

**Brain is Top Freshman**

FLORENCE -- After a strong season where he earned the team's No. 1 singles spot and went 5-2 in conference play, University of North Alabama freshman, **Lachlan Brain** of Adelaide, Australia, has been named ASUN Conference Men's Tennis Freshman of the Year.

Brain finished the regular season with a 10-6 singles record and won five of his last seven matches of the season, including wins at No. 1 singles over Jacksonville State (twice), Kennesaw State, Queens and Bellarmine.

UNA completed its regular season schedule with a 9-9 record, marking the best record and most wins by a Lion team on the Division I level. North Alabama won just 13 combined matches in its previous four seasons in Division I. It is the most overall wins in a season since 2017.

Brain becomes just the second UNA men's tennis player to earn an ASUN All-Freshman team honor, joining **Oscar Meslin** from 2019.

**Grant Helps Place Pets**

FLORENCE – Heart of Alabama: Save, Rescue, Adopt (HASRA) is set to receive a \$20,000 grant from national nonprofit Petco Love in support of its lifesaving work for animals in Northwest Alabama.

Petco Love is a national nonprofit harnessing the power of love to make communities and pet families closer, stronger, and

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**Join the Shoals Kidney Celebration**

FLORENCE—The Alabama Kidney Foundation's annual Shoals Kidney Walk & Celebration will take place at River Heritage

Park in Florence on Saturday, May 6 at 9:30am.

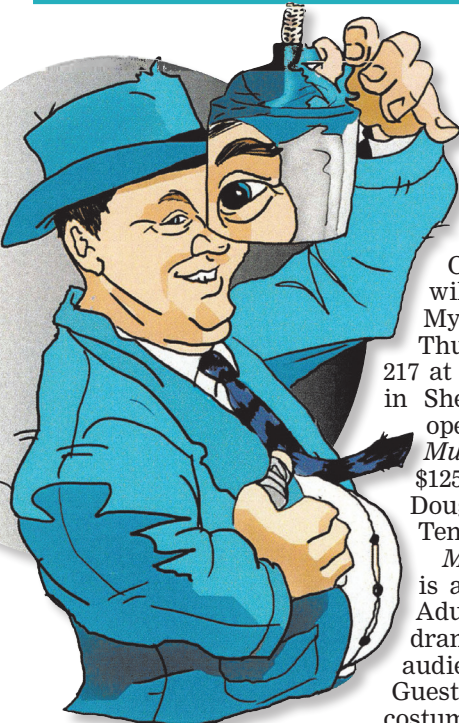
Alabama ranks #1 in the nation for kidney failure with more than 400,000 Alabamians

living with chronic kidney disease, and 14,000 on dialysis.

The Alabama Kidney Foundation's annual Kidney Walk & Celebration raises funds for Alabama's kidney patients in need.

The Kidney Walk is a family-friendly event that's free to attend. The children will receive a coupon for a free treat from local businesses for every lap (up

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**Dinner Theater for Caringplace**

FLORENCE – Caringplace of the Shoals will host its Second Murder Mystery Dinner Theater on Thursday, May 11 at George's 217 at 217 N. Montgomery Ave. in Sheffield at 5:30pm. Doors open at 5pm. Tickets to *Muuurder in Maaaybury* are \$125, available at Kennedy-Douglass Art Center and Tennessee Valley Art Center.

*Muuurder in Maaaybury* is a benefit for Caringplace Adult Day Services - dinner, drama and voluntary audience participation. Guests are welcome to wear costumes. Dinner is provided

by George's 217. There will also be a silent auction of a painted rocking chair created by celebrated artist, Tommy Mathis.

Caringplace of the Shoals is a nonprofit organization operating an Adult Day Services program serving clients with memory loss due to dementia as well as

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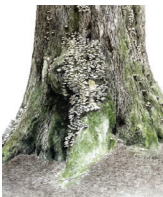


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## Seven Springs Frontier Days

TUSCUMBIA—Annual Frontier Days and National Qualifier Chuckwagon Races take place April 25-30 at Seven Springs Lodge in Tuscumbia.

There is trail riding all week. Armband Pricing is as follows: Tuesday-Friday \$80 • Friday-Sunday \$45 • Saturday-Sunday \$40. Races start Saturday at 1 pm and on Sunday at noon. It is affordable fun for all!

Seven Springs Lodge is located at 1292 Mt. Mills Rd. For more information, visit FB/Seven Springs Lodge or call Tee at 256-370-7218.

Image of Codex Vaticanus - Zondervan



## Codices from Early Church

FLORENCE—The Overton Memorial Library at Heritage Christian University will host a lecture at 6pm on Tuesday, April 25 about the Facsimile of the Codices that the library owns dating back to the 4th, 5th, and 6th centuries.

Dr. Ed Gallagher will facilitate the discussion.

The codex (plural codices) was the historic ancestor of the modern book. Instead of being composed of sheets of paper, it used sheets of vellum, papyrus, or other materials. The term codex is often used for ancient manuscript books with handwritten contents. A codex, much like the modern book, is bound by stacking the pages and securing one set of edges by a variety of methods over the centuries, yet in a form analogous to modern bookbinding.

The Overton Memorial Library proudly houses seven codices, including the Leningrad Codex, Codex Sinaiticus, Codex Vaticanus, Aleppo Codex, Codex Alexandrinus, Codex Argenteus, and The Lindisfarne Gospels.

This event is offered at no charge, and all members of the community are invited to attend.

## Archaeology Youth Camp

FLORENCE—The Pope's Tavern Museum will host a Junior Archaeology Camp for students in grades 1-12 from Monday-Friday, June 12-16. The camp will be divided into three

- groups based on age:
- Group 1: grades 1-4, 9-11am
- Group 2: grades 5-8, 1-3pm
- Group 3: grades 9-12, 1-3pm

The camp will introduce students to the concepts of archaeology through hands-on investigation and research. Students will learn how to research, plan, excavate, and process artifacts at Pope's Tavern Museum. Archaeology can help children grasp concepts relating to mathematics, history, geology, chemistry, social science, and more; this camp will utilize archaeological concepts for teaching the methods of archaeology and the history of the Pope's Tavern site, while also incorporating age-appropriate and hands-on activities that relate to these various academic subjects. Applications are available at Pope's Tavern Museum, the Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts, and online at [www.florencealmuseums.com](http://www.florencealmuseums.com)

Moundville Archaeological Park's Education Department will be facilitating this program to bring the resources and skills of archaeological practice to the Florence community. The University of Alabama Museum's Moundville Archaeological Park is 15 miles South of Tuscaloosa and is one of the largest and most widely-studied archaeological sites in the state of Alabama.

This program is free and is sponsored by the City of Florence Department of Arts and Museums through a grant with the Alabama Historical Commission. Pope's Tavern is located at 203 Hermitage Drive, See SHORTS... on Page 11

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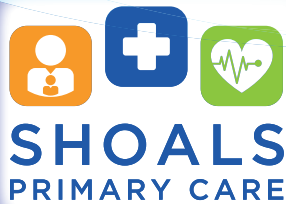
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114 Cottonwood Dr.  
Fri 4/21: 8am-noon & Sat. 4/22: 7am-noon  
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**MUSCLE SHOALS MOVING SALE**, 1105 Moss Ave., Fri. & Sat., 6am-until? Boys 2T and Boys 14-16, Household appliances, Furniture only

**FLORENCE YARD SALE**  
7217 Courtwood St., Bellemeade Sub., follow signs, Fri. & Sat., 7am-until? Lots of great stuff Priced to Sell!! If Rain will have the following weekend.

**MUSCLE SHOALS YARD SALE**  
612 Ford Ave.  
Fri & Sat 7am-until? Fishing equipment, hiking sticks, canes, yard decor, household items.

**KILLEN YARD SALE**, 56 Briarwood Dr., Fri. & Sat. 6 am-noon, Household, Clothing, Toys, Cabinets, Furniture, Home Health supplies Yard items and misc. Map Id# 1185

**KILLEN YARD SALE, 451 Co Rd 426, Fri. & Sat., 10am-7pm**  
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## YARD SALE!

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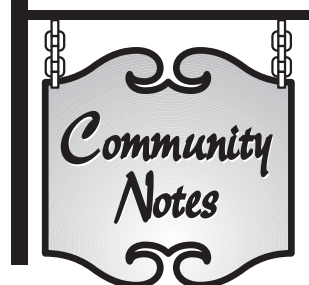
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VOCAL will hold its annual candlelight vigil at 7pm on Tuesday, April 25 at Wilson Park in downtown Florence.

The keynote speaker will be Darlene Hutchinson Biehl, former Director of the Office for Victims of Crime at the US Department of Justice. She was appointed by Governor Ivey in 2022 to serve on the Alabama Crime Victims Compensation Commission. Other speakers include Lauderdale County DA, Chris Connolly and

representatives from the Florence Police Department, Cramer Children's Center, Safeplace, The Healing Place, One Place of Shoals, Shoals Homicide Survivors, along with VOCAL. Music will be provided by Alyssa Ashley-Guin. This is a free public event and open to everyone.

This year's theme for National Crime Victims' Rights Week is Survivor Voices: Elevate. Engage. Effect Change. The RAIN SITE will be Florence First Baptist Church at 2235 Wood Ave. Florence.

Learn more about VOCAL [www.vocalonline.org](http://www.vocalonline.org). Shoals VOCAL is online at Facebook/VOCAL of the Shoals.

**The Colbert County Domestic Violence Response Coalition (CCDVRC)** is hosting 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), WBTG 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](mailto:jenniferccdvrc@gmail.com).

**LifeSouth Blood Drive Dates**  
**Wednesday, April 19** American Wholesale Book Company, 5am - Noon  
**Thursday, April 20** American Wholesale Book Company, Noon - 7pm  
**Friday, April 21** Covenant Christian School, Tusculumbia, 8am - 3pm  
**Thursday, April 27** North Alabama Medical Center, Florence, 9am - 5pm  
**Friday, April 28** CVS, 1715 Woodward Avenue, Muscle Shoals, Noon - 6pm  
**Saturday, April 29** Walmart, 2701 Cloverdale Rd, Florence, 10am - 4pm  
**Sunday, April 30** Salem Church of Christ, 9671 Highway 17, Florence, 11am - 3:30pm

**Shoals Artists Guild Meeting** is Friday, April 21, from 10am-noon at the Southall-Moore House, next to the Kennedy-Douglass Art Center, Downtown Florence. For more info, contact Carolyn Wear, 256-710-6854.

**Gus & Judy Biggers** (formerly with the *Heaven's Echoes*) will be testifying at the First Baptist Church, 245 Church Street, Anderson, AL. Saturday, April 22 at 5pm & Sunday, April 23 at 10:30am. For more info 256-278-0588.

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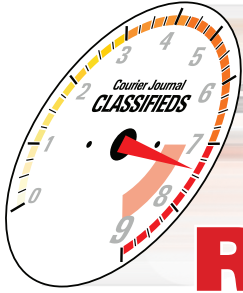
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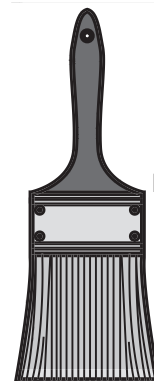
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## Archaeology Youth Camp

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## Crime-Related Career Fair

FLORENCE—Lauderdale County District Attorney's Office will host a Career Fair at the University of North Alabama from 1-3pm on April 27 during National Crime Victim's Rights week. The fair will include all local agencies that assist victims of violent crimes. The event will take place at the Guillott University Center in Banquet Room A.

It is open to students at the University and anyone in the public interested in a career working with victims of violent crimes in our community. The event will include first responders such as the Florence Fire Department, Florence Police Department, Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department and the UNA Police Department. It will also include victim service agencies such as the Healing Place, Cramer Children's Center, Safeplace, One Place of the Shoals Sexual Assault Division and the Victim Service Officers with the District Attorney's office.

## Dear Ya'll for Ka Ly School

SHEFFIELD—Dear Y'all - An Evening for Eddie Hinton; a tribute

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This benefit for Ka Ly Band School in Kon Tum, Vietnam, "Dear Y'all: An Evening for Eddie Hinton" includes a panel conversation that begins at 6:30pm, the movie screening of Dangerous Highway (a documentary film on the life of Eddie Hinton), and performances after with **Eli "Paperboy" Reed, Kelvin Holly, and Will McFarlane,** and Fathers and Sons. A VIP reception will follow for those who purchase VIP seats. The event is presented by Impound Productions, Marabi Productions, Inc., and Jack Pine Social Club.

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ATHENS—**Tom Pallardy** & the O\*M\*G! Band will perform Friday, April 21 from 7-11pm at The BARge at Lucy's Branch in Athens. The band will introduce a few of the 14 songs from Pallardy's soon-to-be-released CD recorded in Muscle Shoals and Elgin studios with his band members and some of the area's best-known and most talented musicians and singers. The CD showcases Tom's original work as a songwriter and arranger.

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seen and heard Tom performing on saxophone, flute, keyboards, and vocals in numerous bands and north Alabama venues.

## The Muscle Shoals' 10th

MUSCLE SHOALS – The award-winning documentary film, 'Muscle Shoals', is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. Since its release at Sundance in 2013, the Muscle Shoals documentary has become a cultural touchstone, inspiring a new generation of musical artists and fans alike.

To celebrate the film's 10th anniversary milestone, visit The Shoals, the Muscle Shoals Music Association and the Muscle Shoals Music Foundation are teaming with the historic Shoals Theatre on Friday, April 21 to host a series of events including a VIP pre-party and cocktail reception with filmmakers, and a viewing of the documentary at the historic Shoals Theatre. Following the film will be a VIP ticket holder exclusive after-party Jam session at Pickett on Court featuring Grammy award-winning artist, **Gary Nichols,** flanked by a band of some of the Shoals hottest studio pickers.

General admission tickets to the movie are also available at [Muscleshoals10.eventbrite.com](http://Muscleshoals10.eventbrite.com).

The limited gold and silver VIP weekend tickets are available now and include Friday night's events as well as entry into Muscle Shoals Music's VIP Experience area at the city of Muscle Shoals' 100th Anniversary concert on Saturday, April 22. The VIP experience area at Saturday's event will include concert VIP pit access, dedicated VIP entrance, a "taste of the Shoals" food experience, unlimited soft drinks, VIP restroom trailer and private cash bar. 100% of the proceeds Friday's event will be donated to the Muscle Shoals Music Association and the Muscle Shoals Music Foundation.

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## Commentary

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# Electric Vehicles NOT the Solution

**I**t seems the government will do anything to eliminate the coal and fossil fuel industry in America, regardless of whether the economy or demand can absorb it.

The EPA said last week it will propose mandates that at least 54% of new vehicles sold in the US be electric by 2030, and up to 67% be electric by 2032.

Those are eye-popping numbers, especially considering that they heavily outpace targets proposed by President Biden in 2021.

Despite the significant tax breaks two years ago, and glowing, frequent coverage, EVs simply cannot compete in the free market. The public at large can't afford them, can't shelter them, can't afford the charging time and inconveniences, and simply DOESN'T WANT THEM. Additionally, automakers are already losing \$billions annually on EVs, and a problem is developing.

Electric vehicles accounted for just 7.2%

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**In A Few Words**



**TOM MAGAZZU**  
Editor

## Courier Journal

in the *Shoals*

# THIS WEEK

April 19, 2023

**Happening THIS WEEK**

## TVMA IS HOSTING A Two-Person Show

**TUSCUMBIA**— An art show entitled, *Paintings by Yuri Ozaki and Stacie Thomas* is on view at the Tennessee Valley Museum

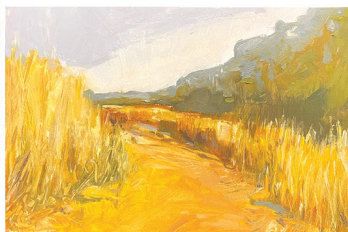


of Art through April 29. This exhibition features the Alabama-based artists' nature-inspired watercolor, oil, and acrylic paintings.

Visitors can meet Ozaki and Thomas at their Gallery Talk and Closing Reception on Saturday, April 29 from 2-4pm.

Yuri Ozaki grew up in a coastal small town in Mie Prefecture in Japan, and her favorite painting subjects have been woodland scenes in the Tennessee Valley as well

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## Keys to Developing Concerns

**MONTGOMERY**— Parents love watching their babies grow. Every moment they do something new is like a miracle; baby's first smile, lifting their head, rolling over, and kicking those little legs are all exciting moments.

Parents also worry when their child isn't doing something that other children the same age are doing. When parents have concerns, it's critical that they find out if there is a developmental delay as EARLY as possible. It's never too early for Early Intervention.

April 17-21 is Early Intervention Awareness

See **SERIES...** on Page 26

**YMCA OF THE SHOALS IS PARTICIPATING IN THE FIVE DAYS OF ACTION**, April 24-28, a week-long campaign to raise awareness and inspire adults to take action to protect children from sexual abuse. YMCA of the Shoals encourages adults and organizations to join in marking this special week as the Shoals comes together to make the community a safer place for children to live, learn, and play. With summer right around the corner—when children gather for activities and camps, it is a wonderful time to bring attention to the simple ways we can all make the children in our community safer. For more information, visit [ymca.org](http://ymca.org)

**LITTLE RED SCHOOL HOUSE 5K & FUN RUN** is April 22 at Heritage Park in Downtown Rogersville - Rain or Shine. Race day registration/packet pickup 6:30 -7:30 am. 5K Starts at 7:30am Fun Run/walk starts at 8:30am. Registration: \$ 20 pre-registration by April 18, \$25 race day; \$30 run both races. 5K Awards: Overall Male/Female, Overall M/F Masters, Top 3 M/F in each age group 1 Mile Awards: Top 3 M/F in each age group. All proceeds benefit The Little Red School House which provides school supplies, clothes/shoes, health/beauty supplies and afternoon snacks to the less fortunate at Lauderdale County High and Elementary Schools. Questions? [lrsh@rogersvilleumc.org](mailto:lrsh@rogersvilleumc.org) or text 256-710-0422.

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## We'll Find Out

Editor:

Don't fret about those leaks, America! Biden will quickly investigate this and report to us that this, too, was Trump's fault.

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## Watched in Horror

Editor:

It has taken me several weeks of deep breathing so I could respond to the Courier Journal editor's

*He identifies practices and policies that consign tens of millions to destitution...*

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misinformation he espoused on March 15. (*Misinformation: The Jan. 6 Sham*) On January 6, 2021, there was an insurrection at our nation's Capitol while the entire world watched. The editor seems to think it's perfectly okay to spread lies and disinformation about that infamous day and our democracy. Maybe he wants a spot in the previous Administration's cabinet, "Liars are

Us". A few more deep breaths.

The only thing the Editor got right was the day. The whole world, except for Tom, watched on television while mobs entered the Capitol beating back the Capitol Police. POLICE. Got that? Men and women in BLUE. Beating the police back with American Flags (how patriotic is that?), Confederate flags (more fitting for their actions), sticks, shields, rocks, fire extinguishers, whatever they could find. Even Bear Spray, which can take out a bear.

We watched in horror as our democracy was being attacked by those radical right -wingers that were following the direction of President Trump (I will walk with you to the Capitol), former Congressman Mo

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### What Is The Automatic Stay?

The automatic stay is a legal order that automatically goes into effect when you file for bankruptcy. It requires creditors to stop all collection activities, including wage garnishments, foreclosure proceedings, and lawsuits. The automatic stay offers a pause on debt collection and gives consumers in bankruptcy much-needed breathing room.

### How Does The Automatic Stay Work?

As soon as a bankruptcy case is filed, the automatic stay is in effect. Creditors must immediately stop all collection efforts, including phone calls and letters, wage garnishments, and foreclosure proceedings. If a creditor violates the automatic stay, they can be held in contempt of court, and the consumer can seek damages.

### Why Is The Automatic Stay Important For Consumers In Debt?

The automatic stay offers several benefits to consumers in debt. First and foremost, it provides immediate relief from harassing and stressful collection efforts. This pause on debt collection

gives consumers the time and space to focus on their financial situation and make a plan for their future.

The automatic stay also offers protection for consumer assets. For example, if a consumer is facing foreclosure, the automatic stay will halt the proceedings and give the consumer time to work out a plan with their lender.

In addition, the automatic stay can provide a fresh start for consumers. By stopping collection efforts, consumers have the opportunity to reorganize their finances and develop a plan to repay their debts.

In conclusion, the automatic stay is a powerful tool for consumers in debt. It provides immediate relief from debt collection efforts, protection for consumer assets, and a fresh start for consumers to reorganize their finances. If you're struggling with debt, contact us at Bond & Botes of Florence to explore your options and determine if bankruptcy is the right choice for you. We offer a free confidential consultation by phone, video or in person and will do our best to help you overcome your financial challenges. We want to help, and we can help you!

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# Artists...

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as her hometown in Japan. Ozaki's exhibited work focuses on her depictions of nature, mostly trees. Her extreme attention to detail gives a portrait quality to her paintings of trees in faithfully recording textures, colors and the effects of light and shadow.

Jonathan Cain, curator at the museum, said, "Visitors will be amazed by the beauty and realism of Ozaki's work, especially her paintings of the bases of trees, which are imbued with a quiet sense of spirituality that creates the impression of visual meditation. Her observations are carefully recorded in watercolor and gouache, verging on hyperrealism."

Accompanying Ozaki's work are small landscape paintings by Stacie Thomas, a contemporary artist who is inspired by the people, landscapes,

and natural ephemera of the southern Appalachian foothills. Her displayed work was created in the plein air style, which generally involves painting an outdoor subject on-site, in open air. "Thomas' use of the plein air technique gives her landscape series a sense of immediacy and impressionistic understanding of masses of light, shadow and color," Cain said.

Admission to the museum is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students, and free for members of the Tennessee Valley Art Association. Visitors can also get free admission to the exhibit and its companion show Pop!: The Art of Comics by bringing a receipt from Superhero Chefs restaurant in Tusculumbia. They can get one free entry per meal listed on their receipt.

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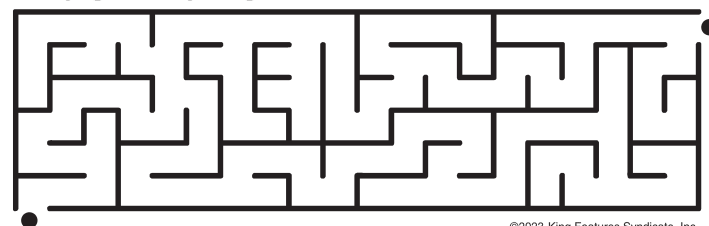
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## Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

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.

- |                         |           |                  |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|
| 1. Bread maker          | ___ A ___ | Motorcyclist     | ___ I ___ |
| 2. Fred Astaire, e.g.   | ___ F ___ | J. Edgar         | ___ V ___ |
| 3. Skilled professional | ___ R ___ | Anticipate       | ___ C ___ |
| 4. Sports team leader   | ___ A ___ | Fancy seashell   | ___ N ___ |
| 5. Snow fragment        | ___ K ___ | Blaze            | ___ M ___ |
| 6. Perry Mason, e.g.    | L ___     | Twain character  | S ___     |
| 7. Rush                 | ___ U ___ | President Truman | ___ A ___ |
| 8. At a future time     | ___ T ___ | Pilsner          | ___ G ___ |
| 9. Invent               | ___ T ___ | Pant leg fold    | ___ S ___ |
| 10. Spring bloom        | ___ E ___ | Fake             | ___ H ___ |

# Puzzle Whirl

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1			4	5
		3		6
	1			3
	5	1	6	

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.

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 Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

**FEATS**

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**JELLY**

Answers on Page 30

**WORD SPIRAL**

U     A

   D    

   E     T

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# Cat & Kids

by Cathy Turner

## Mr. Ref

I enjoyed the collegiate March Madness basketball tournament! And like everyone's brackets, my bracket was busted, so busted, in the first round. Then I re-predicted - and busted, busted, busted! Anyway, maybe it was to be expected. There were just a lot of good teams and a lot of good talent out there. Too bad it was almost overshadowed by all the angst, anger, and self-exaltation.

In recent years, sports has grown into this thing that we've tried to teach our children not to be. Every time a foul is called, people pull their hair out, hands go out and shoulders go up, and spit flies in the faces of the referees. "I can do no wrong!" Staged antics are just getting bigger. On the soccer field, grown men get touched and down they go, wallowing in pain until they see that the ref isn't

going to do anything about it. Then they get up and they run down the field to catch up. In hockey the sticks fly, and fights ensue. You make a bucket, and your hand poses in the air. Make a three and fingers fly high or hang low. Pulling back arrows. Stirring coffee. "Call me" phone signs. Block a shot - then stare-down your opponent and pop your shirt, throw out your chest and growl at the crowd. Football - stomping/dancing ceremonies after every tackle, sac, catch, throw and touchdown. And there are so many pros who complain to the ref After. Every. Play. And there is waving hands in front of the face. Truly y'all, two uglies don't make a pretty.

What are we doing? What are we teaching our children with all of this demonstrativeness? Disrespect and self-absorption. My husband

and I have tried to teach our children that wrong should be exposed but with talking, patience and love. What we see in the push of sports, and in life today, has to do with what wrong is doing to me rather than how can I help this situation be better. Vengeance, wrath, and disrespect is being played out in our society. I didn't grow up with enemies. I truly was trained to look for the good in everybody first. And, that we were all probably doing the best we could with what we knew. I was taught to have patience and hope in the growing. Nowadays people want to make people change themselves and their opinions on the spot, and if they don't, the intention is to make them feel lesser. We are in a true moment of self-bravo.

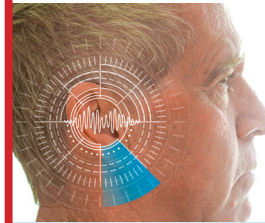
Recently, I watched, on Netflix, a special about the basketball coach/player, Bill Russell. Russell blocked over 8,000 shots in his career. When Bill Russell blocked a shot he would try to hit it in the direction of a teammate, so the game could go on. He didn't try to demean his opponents. There was no grandstanding. He was the best (along with Wilt Chamberlain) and he handled it with dignity. My brother-in-law, Andre Turner, played in the NBA. He played for the Lakers, the Celtics, the 76ers, and the Washington Bullets. Then he played pro ball overseas for 15 years mostly as the point guard for the top-ranked pro team. He is now the head coach at a small college in Tennessee. But before that, I watched him coach at his high school alma mater in Memphis. Andre would always say, "Mr. Ref, Mr. Ref," when disagreeing with the referee. "Mr. Ref, may I talk with you a minute," he would say. Andre has always known how important and how unimportant the game is. Andre had knowledge and experience beyond those high school referees, but he treated them with such respect, "Mr Ref." And the refs, the kids, and the people loved Andre. We need to disagree with dignity and respect. Show your talents. Win with the ball. Contest without malice. Know authority. Seek peace. Stop whining. Expose inequities with love.

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## The New World Order, Like A Leopard

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God's plan is: Zephaniah 3:8 "Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy." Isaiah 13:11 "And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible." In the eighties a preacher said: "we have become an insane asylum run by the inmates." A hit dog always yells the loudest. The holy Bible will always come to pass. Matthew 24:21 "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be." Are you ready? The new world order is a final attempt and failure by the world to bring in the kingdom with the king of liars. See John 8:44 & Revelation 12:9. Save this, more coming. Study colors, metals, animals and numbers

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If and when your claim is settled, part of the settlement will be based on the treatment that you received for the injuries that were related to or caused by the accident.

Your health insurance company may decline to pay for certain treatment. There is not much that you can do about that. Last month in Alabama a man's health insurance company would not pay for a surgery that he was told he needed in the emergency room. His health insurance company declined to approve the surgery. He returned to the emergency room, and he was told a second time that he had to have this surgery. Again, his health insurance company refused to approve the surgery. He then died. His widow sued his health insurance company and the court held that they were protected under a federal law known as ERISA. ERISA was passed by congress in 1974 and makes it virtually impossible to sue your health insurance company for failing to authorize treatment that a person needs. When congress passed it, they exempted themselves. It's a really bad law in many ways (unless you're in congress and then it doesn't apply).

Back to the automobile accident cases, most auto insurance policies do carry medical payment coverage that will pay for medical bills associated with a car accident up to the monetary limit that you purchase. Some of these medical payment policies are really helpful, however, we're seeing more and more people decline medical payment coverage. That is not a good idea at a time when co-pays and deductibles are really expensive.

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## Letters...

### Watched in Horror

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Brooks (take names and kick A\$\$) Tuberville, and so many more using those in the mob as a terrorist group to frighten and intimidate Vice-President Pence (hang Pence), Speaker of the House Ms. Pelosi (drag her out by the hair), AOC, Schumer,

and everyone that wasn't deeply involved in the insurrection in attendance at the counting of the electoral college votes.

Mr. Magazzu would have you believe that Fox Entertainment was showing you minute by minute action of the terrorists and wants you to forget what you saw and heard with your own eyes. To forget that Mr. Trump was President until January 20 seems to be the norm. He could have pardoned all those domestic terrorists until then. He chose not to. No pardon for Brooks, Meadows, Greene, Boebart, Jordan, no one. They failed. Trump ignored pleas by the antagonists.

The *Courier Journal* serves over 65,000 homes, lots less because they are no longer being sent to very many rural homes. The Editor or owner of any media should be non-partisan in his paper. Or just go ahead and bow to be subjugated by the cult of Trump. It's a matter of trust.

**Linda Johnson**  
Florence

Few January 6 participants were identified to be initially charged with a crime in the days after. NO ONE could have imagined such a circus of injustice would ensue. Regardless, and even though he has total authority, there is a multi-faceted process of steps required for Presidential pardons. We ALL know that process for this President would not have been expedited before January 20.

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My commentaries may not be 100% accurate all the time. However, my references will be thorough and far less reliant on an increasingly and unapologetically skewed group of state-run media outlets.

And remember, Linda; slow, deep breaths.

**Tom Magazzu**

### Need Better \$\$ Avenues

Editor:

As residents of a poor state, we should note Matthew Desmond's "Poverty, by America". He identifies practices and policies that consign tens of millions to destitution.

While some blame the poor for a "culture of poverty," Desmond provides evidence of structural obstacles and exploitation of the poor, such as the outsized role of housing costs in the creation and perpetuation of poverty across the nation.

Landlords overcharge poor blacks shut out of homeownership by banks and scarce public housing. The poor are less likely to have bank accounts and must rely on payday-loan and check-cashing stores.

Corporations block unions and promote low-wage labor, but so do consumers who want cheap goods and services that poorly paid, nonunionized, temporary workers provide.

The US has higher relative poverty than most other developed countries. One in eight Americans and one in six children live in poverty. The poverty line has remained essentially unchanged over the past five decades.

America's welfare state is the second biggest in the world. But the benefits disproportionately flow to Americans well above the poverty line. To enjoy most benefits, you need a well-paying job, homeownership, and probably an accountant. "The American government gives the most help to those who need it least."

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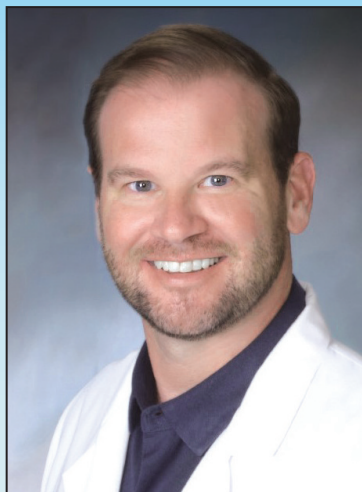
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### A Few Points from Above

Editor's Clarification:

We always appreciate Linda Johnson's letters and the passion from which they are derived. She deserved her space alone. In lieu of an extended editor's note, there are a few institutional items in the above letter that need to be clarified.

Article II, Section 2, Clause 1, 3.2 of the Constitution states in part: "The President... shall have Power to grant Reprieves and Pardons for Offences against the United States, except in Cases of Impeachment." The President's power can only be used to pardon someone for a federal crime. In 1886, the Supreme Court also ruled that the breadth of the President's power extended to "every offence known to the law" and was able to be exercised "either before legal proceedings are taken, or during their pendency, or after conviction and judgment."

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#### Keep tires rotated and inflated to ideal pressure

To help evenly distribute the wear and tear on your tires, the recommendation is to have your tires rotated every 5,000 to 8,000 miles. Under-inflated tires tend to decrease mileage.

#### Glide into your stops

As you approach a stop sign or light, take your foot off the gas pedal earlier and let your car downshift before applying the brake.

#### Combine short trips

Warm engines run more efficiently than cold ones. Planning your errands so you travel in a sequence instead of backtracking is an efficient way to save time, as well as gas.

#### Drive at moderate speeds

While every vehicle is different, mileage decreases quite rapidly over 50 mph in most cases. To save gas, stay at or under the speed limit, and drive at a consistent rate of speed. Use cruise control on long trips.

#### Drive friendly

Aggressive driving habits such as gunning the engine, speeding, screeching around corners and jamming on the gas pedal are major fuel wasters. Avoid fast acceleration and generally drive in a measured and moderate fashion to achieve top fuel savings.

#### Avoid excessive idling

Idling uses a surprising amount of fuel — more than restarting the engine. If you need to wait in your parked vehicle for more than a minute or two, switch off the engine and only start up again when you're ready to continue driving. In extreme weather, it's nice getting into a comfortable car but be conscious of how long the vehicle is idling so fuel isn't wasted.

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by DAVE RAMSEY

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Arnold

Dear Arnold, Pay her back. Anything else would be unfair. And, on top of that, it's just the right thing to do.

The whole move of her taking out a loan to buy you a motorcycle was kind of a dumb anyway. It was dumb on her part, and it was dumb on your part. And you can see why it was now, can't you? It has left you in a lurch emotionally and relationally. We're not talking about a random chunk of cash here. This money was for the motorcycle, from the motorcycle and about the motorcycle. So, you just pay her back, and that'll clear things up.

I'm sorry the relationship didn't work out, brother. But I'm glad you're taking steps to be in control of your finances. And I hope making things right where the bike is concerned will bring you a little peace of mind.

— Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of "The Ramsey Show." He has appeared on "Good Morning America," "CBS This Morning," "Today," "Fox News," "CNN," "Fox Business" and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth, and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO of Ramsey Solutions.

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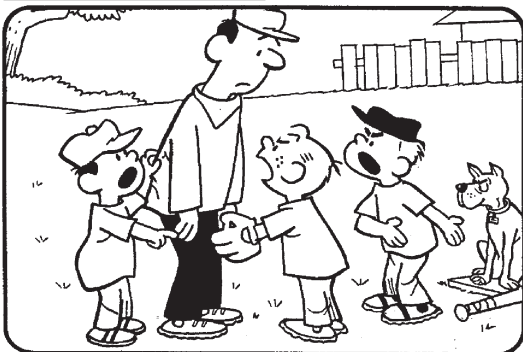
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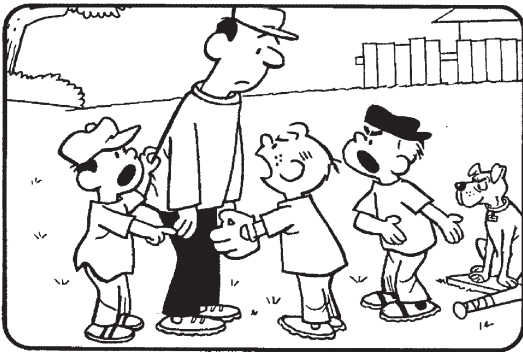


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Week, and Alabama's Early Intervention System (AEIS) is ramping up its outreach efforts to promote its You know best. Know EARLY. public awareness campaign.

To celebrate, park play days will take place Friday, April 21, at 10am at various North Alabama locations, including River Heritage Playground in Florence.

AEIS is a network of services and supports for families whose children under the age of 3 have a delay in their physical, social-emotional, cognitive (brain), and/or language development.

According to AEIS Director, Amy Blakeney, the public awareness

campaign's goal is to get vital information to more Alabama families, especially those in rural and typically underserved communities, about the importance of early detection of delays and the supports available near them at no cost.

"It's critical that parents and caregivers know early if their child has a developmental delay and that early Intervention services are available to them at no cost. District offices across the state will host events during Alabama's Early Intervention Public Awareness Week April 17-21 in hopes of letting more families know about the services that are available."

All babies are uniquely and wonderfully made, and they change a lot in the first three years. By the time they are three, about 80% of their 'adult' brain has developed. Waiting until they go to school to receive intervention services can make it even harder for them to catch up and get on the right track for success in school and in life.

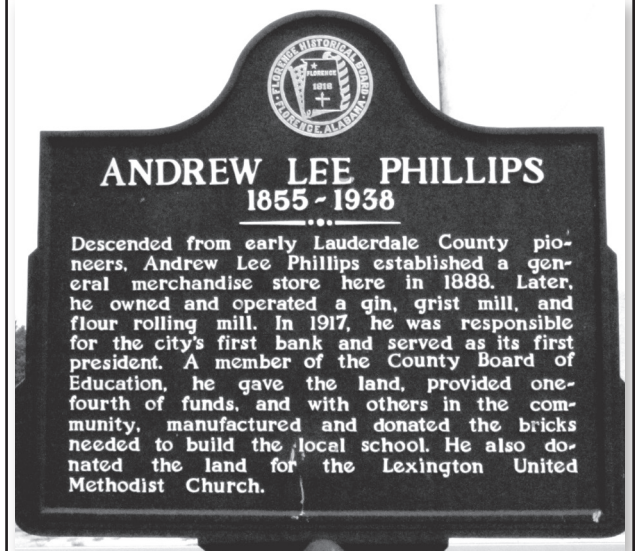
If you are a parent, guardian, childcare professional, or anyone who works with children under 3, you are in the best position to ensure a child gets support services EARLY. You know best. Know EARLY.

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For decades, public notices have been required by law to be published in local newspapers. But some members of the Alabama House of Representatives no longer think that public notices appearing in newspapers are relevant or necessary.

A bill (HB106) filed by Rep. Cynthia Almond from Tuscaloosa, which was passed out of the County and Municipal Government Committee on Wednesday by a vote of 7-5, would allow these notices of local governments to be posted on a website controlled by the very government public notices are designed to oversee.

And the notices would

no longer be required to be published in a local newspaper.

This is the wrong move today, tomorrow and for the future.

Currently, Alabama has a system in place that provides maximum access to public notices — both online and in print.

Public notices printed in a newspaper are also uploaded to an independent, statewide website (AlabamaPublicNotices.com). Newspapers also publish public notices on their websites.

When their public notices are published in newspapers, government bodies can rest assured the critical information remains available to everyone in a format that has stood the test of time for accuracy and accessibility.

Why should public notices continue to be published in newspapers? The basis for doing so remains as important as ever:

• Requiring an independent, third party to publish the notices in accordance with the law helps prevent government officials from hiding information they prefer the public not to see. The government cannot be in

charge of holding itself responsible.

• Publishing the notice in a newspaper ensures that the information is widely accessible to the public. Newspapers are trusted sources of information that are available to everyone, regardless of whether a person has access to the internet or not.

• A public notice must be archived in a secure and publicly available format. A public notice published in a newspaper is already archivable and accessible. This is particularly important for notices that contain information about government decisions and actions that impact individuals and communities for years to come.

• The public must be able to verify that a legal notice is not altered after being published or placed only on a website that is vulnerable to today's hackers. In a newspaper notice, an affidavit is provided by the publisher, which can be used in an evidentiary proceeding to demonstrate that a true copy was published, as well as the exact wording that was used.

While Rep. Almond's bill does not prohibit local government bodies from publishing public notices in newspapers, it removes the requirement for doing so, and that will most certainly result in local county and municipal governments discontinuing the publication of public notices in local newspapers.

We believe that unfettered government control of public information is a very bad idea. Government should not distribute its own public notices.

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 A) Chicago B) New York C) Dubai D) Cairo
- The Alabama State Building is located on this hill:  
 A) Goat B) State C) Cow D) Montgomery
- The oldest building in America is in which state?  
 A) Florida B) Massachusetts C) New York D) Virginia
- The Transamerica Building is located in which city?  
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**The Catherine Barnes Women's Health Fair** takes place on April 19 and 28 at Shoals Community Clinic in Florence.

The fair will offer free cervical and breast exams, free mammograms and pap smears for women age 40-64 who do not have health insurance or a primary health care provider, and for women 65 and over who only have Medicare Part A.

It is part of a national initiative that helps low-income women who are under-insured receive access to breast and cervical cancer screening, diagnostics, and treatment services. Patients are navigated through all phases of quality treatment for timely care.

Services are free to those who qualify. However, you must call for an appointment in advance, 256-760-4713.

**2023 Shoals Cornhole Tournament** takes place **April 22** at the Muscle Shoals Amphitheater, 200 East Avalon Ave., Muscle

Shoals. Sign in: 8am, Bags fly at 9am. Bring your own bags or use bags provided. The event benefits the Muscle Shoals Education Foundation

There are 2 categories - Competitive (with cash prizes of 1st - \$500, 2nd - \$200, and 3rd - \$100) and Social (with prizes and gift cards for 1st, 2nd & 3rd).

Other events: walk up tournament 1pm-2pm, best team t-shirt, bull's eye competition and cornhole board silent auction.

Registration \$50. Register by visiting [mscsfoundation.com](https://mscsfoundation.com) and do a search for cornhole or click on the calendar for more information.

The tournament is part of the Muscle Shoals Centennial Celebration! There will be lots of fun activities! #msrocking100

**The Little Red School House 5K & FUN RUN is Saturday, April 22 at Heritage Park** in Downtown Rogersville - Rain/Shine

Race day registration/packet pickup 6:30 -7:30 am 5K Starts at 7:30am Fun Run/walk starts at 8:30am

Registration: \$ 20 pre-registration by April 18, \$25 race day; \$30 run both races

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All proceeds benefit The Little Red School House which provides school supplies, clothes/shoes, health/beauty supplies and afternoon snacks to the less fortunate at Lauderdale County High and Elementary Schools.

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**Florence Parks and Recreation/The Club/Florence Senior Center, hosts a variety of activities** for adults throughout the week. Chair exercise classes, line dancing, Square dancing, social dancing, BINGO, \$1 lunch, Rummy, Rummy cubes, Rook, Mexican Train & Chicken Foot Dominoes. 9am-3:30pm. 450 Country Club Drive in Florence. Group Travel is available for the community. Call for specifics. 256-760-6420.

**Tennessee Valley Historical Society will meet at 2pm on Sunday April 23** at the Helen Keller Library Conference Room. The guest speaker will be Mr. Tony Tumbow.

**Grace Bible Church of the Shoals, will celebrate its 15 Year Anniversary** and Homecoming on Sunday, April 23. Services will begin at 9:30 with worship service, music, prayer, history, and missionary updates, and end with lunch. Everyone welcome! 4660 Chisholm Rd. in Florence. If joining us for lunch, please call 256-483-9246 or e-mail [annsmith241@comcast.net](mailto:annsmith241@comcast.net) to RSVP.

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**GENERAL HOSPITAL**  
 Holly reunited with an old friend. Chase voiced his appreciation. Robert berated Sonny. Carly and Josslyn offered their help. Alexis received a touching offer. Chase learned his fate. Holly was in danger. Willow made a momentous request. Alexis was shaken. Tracy Quartermaine returned. Curtis had a lightbulb moment. Victor learned of a setback. Nina sought solace. Ava gave Carly food for thought. Elizabeth complimented Austin. Victor had some news for Spencer. Curtis

asked Drew for help. Ava and Portia connected. Carly tried to make peace. Ned vented to Brook Lynn. Drew and Curtis conferred with Laura. Sonny surprised Dante. *Wait to See: Gladys badmouths Cody. Molly receives some unexpected news. Sasha offers her encouragement.*

**THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS**  
 Adam came clean to Victor. Phyllis' plan for revenge backfires. Jack called in a favor with Christine. Nikki encountered someone from her past. Chance's investigation took a surprising turn. Michael faced a moral dilemma. Tucker made Victor an offer he couldn't refuse. Sharon enlisted Abby's help. Elena lost patience with Nate. Victor questioned Nick's judgment. Devon stood his ground. Sparks flew between Daniel and Lily. *Wait to See: Michael pleads his case to Christine. Mariah and Tessa are celebrated. Billy engages in a power struggle with Kyle.*

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Commentary

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of U.S. vehicle sales in the first quarter of this year. The updated standards are clearly the latest effort to ban personal combustion engines in America.

However, that's not the worst of it.

Most of the key mineral /rare earth supply chains in the world are owned outright or controlled by China. Those include many of the materials used in the production of EV batteries: Graphite, Aluminum, Nickel, Copper, Steel, Manganese, Cobalt, Lithium, Iron.

Therefore, China makes most of the EV batteries for the world AND will continue to do so. They are stretched as it is now. The rate the

US government wants to amplify output is simply unworkable.

These administration nimrods seem to think that because we are the U.S., we can snap our fingers and the needed resources will just appear on our requested timeline. They fail to realize the EV batteries don't grow on trees like the US government money supply does.

Why do we want China to control even more of our lives?

And EV supporters also need to understand that we are looking at an increase of global mining on a scale we can't imagine.

Current mining is largely performed by highly underpaid and under-monitored labor

in the Congo, where some 70% of the earth's copper mining takes place, much of which is owned by China. Do you think they are concerned about human rights abuses? What kind of slave labor will they end up with working against their will in new mines in new places?

We don't have the charging stations. We can't keep the electric grid up in many areas now, while we are mandating insane laws that further restrict the use of fossil fuels. EVs mean shorter distances, frequent charging, nominal speeds and size, and insufficient covered areas for even the smaller \$55,000 vehicles that most people can't afford.

And what happens when the battery needs to be recycled? How much will that cost and what kind of soil pollution is imaginable with that?

It's amazing how many people were determined to run away from the Trump administration and its energy independence policies in any way possible.

Instead, we are 28 months headlong into Jivin' Joe and his band of absolute incompetents trying to give a broken country over to China any way they can.

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