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FLORENCE – North Alabama Medical Center is welcomes **Dennis Fernandez**, MD to the medical staff as its newest laparoscopic, advanced robotic and bariatric surgeon. Dr. Fernandez comes to NAMC from Huntsville, where he ran a successful practice.

Fernandez is a pioneer in robotic surgery, setting a record of performing 100 robotic cholecystectomies (gall bladder removals) in 2013 using the da Vinci® robot. He was the first surgeon in Alabama to reach this milestone.



Fernandez perform robotic complex hernia

repairs including abdominal wall reconstruction. He instructs and proctors other surgeons nationwide on this complex procedure.

“We are very excited to have Dr. Fernandez here in Florence,” said NAMC CEO, **Russell Pigg**. “He’s an expert in robotic and weight loss surgery.”

Dr. Fernandez is a board-certified general surgeon with more than 20 years of experience.

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Bringing Jr. Golf Up to Par

By **Lisa Singleton-Rickman**
Times Daily Staff Writer
TimesDaily.com 3/23/2023

FLORENCE — Last week’s golf lesson was a first for many of the students at Riverhill School.

The mission of the Chris and Patricia Burns Junior Golf Foundation is golf



education, which was central to Chris Burns’ 40-plus year career as head pro at Florence Country Club.

His summer clinics produced many amateur golfers, as well as Florence native and PGA Tour professional, Stewart Cink. Through the foundation, several of Burns’ former golf students are taking the SNAG (Starting New at Golf)

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ABOVE: Les Holcombe instructs Gracyn Kelley on how to putt during a recent group golf lesson at Riverhill School.

AT LEFT: Lee Fowler teaches a student proper club grip.

All photos courtesy Dan Busey/TimesDaily

Five Promoted at TVACCU

SHOALS–TVA Community Credit Union is honored to present the following promotion announcements:

Amy McCormack has recently been promoted to TVA Community Credit Union VP of Operations. She has been with TVA Community Credit Union for 22 years, serving as a Loan Officer for over 20 years and VP of Lending Services for over 15 years. In Amy’s new position, she will serve as the branch, loan, compliance and security administrator for the credit union. She will also assist the HR department with



McCormack

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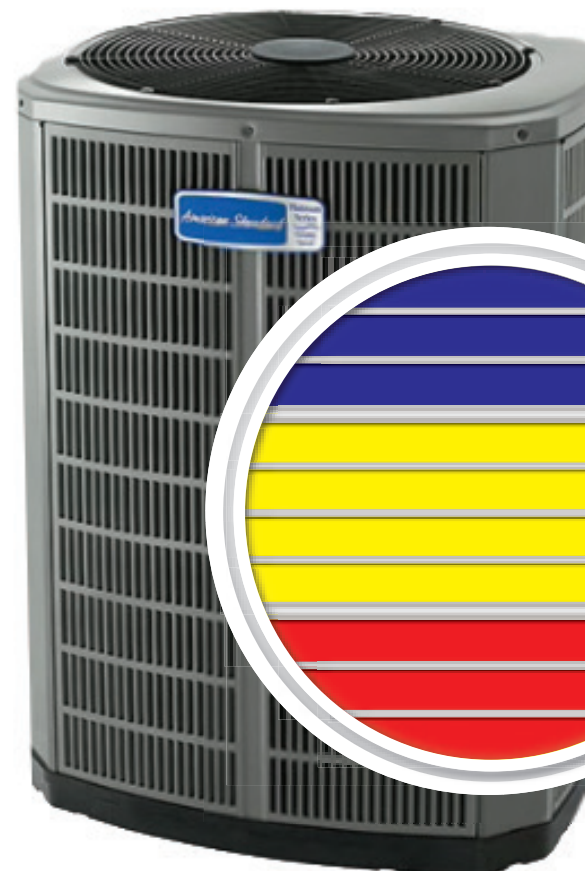
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payroll and benefit management. Amy also serves as part of the TVACCU Senior Management Team and the Executive Loan Committee.

Tammie Aday has been named VP of Lending Services of TVA Community Credit Union. With over 30 years of experience in the



Aday

financial industry, Tammie began her career with TVACCU as VP-Sr Loan Officer in April 2010. She served at the Reservation branch for 10 years before transferring to the Cloverdale location, overseeing the branch opening in June of 2020. Tammie's duties have included consumer, mortgage and indirect lending, along with various member services, and branch manager roles. She also serves as part of the TVACCU Senior Management Team as well as the Executive Loan Committee.



Adomyetz

Kelly Adomyetz has been promoted to TVA Community Credit Union Vice President/Senior Loan Officer. Kelly has been with TVACCU for 24 years and is a familiar face to her members as

the Manager of the Killen Branch. In Kelly's new role she will retain her duties as Killen Branch Manager and assume additional responsibilities to include indirect lending. Kelly also serves as part of the TVACCU Senior Management Team as well as the Executive Loan Committee.

Kyle Miller has recently been promoted to the position of TVA Community Credit Union Loan Officer. As student at UNA, Kyle began his career with TVACCU in 2020 as a teller. Upon graduation from UNA, Kyle began his transition to the TVACCU lending department. Kyle is currently pursuing his

Miller

MBA as he assumes his new role as a TVACCU Loan Officer.



Christopher

Chase Christopher has been promoted to the position of Loan Officer at TVA Community Credit Union. Chase began his career with TVACCU in 2019 as a teller while pursuing his Mathematics degree at Athens State. Chase

plans to complete his degree as he assumes his new role as TVACCU Loan Officer.



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Let's look lastly at the Lord Jesus Christ who was betrayed by one of His own, Judas. **Matthew 26:59-60** "Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death; But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses," **Matthew 26:66** "What think ye? They answered and said, He is guilty of death." Read the whole story. God hates lying and liars. Read and study carefully: **Proverbs 6:16-19** "These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren." Count them, seven. How to destroy the innocent? Lie. Simple, magnify the mote in your adversaries' eye, and ignore the beam in your own! Attempt it legally! Welcome to America.

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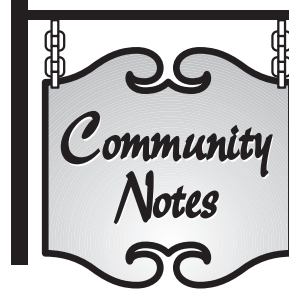
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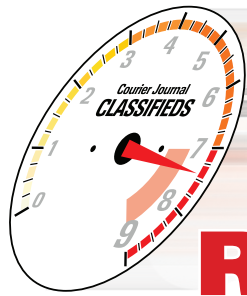
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expansion of 100% all-natural, fresh chicken with its newest opening of another fast-casual restaurant in Florence last week at 3020 Cloverdale Rd.

Jessie Barrett opened his first corporate restaurant for Slim Chickens five years ago as a Training General Manager in Arkansas. He has since opened 13 locations across Arkansas and three in Alabama, including Muscle Shoals and Cullman.

"We are excited to bring our cooked-to-order tenders, succulent wings, hand-whipped shakes and our famous handmade jar desserts to the folks of Florence," said Barrett. "With the schools, local growth, and great people, we are excited to become a community restaurant."

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Jim Fisher

Multifactor authentication (MFA) is a more secure method of authentication that requires users to provide multiple forms of identification before granting access to their accounts.

THE RISE OF THE MFA

by "The Computer Skeptic"

MFA is a security protocol that combines two or more authentication factors to verify a user's identity. These factors can include something you know (password, PIN), something you have (smartphone, token), or something you are (biometrics, such as fingerprints or facial recognition). By requiring multiple factors, MFA significantly enhances security and reduces the risk of cyber attacks.

One of the main advantages of MFA over 2FA is that it adds an extra layer of protection against hacking attempts.

Hackers can easily circumvent 2FA by stealing or intercepting the second factor, such as a one-time password (OTP). However, with MFA, hackers would need to gain access to multiple factors simultaneously, which is much more difficult to accomplish. Additionally, MFA can help prevent other types of attacks, such as phishing, which 2FA alone cannot protect against.

Another advantage of MFA is that it provides greater flexibility for users. With 2FA, users are typically limited to a single authentication factor, which can be inconvenient

or even impossible in certain situations. For example, if a user loses their phone or token, they may not be able to access their account. With MFA, users can choose from multiple authentication factors, making it easier to find a method that works for them.

Finally, MFA can also help organizations comply with industry and regulatory standards, such as the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS) and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). These regulations require businesses to implement robust security measures to protect sensitive data, and MFA is considered a best practice for achieving compliance.

In conclusion, while 2FA is better than using only passwords for authentication, it is no longer enough to

protect against modern cyber threats. MFA provides an additional layer of protection and flexibility for users and can help organizations comply with industry and regulatory standards. Therefore, MFA is a better option for those seeking to improve their security posture in today's digital landscape.

To get started on enhanced security, check out either the Microsoft or Google Authenticator on the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store.

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Looking for Meat Cutters

SHOALS-A shortage of qualified meat cutters is leaving Alabama grocery stores and butcher shops desperate for skilled workers. That labor shortfall can also impact the price shoppers pay for their favorite cuts of meat.

To fill the gap in qualified workers, the Alabama Community College System has developed a new course to train the next generation of meat cutters. The pilot program for the course took place last week at the Foodland Plus grocery store in Guntersville, where six students got hands-on training they'll need for jobs as master meat cutters.

"There's a huge need for this, not only for the state of Alabama but all over the country," said **Carey Otwell**, Director of Meat for Mitchell Grocery Corp, a wholesale grocery distribution center. "We're really looking for people who want to start a career."

The training is offered through a rapid workforce training curriculum called Skills for Success, which targets training for jobs that Alabama companies say

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Guest Commentary

Are We the Byzantines?

When Constantinople finally fell to the Ottomans on Tuesday, May 29, 1453, the Byzantine Empire and its Capitol had up to that point survived for 1,000 years beyond the fall of the Western Empire at Rome.

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VICTOR DAVIS HANSON
Historian and Author

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in the Shoals

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March 29, 2023

Happening THIS WEEK

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- Tuscumbia Foodland Customer Service Desk
- Leighton Town Hall
- The Healing Place (2409 Wildwood St. Muscle Shoals),
- WBTG Radio (1605

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Walking Tours

SHOALS – Local tourism offices have announced participation in the state's free Saturday morning Walking Tours during April. Sheffield and Tuscumbia will offer these tours every Saturday morning in April, beginning at 10am. Florence will offer a different tour each day April 1, 8, 15, and 22.

This statewide program has been a popular spring event in many communities for over a decade. These

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THE COWBOY CHURCH OF FRANKLIN COUNTY will host its Annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday April 1 from 10am - 2pm. Dress to get dirty, there will be rodeo type events in the arena weather permitting. Lunch will be served, and a small devotion on the true meaning of Easter will be done. The Easter Egg Hunt will be in the arena after lunch. 25100 Hwy 24 in Russellville.

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Let's Go All the Way

Dear Editor;

This letter is in response to a March 22, 2023 letter in the Courier Journal by Debra Barnes, entitled, "Politics is Just Politics."

I know Debra and she knows me. I applaud her for sending this letter, but she did not go far enough.

As true believers and followers of Yahusha (aka Jesus) and the Creator, whose name is YaHUaH (called

God), we must keep the everlasting covenant made at Mt. Sinai and renewed on Passover when our Savior shed His blood for our sins. YaHUaH gave us commandments to follow so that we would do what His will is for our lives.

We need to leave the world's system which the church embraces and only follow our Creator's Torah or laws as contained in Scripture.

Michael J. Sassin
Tuscumbia

A Belief in Love

Editor:

In response to Linda Johnson's letter to the editor last week, "The Puritans Are Among Us." In Ephesians 6:1-4 we read, "Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise: that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth. And, you fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord."

Christian parents don't agree with

The U.S. is hardly in a position to condemn the Russian invasion of Ukraine.



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Shorts...

Looking for Meat Cutters

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are in demand and can be filled quickly.

Now that the pilot is complete, the training will soon be available at community colleges across the state.

Skills for Success training is offered at no cost thanks to

appropriations from the state legislature and can usually be completed in two-three weeks. The self-paced interactive learning option can take place anywhere a student can connect to the Internet. Upon completing the online portion of the course, students then complete hands-on training with qualified instructors.

The students in the pilot program had to complete approximately

12 hours of online learning, followed by eight hours of hands-on training.

Look for the meat cutting option to be listed soon at <https://innovation.accs.edu/trainings/>

Some Senior Nominations

MONTGOMERY – The Alabama Department

of Senior Services is seeking nominations for outstanding individuals to be considered for induction into the 2023 Alabama Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. Married couples who have celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary or more, and individuals who are 100 years old or older are also honored by the Alabama Senior Citizens Hall of Fame each year.

"This is the one major

event in Alabama each year where individuals are formally honored and recognized for their selfless work and dedication to serving citizens in their community," said Department of Senior Services Commissioner **Jean Brown**. "It is truly an honor to recognize a group of seniors who have contributed so much to improving the lives of older Alabamians."

Individuals and organizations interested in nominating someone can visit AlabamaAgeline.gov to complete a nomination form. The deadline for nominations is May 1, 2023. Inductees and award winners will be announced in August 2023.



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Golf...

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program into schools, starting with every elementary school in Lauderdale County.

Using plastic clubs and tennis balls, with targets and other fun teaching equipment, instructors Lee Fowler, Trent Jordan, Daniel Creel, Brad Nelson, Jason Vaughn, Tim King and PGA master professional teacher Les Holcombe and his son, Price, worked with students in groups reviewing proper stance, club grip and swing.

First-grader, Eli Roberson, has gone golfing before but admitted it's harder than it looks.

"This makes me want to get better at it," he said.

Robinson's classmate, Gracyn Kelley, has family members who golf, and now she may just join in.

"I was pretty good at hitting the target and learning golf this way gives me a goal," Kelley said. "I think I could get good at it."

The idea is for the SNAG equipment kits, which are free to the school, to be used in elementary physical education (P.E.) classes and in after-school and summer programs.

The goal is to have the program in every school to teach the game in a fun way without the expense typically associated with golf.

"It's such a good game because it teaches you so many lessons," Fowler said. "You don't have to be a star athlete to be good in golf. It gives a lot of semi-

Sebastian Sanchez, left, and Eli Roberson cheer on a classmate as they putt Tuesday at Riverhill School.



athletic kids something they can be really good at."

"Right now, golf isn't in a PE curriculum and there really isn't a way for kids to learn about golf and get excited about it unless

their parents invest in lessons," Jordan said.

The Chris and Patricia Burns Junior Golf Foundation is funded through golf tournaments and private donations. Thus far, the foundation has enough money to purchase equipment for six schools. The cost of a full kit of equipment is about \$4,200. Larger schools will get a full kit and smaller schools may only require a half kit.

An April golf tournament at Turtle Point Yacht and Country Club in Killen will add to their funds. All money raised goes into SNAG programs.

According to Fowler, the premise of the program is to take the expense of the sport out of the equation as students learn the basics with their starter equipment.

"We've seen a lot of excitement from kids and that's what we want," he said. "The game teaches a lot of lessons to be used in life. However, for many it is cost-prohibitive, and we don't want that to be a barrier."

Fowler hopes to soon partner with the city of Florence to provide a low budget, no or low-cost short course for young golfers.

Burns, a recent inductee into the PGA Section Golf Hall of Fame, is honored to be a part of the initiative to return junior golf to the forefront in the area.

"I'm not so happy for me, but for the kids who are going to benefit from this," he said. "That's what is really important. Golf is such a great sport. Hopefully, this will get kids involved in golf who might not otherwise have had a chance. When I was growing up, I had to learn how to play along a dirt road until I was about 12. The game has helped me go a lot of places. I hope the community will embrace it."



Chris & Patricia Burns Junior Golf Foundation

The Chris and Patricia Burns Jr. Golf Foundation has six main objectives:

- "Golf in Schools" Initiative. Install SNAG golf into every elementary school in Lauderdale and Colbert County.
- Fund 2 scholarships each year for local golfers who are going on to college.
- Provide free clinics to the community throughout the year
- Support local high school golf programs
- Provide access to a golf course where kids have a place to learn the game
- Host an annual golf tournament to support the foundation.



Gregg Dewalt at AlabamaGolfNews.com contributed to this article.

Pryce Holcombe, left, reacts as a Riverhill student makes a hole-in-one. In addition to those volunteers mentioned in the article, Daniel Creel, Brad Nelson, Jason Vaughn, Tim King, the UNA mens and women's golf teams, and UNA golf coach Neil Self have also assisted with the SNAG initiative.



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DAYS OF OUR LIVES John made a shocking discovery. Kayla was reunited with Bo. Steve captured Megan. Ciara was upset when she found Hope and Harris together. Nicole and EJ set up Stefan and Gabi. Paulina pressured Rafe and Jada to arrest Sloan. Talia admitted to Chanel that she wasn't completely truthful with her. Sloan helped Eric explore a new career opportunity. EJ tipped Li off about Gabi and Stefan's rendezvous. Rafe and Jada hauled Sloan down to the station for questioning.

Paulina suffered a panic attack. Eric and Nicole got into a heated argument over Sloan. Chloe braced herself when she learned that Brady had read Leo's latest column. Rachel showed up at Statesville to confront Kristen. Leo encouraged Gwen to use Alex to make Xander jealous. Marlena had an emotional reunion with Eric and Belle. *Wait to See: Steve informs Stephanie that Kayla is alive. Hope confronts Megan. Bo reveals his plans to his sister.*

GENERAL HOSPITAL Trina attempted to run interference. Laura and Liz

had a heart-to-heart talk. Dex checked in with Josslyn. Spencer was incredulous. Marshall voiced his appreciation. Lucy was outraged. Cameron advised Spencer. Elizabeth got a big shock. Scott opened up to Laura. Diane assisted Robert. Port Charles bid an emotional goodbye to Epiphany. Spencer met with Victor. Selina offered up information. Dex made a gruesome discovery. Drew updated Anna and Valentin. Ava came face-to-face with an enemy. Lucy was frantic. Spencer had misgivings. *Wait to See: Ava meets with Austin. Nina and Carly set their differences aside. Maxie and Felicia handle a setback.*

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Victor and Nikki celebrated a success. Jill worked to repair Devon and Lily's relationship. Jack was shocked by a party crasher's arrival at the gala. Phyllis and Diane's feud reached its breaking point. Leanna Love dugged for dirt. Christine reunited with Nina. Genoa City was shocked by Jack and Diane's announcement. Danny and Gina returned home. Amanda made a grand entrance. Devon and Amanda discussed unfinished business. Tucker kept Ashley on her toes. Phyllis threw Jack a curveball. *Wait to See: Elena loses patience with Victoria. Amanda gives Lily unsolicited advice. Daniel receives some startling news.*

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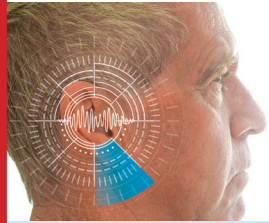
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What Is Truth?

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Although the author of the gospel of John does not give the kind of definition for truth that you might find in a dictionary, he does say in chapter 17, verse 17, "Thy (God's) word is truth." The word "truth" occurs 27 times in the gospel of John and it is safe to say that this was a major theme of his gospel. John tells us that "grace and truth came by Jesus Christ," John 1:17. Man's definition of truth may change from generation to generation, but God's definition of truth does not change!

The wise man said in Proverbs 23:23, "Buy the truth, and do not sell it, get wisdom and instruction and understanding."



He understood that truth was a bedrock, not shifting sand.

In Matthew 7:24, Jesus said that the one who hears and acts upon His words was building upon the rock or foundation that would stand when rain, winds and floods (the trials of this life) came and beat upon that man's life. Jesus never promised that those who serve Him would be exempt from trials and tribulation, but He did promise to sustain us through those difficulties, Philippians 4:9.

Truth is either ACCEPTED or REJECTED. It is not up any man to decide if he only accepts part of truth. God's demands complete obedience (Jeremiah 10:23).

It is God's desire that "all men be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth," 1 Timothy 2:4. God's love was demonstrated to make salvation available to all men (1 Timothy 2:3-4). One of the most familiar passages of Scripture is John 3:16 which speaks of God "SO" loving the world that He gave His only begotten Son.

If any individual is lost, that will not be what God desires. His WORD is truth and all who obey it will be saved, Hebrews 5:9.

Searching The Scriptures...

Can we know what we must do to be saved?

(Answer: YES! Read the accounts of conversion in the book of Acts. Almost a dozen obeyed (took steps to be saved. Do what they did to be saved.



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Are We the Byzantines?

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The law reigned supreme for nearly a millennium after the emperor Justinian codified a prior 1,000 years of Roman jurisprudence.

Yet, this millennium-old crown jewel of the ancient world, once home to 800,000 citizens, had only 50,000 inhabitants left when it fell. There were only 7,000 defenders on the walls to hold back a huge Turkish army of over 150,000 attackers.

The Islamic winners took over the once magical city of Constantine and renamed it Istanbul. It had been the home of the renowned Santa Sophia, the largest Christian church in the world for over 900 years. Almost immediately, this "Church of the Holy Wisdom" was converted into what was then largest the mosque in the Islamic world, with minarets to follow.

So what happened to the once indomitable city fortress and its empire?

Christendom had cannibalized itself. Western Catholicism and Eastern Orthodoxy fought endlessly. Westerners often hated each other more than they hated their common enemy.

In the final days of Constantinople, almost no help was sent from Western Europe to the besieged city.

In fact 250 years earlier, the Western Franks of the Fourth Crusade had detoured from the Holy Land to storm

the supposedly allied Christian city of Constantinople. Then they ransacked it and hijacked the Byzantine Empire for a half-century. Constantinople never quite recovered.

The 14th-century Black Plague killed tens of thousands of Byzantines and scared thousands more into moving out of the cramped city.

However, the aging and dying empire battled more than the challenges of internal divisions, or an unforeseen but deadly pandemic and the empire's disastrous responses to it.

The last generations of Byzantines had inherited a global reputation and standard of living that they themselves no longer earned. They neglected their former civic values and fought endless battles over obscure religious texts, doctrines, and vocabulary.

They did not expand their anemic army and navy. They did not reunite their scattered, Greek-speaking empire. They did not properly maintain their once life-giving walls.

Instead of earning money through their accustomed nonstop trade, the Byzantines inflated their currency and were forced to melt down the city's inherited gold and silver fixtures.

The once canny and shrewd Byzantines grew smug and naive. Childlessness became common. Most now preferred to live outside of what had become a half-empty, often dirty,

and poorly maintained city.

Meanwhile, they underestimated the growing power of the Ottomans, who systematically pruned away their empire. By the mid-15th century, Islamic armies were ready to exploit fatal Byzantine weaknesses.

The Sultan Mehmed II grandly announced that the Ottomans were now the real, the only world power. Ascendant Ottoman armies would eventually move on to the very gates of Vienna in an effort to rule all the lands of the ancient Roman empire.

We should take heed from the last generations of the Byzantines.

Nowhere is it foreordained that it is America's birthright to remain the world's preeminent civilization.

An ascendant China seems eerily similar to the Ottomans. Beijing believes that the United States is decadent, undeserving of its affluence, living beyond its means on the fumes of the past—and very soon vulnerable enough to challenge openly.

Left and Right seem to hate each other more than they do their common enemies.

Like the Byzantines, Americans gave up defending their own borders, and simply shrugged as millions overran them as they pleased.

Our once iconic downtowns, like end-stage Constantinople before the fall, are now dirty, half-deserted,

dangerous, and dysfunctional.

America prints rather than makes money, as its banks totter near bankruptcy.

Americans similarly believe they are invincible without ensuring in reality that they are. Our military is more worried about being "woke" than deadly.

Like Byzantines, Americans have become snarky iconoclasts, eager to tear down art and sculpture that they no longer have the talent to create.

Current woke dogma, obscure word fights, and sanctimonious cancel culture are as antithetical to the past generations of World War II as the last generation of Constantinople was to the former great eras of the emperors Constantine, Justinian, Heraclius, and Leo.

The Byzantines never woke up in time to understand what they had become.

So far, neither have Americans.

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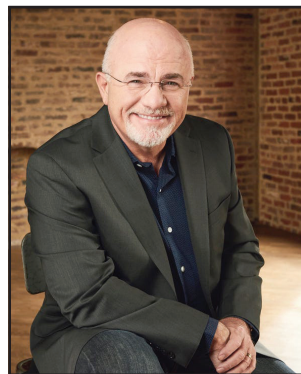
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Remi

Dear Remi, Loaning money to, or borrowing money from, relatives or friends often leads to bruised feelings. I'm sorry you're going through this, but I hope it will teach you and your folks a valuable lesson going forward. There's nothing wrong with giving money in a situation like this, as long as you're not enabling bad behavior by doing so. But a loan between friends or family is something I never recommend.

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not a lot you can do, especially if you took longer than agreed upon to pay them back. It just takes more time with some people—and in some cases even parents—for those kinds of things to heal. You have to remember, in their minds there's an element of responsibility and trust involved here. But considering it's your mom and dad we're talking about, I'd say they'll lighten up and become a little easier to be around with time.

Until that happens, though, maybe you could look for chances to mention your new approach to finances during conversations with them. Even something as simple as an off-hand remark about how much you were able to put into savings from

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— Dave

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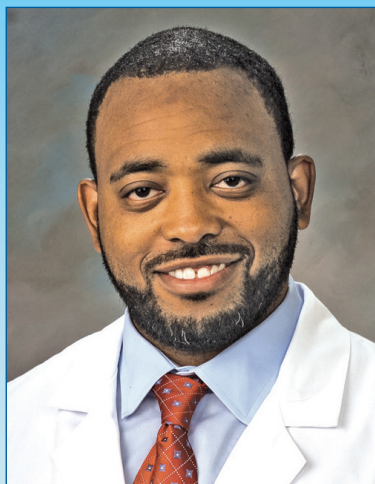
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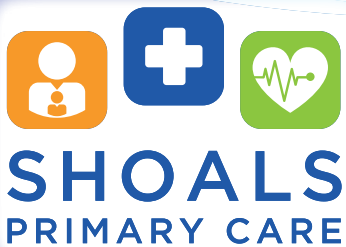
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- Sunday p.m. worship.....5:00 p.m.
- Monday - Thursday.....7:00 p.m.

Letters...

A Belief in Love

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some of the books in some school libraries. That is why the Governor of Florida is taking these books out of their libraries. These books promote same sex marriages and say it is ok for boys to use the girls' restrooms and dressing

rooms, and it is ok for boys to compete in girls sporting events.

We have a pantry in our church building that makes it easier for our Church family to help feed the poor and hungry. Some churches have shelters that house the homeless. That is why we visit the sick and help with their needs.

This is why Christians follow God's commandment and love our neighbors as ourselves.

We are not Puritans, but Christians 'in the Lord' who believe in Love.

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19 Months to Decide

To the Editor:

Florida Governor, Ron DeSantis, an early front runner in the 2024 Presidential Election, recently made an eye-opening statement, "...the aid and support to Ukraine in their current war effort is not in the best interest of the United States." Even as controversial as this statement is, I must agree with DeSantis!

Russia's invasion of Ukraine a year ago was triggered, in part, by Ukraine's moves toward joining the North Atlantic Treaty Organization

(NATO). This issue was being encouraged by the U.S. resulting in Russia asserting its territorial sovereign and integrity was being threatened. Russia President Putin has a valid point in stating the Ukraine's alliance with NATO would be a threat to Russia!

The U.S. is hardly in a position to condemn the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Since 1798 the United States has used troops no less that 154 times around the world to "protect U.S. interests." This includes 11 times in Cuba, 7 times in Mexico, 4 trips to Haiti, 3 times to Dominican Republic and 8 incursions into Nicaragua! Ostensibly, these forays were us exercising our sovereign rights under the Monroe Doctrine of 1823.

Nonetheless, how can the U.S. possibly condemn Putin in Ukraine when our nation has routinely practiced the same "big stick policy" since this nation began? Does the word hypocrisy come to mind?

As of January 30, 2023, aid and support to Ukraine totaled \$76.8 billion with billions more planned. In your opinion, with so many dire needs in our country-the border problem, infrastructure, etc, is this justified?

No doubt, this debate is just beginning. You have about 19 months to decide. Remember to vote in November 2024!

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The Colbert County Domestic Violence Response Coalition (CCDVRC) is holding a diaper drive during the month of April. The coalition is collecting diapers, primarily larger than newborn size, and wipes for Colbert County

families experiencing domestic violence and its consequences. Pick up locations include: the Customer Service Desk at the Tusculumbia Foodland, the Leighton Town Hall, The Healing Place (2409 Wildwood St. Muscle Shoals), WBTV Radio (1605 Gospel Road in Sheffield), and Renaissance Antiques (3803 Florence Blvd. Florence). Monetary donations are accepted as well. Checks can be sent to PO Box 434 Tusculumbia, AL 35674, or via PayPal to jenniferccdvrc@gmail.com.

Gospel Meeting at Heritage Christian University "Your Questions Answered" Saturday April 2, 11am, 1pm and 2pm with a lunch provided at 12pm.

More information is on Facebook on the HCU page or @askGODonequestion on Facebook

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

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

3RD ANNUAL COMMUNITY EASTER BASKET GIVEAWAY APRIL 6, 4-5:30PM. Drive through location: Community Action, 745 Thompson St. Florence. Limited quantities - first come first serve.

Thank you to all of the community partners and individuals that made this possible!

INFANTS - ADULTS - CLOTHES AND SHOES GIVEAWAY Thursday, April 6, 8am-10am at the Care Center, First Baptist Church Killen.

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- The original Orient Express train began in which city?
 A) London B) Paris C) Berlin D) Madrid
- The "Marrakesh Express" was performed by which group at Woodstock?
 A) Jefferson Airplane B) Country Joe and the Fish C) Who D) Crosby, Stills, & Nash
- Which U.S. President was in office when the transcontinental railroad was linked at Promontory, Utah?
 A) Lincoln B) Johnson C) Grant D) Garfield

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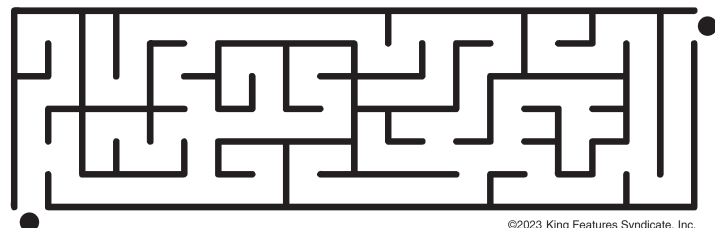
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Kids' Maze



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Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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| 1. Portuguese capital | ___ B ___ | Boxer Sonny | ___ T ___ |
| 2. Belt location | ___ A ___ | Watch location | ___ R ___ |
| 3. Flag | B ___ | In a ___ of speaking | M ___ |
| 4. Measure of salt | ___ N ___ | Toss a baseball | ___ T ___ |
| 5. Coastline | ___ E ___ | Not very tall | ___ T ___ |
| 6. Palace | ___ S ___ | Longhorn or angus | ___ T ___ |
| 7. Zesty | ___ Y ___ | So. American dance | ___ O ___ |
| 8. Wanted sign | ___ S ___ | Wizard Harry | ___ T ___ |
| 9. ___ DeGeneres | E ___ | Burn's better half | A ___ |
| 10. Agile | ___ I ___ | Wood | ___ U ___ |

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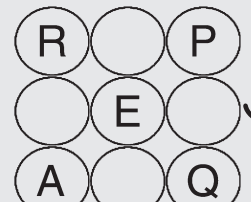
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 6-box square contains all of the numbers from one to six.

WORD SPIRAL



Fill in the missing letters to reveal the nine-letter word that starts at one of the four corners and moves clockwise around the perimeter before ending in the center.

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Medicare Minute

"Physician Charges"

There are three ways your doctor can be paid if you are on Medicare. The three ways are through Medicare assignment, Medicare excess charges or by not taking Medicare at all. Today we will discuss these three methods.

The most common way a physician gets paid is by Medicare assignment. These physicians are called "participating doctors". After the Part B deductible of \$226 is met, participating doctors will accept the Medicare approved amount for their services. These doctors charge Medicare 80% and the beneficiary 20% of the cost of the benefit. For example, if your doctor charges \$200 for a service and Medicare only approves \$100, Medicare would pay 80%, or \$80, and you would be responsible for the other 20%, or \$20.

A "non-participating doctor" can choose to accept or not accept Medicare assignment. If the doctor does not accept Medicare assignment you may have to pay an additional 15% of the cost of the service the doctor provided. This is call a Medicare excess charge. It means you would be responsible for 35% of the Medicare reduced amount instead of 20%. If we follow the example in the previous paragraph, if your doctor charges \$200 for a service and Medicare only approves \$100, Medicare would pay 80%, or \$80, but you would be responsible for 35%, or \$35.

Doctors who opt out of Medicare can charge whatever they want for their services and you are responsible of 100% of the cost. The majority of doctors in north Alabama accept Medicare, so you won't be faced with this situation very often.

Most people who have Medicare also have a supplemental policy that helps cover the 20% Medicare doesn't cover. If you are just entering Medicare and would like to know which policies cover what Medicare doesn't pay, you can contact our office for more information.

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 Medicare or any other government agency.



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Tours...

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walking tours offer a unique opportunity to explore the rich history and architecture of some of Alabama's most historic and charming towns. Knowledgeable guides will teach visitors about the local history, culture, and architecture, and they will see some of the area's most beautiful and historic buildings.

In Colbert County, the Tuscumbia tours for April include:

April 1 with Lori Johnson, April 8 and 22 with Buddy Whitlock, April 15 with Ron Hudson, and April 29 with John McWilliams.

The Sheffield tours will take place April 1, 15, and 29 with Jimmy Austin leading visitors through the North Montgomery residential area, and on April 8 and 22 through the South Montgomery downtown business area.

The Tuscumbia tours will depart from Coldwater Coffee and Mercantile (formerly Coldwater Books) at the corner of Main and 6th Streets and are sponsored by the Colbert County Historical Landmarks Foundation,

The Sheffield tours will depart from Sheffield City Hall located at 600 N Montgomery Avenue and are sponsored by the Sheffield Historic Commission.

All tours will start at 10am and last 60-90 minutes.

"We're thrilled that our communities are offering these free walking tours as a way to highlight the incredible history and culture of our community," said Susann Hamlin, President and CEO of Colbert County Tourism. "We invite everyone to come out and explore the beautiful neighborhoods of Tuscumbia and Sheffield and learn about the stories and people that have shaped our history."

The tours are free and open to the public, so everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Colbert County Tourism at 256-383-0783.

Historic tours of Florence will also take place each Saturday of the month, April 1-22. All tours begin at 10am and are free.

April 1: Walnut Street Historic District:

The tour begins at corner of Hermitage Drive and Walnut Street. The Walnut Street Historic District boasts tree lined sidewalks, diverse architecture and elegant homes. The Tour will begin in the UNA Tennis Courts parking lot on Hermitage Drive.

Walk by 29 beautifully restored houses that originally comprised the Walnut Street Historic District and were placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1977. Parking available at tennis courts on Hermitage Drive. This tour is led by Billy Warren.

April 8: Florence City Cemetery.

The tour begins at 705 E. College Street or cemetery entrances on Tennessee Street. The tour of the Florence City Cemetery, established in 1818, features many unique headstones and famous grave sites among the rolling hills and towering trees. Florence City Cemetery contains graves belonging to early settlers, two former governors in the O'Neal family, along with other prominent community leaders and families. This tour is led by Harry Wallace.

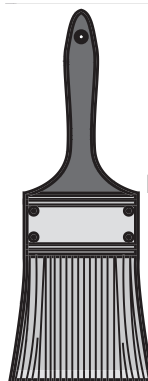
April 15: UNA Campus:

The tour begins at the Harrison-Plaza Fountain near the lion habitat.

The Historic University of North Alabama campus tour will feature iconic buildings such as Wesleyan Hall which predates the Civil War. It also includes the Memorial Amphitheater which is a memorial to UNA students who served in the military during war. A tour of UNA's campus would not be complete without stopping by to see the impressive habitat of the university's lion mascot. This tour is led by Billy Warren

April 22: North Court & Seminary Streets:

The tour begins at Rogers Hall, 1 Harrison Plaza. The North Court Street and Seminary street Tour will feature Rogers Hall, Coby Hall, the Governor O'Neal Home, Connor Place, Wakefield, the Robert Dean Martin Home, the Medical Arts Building Pope's Tavern, two Sears & Roebuck houses and many other homes. This tour is led by Billy Warren.



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The Better Business Bureau of North Alabama will host Florence Shred Day on Friday, April 14 from 9am-noon at the Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum on Veterans Drive.

Free document shredding will be available onsite in a quick and easy drive-thru set up. Only paper documents will be accepted. All other materials such as cardboard, plastic, metal, and binders must be removed.

There is a limit of three large trash bags or file storage boxes per vehicle. Sponsors are the City of Florence, Cook's Pest Control, ElderCare Services, Family Security Credit Union, ICS Roofing and

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The 18th Annual Empty Bowls fundraiser takes place April 12 at The Marriott Conference Center from 11am-1pm. Guests will enjoy a variety of soups of their choice prepared by local restaurants. Guests will also receive either a hand-crafted bowl or cross as a reminder of the meal's purpose; that they helped eliminate hunger one bowl at a time and that we must continue to do God's work in helping the less fortunate.

All Empty Bowls proceeds will stay local to support the food pantry, and the silent auction proceeds provide funds for youth programs and The Center of Hope.

Tickets are \$20 per guest and are available at The Salvation Army office, Trinity Ceramic Supply, CB&S Bank on Hough Rd, or any Women's Auxiliary Member. Sponsorships are also available.

The Batting Quilt Brigade Presents Quilts by the River 2023 Quilt Show. Friday, April 14, 12pm to 6pm and Saturday, April 15 10pm-4pm at Edgemont United Methodist Church, 1330 Eauclaire Ave., Florence.

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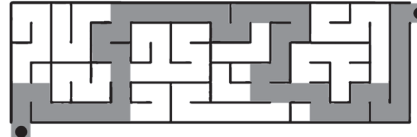


Even Exchange answers

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| 1. Lisbon, Liston | 6. Castle, Cattle |
| 2. Waist, Wrist | 7. Tangy, Tango |
| 3. Banner, Manner | 8. Poster, Potter |
| 4. Pinch, Pitch | 9. Ellen, Allen |
| 5. Shore, Short | 10. Limber, Lumber |

Puzzle Whirl Answers

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Answer
STYLE, STALE, STAGE,
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Answer

1	2	3	6	5	4
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5	1	6	4	3	2
2	3	4	5	1	6
4	5	2	1	6	3
3	6	1	2	4	5

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Thomas McCutcheon

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Q Recently on TV I heard of a scam that can fraudulently sell your home without your knowledge. I assume this is done by Quitclaim Deed. Is this in fact true and how can a homeowner protect against this?

Dorothy Florence, AL

A I, too, have heard the commercials for various paid protection services. I have seen one on television where some police officer talked about the Life Lock or some other service that will protect the title to your home.

I find this to be much ado about nothing. We've all heard stories about somebody selling the Brooklyn Bridge or people joke that they will sell you the Golden Gate Bridge. With appropriate recognition of George Strait, he has a song about ocean front property in Arizona he'll sell you and throw in the Golden Gate for free.

Jokes aside, the law is very clear that a person can't give what they don't have. If a person fraudulently signs a deed conveying a property they don't own, the person that gets it doesn't get anything. You can't get what they don't have.

There are different types of deeds that are used for different legal purposes but that's not the principle that comes into play here. The principle that is important to understand is that the sale of property generally carries with it a warranty that you own it. A Quitclaim Deed merely gives whatever interest you have, be that all, some, or none by virtue of the deed.

The only problem that I do see is that if that situation arose, you would have to hire a lawyer immediately and get the issue of forgery or fraud before the court. It would not be wise to wait. I know lawyers are expensive, but this issue is one that would have to be handled quickly.

One of the issues that would come up is where's the money? If someone bought your property there would be a record of where their money came from and who it was paid to. Without a record of payment or funds, and an allegation of fraud, any judge would become suspicious and protect the homeowner.

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

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