our country's founding and its associated documents are that faulty in Jackson's mind, how can she honestly swear an oath to uphold the US Constitution? She can't.

Elections have consequences. Jackson is qualified for the position with regard to experience. She served on the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia from 2013-June 2021, and the DC Court of Appeals since. However, the public has a right to know about her personal allegiances before she steps into a position where she will then be untouchable.

She is the sweetheart pick for all the soft-on-crime "non-profits" so we know how her soft on crime position will influence her decisions from the bench.

Will religious freedom, free speech, the right to personal safety and property be recognized? What about the rights of law enforcement officials to defend the public and themselves? Will states be able to protect the lives of the viable and unborn in their jurisdictions?

But what is most concerning is that such a bright woman, selected in part because she is a woman, would not answer two simple questions.

Sen. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) asked Jackson, "Can you provide a definition for the word 'woman'?"

"Can I provide a definition?" Jackson replied, adding, "No, I can't." "Not in this context," laughing. "I'm not a biologist."

She's not that stupid, either.

Balancing support for women's causes and the transgender camp has proven to be challenging to the left. Honoring the delusional gets in their way.

Senator John Kennedy (R-LA) also asked a series of questions that Jackson seemed unprepared to answer under the glare of lights at the Supreme Court hearing.

When does life begin, in your opinion?" Kennedy asked Jackson.

"Senator... um... I don't... know," Judge Jackson replied, followed by a slightly, awkward laugh.

Kennedy followed, "Do you have a belief?"

"I have, um, personal religious and otherwise beliefs that have nothing to do with the law in terms of when life begins," she responded.

"Do you have a personal belief though about when life begins?"

"I have a religious view that I set aside when I am ruling on cases," Jackson once again evaded.

Kennedy followed, "When does equal protection of the laws attach to a human being?"

"Well Senator, um... I believe that the Supreme Court... um... actually I, I actually don't know the answer to that question - I'm sorry - I don't," Jackson responded, again with a somewhat befuddled half-smile.

However, we all know how this appointment will react as part of the Supreme Court. A baby resulting from an unintended live birth may not have rights in her mind.

Her answers to those questions are both cowardly and deceptive, especially for a Supreme Court Justice.

As the media blankets covering Hillary's part in the Trump/Russia hoax and the treasonous pre-election Biden associations are now being pulled back, election integrity-past and future-are real issues.

Yes, elections have consequences. Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson's appointment is just one of them.

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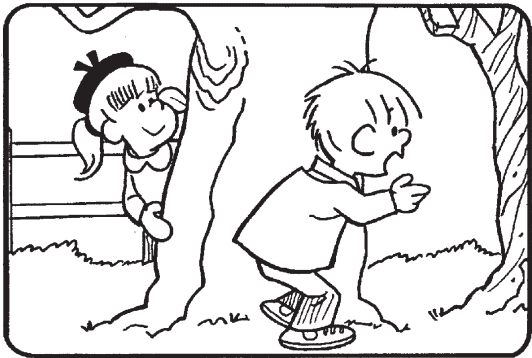
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music, including two Grammy wins, four CMA Awards, four number-one country singles, and five gold albums (plus a platinum Greatest Hits collection).

Her latest album is *Pretty Bird*, produced by her old friend, roots music wizard Tim O'Brien. The wide-ranging collection of songs chronicles a period of rededication to singing, digging back in and emerging with a poignant and eclectic album. In addition to creating and recording music and performing live on tour, Kathy is increasingly involved with public broadcasting.

After serving as a regular guest host, Mattea became the full-time host of the long-running NPR show, *Mountain Stage* in late 2021. She also consulted and contributed on screen in Ken Burns' 2019 documentary for PBS, *Country Music*.

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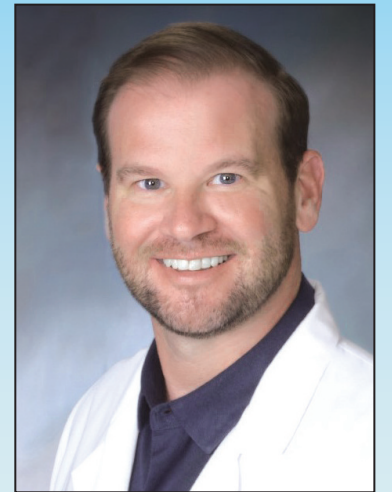
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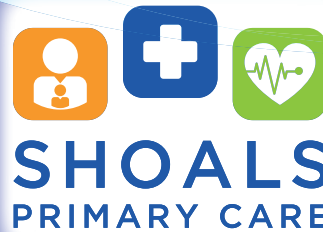
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Soap Opera Preview

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL Eric pushed Brooke to look to the future and keep fighting for Ridge. Sheila became enraged when Steffy told her she'll never be a Forrester. Later, Steffy learned Sheila's secret while listening to a conversation between her and Thomas. Thomas made a conscious decision when Taylor delivered an admission of love to Ridge. Steffy confronted an unsuspecting Sheila about her evil plot to destroy Brooke. Ridge warned Taylor to keep her distance from Sheila. *Wait to See: Sheila becomes enraged at Steffy after learning that Finn knows the truth about her despicable deed. Dollar Bill doles advice to Liam about having families with Steffy and Hope. Thomas becomes increasingly anxious as he listens to Ridge and Taylor discuss Sheila's mental health.*

DAYS OF OUR LIVES Chad tries to lure Leo into bed. Ciara expresses reservations about Clyde moving in with her and Ben. Orpheus keeps EJ in line. Rafe and Nicole have a romantic evening as they celebrate his freedom. Chad's plan backfires! Brady and Chloe get intimate. Anna and "Renee" spar over Tony. Leo shares big news with Chloe and Brady. Nancy comes to Marlana's rescue. Clyde hits Roman up for a job. TR continues to bond with an unsuspecting Lani. Johnny stirs up more trouble for Allie and Chanel. Abe voices concern about TR making inroads with Paulina. Rafe and Lani raise questions regarding Eli's shooting. Allie and Johnny have a major showdown. Chanel and Lani offer each other sisterly support. Sonny provides Gabi a shoulder to cry on. Ava receives a surprising offer from Jake. **GENERAL HOSPITAL** Alexis was frustrated by TJ and Molly's concern. Esme tried to convince Nikolas. Scott advised Nina. Jordan handled an important case personally. Curtis was out of patience with Marshall. Spencer confided in Victor. Sam was unsettled by

what she saw. Ava rushed to the PCPD. Things were looking up for Esme. Brando and Sasha returned to Port Charles as husband and wife. Sonny questioned a visitor. Portia and Curtis anxiously awaited the start of an important meeting. Brook Lynn, Maxie and Lucy excitedly prepared for the Deception IPO party. Scott guided a new client in court. Michael and Willow sought out Diane's advice. Josslyn and Cameron closed ranks. Spencer was in disbelief. Sonny sought

out Brick's expertise. Trina made a big decision. *Wait to See: An unexpected visitor appears at Alexis' office. Nina follows up with Harmony. Nikolas makes an offer.*

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Victor set boundaries with Billy. Chance suffered a setback. Ashland sought forgiveness. Victor received a surprise visitor. Lauren lost patience. Victoria took matters into her own hands. Jack sought out answers from Allie. Sharon kept a close eye on Noah. Ashley and Phyllis had a difference of opinion. Victoria shared shocking news with Victor and Nikki. *Wait to See: Jack's trip to LA takes an unexpected turn. Phyllis commiserates with Lauren. Jack connects the dots.*

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Letters...

Where Are the Voters' Voices?

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SEDA board or the Shoals Industrial Development Committee board.

In addition, he has taken millions of dollars from the 2 cent per gallon gas tax, levied on all of Lauderdale County. This tax was originally meant to fund the RSA Marriott and golf course projects. These funds were paid back early, and Senator Melson extended the gas tax to help fund his AG Center project without a vote taken by any elected city/county legislators or the general public.

In addition, he has taken millions of dollars from the TVA in-lieu-of taxes program which was designed to help the Florence City Council, the Lauderdale County Commission, Florence City Schools and Lauderdale County Schools. Lynn Greer, who is on the AG Center board, is currently proposing legislation to appropriate the remaining TVA in-lieu-of funds to directly support the AG Center. Again, no public officials, or any public vote has been taken.

Now, they want to be annexed into the City of Florence so that they can use our city water and utilities. Senator Melson is trying to exempt the AG Center from all zoning and city building codes because the AG Center will pay no sales taxes or property taxes. Again, all this without a vote by the general public.

We and our children are going to be stuck holding the bag for all of this folly. Why do I say that? Because in Melson's own feasibility study, which he spent \$50,000 of public funds to secure, it states that there are 17 AG Centers in the US. Our AG Center was compared to 12 of these facilities based on several criteria, ie. Demographics, Location, Usage, etc. Florence was ranked near the bottom in terms of its potential in all categories. More importantly, NONE of these AG Centers turn a profit. As a matter of record, NONE of them break even. The average loss is \$800,000/year.

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as to how they should be spent? It seems to make sense to stop this nonsense NOW.

I thought a bunch of brave men and women settled this in a Boston Harbor about 250 years ago. Maybe we need to stand up and do the same!

Bud Ward
Florence

Lazy DA's to Thank for it

Editor:

I was just watching news about a man who was convicted of murdering an 11 year-old neighbor girl and he was sentenced to life without parole.

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We really have these lazy DA's to thank for this.

All you people who oppose the death penalty on moral grounds don't need to misuse the Bible.

The Bible references an "an eye for an eye" in Exodus 21 and equal retribution for taking an innocent life in Leviticus 24.

Barry Lee
Rogersville

No to Any Mindless War

Dear Editor:

If the American people are able to defy the corporate and state-run media, and stay clear of the Russo-Ukraine war, they will score one of the greatest populist victories in American history!

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Tom Ponder
Killen

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Editor:

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Solo Ager

Dear Solo,
This is big concern for millions of older Americans who don't have a spouse, children or other family they can depend on to watch out for their well-being. While there's no one solution to this issue, here are some tips and resources that can help you plan ahead.

Essential Documents

If you haven't already done so, your first step, before choosing a reliable decision maker, is to prepare a basic estate plan of at least four essential legal documents. This will protect yourself and make sure you're wishes are carried out if you become seriously ill or when you die.

These essential documents include: a "durable power of attorney" that allows you to designate someone to handle your financial matters if you become incapacitated; an "advanced health care directive" that includes a "living will" that tells your doctor what kind of care you want to receive if you become incapacitated, and a "health care power of attorney," which names a person you authorize to make medical decisions on your behalf if you're unable to; and a "will" that spells out how you'd like your property and assets distributed after you die. It also requires you to designate an "executor" to ensure your wishes are carried out.

To prepare these documents your best option is to hire an attorney, which can cost anywhere between \$500 and \$2,000. Or, if you are interested in a do-it-yourself plan, Quicken WillMaker & Trust 2022 (\$199, *Nolo.com*) and *LegalZoom.com* (\$179) are some top options.

Choosing Decision Makers & Helpers

Most people think first of naming a family member as their power of attorney for finances and health care, or

executor of their will. If, however, you don't have someone to fill those roles, you may want to ask a trusted friend or associate but be sure to choose someone that's organized and younger than you who will likely be around after you're gone.

Also be aware that if your choice of power of attorney or executor lives in another state, you'll need to check your state's law to see if it imposes any special requirements.

If, however, you don't have a friend or relative you feel comfortable with, you'll need to hire someone who has experience with such matters.

To find a qualified power of attorney or executor for your will, contact your bank, a local trust company or an estate planning attorney. If you need help locating a pro, the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (*NAELA.org*) is a great resource that provides online directory to help you find someone in your area.

Another resource that can help you manage and oversee your health and long-term care needs as they arise, and even act as your health care power of attorney, is an aging life care manager. These are trained professionals in the area of geriatric care who often have backgrounds in nursing or social work. To search for an expert near you, visit *AgingLifeCare.org*.

Or, if you need help with bill paying and other financial/insurance/tax chores there are professional daily money managers (*see AADMM.com*) that can help.

Aging life care managers typically charge between \$75 and \$200 per hour, while hourly rates for daily money managers range between \$75 and \$150.

It's also important to note that if you don't complete the aforementioned legal documents and you become incapacitated, a court judge may appoint a guardian to make decisions on your behalf.

That means the care you receive may be totally different from what you would have chosen for yourself.



Send your senior questions to:

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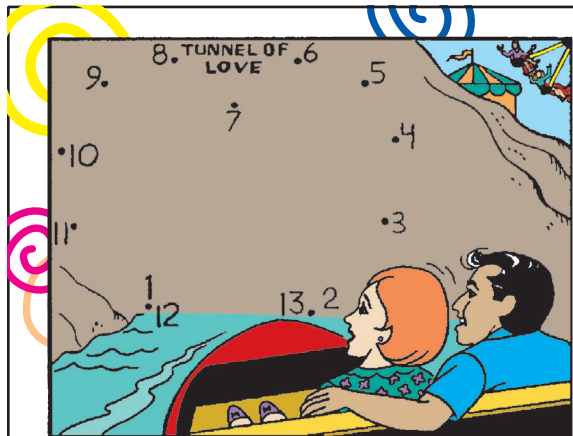
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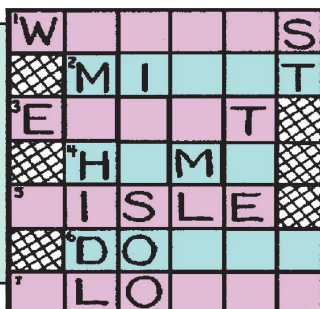


TUNNEL VISION! Just a few lines are needed to complete this amusement park scene. Add them quickly from dot to dot.

TIME WARP! A clock indicates the hour as 11:45. Question: If hands remain stationary and entire dial is shifted clockwise five minutes, what time will it be?

SOUND OUT! Seven skeletonized words in the diagram at right bear sounds similar to seven other words having different meanings. No. 1, for instance is WEIGHS, which has the same sound as WAYS. Challenge: See how quickly you can sound out subs for all seven.

1. Ways
 2. Mite
 3. Ate
 4. Him
 5. Isle
 6. Doe
 7. Phlox
- It shouldn't take more than 30 seconds to answer. Remember, words are soundalikes.



Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman

See Here, And/Or There

SEE if you can decide which of the two slanted lines, (1) or (2), is a continuation of the slanted line that appears at top. After making your choice, check out answer with a ruler or straightedge.

Then, as another test, shut your left eye and gaze at the X with



your right. Hold paper a foot or more away and gradually bring it closer to nose. As you peer at the X, spot at right should be apparent, too, up to a point, whereupon it is likely to disappear. Move paper away and spot should return. Turn paper upside down and try it with other eye. Test is akin to an eye exam of one's visual field.

MONEY TALKS! The ___ postcard, ___ cigar, ___ novel, and ___ watch have all disappeared. Fill blanks with monetary amounts. Answer in 30 seconds, if you can.

Guest Commentary

A Bias in Favor of Certain Good Stories

Michael Isikoff, once the top investigative reporter for *Newsweek*, tweeted something unintentionally humorous about a *New York Times* story.

"In the category of — didn't see this coming," he wrote, "The @nytimes confirms the authenticity of Hunter Biden emails derived from his laptop that had been previously dismissed as Russian disinformation."

The obvious joke about "didn't see this coming" is that Hunter Biden's laptop is one of those scandals that they would prefer to squash until about 2028. In October 2020, Twitter and Facebook heavily censored *New York Post* stories on Biden's laptop with the excuse that "security officials" (guess which party) cried, "Russian plot."

As columnist Tim

Carney notes, it's late for griping about Big Tech censorship back then, but it still underlines the question, "Just what are the tech platforms and the major media colluding to lie about right now? What are our gatekeepers covering up today?"

Let's add to that: Why is a news story "illegitimate" until "prestige media" outlets arrive on the scene, years after the original conservative scoops?

The *Times* story was buried on page A-20 of the print edition on St. Patrick's Day. In the second half of paragraph 23, the trio of Katie Benner, Kenneth Vogel, and Michael Schmidt announced the *Times* obtained the emails "from a cache of files that appears to have come from a laptop that was left abandoned by Mr.

Biden in a Delaware repair shop."

Appears? The Hunter Biden story was blandly blurbbed on the bottom of the front page as "Biden's Son Pays a Tax Bill." It sounded as harmless as a kiddie book like "Curious George Saves His Pennies." The TV networks yawned and reported nothing. The headline inside also said, "Biden's Son Paid Off Tax Bill, but Still Faces Inquiry by Grand Jury."

The *Times* couldn't even note in the blurb or headline that the tax payoff was said to be more than \$1 million. We're told that paying off your (huge) tax liability is one way to make it harder for prosecutors to win a criminal conviction for tax avoidance.

Biden is also being investigated for failing to

register under the Foreign Agents Registration Act in all of his international exploitation of then-Vice President Daddy. The *Times* reported that the laptop emails show Hunter Biden was sensitive to avoiding any Foreign Agents Registration Act problems.

In his dealings with the Ukrainian oil and gas firm Burisma, Biden recommended enlisting the law firm where he worked at the time, Boies Schiller Flexner, to "devise a media plan and arrange for legal protections and mitigate U.S. domestic negative press regarding the

current leadership if need be."

One wonders if they really needed much help in "mitigating negative press" with The *New York Times* and the rest.

Maybe they meant conservative outlets like Fox and the *New York Post*. At the end of the story, the *Times* reported on prosecutors meeting with a "former employee of Mr. Biden's, Lunden Alexis Roberts," asking "which corporate entity" Biden used to pay her for ... nine months.

This is obfuscating the woman who the racier *New York Post* described

as Biden's "baby mama," the "stripper." Roberts, who once danced at the Mpire Gentleman's Club in Washington, D.C., has a 3-year-old daughter fathered by Biden named Navy Roberts.

The little girl was unsurprisingly left out of the grandchild stockings on display at the White House last Christmas.

This is where you laugh at reporters who boast that "our only bias is in favor of a good story." Juicy stories dry up and waste away all the time when they're about Democrats.

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Osborn Hill Cemetery - Decoration Day will be on May 7. The first Saturday of May has been observed as Decoration Day for well over 100 years. Please make plans for that special day to come to the cemetery by removing all old flowers off of the graves.

Also its time again for annual donations. If you would like to donate to the Osborn Hill Cemetery Fund, please send your donations to: Osborn Hill Cemetery Fund, c/o Mrs. Lana Duncan 2330 Colburn Mtn. Road, Tusculmbia, AL 35674.

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For information and reservations, contact Fran Davis at 256-760-6420.

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The Belle Mont Celtic Fest, featuring the music and culture of

Scotland and Ireland, will take place on the grounds of historic Belle Mont Mansion in Tusculmbia on Saturday, May 14. Gates open at 8am. Events begin at 10am. Headliners are well-known Celtic musicians - Ed Miller, the Piper Jones Band, and Chambless and Muse. Food vendors, chamber musicians, kids' activities, and demonstrators on site. Bring blankets and chairs. Advance Tickets through Eventbrite or by calling 256-381-5052. Adults \$15, Youths 12-18 years \$5, Children under 12 years free. Gate Admission (on festival day): Adults \$20. Youth \$5. Children under 12 free with paid adult. Rain location is the Roundhouse at Tusculmbia Depot. Belle Mont is located at 1569 Cook Lane off of Hwy. 43 South.

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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 Alabama is Tuesday, May 24, 2022.

The Shoals Alabama Kidney Walk & Celebration is scheduled for Sunday, May 1, 9am-3pm, River Heritage Park, 15 Hightower Place in Florence.

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Singing River Squares meets each Monday night at The Club/Florence Senior Center, 450 Country Club Drive in Florence. Square Dance fees are \$21/mo. and are due on the first Monday of each month. Beginner Lessons will be announced 4 weeks before they begin so you can make plans to join us. Beginner lessons are progressive and it is important to try and attend each week. Families, singles, couples are invited. The Club is an alcohol, drug, tobacco, weapon free facility. Mask are optional. Caller Kevin Cozad, Centerville, AL.

For more information, please call Fran at 256-760-6420.

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.


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Answers

by Hal Kaufman



It will still be 11:45, but clock will show 10:40.

MONEY TALKS! The __ postcard, __ cigar, __ novel, and __ watch have all disappeared. Fill blanks with monetary amounts.

Answer: Penny postcard, five-cent cigar, dime novel, dollar watch will do it.



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When Life Events Affect Your Benefits



Getting married or divorced, having or adopting a child and retiring are significant milestones in life. These "qualified life events," may permit you to make adjustments to the benefits you receive through your employer or other provider. If you've recently experienced a life event, review your benefits to ensure the desired coverage for you and your family. Keep the following items in mind as you complete your review:

Act promptly. Be aware of deadlines to make your new benefits elections. Providers offer special enrollment for a limited timeframe to update your new status or make changes in your covered dependents. If you miss the window, you may face a waiting period. In some cases, a missed deadline means you're out of luck until the next open enrollment period or the first of the year, whichever applies to your situation.

Change health insurance coverage. Do you have enough insurance? Too much? If you're newly married, compare the benefits offered to you and your spouse through your respective employers to see where you can get the most value. A higher deductible plan may make sense if you have two incomes, are both young and healthy and don't anticipate significant medical expenses. If you add children to your family, make sure they are included in your health insurance as dependents. If you're retiring before you are eligible for Medicare, evaluate COBRA benefits insurance through a still-employed spouse or your options through the healthcare marketplace.

Evaluate life and disability insurance. Marriage, divorce and the addition of children are all reasons to evaluate your life and disability insurance coverage. If your coverage is insufficient, make it a priority to obtain additional insurance. Unfortunately, many policyholders forget to remove a former spouse as a beneficiary to their policies following divorce and remarriage, which can complicate legal matters should your health be unexpectedly jeopardized. When reviewing your coverage, take time to verify that your beneficiary designations are correct.

Adjust your Health Savings Account (HSA) contributions. If you have a health savings account (HSA) and experienced a family event this year, the amount you're allowed to contribute annually may have changed. If you added to your family through marriage or children, you can set aside more money in a HSA. If you experienced a divorce, you can split savings accumulated in an HSA or assign the benefits to your former spouse as part of a divorce agreement. Check with your healthcare provider to learn how much you can contribute based on your situation.

Consider legal and financial advice. Some life events, such as divorce or adoption, may involve benefits decisions that have legal implications. Consider meeting with an attorney to discuss your situation and get advice on next steps. Additionally, these events may trigger numerous changes to your budget, investments or other financial affairs. Think about meeting with a financial advisor who can help you evaluate your benefits within the broader financial picture of your life goals and retirement plans.

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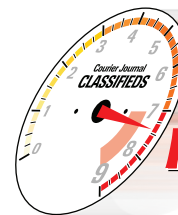
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