

**Keller Fest
Dates Set**

TUSCUMBIA— This year's Helen Keller Festival takes place June 23-26 in Tuscumbia's Spring Park. The event features arts and crafts vendors, live music, food, and fun for the whole family!

The parade and street party gets everything underway Thursday with DRIVE and Showdown to kick things off.

Friday is "Stars Fell on Alabama" night, featuring rising stars Sweet Tea Trio, Tristen Gressett, and Cadence Baker. Saturday features Yes Trespassing, The J. Patrick Reed Band, Moon Tree Band, and Jefferson Starship.

Tickets are \$5 per person and can be purchased at the gate.

**Calcaterra is
Golf Coach**



Calcaterra

FLORENCE-- Luke Calcaterra, who spent the last decade building the Arkansas Tech men's golf program into a perennial national

powerhouse, has been named the new head men's golf coach at UNA according to Director of Athletics Dr. Josh Looney.

Calcaterra's success at ATU

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Redstone Welcomes Knights

REDSTONE ARSENAL— The United States Army Parachute Team – popularly known as the Golden Knights – is scheduled to jump into Redstone Arsenal's celebration honoring the Army's 247th birthday on June 11 with a precision free-fall that demonstrates their formidable capabilities.

The Golden Knights aerial demonstration is scheduled to take off above the Redstone Gateway just north of Gate 9 on Research Park Blvd./Rideout Rd. at 6:30pm. The event adds to a birthday celebration featuring a Cruise-In Car Show, craft and food vendors,



Members of the Golden Knights Aerial Demonstration Team break off from the Baton Pass over Homestead Reserve Base in Florida. Promotional

music, a kid's fun zone, and an extensive fireworks show.

The event is free and open to the public. If you mention the name "Golden Knights" to the general public in any of the 50 states, most likely what comes to mind is a phenomenal demonstration they watched in past years at an air show or sporting

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An Effort to Drive Unity

FLORENCE--Race Amity Day will be observed at 2pm on Sunday, June 12 at the Florence Public Library.



Racial disparities exist in many of the state's jails. The program will be a panel discussion by leaders of the three major bail out organizations in the state who have spent

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Blevins Offered Fulbright Grant



Blevins

FLORENCE – Brandon Blevins of Warrior and a December 2021 graduate of the University of North Alabama, has been offered a Fulbright grant for the upcoming 2022-23 academic year. The Fulbright Program is the United States government's flagship international education exchange

program. It is designed to build lasting connections between people of the United States and the people of other counties.

The Fulbright Program is funded through an annual appropriation from the U.S. Congress to the U.S.

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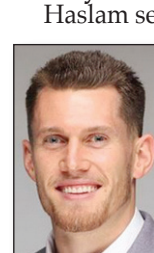
ATU includes ten straight NCAA Regional appearances, six trips to the NCAA Championship Tournament, five teams advancing to NCAA finals match play, and the 2021 NCAA Division II Men's Golf National Championship.

Calcaterra was the 2021 Div. II National Coach of the Year, a 2022 Arnold Palmer Cup Head Coach Finalist, a six-time Great American Conference Coach of the Year and three-time Central Region Coach of the Year. He takes the reins of one of UNA's most consistently successful programs. The team made 19 NCAA Tournament appearances from 1996-2017, winning four NCAA Regionals, three conference championships and finishing as the national runner-up in 2008.

The Keller, Texas native played at Arkansas Tech and was on the 2004 teams that won the Gulf South Conference Championship and played in that year's NCAA Division II South Regional Tournament.

Development for Haslam

FLORENCE—Payton Haslam has joined the University of North Alabama athletics staff as Director of Development, according to a recent announcement by UNA Athletics Director, Dr. **Josh Looney.**



Haslam

Haslam served in the same capacity at Missouri State last year and spent two years in the external affairs, ticketing and

annual fund unit at SIU-Edwardsville where he was completing his MBA.

"Payton brings a passion for people and philanthropy that aligns with our priority of investing in relationships while leading UNA Athletics into a new era of competition at the Division I level," said Looney. "His experience working with coaches and administrators at three different Division I institutions will make an immediate impact as we work to address emerging priorities and 'Raise The Roar' for each of our 14 athletic teams."

perspective of students from the United States by providing scholarships to study and intern abroad, when financial constraints prevent the opportunity.

Weeks, of Town Creek, is a major in the **Jeff Eubanks** Culinary Arts Management program. he plans to spend a semester in Japan through UNA's International Student Exchange Program partnerships through the Office of International Affairs.

"I've always wanted to visit Japan as a tourist, so studying abroad was a great way for me to experience the country's vibrant culture and culinary scene first-hand and get to see a side of the country that most tourists don't get the opportunity to see," said Weeks.

As part of the scholarship, Gilman recipients must complete a community engagement project that encourages students to study abroad and to use scholarship resources to afford the cost. For his project, Weeks will showcase his culinary skills and knowledge of Japanese cuisine through cooking demonstrations for the UNA campus community.

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

No matter who you are or where you are in life, you can be assured that God loves you and has a purpose for your life.

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SHEFFIELD: RIVERMONT/VIL-LAGE SUBDIVISIONS COMMUNITY Yard Sale... Sat. 8AM, LOOK FOR THE SIGNS. Multiple Homes! Map ID 607

TUSCUMBIA YARD SALE, 940 Leslie Ave., Aycock Heights Sub., Fri. & Sat., 8am-until? Women's & Girl's clothes and shoes, and much more!

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Fri & Sat 7am-until? Household, Garage Christmas, Vintage, Tons more! MapID#614

Florence Multi-Family Sale
2025 Greenbrier Rd.
Fri & Sat 7am-until?

MUSCLE SHOALS: 206 Lincoln Ave Sat. 8am-1pm, Tools, Dress /Casual clothes, Silver Jeans, Fabric, Queen size headboard, Brand new ceiling fan, Misc .Map ID 617.

FLORENCE: 209 Birch Run Fri. and Sat. 6AM, Clothes, Fabrics, Map ID #574

HUGE SALE

KILLEN: Deer Creek Village Sat. 6/11/2022 from 7am - 1pm, Multi-family, lots of items, Hwy 72, near Brooks High School
ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE! Map ID #612

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June 10th and 11th
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TUSCUMBIA: 908 NORTH HIGH STREET Sat. 6am-, Children , and +Size Clothing, jewelry and misc. Map ID611

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Map ID #603

SHEFFIELD: Shoals Avenue Community Yard Sale Sat. 7AM, June 11th, Sign on 2nd Street and Jackson Hwy. Map ID #567

KILLEN YARD SALE
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June 8 - Why did God destroy entire nations in the Bible? 1 Samuel 15:1-3 - Roy Williams

June 15 - Why is homosexuality wrong? - Joey Sparks

Forum on Mental Health - Saturday, June 11th, 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at St. Mark M.B. Church, 220 East Alabama Street, Florence. Sponsored by The Warriors of Health Ministry (formerly the Nurses Ministry). Theme: "Back to the Basics" Bringing Awareness to Mental Health. Keynote Speaker - Rick Howard Linkage Coordinator of THRIVE Alabama Guest Speakers - Keli Brothers, Ed.D., LPC-S and Directed Paths L.L.C. and Roberta Campbell - Adolescent Therapist at Riverbend Center for Mental Health; Pastor, Bishop Dr. Will Boyd The Admission is FREE. Masks required and refreshments provided.

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Wednesday, June 8, 11am-5pm - Parthway Eye, Rogersville

Friday, June 10, 10:30am-5:30pm - Times Daily, Florence

Saturday, June 11, 9am-4pm - Rally at the River, McFarland Park, Florence

Sunday, June 12, 11am-5pm - Foodland, Killen

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The Arts Alive Gallery exhibit is showing at the Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts in Florence until June 24. Hours are 9am-4pm Monday-Friday and 1-4pm on Sunday.

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North Alabama Christian Children's Home will host its 3rd Annual Drive-Thru and Take-Out Benefit Dinner on Saturday, June 11 (rain or shine) from 2-5pm at the home located at 6372 County Road 63 in Florence. Pop's BBQ will cater the meal consisting of either Smoked Chicken or Pulled Pork, baked beans, potato salad, a roll, chips, a SAMS cookie, and bottled water. The meal is free, but donations to the home are always greatly appreciated.

Those who desire to participate must place their order by Tuesday, June 7, to allow adequate time to process requests, order the food, etc. Orders may be placed by calling in with your name, phone number and what plate(s) you would like to 256-757-4212 (office), or 256-426-0464, or 256-366-3327.

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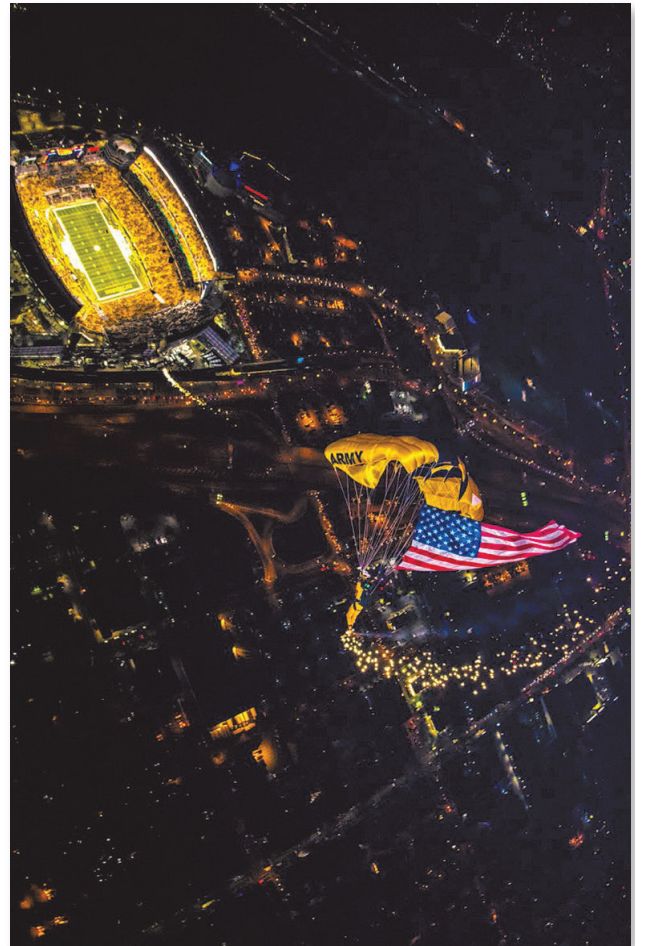


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This is the second year the Redstone Gateway has hosted the Army's birthday celebration. Last

year, the event attracted about 2,000 attendees.

The Golden Knights demonstration will be followed by a birthday cake-cutting ceremony. The celebration will continue with music by DJ Slim Robb as attendees enjoy the car show, kid's fun zone, and shopping with about 75 craft and food vendors. The celebration concludes at about 8:30pm with an impressive fireworks display.

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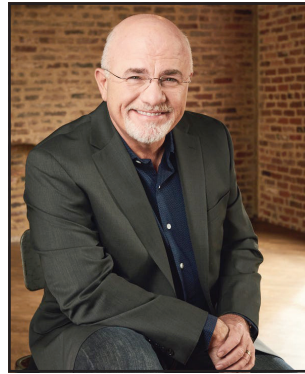


DAVE Says

by DAVE RAMSEY

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO

Dear Dave,
My husband and I are in our mid-twenties, and we are expecting our first baby this year. We are also debt-



free, except for our mortgage, and we expect to have it paid off in about four years. It has always been our dream for me to stay home with our kids, and maybe even homeschool them, when the time was right. My husband makes more than enough for us to live on, so we have always put the paychecks from my human resources job toward paying off the house. What do you think, Dave? I kind of hate to give up the income, but I want to do what is best for my family.

Ann

Dear Ann,
First, congratulations on expecting a new baby! I know it's an exciting time in your lives. It sounds like you two have been killing it financially as well. You've both worked hard to set yourselves up for a great future.

Honestly, there's no wrong answer here. Under the circumstances, the big question is what do you want to do? Of course, the final decision should be made by you and your husband together, but you're doing the smart thing by analyzing the trade-off. By that, I mean comparing the ideas of continuing to bring extra cash to the household or being at home with your baby.

If you love your job and want to continue those duties full-time, it doesn't make you a bad mom. It just makes you a working mom. But if you're in a season of life where you don't need a career income or workplace identity to be fulfilled, or if you just want to be home with your child, that's a really cool thing, too. And hey, if you like your job, there's no reason you couldn't perform some HR functions from home on a contract basis, like 20 to 25 hours a week while the little one's napping, with minimal strain on motherhood.

Even if you quit today and it takes a couple more years for you guys to pay off your house, so what? It's still not a bad choice. The bad thing is, lots of ladies end up with mom-guilt no matter what they do. They feel guilty if they're not

staying home with the little one, and they feel guilty if they aren't generating an income. Society wants you to be everything, and when you choose to be one or the other, it doesn't know what to do with you—and lots of times becomes really judgmental.

You're blessed to be in a unique financial situation, Ann. So, do what you and your husband feel in your hearts is best for you and your family. Sit down together and talk about it, then make a plan and don't worry about what the world thinks. God bless you guys!
— 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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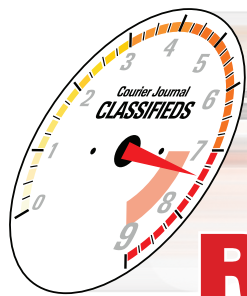
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Ben is a firm believer in the American dream, and the idea that government's first priority should be serving the people. "I may be old fashioned, but



I think we need elected officials who believe in the Constitution and are willing to stand for the values of the people who elect them. I am a Christian and conservative who firmly believes in the vision of our founding fathers. People deserve to have their rights protected and their values defended, and that is exactly what I will do

if elected to the State House."

Ben is quick to explain that his first priority is serving the people and helping with their needs. In fact, his direct political involvement got started back in 2005 after he had a run-in with government bureaucracy himself. His oldest daughter was heading out of town, and he was making some repairs on her car before

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After his experience he started getting involved with local public service groups, and joined a prison ministry that witnesses to inmates. "I hope God has been able to use my experience for good", Ben said with a smile. A few years later he was elected to the County Commission

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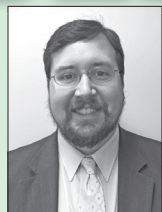
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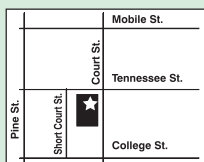


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Race Amity...

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the last year studying the Alabama jail system and what can be done to improve both its operations and its outcomes.

"The program this year grew out of the NAACP meeting where candidates for local offices were invited to speak," said Dr. Jeff Choron, instructor at Northwest Shoals Community College.

The motto of the national Race Amity Day is "E Pluribus Unum", the motto of the United States. It means 'From Many One'.

"The history of the United States has been an attempt to understand and apply that idea," said Dr. Jacquie Osborne, a local advocate of Race Amity Day. "The present need to eliminate racism from our society is just one more

step in a centuries-long journey toward unity."

Race Amity Day has been observed nationally for over 100 years. Last year was its first observance in the Shoals. Proclamations were issued by the three county commissions, most of the local cities and towns, and the state. This year once again the proclamation of Race Amity Day will be issued by Lauderdale and Franklin Counties, and Florence and Russellville cities.

The coalition is made up of groups that seek to address the remaining issues of racism in the area. Any church or civic organization that wishes to be a part of this effort is encouraged to contact Dr. Tom or Dr. Jacquie Osborne at 256-764-1766.

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Guest Commentary

What to Expect - 4 More Years of Ivey

Among a crowded field of challengers, incumbent Gov. Kay Ivey coasted to victory in the recent Republican primary election. She will face either Yolanda Flowers or Malika Sanders-Fortier in the November general election. However, it is almost certain that Ivey will be sworn in to a full second term as governor in January.

What does another four years of Kay Ivey as governor mean for the state of Alabama? Unless a newly elected class of state legislators acts much more conservatively than their predecessors, it will likely mean bigger government, more taxes, and less freedom for Alabamians.

In her victory speech Tuesday night, Ivey said the people of Alabama spoke loud and clear in favor of her conservative record.

Of the three front-runners in the Republican primary, Ivey's record was objectively the least conservative. Both opponents vowed to repeal the 2019 gas tax increase championed by Gov. Ivey. Both came

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Food Truck Event for CMS

FLORENCE—The 4th Annual Food Truck Festival presented by First Southern Bank, and benefitting Children's Museum of the Shoals takes place Saturday, June 11 from 6:30-9:30pm at the Singin' River Brewing Co. in Downtown Florence.

Children's Museum Shoals has recruited some of the best food trucks in North Alabama to the event. A ticket will get you in to the event where you can enjoy live music and a sampling from each food truck.

The Children's Museum is 100% community funded, and the Food Truck Festival is its largest fundraiser. It helps CMS provide a safe, educational, and fun place for children year-round.

All event patrons require a ticket. Tickets are available at www.singinriverbrewing.com/events-1. This is a Rain or Shine event.



CHILDREN'S MUSEUM SHOALS



The Falcon Feeder is on the Streets

FLORENCE—Tuesday, June 7, Florence City Schools will begin its Summer Feeding Program, offering packaged meals for families in different communities.

The Child Nutrition Program team can once again be found on the Falcon Feeder food truck that the district unveiled in 2021. In 2020 when COVID-19 forced schools to close, Florence City Schools launched the Feeding the Falcons Initiative, which allowed families to pick up meals from locations around the city.

The Falcon Feeder continued that mission in 2021 by bringing the meals to the families instead. This year's schedule is scaled back from last year's, but the mission

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PINE HILL CHURCH OF CHRIST will host a Homecoming and Gospel Meeting on June 12-15 with speaker Keith Parker. Sunday Bible Study 9am, Worship 10am. Meal after morning service. Sunday evening service 1pm. Monday - Wednesday evening at 7pm. Everyone welcome. The church is located on County Road 10 in Waterloo.

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So, No Senior Cards?

Editor:

If people are going to sell fresh fruits and vegetables at the Farmers Market, one of the rules should be that they set up for the CARDS that the Government sends to Seniors to help them eat healthy!

I went to the Farmers Market in Florence and only ONE PERSON was set up to take the cards. It is a shame that Seniors can't use their cards because the FARMERS MARKET let them set up without having a machine to scan our cards!!

Nancy Johnson
Florence

A Cleverly Cloaked White Supremacist

Mr. Magazzu,

The terms "conservative" and "conservative values" that you and politicians commonly use are interpreted as pseudonyms for white supremacy, as these terms are generally accepted as indicative of supporting suppression of equal opportunity for minority castes in our society. Those values also criminalize women's personal rights to not embrace a pregnancy, although the state has no personal investment

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... "states' rights" is the same pseudo-justification used to justify secession of antebellum Confederate States from the United States. . .





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Fulbright...

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Department of State. Participating governments and host institutions, corporations, and foundations around the world also provide direct and indirect support to the Program which operates in more than 160 countries worldwide.

Blevins, a German and Spanish major, has been offered an English Teaching Assistantship to Germany. He joins more than 2,100 Americans who will study, conduct research, and teach abroad for the upcoming academic year through the Fulbright U.S. Program.

"The English Teaching Assistantship in Germany seemed perfect for me because not only would I get to improve professionally as a teacher, but I would also gain experience in both the German language and culture that I can impart to my future students," Blevins said.

While an undergraduate, Blevins served in the Department of Foreign Languages as a tutor for both Spanish and German. Additionally, he helped create the Spark Initiative in Florence which teaches German to middle school students.

"Brandon is the ideal Fulbright candidate," said Dr. Matt Price, Director of the Center for Premier Awards and Scholarly Engagement. "He has a passion for language, culture, and he is interested in helping his community learn the values of cross-cultural dialogue."

Blevins is the 12th UNA student to receive a Fulbright since 2017 and the second to be awarded in Germany. He is grateful to UNA, but especially to the Department of Foreign Languages, for supporting him throughout his academic career.

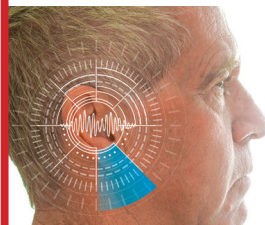
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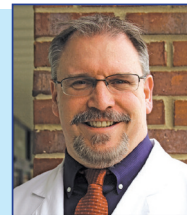


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North Alabama Christian Children's Home, located at 6372 County Road 63, Florence will host its 3rd Annual Drive thru and Take-Out Benefit Dinner on Saturday, June 11 (rain or shine) from 2-5pm. Pop's BBQ will cater the meal, consisting of either Smoked Chicken or Pulled Pork, baked beans, potato salad, a roll, chips, a SAMS cookie, and bottled water. The meal is free, but donations to the home are always greatly appreciated.

Those who desire to participate must put in their order by **Tuesday, June 7**, in order for time to be given to order the food, etc. Folks can call in their order, giving their name and what plate(s) they want to 256-757-4212 (office), or 256-426-0464, or 256-366-3327.

The Valdosta Community Reunion will take place at 11am on Saturday, June 11 at Southland Stephano's, 1309 South Jackson Highway in Sheffield. If you or any of your family grew up in Valdosta, we would love for you to come out and enjoy the food, fun, and fellowship. It was cancelled the last two years due to Covid. For more information, contact Penny at 256-856-0835.

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Homecoming for Pisgah United Methodist Church, 3401 Co. Rd. 9, Florence, will be Sunday, June 12. Service will be at 11am, no dinner.

Homecoming & Decoration at Rhodesville United Methodist Church on Sunday, June 12. 10am - Singing - The Family Singers. 11am - Preaching - Brother Mike Bevis. 12pm - Lunch - let us enjoy a fellowship in a meal, (everyone bring a dish).

Join us for Homecoming and Praising the Lord. Everyone join us in celebrating Rhodesville United Methodist Church and our Blessing from the Lord.

Homecoming and Gospel Meeting at Pine Hill Church of Christ located on County Road 10, Waterloo on June 12-15 with speaker Keith Parker. Sunday Bible Study 9am, Worship 10am. Meal after morning service. Sunday evening service 1pm. Monday - Wednesday evening at 7pm. Everyone welcome.

You are invited to a Gospel Meeting June 12-15 with David Conley at Frankfort Road Church of Christ, located at 8170 Frankfort Rd in Tuscumbia.

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Speaking The *Truth* In Love
Ephesians 4:15

Who Is In Control Of Your Life?

The word "control" is defined as "power to influence or direct people's behavior; supervise; exercise restraining or directing influence over; cause a person to do what you want."

The supervisor, plant manager or CEO is in CONTROL on the job. The teacher, principal, superintendent or Board of Education is in control of the school system. The police officer, court judge, or those who make the laws of the land are in control of many aspects of our lives. Someone is in control!

Who is in CONTROL of your home? God designed the home to be overseen, guided, shaped by the parents (Ephesians 6:1-4). Children are not to be in control because they are unable able to make wise decisions to major issues at such an early age.

Who is in CONTROL of your spiritual life? To whom do you yield yourselves is the question posed by the apostle Paul (Romans 6:13, 16).



Man is NOT in CONTROL of his life to the point of being able to determine what is right and wrong (Proverbs 14:12; Jeremiah 10:23). Oh yes, we know we have the freedom to do as we choose, but if we chose unwisely, contrary to what God has commanded, then we will suffer consequence (Romans 6:23; Number 32:23; Galatians 6:6-9).

Consider the facts stated in Romans 14:11 and Philippians 2:11, where we learn that ALL will one day bow before Jehovah and their tongues will confess Him. The reality is simple, you will yield to the control of JESUS either now or in judgment. Tragically, if we wait until judgment to confess Him as Lord and Master, it will be too late!

In the long ago, Jehovah made it clear that HE was in control, the sovereign Lord. There were to be NO other gods before Him (Exodus 20). He is the ONE and ONLY God to whom we must acknowledge and bow before Him.

Know God. Love God with all your heart, mind, body and soul (Luke 10:27). Give your all to Him. Bow before, render genuine praise to Him - He is in control of all.



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

Questions, comments, or criticisms are welcomed. Responses may be sent to:
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I just did two of my favorite things. I saved money, and I cut back on waste! During the summer months, my foundation make-up color changes due to sun exposure. Rather than buy new foundation that I will only use a short time, I bought a small tube of foundation from a dollar store that is two shades darker than my normal color. I use a tiny amount of the darker shade with my regular color on my application sponge, and I have a new "summer" look without a huge expense. *WE in New York*

AFFORDABLE WALL DECOR

I have a beach house in Gloucester, MA that needed decorating. The wall over the sofa was a large, bare area. I solved the problem by going online, printing several 8" X 11" photos, and putting them in matching frames that I bought for \$1 each at a local dollar store. Everyone who comes into the house loves the pictures, which are of local scenes, such as the famous Fisherman's Statue, Hammond Castle, etc. G.

SAVE THE NAIL CLIPPERS

We have been using the foil wrappers off our dark chocolate candies to keep our nail clippers sharp. Just clip the foil, and it will help keep them sharp and lasting longer. *Kim W.*

LESS EXPENSIVE BIRD BATHS

Since bird baths can be quite expensive, we are using large pot saucers instead. We bought metal plant stands to raise the saucers off the ground. We have three on stands and one on the ground. We attract a lot of birds, and the one on the ground is perfect for passing cats and the bunnies that live down our back slope. *Emy in Granada Hills*

PAINTBRUSH PROTECTION

When I clean my paintbrushes, I always store them handle side down. Because I store them this way, any paint left in the bristles will drain down on the handle instead of staying in the body of the brush. *Dwayne*

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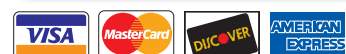
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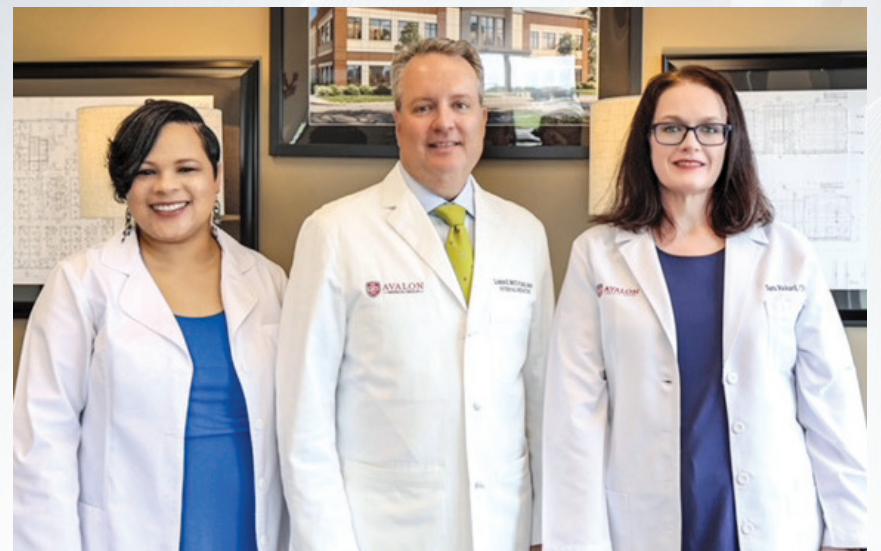


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 5:30-7pm Brooks High School

Tuesday, June 14

3-3:45pm Waterloo High School
 4-4:45pm Wright Pentecostal Church
 5-5:30pm Gravely Springs
 5:45-6:30pm Oakland Methodist Church
 6:45-7:45pm Threats Crossroads/Liberty Baptist Ch.

Thursday, June 16

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 4:15-5:15pm Grassy Baptist Church
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 6:45-7:45pm Lauderdale Co. High School

Friday, June 17

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 4:30-5:30pm Lone Cedar Church
 5:45-6:30pm Mt. Zion Church
 6:45-8pm St. Florian Park

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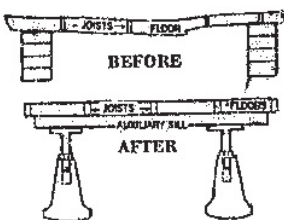
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Careful examination of Deuteronomy 27:15 thru Deuteronomy 28:20, reveal the world is weighed in the balances and found wanting. What's the answer? Confessing and forsaking sin. God remembers sin. Nothing escapes His Word or eyes which are past finding out. Only one nation will escape: **Jeremiah 30:11** "For I am with thee (ISRAEL), saith the LORD, to save thee: though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished." The curse is not taken away until: **Revelation 22:3a** "And there shall be no more curse:" Nations that slaughtered and abused Israel have suffered greatly with much more to come. I.E. Ukraine and others. Check history. God remembers. Study: **Revelation 18:5** "For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities." CHECK OUT WHO THIS HER IS. Sure, this is rough, but we're in real trouble. We must reap what we've sown. Ignoring Old Testament and history doesn't irradicate upcoming judgments.

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By Lucie Winborne

- **Boston College has a policy allowing employees' children to attend for free once they've been accepted.** One janitor's five children all made it in, saving the family almost \$700,000 in tuition costs.

- **At some point, you have probably promised someone you'd "be there in a jiffy," but did you know that's an actual unit of time? 1/100th of a second, to be precise.**

- **Bob Ross, known for his TV show "The Joy of Painting," received up to 200 fan letters per day. If regular correspondents failed to keep in touch, he would phone them to make sure they were all right.**

- **The numbers on a roulette wheel, when added together, sum up to 666.**

- **The Eco Gym in Rochester, New York, uses cardio equipment that harvests energy from members' workouts as a means of reducing energy costs. Savings are passed on to the members as an incentive to keep coming back for regular exercise.**

- **Women's fashion changed with the invention of cars, when skirts in the 1900s were shortened to allow women to step into automobiles with more ease.**

- **The "XXX" that is often used to signify "poison" originated from moonshiners, indicating that their alcohol had been run through the still three times and was now pure and strong.**

- **In Sweden, millennials are known as the "Curling Generation," after the sport in which teammates sweep the ice in front of their stone to guide it, in**

the same manner as parents of millennials have swept away obstacles from their children's paths.

- **Since snowflakes fall at about the rate of 1.5 mph, every one you see has traveled from 45-60 minutes to reach the ground.**

Thought for the Day: "Experience without theory is blind, but theory without experience is mere intellectual play." -- Immanuel Kant

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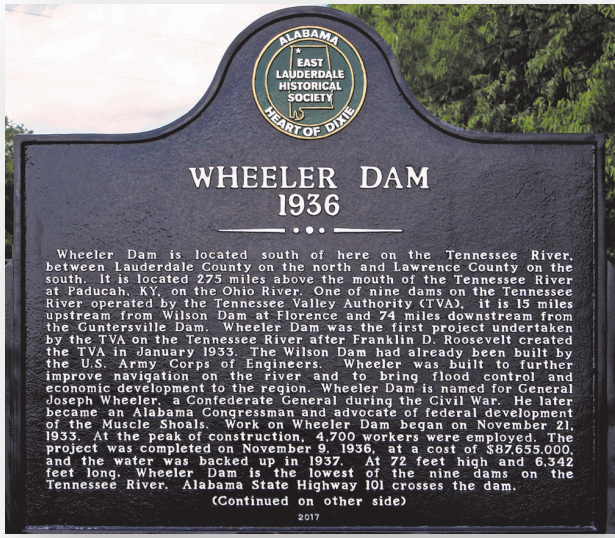
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Letters...

Cloaked White Supremacist

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or interest in the woman or her child. Conservatives also oppose the state acting as a surrogate father or caregiver to children of victims of unjust government criminal codes that force wives, daughters, and sisters to carry a child to full term.

Conservative politicians have demonstrated they are willing to rig state elections to gain and maintain power, blackmail Ukraine, solicit Russia to undermine the U.S. political process. Our former President a toady of Putin, tried to undermine NATO relationships by sowing discord with U.S. Allies, abandoning Kurd allies in Syria to be slaughtered by Russian and Turkish and Syrian forces, reestablishing Taliban in Afghanistan and negotiated a withdrawal date for troops, an unscrupulous overthrow of the U.S. government based on a big lie, and invasion of congress to reverse the election of Joe Biden as Trump asserts he did not lose the election, as it was rigged.

Mr. Magazzu, I have always viewed the White Supremacy embodied in your editorials as racist propaganda that targets the dominant white caste. Your editorials are cloaked by your clever manipulation of a populace steeped in white supremacy. White supremacy keeps its power

in America because it is so common it is perceived as normal, neutral, traditional, and never truly acknowledged as racist. It is the foundation on which this nation was built and challenged only by abolitionist and the civil war and reconstruction era and the civil rights movement era. Reconstruction era ended brutally for freed men and suppression of freedmen by Supreme Court approval of separate but equal doctrine legalized segregation in private, state, and federal government.

Civil Rights movement after WWII stymied segregation and white supremacy, but its successes are being systematically rolled back by white supremacy and the Supreme Court.

You and other conservatives support banishing books that address alleged harmful philosophy of Critical Race Theory which is another racist trope. You have personally encouraged weak-minded white racist to attack Black Lives Matter protesters and you post editorials in the Courier Journal of right-wing pseudo intellectuals who support your devious conservative perspectives that I perceive as race baiting to suit your targeted audience.

Additionally, Mr. Magazzu, your comments on "states' rights" are antithetical to national unity and "states' rights" is the same pseudo-justification used to justify secession of antebellum Confederate

States from the United States. It is presently the pseudo anthem of the white racists that support overthrow of the United States Government while "Making America Great Again" by pledging allegiance, like sycophants, to idiocy and pompousness of an inglorious past president.

James E. Bankston
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Merrill Hides Voting Issues

Editor:

Alabama Secretary of State John Merrill recently did an interview on WVNN's "The Yaffee Program", and was asked about the lawsuit Mike Lindell has filed against his office over concerns about the electronic voting machines used in Alabama elections and our voter registration rolls. Lindell had purchased Alabama voter registration data and has examined it.


John Merrill dismisses Lindell's entire list of questionable registrations during the interview by highlighting one category that he claims Lindell misinterpreted. But he fails to mention any of the categories that are more difficult to dismiss, like 3328 people who are more than 100 years old, or 842 college students who supposedly reside in dorms that can only accommodate 250 people.

Merrill also attempts to

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For information, email debbiec2414@aol.com.

Nitrate City Volunteer Fire department will have a special open business session June 16 at 7pm for the purpose of amending some out-dated By-Laws. Public input is welcomed.

The Shoals Writers Guild will host its second grief-related forum on Thursday, June 16 at 5:30pm, at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library. Verlee Young, a newcomer to the Shoals with a degree in Counseling from Southern Mississippi University will be the guest speaker.

Young's counseling practice focuses on Motherloss, having lost her own mother when she was teenager. Young will be speaking on "Losing a Parent." Please join us. For more information email: Shoalswritersguild@gmail.com.

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Muscle Shoals Music: Songwriters in the Round, June 16 at Champy's, 120 E 2nd St, Muscle Shoals.

The Muscle Shoals Chapter of the TVA Retirees Association will have their 20th Annual Picnic and Health Fair Thursday, June 16, at the Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum in Florence. The cost is \$12 and it must be mailed no later than May 28 to John Blackwell, TVARA, MPB 1C-M, PO Box 1010, Muscle Shoals, AL 35662-1010.

The Phil Campbell Hoedown will be June 17-18 in downtown Phil Campbell.

The Deshler High School class of 1972 is having a 50th Reunion on June 18. An effort is being made to reach all classmates. For info call Matt Kirkland at 256-280-1487.

Divorce Care is a weekly seminar and support group that will help you heal. Join on Tuesdays, 6-8pm, supper at 5:30pm, at Highland Baptist Church Christian Life Center, Room C101, corner of Martin and Eugenia St, Florence.
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The Sheffield Parks and Recreation Department is taking registration for summer swim lessons. The lessons will be given in June and July. Classes are limited. Visit the center or call 256-386-5615.

Want to see your Event here? Email your information to Editor@CourierJournal.net.

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I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU A PROPOSAL THAT I'VE BEEN PONDERING. I don't expect to change the world, but I think this is a cool thought experiment for you to ponder.

Misinformation and disinformation on the internet are a direct threat to our democracy. It has eroded the very bedrock of democracy, our elections, to a dangerous level. Over one million Americans have died since the pandemic began. It is estimated that about half of those were the result of bad information concerning the safety of vaccines. Some like to blame all this on one US president or another despite the evidence



Jim Fisher

A MODEST DISINFORMATION PROPOSAL

by "The Computer Skeptic"

of all this being a worldwide phenomenon. My hero Thomas Jefferson wrote long ago, "An informed citizenry is at the heart of a dynamic democracy" and this holds true hundreds of years later. The American democratic experiment—from who gets elected to policies that do and do not get passed—is premised in no small part on the notion of an informed citizenry. Americans are more informed than ever before—but badly. To top it all off, disinformation has been weaponized by China and Russia in an attempt to keep us divided—and they are winning! So I have a proposition:

How about we, the people, appoint a board of experts in cyber-security, civil rights, and constitutional law. They would have no power except to provide guidance on how disparate government institutions should cooperate to combat disinformation. Their prime directive is to perform this work in a way that protects Americans' freedom of speech, civil rights, civil liberties, and privacy. This board will serve strictly in an advisory capacity and hold no power of enforcement. This board of advisors would necessarily be transparent, their operations open to the public. The board

would, for example, coordinate efforts between the FBI and Border Patrol to combat the dumb stuff from Qanon regarding children being sold on furniture websites (true story!). I'd call this a "Disinformation Governance Board." Isn't that a great idea?

I wish I could take credit for such a brilliant idea but the truth is that the Disinformation Governance Board was developed under the Trump administration and continued under the Biden administration. This board was going to be part of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and was officially announced in early May, then promptly "suspended."

The announcement was a bit premature because all the details of how they would operate weren't ironed out yet when they announced the formation of the board. Hilarity ensued.


The very name has an Orwellian stench that journalists latched onto immediately. The director of the board resigned because of threats of harm from extremists. Congress critters claimed the board was a "censorship board." Conspiracies sprouted from conspiracies and, in short, the implementation of an agency to help fight disinformation was defeated by disinformation. Isn't that funny? Maybe the next administration will make a better attempt at reigning in the craziness but, until then, it's gonna be a wild ride.

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The obvious question is "how much will these screenings cost me?" Your Medicare and You Handbook states, "You pay nothing for most preventive services if you get the service from a doctor or other qualified health care provider that accepts Medicare assignment." If you have employer insurance or a Medicare Advantage Plan your costs may be different so contact your benefit coordinator or plan for your cost.

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Guest Commentary - Justin Bogie

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out strongly in favor of implementing a full-scale school choice program in Alabama.

If you don't follow state government closely, all you would have learned about Kay Ivey over the past few months is that she supported Donald Trump, pities Joe Biden, and always carries a handgun with her. Apparently, that's enough to win a gubernatorial election in Alabama if you're an incumbent.

The only real accomplishment that she mentioned during her primary campaign was Alabama having the lowest unemployment rate

in state history. Alabama's economy was able to quickly bounce back from the COVID-19 pandemic because of fewer business restrictions than other states.

What didn't Gov. Ivey talk about in her acceptance speech and throughout the campaign?

She failed to mention that she oversaw the biggest expansion of state government in Alabama's history, faster than California or New York, since 2019. She didn't talk about the fact that Alabama took more taxes from citizens than ever in 2021. She presented no plans to take less money from you in the future.

She offered no policy agenda to move Alabama's schools from the bottom of

national rankings.

Ivey didn't tout the \$.10 gas tax increase that she spearheaded in 2019, nor did she pledge to provide citizens with relief from record gas prices that now average \$4.30 per gallon. In fact, she said she opposed freezing any portion of the gas tax.

While touting Alabama's low unemployment rate, she failed to mention that mandates from state government put many employers out of business, some temporarily and some permanently.

If given free rein, another four years of Gov. Ivey will likely mean more taxes from you to pay for bigger government and fewer individual freedoms that Alabamians hold so dear. Given that her biggest regret from the recent legislative session was that gambling legislation did not pass, it also means that Alabama's gambling debate will rage once again.

The good news is that although Kay Ivey will almost certainly remain governor, there will be many new faces in the Alabama Legislature. In the Alabama Senate, five incumbents didn't seek reelection. Seven Republicans faced primary challengers, and as of Wednesday morning, one of those incumbents was trailing, though the outcome likely won't be known for several days.

There will be even more turnover in the House of Representatives where there were 21 open seats and nearly two dozen

primary challengers. As of Wednesday, seven incumbents had lost their reelection bids, and three more faced runoff elections. Of the six Republican incumbents that lost on Tuesday, four were ranked in the bottom third of the Alabama Policy Institute's 2022 Policy Maker Scorecard.

For the Republican incumbents who lost or still face a runoff, maybe it is because their constituents realized that the conservative principles that they campaigned on four years ago did not align with their actions in Montgomery.

If the Republican primary winners stick to their campaign pledges, it will mean a more conservative legislature than what Alabamians saw over the past four years. We should expect the record expansion of state spending to slow. There should be real tax relief in sight for Alabamians as so many states around the country have already done. Parents and students should finally have more choice over where they can go to school and receive an education that best suits their individual needs.

It should also mean an end to the near-total control that Gov. Ivey has wielded over the legislature for the past five years.

However, that's only if the primary winners stick to their promises. It is up to us to make sure they do.

Justin Bogie is the Senior Director of Fiscal Policy for the Alabama Policy Institute.

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through competitive, integrated employment. Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey looks forward to hearing more stories of those who have benefited from these opportunities. "As always, it is important to recognize the achievements of our hardworking Alabamians – especially those with disabilities," she said. "Not only have these individuals overcome

their own challenges, but they have excelled in their line of work and have made major contributions to their industries. I am proud of our business communities for fostering inclusive environments and assisting individuals with disabilities to reach their fullest potential. We look forward to reviewing all the nominations that are sent in."

This year the awards event will be held in person during the Alabama Statewide Workforce Conference on Sept. 7-9 at the Birmingham Hyatt (formerly the Wynfrey).

Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services Commissioner Jane Elizabeth Burdeshaw knows that there are many success stories in Alabama and encourages everyone to submit their nominations as soon as possible.

"By nominating the successful consumers and employers you know, you're helping others realize what an asset people with disabilities are to growing Alabama's economy," she said. "The award winners truly represent the blueprint of our department and our mission: to enable Alabama's children and adults with disabilities to achieve their maximum potential."

The Alabama Governor's Committee is seeking nominations for the following awards:

- Employee of the Year – Large Business
- Employee of the Year – Small Business
- Employer of the Year – Large Business
- Employer of the Year – Small Business
- Public Service Award
- Student of the Year Award

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from The History Channel

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Pershing's force at Carrizal, Mexico. The Americans suffered 22 casualties, and more than 30 Mexicans were killed.

• On June 25, 1942, Gen. Dwight Eisenhower becomes commander of all U.S. troops in the European theater of World War II. He would be appointed Supreme Allied Commander of all forces in Europe in 1943. "Ike" would later become America's 34th president.

• On June 26, 1807, lightning hits a gunpowder factory in Luxembourg, killing more than 300 people. When lightning struck the underground armory, two entire blocks were leveled by the blast.

• On June 24, 1953, Jacqueline Bouvier and Massachusetts

• On June 21, 1916, the controversial U.S. military expedition against Mexican revolutionary Pancho Villa brings the U.S. and Mexico close to war when Mexican troops attack U.S. Gen. John J.

Sen. John F. Kennedy publicly announce their engagement. Kennedy gave her a 2.88-carat diamond-and-emerald ring. He went on to become the 35th president and Jackie became one of the most popular first ladies ever.

• On June 22, 1964, Dan Brown, author of the "The Da Vinci Code," is born in New Hampshire. Brown's bestselling novels are known for symbols, conspiracies and secret societies.

• On June 23, 1992, Mafia boss John Gotti, nicknamed the "Teflon Don," is sentenced to life in prison. Moments later, hundreds of Gotti's supporters stormed the federal courthouse in Brooklyn and overturned and smashed cars before being forced back by police reinforcements.

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1. Winnie-the-Pooh pal: Baby —.
2. Away, scat, you chickens!
3. Eskimo snow house.
4. Skin-deep body design.
5. Produce used to cleanse hair, prevent dandruff, etc.
6. Screechy, crested member of the parrot family.

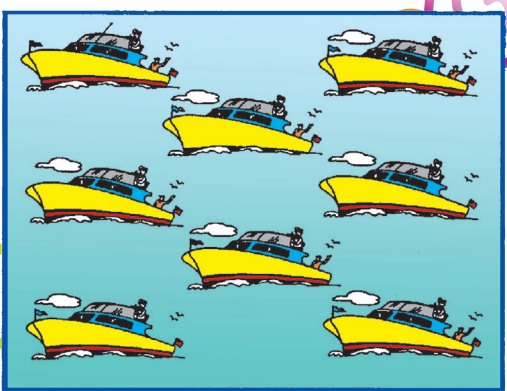
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SENSES TAKER! Add a sense — sight, hearing, touch, smell, or taste — to each sentence. 1. We play — football. 2. I — trouble. 3. She dresses in good —. 4. The judge held a —. 5. We bought the item — unseen.

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Hint: You gain two feet in each five-second period.
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Soap Opera Preview

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL Eric tried to manage his entanglement with Donna while married to Quinn. Brooke surprised Ridge with a late-night visit and a plea to reunite. Eric made a surprising decision about Donna and Quinn. Brooke and Ridge agreed on the terms for his return. Deacon and Hope pleaded with Brooke to consider their feelings. Bill couldn't help himself when Ridge declared the subject of Brooke off-limits. In prison, Sheila broke down when Li confronted her for being evil. *Wait to See: Paris intercepts a meddling Grace as she's giving false hope to*

Zende. Carter kisses Paris, who is stunned but happy about Carter's sudden change of heart. Grace files a formal complaint with Ridge about Carter's harassment of Paris.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES EJ urged Johnny to fight for Chanel. Will gave Allie advice about her love life. Sonny accused Leo of drugging him. Jan lashed out at Marlena. Belle and John got into an argument about EJ. Lucas and EJ came to blows. Allie and Johnny pressed Chanel for an answer. Abigail closed in on the truth. EJ had a revealing dream about Belle. Thomas discovered Leo hiding in the DiMera

mansion. Lucas let Roman in on a secret. Abigail and Gwen had a heated exchange. Jan's first therapy session with Marlena came to an abrupt halt. Shawn confronted EJ and Belle. Clyde tried to recruit Lucas. Chad made a horrifying discovery. *Wait to See: A desperate Lucas feels the walls closing in. Sarah rips into Gwen. Shawn and Jan fear for their baby's life.*

GENERAL HOSPITAL Ned and Olivia proudly watched Leo bond with his horse until Valentin stopped by with an offering. Portia happily greeted returning Curtis, Stella and Marshall, who finally revealed the truth. Terry counseled a drained TJ. Brando made an offer to Sonny. Ned had a counter proposal for Michael. Carly pressed Drew about helping save ELQ. Brad and Obrecht staged an intervention for Britt. Marshall explained

his past to Curtis. Sasha received an upsetting delivery. Selina raised a concern to Sonny. Sam had an update for Carly. Brando feared for Sasha's well-being. Ava wondered what Nikolas was thinking about. Spencer asked Esme about living at Wyndemere. Epiphany reconnected with Marshall. *Wait to See: Ava accuses Spencer of still having feelings for Trina. Felicia and Mac unexpectedly cross with Ryan. Curtis confides in Portia.*

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Victor forced Ashland out of town. Adam planned his

revenge. Diane drove a wedge between Jack and Phyllis. Victor and Nikki challenged Victoria's decision-making. Diane empathized with Ashland. Summer and Kyle turned to Jack for guidance. Victoria asserted her independence. Nick confided in Sharon. Victor made a promise to Victoria. Victor took matters into his own hands. Chelsea made an unexpected ally. Lily lost patience with Billy. *Wait to See: Victor and Nikki make a painful decision. Elena sizes up the competition. Devon prepares to start a new chapter.*

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Dear Savvy Senior,
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Looking for Mom

Dear Looking,

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What is Adaptive Clothing?

Adaptive clothing is specially designed garments for people with mobility issues, disabilities and cognitive challenges who have a difficult time getting dressed. This type of clothing incorporates discreet design features to make dressing and undressing easier, while still having the outward appearance of typical clothing.

Depending on your mom's needs, here are some of the many different types of adaptive clothing options that could help.

For self-dressing seniors who suffer from Parkinson's or other disabilities that affect dexterity, there are pants, shirts, dresses and outerwear made with Velcro or magnetic closures instead of buttons and zippers, which are much easier to fasten and unfasten. But be aware that magnetic closures are not suitable for those who have pacemakers.

For those who are disabled or who have limited range of motion and need assistance dressing, there are adaptive pants with zippers or snaps on both sides of the pants that are easier to pull on. And a wide range of rear closure shirts, tops and dresses with Velcro or snap fasteners in the back for those who can't raise their arms over their head.

For wheelchair users there are higher back and elastic waistband pants that don't slip down, as well as pants with fabric overlaps at the seat to allow for easier toileting access.

For people with tactile sensitivity, there are garments you can purchase that have soft and stretchy fabrics without tags and are sewn with flat seams to help preventing chafing.

And for seniors with Alzheimer's disease there are one-piece jumpsuits that have a back-zipper access to prevent the wearer from disrobing inappropriately.

Where to Shop?

Because each person's dressing needs and style is so specific, finding appropriate adaptive clothing can be difficult.

Recently, mainstream clothing stores like JCPenney (jcpenny.com), Target (target.com) and Tommy Hilfinger (usa.tommy.com) have started offering a line of adaptive clothing for adults that combines fashion and functionality, but their instore options are limited. To get a bigger selection, visit the store's website and type in "adaptive clothing" in their search engine.

You can also find a large selection at online stores that specialize in adaptive clothing like Buck & Buck (buckandbuck.com) and Silverts (silverts.com). Both of these companies have been selling adaptive clothing for decades and offer a wide variety of garments to accommodate almost any need, condition or style, for independent self-dressers and for those who need help.

Some other adaptive clothing sites you should visit include Joe & Bella (joeandbella.com), Ovidis (ovidis.com), and IZ Adaptive (izadaptive.com), which sells clothing primarily designed for wheelchair users.

And, if your mom is in need of adaptive footwear, Velcro fastening shoes (instead of shoelaces) have long been a popular option and can be found in most local shoe stores.

Some other new lines of adaptive shoes that may interest her include Kiziks (kizik.com) and Zeba (zeshoes.com), which make fashionable sneakers and comfortable walking shoes that just slip on, hands-free, along with Billy Footwear (billyfootwear.com) and Friendly Shoes (friendlyshoes.com), which makes uniquely designed zip-on shoes.

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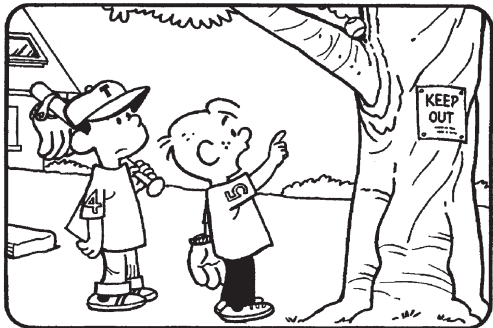
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Root panel is missing. 2. Glove is missing. 3. Shirt is different. 4. Number is different. 5. Arm is moved. 6. Sign is missing.

Letters...

Merrill Hides Voting Issues

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assure listeners that the machines cannot transfer data via the internet, saying they don't have any "electronic transfer of data." He defends the use of electronics by comparing Russian elections where he said he "saw" ballot stuffing taking place when doing hand counts. Unwittingly, he has made a good argument against using electronics in elections. You can "see" ballot stuffing when it is done by hand. You can't "see" it when it is done electronically, making it easier to cheat!

Regardless of whether or not the equipment is communicating via the internet, it has replaced observable vote counting with unobservable vote counting, making it impossible for local poll watchers and poll workers to do their jobs. Merrill arrogantly makes the claim, "There is nothing we could do different or better than we are currently doing."

Mike Lindell has shown how easy it would be to clean up our voter rolls. For some reason, John Merrill is not interested in doing that, and prefers to dismiss the evidence, claiming he has already done that. Why?

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