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Pain into Action

By Lisa Singleton-Rickman
Times Daily Staff Writer
Initially published October 19

FLORENCE — The Lion Recovery Program at the University of North Alabama for students struggling with drug or alcohol dependency recently got a boost from a local couple on a mission to help others overcome addiction. Jim and Tammy Fisher's \$5,000 donation

Fishers Are Leading the Fight in Connor's Absence

to the counseling program was deeply personal. Their son, Connor, died of a drug overdose in January. He was 28. "A couple of weeks after Connor's death, Tammy and I started thinking about how we could reach out and help



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Connor Fisher, at right, had plans to open a recovery clinic of his own to help others navigate through addiction. Courtesy



A Write-In Vote for Kimberly Butler

November 8 is Your Last Chance to Take Back State House District 2

We are all hearing the voices of concern for the current state of our election process. Only 23% of registered voters took the time to vote in the last election. Men and women have died for this right, and yet, we throw it away. Why? It seems we have lost faith in the system. In this climate, it's imperative that we revive this faith.

Having our leaders know about mistakes AND not take EVERY step to fix the problem could be the final

blow to our faith in the election process. What we know is that 67 people in Lauderdale County were given the wrong ballot in the May primary. In this race, Kimberly Butler missed the runoff by ONLY 14 votes, and she has 42 signed affidavits from these voters stating that they would have voted for her had they received the correct ballot. These numbers show that the outcome of the election, which allowed Ben Harrison and Jason Black to advance to

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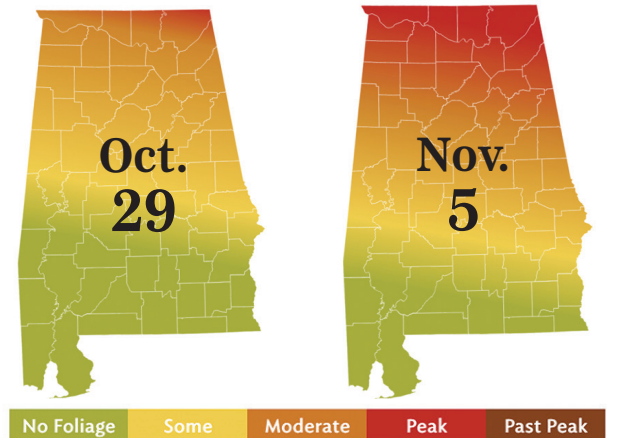
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Fall is a Patchwork Quilt of Colors

Alabama is beautiful throughout the year but especially in the fall. As the greens of summer surrender to glittering yellow poplars, scarlet dogwoods, orange maples and golden hickories, Alabama unfolds its patchwork quilt of color. This blend of brilliant autumn foliage, coupled with cooler temperatures and an occasional gentle breeze, makes for an unforgettable experience. Fall colors will begin showing in the mountains of North Alabama in early October and then sweep across the region. Colors will be at their peak from late October to early November.

At Oak Mountain State Park in Pelham, take in the view from Peavine Overlook and Peavine Falls. Head north to Oneonta/Blount County and enjoy the color from Horton Mill, Old Easley or Swann covered bridges and Palisades Park. Take the drive on I-59 up Whitney Mountain near Oneonta, and proceed up U.S. 231. The Ave



This charts show the projected progress of the fall foliage colors during the traditional peak times of late October and early November in North Alabama.

Alabama Dept of Tourism

Maria Grotto and the 277-foot-long, 90-foot-high Clarkson Covered Bridge offer excellent views in Cullman/Cullman County, as do scenic drives U.S. 31 and 278. From Bankhead National Forest, take AL 195 to Double Springs, to AL 33, then take Forest Service roads 249, 262, 245 and 255 to CO 63 and back to AL 33.

Developed from a network of Indian trails between Natchez, Miss., and Nashville, Tenn., the Natchez Trace cuts diagonally across the northwestern corner of the state. Road work currently prohibits access between Highway 20 in Lauderdale Co. and US 72 in Colbert Co. However, the scenery on either side can be magnificent. Head to Joe Wheeler State Park in Rogersville and admire the view from the Joe Wheeler Dam near the cabin area on the Lawrence County side. After leaving U.S. 72, take a four-mile scenic drive into the park's resort area on the Lauderdale County side. In Huntsville, Monte Sano State Park offers beautiful foliage on Warpath Ridge Trail and its overlooks. Take scenic drives U.S. 72 out of Scottsboro and U.S.

431 out of Guntersville. A recommended viewing spot in Scottsboro/Jackson County is Russell Cave National Monument. Scenic drives: AL 79 across Skyline Mountain, AL 279, AL 65 through the Paint Rock River Valley, and U.S. 72.

See Lake Guntersville State Park from the lodge atop the mountain, then take AL 227 through the park and into Buck's Pocket State Park and nearby DeKalb and Etowah counties. In Gadsden/Etowah County (10), Nocalula Falls Park provides a bounty of fall color, as do drives on US 278, 11 and 411. Head to Ft. Payne and check out DeSoto State Park and Lodge, DeSoto Falls, and Little River Canyon.

Lookout Mountain Parkway, DeSoto Parkway, and Old DeSoto Parkway provide lovely views. AL 176 includes scenic overlooks of Little River Canyon. Cheaha State Park is the highest point in the state at 2,407 feet above sea level. Enjoy fall color from Bald Rock and Pulpit Rock trails as well as Talladega Scenic Drive, Skyline Drive, and Skyway Motorway.

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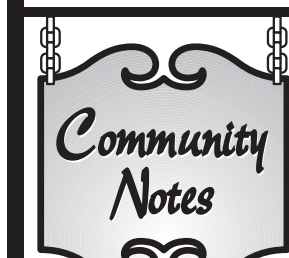
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Trinity Episcopal Children's Ministry Halloween Bash on Wednesday, October 26 from 4-6:30pm in the church park located at 410 North Pine St., Florence. Dinner will be served 5-6pm. There will be pumpkin painting, games, and other activities. The event is free, but organizers ask attendants to register at Eventbrite so they know how many to prepare for. For information, visit Trinity's Halloween Bash event page on Facebook.

York Bluff Baptist Church Trunk-or-Treat will be on Wednesday, October 26 from 6-8pm. This is a drive thru event, with the line beginning at the corner of 4th Street and Atlanta Avenue in Sheffield. For more information, visit the York Bluff Baptist Church on Facebook.

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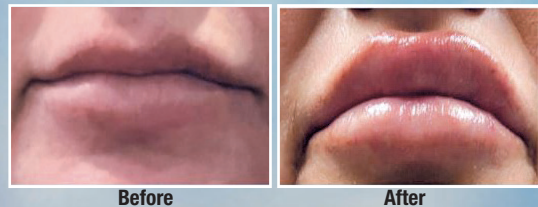
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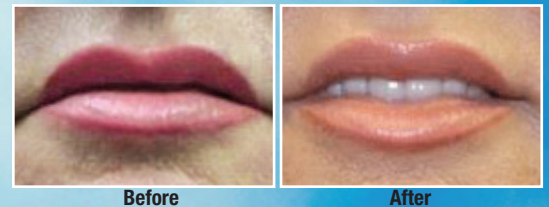
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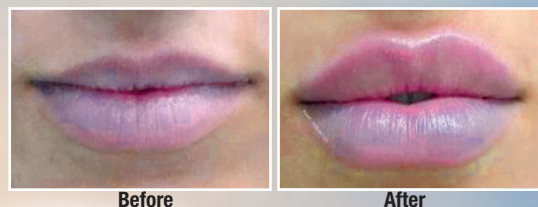
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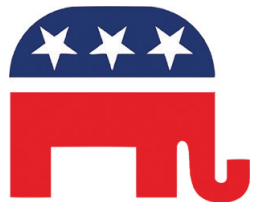
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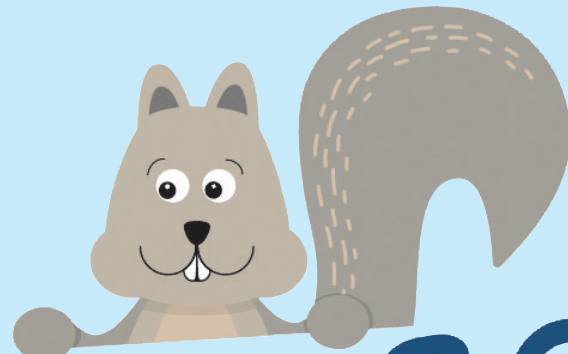
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In the epistle of James, the inspired author makes the following statement in chapter one, verse 17, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

One of the gifts God has given to mankind is an unchangeable message. In the book of Jude, verse 3, we find this statement, "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once for all delivered unto the saints."

One translation renders the latter part of that verse, "once and for all time." Jesus came into our world to reveal God's truth and as the author of truth does not change (Hebrews 13:8), neither will the message He delivered change.

The liberating impact of that truth is just as effective today as it was in the first century. John 8:32 states, "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." The TRUTH of the message has not changed. In Romans 1:16, the Apostle Paul said that the gospel was the power of God unto salvation to all who accept and obey that message. If every reader of this article will resolve to stand upon God's unchanging Word, rest assured you will never fall into error! Further, be comforted to "know" that a mansion awaits you after this brief sojourn on earth.



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Forever Wild Meets Nov. 3

TUSCALOOSA-The Board of Trustees of the Alabama Forever Wild Land Trust will hold its fourth quarterly meeting of 2022 at 10am Thursday, November 3, at the Bryant Conference Center, at 240 Paul W. Bryant Drive, in Tuscaloosa.

Updates on Forever Wild program activities and tract assessments will be presented. This meeting will also provide an opportunity for any individual who would like to make comments concerning the program to address the board.

The public is invited to attend this meeting and is encouraged to submit nominations of tracts of land for possible Forever Wild program purchase. Written nominations may be submitted by email to Forever.Wild@dcnr.alabama.gov or by letter to the State Lands Division, Room 464, 64 N. Union St., Montgomery, Alabama, 36130. Nominations can also be made online at www.alabamaforeverwild.com/contact/nominate_land_tracts.

RC&D Event in Russellville

RUSSELLVILLE-The Northwest Alabama Resource Conservation and Development Council's annual meeting took place recently in Russellville. State Legislators in attendance included Representatives **Jamie Kiel, Tracy Estes, and Phillip Pettus.**

"Northwest RC&D is a wonderful organization," said Franklin County Extension Coordinator, **Katernia Cole Coffey.** "The meeting was very refreshing. With their dedication and funding efforts, they create solutions to alleviate the unmet needs in Franklin, Colbert, Lauderdale, Marion, and Winston counties. This makes northwest Alabama a better place to live, work and play."

Northwest RC&D Council funded projects across the five-county

region totaling \$413,462, \$219,821 for Education and \$194,181 for State/General. Each county received a total of \$76,800 for the 2022 fiscal year. A total of 62 projects were completed serving 214,338 people in the council area.

Skyler Gill on 2 Watch Lists

FLORENCE - UNA sophomore, **Skyler Gill**, has been placed on a watch list for a pair of women's basketball awards heading into the 2022-23 season. The 5-11 forward was among the 25 players nationally in line for the 2023 **Becky Hammon** Mid-Major Player of the Year Award. She was also the only player from a mid-major team to be among the 20 watch-list candidates for the 2023 **Cheryl Miller** Award.

To be eligible for the Becky Hammon Award, players must compete in one of the 26 conferences deemed to be "mid-major."

The Cheryl Miller Award is named after the three-time Naismith Player of the Year and Class of 1995 Hall of Famer. It annually recognizes the top small forwards in women's



Gill

NCAA Division I basketball. "This is an incredible honor," said UNA women's basketball head coach, **Missy Tiber.** "It shows Sky has earned the respect of coaches around the country in just one season of college basketball. She is the only underclassman on these two prestigious lists and the only non-power 5 player on the Cheryl Miller Award list. Sky is a worker and has put countless hours into her development from last season."

Gill played in 29 games including 22 starts as a true freshman for the Lions last season. She was a member of the ASUN All-Freshman Team, the league's Freshman of the Year, and ASUN Co-Defensive Player of the Year.

Gill is a pre-season ASUN All-Conference

pick for '22-'23, and a favorite pre-season pick for Defensive Player of the Year.

Top 10 Online for Higher Ed

FLORENCE - The University of North Alabama has been named one of the best schools for online higher education in healthcare by EduMed.org. UNA's online programs in the medical field earned top honors for their overall quality, affordability, and commitment to student success.

"We are honored by the prestigious ranking published by EDUMed.org," said Dr. Tera Kirkman, Interim Dean

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Drop-off times will be from 4-6pm on Wednesday, 26, or join us for our monthly free community breakfast on Saturday, October 29. Breakfast is served from 8-9am with donations being collected until 11am. Be sure to check out the Sherrod Avenue Church of Christ Facebook page or contact them at goodsamaritan4Christ@gmail.com

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Saturday, October 29, Noon-6pm - Rick's Farm Market, Muscle Shoals
Sunday, October 30, 11am-4pm - First Baptist Church of Center Star, Killen

Monday, October 31, 1-5pm - BAM, Florence

Tuesday, November 1, 7:30am-4pm - Deshler High School, Tuscumbia
Wednesday, November 2, 7:30am-3:30pm - Central High School, Florence

Hatton Baptist Fall Festival and Trunk-or-Treat beginning at 6pm featuring family games and treats.

Church is located at 2090 Hatton School Road in Leighton.

Visit Hatton Baptist Church on Facebook for information.

Ghost Walk Tour — Tour the downtown Florence haunted historic district at night, starting at Wilson Park. Tours are 7:30pm on October 25-26, October 28-31. Pricing: Adults \$15; ages 7-12 \$10; ages 6 and younger free.

NWSCC Shoals Campus Trunk-or-Treat on Thursday, October 27 starting at 5pm and is open to the public.

Music and Author - Author Robert Bailey will speak at 6:30pm on October 27 at the Sheffield Public Library, 316 Montgomery Ave. Music by Gary Baker at 6pm.

There is space for YOUR EVENT here, and plenty of eyes to read it. Email your information to editor@CourierJournal.net.

The annual Belle Mont Quilt Show will be on display at historic Belle Mont Mansion, 1569 Cook Lane in Tuscumbia, during museum hours 10am - 4pm, Wednesdays - Saturdays, October 5-29. More than 20 antique or vintage quilts will be featured, curated by Glenn Rikard from private collections. Regular admission rates apply.

In addition, a discussion of the quilts with a guided tour of the exhibit will be presented by Glenn Rikard each Friday during October (Oct. 28) at 1pm. Individuals are invited to bring quilts from their private collections for "show and tell." For more information: 256-381-5052 or bellemontmansion@gmail.com. Find info on Facebook or visit https://ahc.alabama.gov.

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Commentary

Departure from Reality Disorder

Society seems to be taking advantage of the opportunity to tag everything as a disorder. Dictionary.com defines disorder as follows: a lack of order or regular arrangement; confusion: an irregularity.

It is most interesting that while no group, situation, or behavior is allowed to be categorized as "normal," many who hold that opinion want to tag almost every human irregularity, shortcoming, or element of quirkiness as being a disorder of one kind or another.

Be assured that I am NOT making light of legitimate medical disorders and maladies that we can have. Everyday feelings are real and have validity. However, every example of sadness is not depression. Every spic 'n span kitchen doesn't represent a case of obsessive-compulsive disorder. And not every example of nervousness walking into a crowded store or noisy stadium represents an anxiety disorder. There is no mandate for therapy and medication in those cases.

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In A Few Words



TOM MAGAZZU
Editor

Courier Journal

in the *Shoals*

THIS WEEK

October 26, 2022

Happening
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Fall Festival #2 Sat. in Ford City

FORD CITY – The 2nd Annual Ford City Fall Festival is set for Saturday, October 29 from 2–7pm in the Foodland Plaza Shopping Center at the corner of River Rd. and County Line Rd.



The event includes Fire Truck Rides, Door Prizes, a Coloring Contest (entry inside this issue), Candy & Treats, a super winner-take-all Ticket Drawing, Bounce Houses, a Slide, and more.

A plate with choice of burger or hot dog, chips, and drink is only \$5. The 2nd Annual EMS Parade gets under way at 2pm, and line-up begins at 1pm where the route begins at Brick School Rd. and River Rd.

Contact Captain Wade Qualls for more information at 256-275-1069

There will be a Trunk or Treat Contest and the Best Candy Display wins a prize.

All proceeds benefit the Brick Hatton Fire & Rescue Department

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Reunion in Loretto

LORETTO—A group of Loretto High graduates is trying to preserve some of the school's history by raising money for restoration of the large class pictures that have hung in the hallways of the school. They are encouraging all former students of all classes of all years and their friends to join them in the school gym for this rare type of

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THERE'S SOMETHING A LITTLE SPOOKY but oh-so-friendly coming to The Shoals Theatre on October 28! 306 BBQ and Southern Hospitality Catering & Events is proud to sponsor the first "Dinner and a Movie" at the historic Shoals Theatre featuring CASPER. You can purchase your tickets online. Visit www.theshoalstheatre.org, go to Events and click on [Casper October 28](#). You will notice that you can also bring your ticket stub to any 306 BBQ or other Southern Hospitality Group family of restaurants and receive some awesome discounts!

UNA HALLOWEEN MOVIE NIGHT II is on Friday, October 28 beginning at 7:30pm the UNA's Contemporary Ensemble will be hosting its "Halloween Movie Night II" concert in Norton Auditorium. Admission is free. Event is open to the public.

AUTUMN IN THE PARK - FLORENCE PARKS & RECREATION is holding an all-day fall festival downtown at Wilson Park on Saturday, October 29 beginning at 9am. Featuring food, games, live music, and a car show from 9am-3pm. A vendor market will be open from 11am-4pm. Beginning at 3pm there will be a Pet Fashion Show, at 6pm a magic show with Steve Trash, and at 7pm a screening of Disney's "Haunted Mansion."



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Your Courier Journal welcomes tastefully presented typed or neatly written letters to be published as space allows. Letters may refer to timely matters of local, state, or national interest or any topic of concern or interest. **Letters must include name, address and phone number for verification.** (Only name and town will be published.) Letters are subject to editing. Please limit letters to 400 words. All letters become the property of the Courier Journal and may not necessarily reflect opinions of the Courier Journal staff, its advertisers, or a majority of readers.

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Are We That Stupid?

Editor:

Remember me telling you that your rights are being toppled by the GOP? Or that they are steadfast in their dogged treachery against the majority of citizens in America?

Ninety six percent of Republicans in congress voted against letting women keep birth control. You don't have time to dillydally. Elections are almost here. Do you understand the gravity of this?

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Right now, they are tearing books salacious or not, except the Bible, from libraries all over.

We might be 50th in education and everything else, but are we really that gullibly stupid?

Go. Look.

Linda Johnson
Florence

Our Election Laws

Letter to the Editor

A person residing in Colbert county recently said they wished they could split their ticket in order to vote for their friend. They select the "Straight Party Voting" option on their ballot, but their friend is a candidate in the opposing party.

I explained that Alabama election laws in the general election allowed for that. The term "cross-over voting" only applies to Primary elections and Primary Run-Off elections.

The Alabama Secretary of State website (sos.alabama.gov/)

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Connor...

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other people in this situation — people who, like Connor, don't want to be sick with addiction," Jim said.

A UNA professor, who knew the Fishers were looking for an opportunity to help, told them about the new program within the school's health services department.

The program creates an environment for students to support and inspire them to change unhealthy life patterns without shame or secrecy, according to Maggie Stutts, a senior mental health counselor.

"Substance abuse does not discriminate," she said. "It doesn't matter your age, race, or gender. Substance abuse and recovery are not topics we shy away from."

The Lion Recovery Program is a resource students have at their disposal to adjust to university life.

Counselors are available for assessment of needs or problems, short-term counseling, group presentations, crisis intervention and facilitation of referrals for students. UNA faculty and staff can also refer students for services.

For the Fishers, the program represents hope for young people who are struggling.

Jim Fisher said his son, an avid outdoorsman who loved his family and friends fiercely, had gone through recovery treatment three times. At the time of his death,

he was well on his way to realizing his dream of starting a recovery program, along with his counselor, for others battling addiction.

"He wanted to open Connors House, a place for others to get free of bad influences," Jim said. "It was to be an 18-month program."

While the Fishers haven't given up on bringing Connor's dream to fruition, they wanted to also do something to help immediately.

"Anyone who has dealt with addiction knows that there's an immediacy factor," he said. "And Connor's House is still very much our dream, too."

The Fisher's donation is the first financial gift to the Lion Recovery Program, though the couple hopes it is one of many to come.

K.C. White, the vice president of student affairs at UNA, said the donation will allow the program to expand its offerings, programs, and resources while focusing support for students who wish to change behaviors including the misuse of substances.

"This is one more way we're able to provide resources to students as they navigate their pathway to their degrees," she said.

Those interested in contributing may visit www.una.edu/give and designate the gift to the Connor House Fund.

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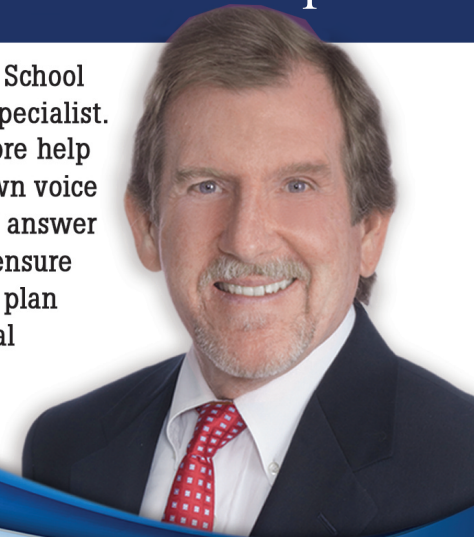
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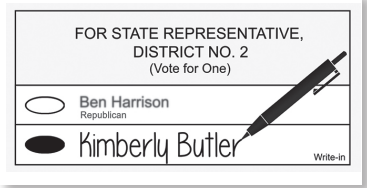
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the runoff, was incorrect and ineffectual in deciding the winner. Butler filed a legal contest with the Alabama Republican Party to challenge the result of the election. The Republican Party denied hearing her contest, without explanation.

Ben Harrison then became the nominee for the Republican party without a legal election process. Denying this challenge without consideration of the evidence gives us an illegitimate Representative for State House District 2.

This mistake in Lauderdale County is the BEST opportunity we have had to prove that our votes matter. Leadership should have bent over backward to correct the mistakes. A swift and effective response to re-run the Primary Runoff between the 2 top candidates, Kimberly Butler and Ben Harrison, would have restored our faith in the process and in our leaders. Instead, they ignored the issues. They ignored you as Butler received the highest number of votes in Lauderdale County for this race.

The Write-In Campaign by Kimberly Butler is the only option we have for taking control and setting things right in this race. We not only can do this, but we SHOULD, and it is easy!

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It only takes 10 seconds to right the wrong. If you care about election integrity, and you want your vote to count, write in Kimberly Butler for House of Representatives District 2 on November 8.

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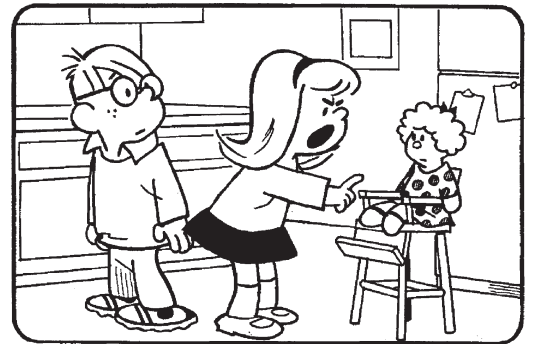
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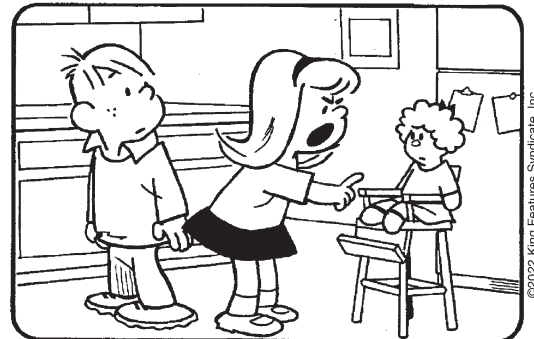
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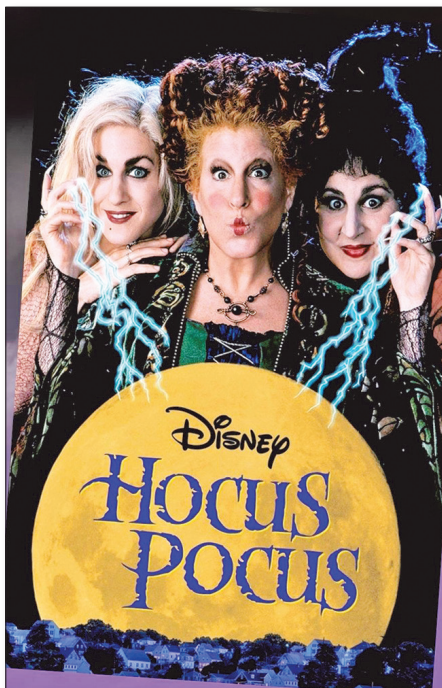
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1 Corinthians 14:33 "For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints." Are you a happy person? Is your worship house a pleasant and comforting place? Is the presence of Jesus Christ visible in your life? Would I want the kind of salvation you are living, in my heart? Would you want your family to be just like you? **Colossians 1:27** "To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." Is the presence of Christ seen in your face? Christ's presence in your heart should be God's light shining through you to the rest of this wicked world. Does it? Have you really been saved? Happiness should be your character. Do you love telling others what a great Saviour you have and has done for you? The presence of Jesus Christ is hard to cover up! **Romans 14:22B** "Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth." Have a testimonial service in church.
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Hocus Pocus 2 Screenings
 SHEFFIELD—The Ritz Theatre will host two screenings of the Halloween classic *Hocus Pocus* on Saturday, October 29 at 2pm and 7pm. There will also be a costume contest, trick-or-treat bags, and concessions. Tickets are available at tennesseevalleyarts.org.
 The 1993 film is already an annual Halloween tradition for many, and it's getting even more attention this year because a sequel, *Hocus Pocus 2*, is launching on streaming service Disney+. Both films focus on the Sanderson sisters, three 17th century witches who have been resurrected in modern-day Salem, Mass. The witches are played by Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker, and Kathy Najimy.
 This family-friendly event will include a screening of the original *Hocus Pocus* on the big screen at the historic

theatre. There will be a costume contest for participants dressed as characters from the film, and everyone wearing a costume (regardless of theme) will get a trick-or-treat goodie bag. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Concessions will be available, including popcorn, soda, water, candy, wine, and beer. Seating is general admission. For tickets, visit tennesseevalleyarts.org or call 256-383-0533.

Pawloleen in Florence
 FLORENCE – The third Pawloleen event, sponsored by the Town and Gown Task Force on behalf of the city of Florence and the University of North Alabama, is set for Saturday, October 29 from 10am–noon in downtown Florence.
 "We are thrilled to have the return of this event in downtown," said Florence Mayor **Andy Betterton**. "Pawloleen is a great opportunity to enjoy a little trunk-or-treating, to get to know some of the city departments, University organizations, and the people behind those entities in the process."
 In its third year, Pawloleen was started in 2020 as a way to provide a safe, socially distanced trick-or-treating event for the community during the Covid-19 pandemic. It has since become an annual Halloween event that attracts hundreds of families downtown.
 Pawloleen is open to Florence-based businesses, and they can request to participate by emailing rmansell@florenceal.org. The banquet halls of the Guillot University Center will serve as the rain location.

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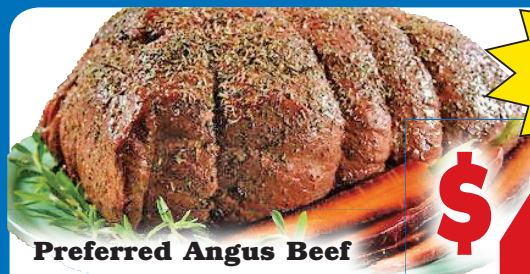
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Medicare Annual Enrollment Period (AEP) extends from October 15th through December 7th. This is the time of year you can sign up for or make any changes to your Medicare Advantage Plan (MA) or Prescription Drug Plan (PDP). Over the next few weeks we are going to look at MA and PDP plans and what to look for when choosing these plans.

Medicare Advantage Plans, or Part C Medicare, are offered through private insurance companies that Medicare approves. If you join a Medicare Advantage Plan you still have Medicare but will receive your Medicare Part A and Medicare Part B coverage through the private insurance company offering the MA plan you join. Medicare Advantage Plans are not Medicare supplements.

Here are a couple of rules to remember if considering a Medicare Advantage Plan. To be eligible to join a Medicare Advantage Plan you must be enrolled in Part A and Part B Medicare. You must also live in the service area of the plan. For example, if you live in Lauderdale or Colbert counties you are only eligible for plans that are offered in your county. Just because a plan is offered in Huntsville or Birmingham does not mean it's available in Lauderdale or Colbert counties. Also, you do not have to be 65 to join an Advantage Plan. If you have been on Social Security disability for 24 months and have Medicare you can join a plan.

Over the next few weeks we will begin to look at the six things to consider when choosing a Medicare Advantage Plan. Those six things are premium, copays, coinsurance, deductibles, provider networks and the drug formulary of the plan. We will also discuss the difference between your plan options such as a HMO and a PPO. In the meantime if you have any questions about Medicare Advantage Plans you can contact our office.

If you have questions regarding any aspect of Medicare or Medicare health plans feel free call us at Alabama Health Guidance (256-648-5710), stop by our office at 885 Florence Blvd (Four Lane Shopping Center) or email me at ikey@alabamahealthguidance.com. Alabama Health Guidance is an independent insurance agency and is not affiliated with

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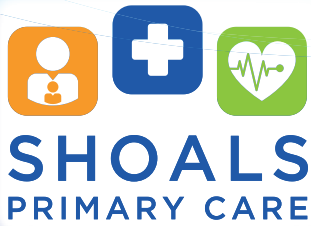
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Letters...

Our Election Laws

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Alabama-votes) is a great source for election law information and covers the subject of Cross-Over rules.

Would you please consider, prior to the November mid-term election, publishing an article that clarifies "Cross-Over Rules" and any other information you consider appropriate on the subject of Alabama Election Laws. Also, please especially include comments on the importance of registered voters participating in mid-term elections.

Historically, mid-term elections have had low voter turnout. I encourage all registered voters to exercise their right to vote by participating in every election process. This letter is not about political parties or political policies.

It is about exercising as a citizen of the United States the freedom to vote.

Willard Truitt
Florence

Responsibility - Free Sex

Editor:

Rep. Steve Scalise (R-Louisiana) said to Shannon Bream on Fox News Sunday that the Democrats want taxpayers to pay for abortions.

I say, if you're going to play, YOU oughta pay... (Yourselves) Why should taxpayers pay for the results of people's sexcapades?

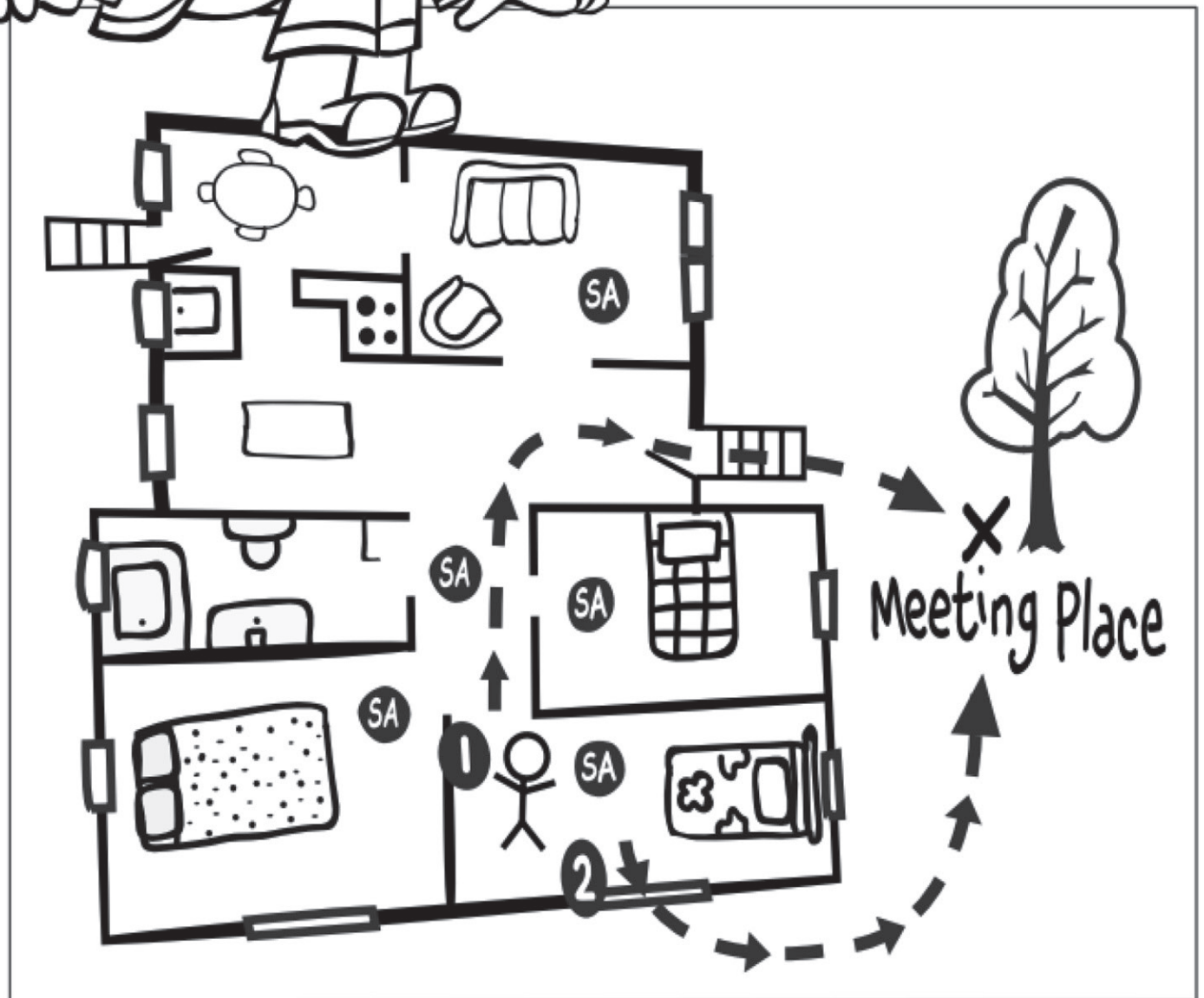
If people want to have sex and don't want babies, (or hate babies) and don't want to take responsibility for their own doing, then they should use every and any birth control method they can before sex. Or, don't have irresponsible sex.

Paul Sabatino
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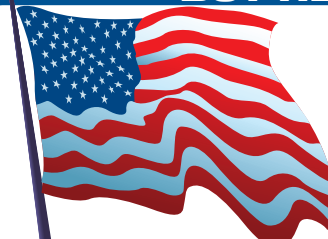
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The the composer and co-librettist of *Touch*, Carla Lucero, from Napa, CA and co-librettist,

Marianna Mott Newirth, from New York City, were in Birmingham recently where they were previewing the opera as part of Red Mountain Theatre's Human Rights New Works Festival.

While in Alabama, the two also visited Tuscumbia and toured the Helen Keller Home (Ivy Green).

Pictured from left are Eleanor Walter, Director of Marketing & Community Engagement for Opera Birmingham; Bill Johnson, Helen Keller's great nephew; Keith A. Wolfe-Hughes, general director of Opera Birmingham; Carla Lucero, the composer/co-librettist of *Touch*; and Marianna Mott Newirth, the co-librettist of *Touch*.

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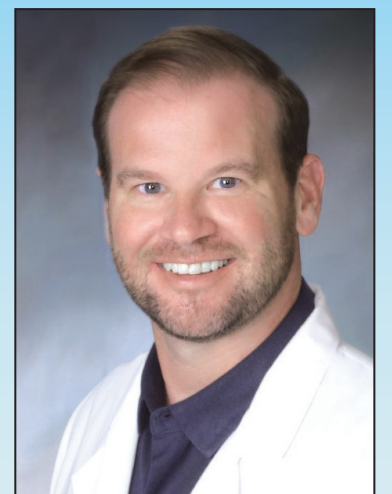
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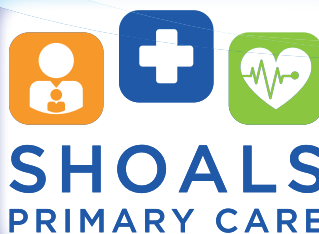
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Can't Think or Reason

Editor:

After teaching at a local college as an adjunct, I found one of the problems with students is that they have not learned how to think or reason.

A good example of this is what is going on with Herschel Walker. As we have seen in the past, the leaders of the Democratic Party will go to any length in smearing a person to keep them from being elected or appointed to a position. The Dems especially have a problem with blacks who are successful, conservative-minded, and can think for themselves.

Consider this. A woman has accused Mr. Walker of paying for her abortion some number of years ago. If this actually happened, he helped this woman out. You would think she would have been grateful to him and wanted only the best for him instead of trying to throw him under the bus.

I smell a rat, and it's not Mr. Walker.

Barry Lee
Rogersville

The Impact of One Vote

To the Editor:

A letter/editorial for publication: The incredible power of a single vote down through history.

On March 23, 1986, I was fortunate to have an editorial first published that has since gone viral being reprinted 1,400 times in various publications including Ann Landers. * The obvious focus of my thoughts was the incredible power of the individual and his single vote. There is no doubt singular votes have changed the course of history. Here is an updated submission:

In 1649, one vote gave Oliver Cromwell control of England.

In 1649, Charles I was condemned to death by a single vote.

In 1776, one vote gave us the English language over German as our national language.

In 1839, Marcus Morton of Massachusetts was elected Governor by a single vote margin only to repeat the same feat two years later in another election.

In 1845, Texas was voted into statehood by a single vote margin.

In 1868, a single vote to impeach President Andrew Johnson failed to reach a required 2/3 majority by a single vote in the U.S. Senate.

In 1875, a single vote

changed France from a monarchy to a republic.

In 1876, one vote elected Rutherford B. Hayes President of the U.S.

In 1941 one vote saved the Selective Service System from being abolished just weeks prior to Pearl Harbor.

In 1910, Charles Smith, New York, was elected to Congress by a single vote over his opponent. (20,684 to 20,685)

In 1960, a single vote change in each precinct in Illinois would have elected Richard Nixon President instead of John F. Kennedy.

In 1979, Margaret Thatcher of the UK was elected Prime Minister over her incumbent in a Parliament vote of 311 to 310, with her going on to serve 11 years.

This is the best possible argument in support of everyone getting out to vote on November 8. Make your voice heard! **

* National Association of Secretaries of State, March 1986,

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FBC Florence Trunk 'N' Treat on Sunday, October 30 from 4-5:30pm. Event will feature a hot dog dinner, while supplies last. Registration is required at the door. Located at 209 North Walnut, Florence.

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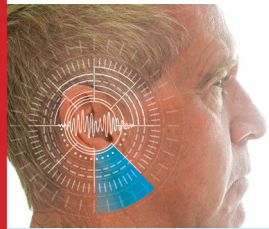









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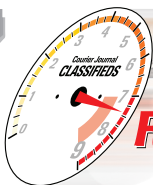
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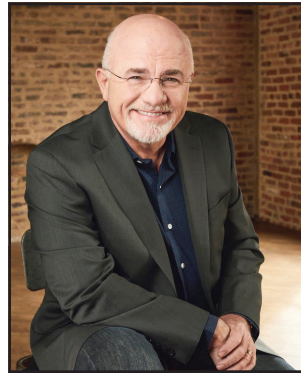
Dear Dave,
I need help. I am way behind on my basic utilities and my taxes. I have tried to start the Baby Steps, but everything is so overwhelming right now that it is easy to get discouraged. I am 33, I live in Los Angeles, and I average around \$30,000 a year doing behind-the-scenes work in the entertainment industry. My total debt is about \$10,000. Can you give me some advice?

Cameron

Dear Cameron,
I know you're in a scary place right now, brother. But I'm glad you're getting on board and that you want to move in the right direction with your finances.

Before you start the Baby Steps, you should get current on all your bills. Make a list of all the bills you're late on and how much it will take to get current on each one. Then, create a written, monthly budget. Once that's done, and all your expenses and income are accounted for, you're going to squeeze every penny you can from there and work your late list from smallest to largest until everything's current. You're going to feel a sense of relief—and accomplishment—every time you flip one of these bills. And believe it or not, the act of simply making a list will help reduce the stress you're feeling, because just by doing that you've established the size of the dragon. This dragon must die, and you are the knight who's going to kill it.

But listen, there are two sides to this equation—



income and outgo. No offense, but \$30,000 a year as an income in Los Angeles stinks. You've got to do something to make more money. Hey, \$10,000 would literally change your life. Not everyone can say that. The bad news is, you've got \$10,000 worth of debt. The good news is, you've got only \$10,000 worth of debt. I'm not talking about some little minimum wage deal, either. I want you making some real money. Don't do anything illegal, or something that would compromise your morals, but get after making some good money.

And long term? Dude, you might want to think about taking a step up in your industry or even a full-blown career change. I mean, you don't want to be making \$30,000 a year and still working a side job when you're 50, right?

You could be debt-free, and have a much better life, in a year or less, Cameron. Go do this.

I want you to win!
— Dave

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Killen Trunk-or-Treat at Killen Park on Friday, October 28 from 7-9pm. Featuring caramel apples and popcorn, games, and other family fun activities.

Interested participants can call Killen Town Hall at 256-757-1246 for information or to book space.

Salt & Pepper Roots Music Celebration on Friday, October 28 at 7pm in UNA's The Mane Room, 310 Pine St., Florence. Featuring Chambless and Muse, Max Russell, Sugar Harp, Celtic and Blues, and Deep Roots.

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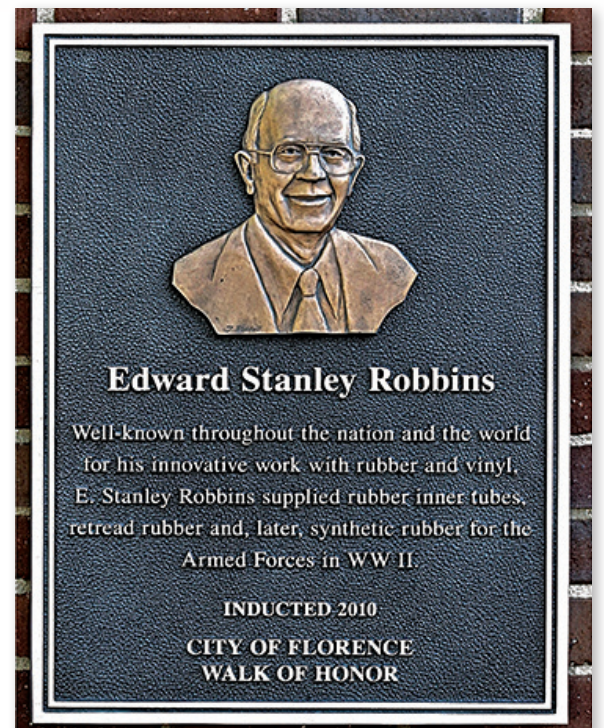


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~ Courtesy David Curott ~ author of "Signs of the Past" and "More Signs of the Past"

MY OFFICE EXPERIENCED A TRAGIC RECORD-SETTING EVENT THAT YOU ALL SHOULD KNOW ABOUT IT. A nice couple had me take a look at their computer because they had been scammed. I promised to not share any personal details about this but, y'all, they lost a lot of money. A quick forensic scan of the computer revealed the details of what happened. It's a very common scam but really very clever.



Jim Fisher

The victim in this case fell for a very common "refund scam." A typical victim will receive a fake email from McAfee, Norton, eBay, or Amazon, claiming that the victim's

THE REFUND SCAM

by "The Computer Skeptic"

account had been overcharged and they were due a refund. This kind of scam email is precisely why I begged both of my readers a few weeks ago to drop AOL, Comcast, AT&T, and Yahoo addresses. Legit email companies would never let this get through the filters.

The refund scam starts when the victim calls the phone number listed in the email. The scammer then offers an instant refund directly into the bank account. All the victim needs to do is install some remote control software so the

scammer can show the victim what to do. Once the scammer has access to your computer they will ask you to log into your bank account so they can show you how to receive their refund. How nice.

Then a clever, terrifying (and a bit complicated) thing happens: The scammer then asks the victim to pull up the balance of their bank account on their screen so he can transfer the \$600 back into their account. Then the scammer blanks the screen for a moment while he accesses the "HTML

code" on your computer that lies behind the bank balance screen. The scammer then changes that balance to make it appear that the bank balance is thousands or even tens of thousands more. Again, this amount is fake. The actual bank balance has not been touched at this point.

The scammer then unblanks the screen and expresses horror that he accidentally transferred \$60,000 dollars (instead of \$600) into your account and begs the client to please transfer the money back as soon as possible. Most clients, being the good, honest people they are, dutifully comply by sending that \$60,000 wire transfer via Western Union directly into the scammer's account.

Here is the absolutely infuriating thing: A local bank let this happen. They

are reading this now and they know who they are. Shame on you! How in the world does a transaction this large--to Western Union, no less-- not trigger a phone call from a bank employee warning the client of a potential scam? This is truly unacceptable, local bank! I highly recommend that people of a certain age call their bank and ask if they have any safeguards preventing this kind of thing. If they do not, please find another bank.

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Commentary

Disorder...

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Since we are so enamored with the term, disorder, this may be an opportunity to touch on a few cases of real societal disorder. We could cover hundreds every week, but just a few recent situations will have to do in this space.

Some can be classified as disorderly. Some are far beyond the borders of reality.

We allow some people to pillage, ransack, and burn private businesses while others are arrested and held without bail for months for trespassing in a taxpayer-supported building.

Far too many remain under the illusion that we have someone competent and respected in the White House. Reality couldn't be farther from the truth. Joe Biden's best years are well behind him. On the world stage, we are a laughingstock of PC truth avoidance. It is costing us dearly at home and abroad. We can call it truth acknowledgement disorder.

The unfortunate reality is that most also



realize that next up in line, Kamela Harris, would be in way over her head. Number three in line, Nancy Pelosi, is an unbalanced pinwheel with very few contemporaries. – Long-term progressive political disorder.

A North Carolina judge put a man in jail for showing up for jury duty without a face mask earlier this month. Gregory Hahn, 47, was charged with contempt of court after he refused to wear a face mask when he appeared with 98 other people for jury duty orientation. There were signs posted that no masks were required, and others were not wearing one. Hahn was handcuffed, booked, and taken to jail under no bond for contempt

of court when he again refused a mask. The judge also did not allow Hahn, a single father, to call his minor son at home.

This judge has an egotistical disorder.

A teenage sex-trafficking victim, who at age 15, stabbed her accused rapist to death, was ordered to pay \$150,000 restitution to the man's family, was sentenced to five years of closely supervised probation, and ordered to put in 200 hours of community service by an Iowa judge in mid-September. Polk County District Judge David M. Porter said Lewis was ordered to pay the estate of her rapist because the court was "presented with no other option," adding

that the restitution is mandatory under Iowa state law. The judge deferred her 20-year prison sentence. Wasn't that generous of him?

And what male idiots created THAT Iowa law? It is clear they were never trafficked and raped.

California will now allow and pay for minors from other states to come and transition to another sex without their parents' consent. They can make the term 'gender-affirming care' sound so innocent, can't they?

School employees in certain nutcase school districts can be terminated for "misgendering" a transgender student. Clear examples of common-sense disorder.

According to a poll released in September by WPA Intelligence, 22% of Democrats believe that "some men can get pregnant," including 36% of white, college-educated female Democrats.

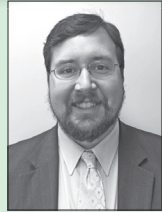
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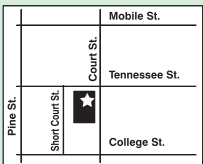
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reunion event. The Loretto High School reunion gets underway on Saturday, October 29 with a meet and greet from 4-5:30pm with a tour of the school.

See all the class pictures from 1930 to present and get a close-up look at the new gym currently under construction. Three or more generations in some families have attended Loretto High so there are a lot of good memories to share.

The featured speaker from 5:30-5:50pm is Lt. Col. (Ret.) Dr. Randy Cross (class of '68). Dr. Cross will share humorous experiences of LHS students and faculty that will entertain and strike your funny bone.

The Cadillacs (thecadillacband.com) will perform a one-hour concert from 6-7pm that includes Top 10 Oldie/Goldie hits from the 1950's, 60's, 70's, and 80's.

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Sheffield citizens met a grisly fate, a recording studio where a session musician still haunts the living, homes of famous residents whose ghosts still walk the halls of their past lives, and

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Friday Trolley Tour (\$25 advance tickets) begins at 7:30pm at the parking lot across from Sheffield Utilities (300 N Nashville Ave). Saturday Ghost Talk

(\$20) will be at the Ritz (Theatre) Studio (111 W 3rd St) with limited seating. Tickets: florencghostwalk.com

Children's Museum of the Shoals Boofest on Saturday, October 29 from 11am-1pm and again from 2-4pm families can stop by the museum for games, a haunted scavenger hunt, and costume contest. Activities are free to CMS members, or included in the price of admission for non-members.

Located at 2810 Darby Drive in Florence. For information, call 256-284-7107, or email cms Shoals.org.

Fall Festival October 29 from 3-7pm at Crenshaw's Barbershop, 3303 Veterans Drive, Florence. Fun for all, with food, bounce house, fun games, face painting, and more.

Chapel Hill Church of Christ welcomes you each week at its 10:30am Worship with New Preacher, Larry Kilpatrick. Chapel Hill is located on Hwy 72, just west of Tusculumbia.

Quad Cities Pediatrics Fall Festival at 716 State St., Muscle Shoals on Saturday, October 29 beginning at 4pm. Featuring trunk-or-treat, costume contest with prizes, and more.

Haunted Hayrides, LaGrange College Site Park, 1491 LaGrange College Road, Leighton. October 29, LaGrange Living Historical Association will host its annual Haunted Hayrides. LaGrange Mountain & cemetery is known as one of the most haunted places in Alabama! Parking is at the Old Tabernacle, and rides begin there each night at 7pm. Admission is \$5; ages 6 & under are free. Info: Amanda 256-856-0927

Howl-N-Growl at the Colbert County Animal Shelter located at 2010 Missouri St, Tusculumbia on Saturday, October 29 from 4-8pm. Featuring a trunk-or-treat, bake sale, and vendors' booths. At 5pm guests

may enter a \$5 costume contest and at 6pm the shelter will hold a Haunted Walk-through.

All proceeds go toward the shelter's medical fund.

For information or to reserve a spot for the trunk-or-treat, call 256-381-4073.

Florence First Assembly Fall Festival beginning at 5pm on Saturday, October 29 featuring a food stand, petting zoo, carnival games, a hayride, and candy.

Event is free and attendees are encouraged to show up in costumes.

Located at 3610 Helton Dr., Florence. For more information, visit the church's Facebook page.

Spooky! Trick or Treat on Saturday, October 29, 5-8pm at the United Steelworkers Local 1535 Union Hall, 808 Howell Heflin Lane, Tusculumbia. All are welcome, event is free. More info, 256-762-6040.

Rogersville UMC Trunk-or-Treat on Saturday, October 29 from 5:30-7:30pm. This is a drive through event.

Church is located at 51 Turner Lindsey Drive, Rogersville. For more information, visit Rogersville United Methodist Church on Facebook.

Activities at The Club (Florence Senior Center):

9am-3:30pm. Games: Rook, Chicken Foot, Mexican Train, Rummycubes, LRC, etc. Square Dance Monday 6-8pm. Social Dance Tuesday 6:30-8:45pm. Joints in Motion, (chair exercise class) Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 9:30am. BINGO, Wednesday 10:15-11:15am. Lunch 11:30 Monday-Friday, for 60 years and older, donation \$1, Inspiration Rock Painting Friday 10:30-noon. Fishing Days at Deibert Park. Pool Room at Fairground. Masters Games are back! Fantastic Friday, BBQ meal \$15, music, dancing, games, Friday, October 28, 2-4pm. Walking Track.

Trips: 2022 Biltmore, 2023 Mackinac Island, Memphis, Nashville, Mount Rushmore.

For more information on the fun at The Club, call 256-760-6420. This is an Alcohol, Drug, Tobacco, and Firearms-Free facility.

FALL CLOTHES GIVE AWAY - Thursday, November 3 from 8-10am at the Care Center, First Baptist Church, Killen

First United Methodist Church of Russellville Rummage Sale for Missions - Friday, Nov. 4 from 7am-5pm and Saturday, Nov. 5 from 7-11am downtown Russellville. Furniture, baked goods, kitchen items, household goods, jewelry, books, and more

Church Women United invites all to World Community Day Friday, November 4 at N. Wood United Methodist Church, 1129 Willis Ave. in Florence. The theme is "A Call to Pray." Guest speaker is Heather Begley LMSW, Shoals CASA Executive Director. Gathering at 9:30am; Program at 10am. CWU's Mission: "Agreed to Differ, Resolved to Love, United to Serve."

Grief can be an overwhelming season to go through. There is a monthly grief support group that meets on the third Friday of each month at 10am at First Baptist Church of Rogersville, 222 College Street. Come and share and let us pray with you for strength and comfort! These groups are FREE, open to the public, and include supportive materials. Another grief support meeting also takes place at 10am every first Tuesday at Cliff Haven Church in Sheffield. These groups are sponsored by Kindred Hospice. For more information, call 256-764-0873.



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The Muscle Shoals Songwriters Festival early bird tickets are on sale now for the upcoming festival, scheduled for November 4-5 in Muscle Shoals.

The festival will feature more than 50 songwriters at multiple venues across The Shoals. A portion of the lineup is now available online. The remainder of the lineup, along with the festival schedule and headliner, will be announced later this summer.

Early Bird general admission weekend pass is \$79. Early Bird VIP weekend pass is \$99, and Early Bird VIP weekend pass and access to Thursday night Kick-Off Party is \$129. For more information and to purchase

tickets, visit www.mssongfest.com.

Alabama A&M University's "Start Here - Go Anywhere" Juniors, Seniors + Community College Day will be Saturday, November 5. The Muscle Shoals Area Chapter of Alabama A&M Alumni Chapter will provide a free bus. The will bus will pick up at the Lauderdale County Court House in Florence at 6am and at Rural King parking lot in Muscle Shoals at 6:30am.

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The annual memorial service for All Saints' Day at St. John's Episcopal Church, 300 N. Dickson St., Tusculumbia takes place at 3pm on Sunday, November 6. The public is invited. The church, built in 1852, is Alabama's oldest Carpenter's Gothic Church. Though closed for regular services, the building remains unchanged and contains original furnishings. Restoration is underway on the stained-glass windows. For more information, call 256-710-9081.

Holiday Extravaganza - Carl Casiday's Holiday Design Demonstration and Auction will be from 5:30-8pm on November 7 at First Presbyterian Church, 130 E. Fifth St., Sheffield. There will be a holiday food presentation by Chef Alan Phillips, and hors d'oeuvres by local caterers. Tickets are \$50 available at Kennedy-Douglass Art Center,

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