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Learn About City's Plan

MUSCLE SHOALS — City residents in Muscle Shoals have their first opportunity to learn more about the city's comprehensive plan during a community meeting at 6pm Tuesday, June 13, at Muscle

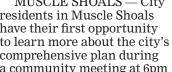
scheduled the meeting which to provide feedback to the consulting firm creating the

The city council approved a \$175,000 contract with the Birmingham engineering firm Goodwyn Mills Cawood (GMC) in August to create the city's first comprehensive master plan.

The meeting will include an update on the plan's progress from the GMC consultant team, and will offer some interactive activities that will help provide the team with community comments and feedback. Initial planning reflects a four-phase process that is supposed to last about 12 months.

Residents are also encouraged to fill out a survey at muscleshoals2040. com, a website created to provide the

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Shoals High School. City officials have will also offer the opportunity



L-R: Marlon Malone, Lions Club Secretary and Zone Chair; LO Bishop, HOF inductee; and Nancy Vance, Cherokee Lions Club President. June 7, 2023

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CHEROKEE Lions Club International has a new platform for honoring outstanding leaders throughout

by Lisa Singleton-Rickman

Times Daily Staff Writer

Alabama.

Longtime businessman, L.O. Bishop, is among the first to be inducted into the Alabama Lions Hall of Fame.

Bishop has been a Cherokee Lions Club member since 1980.

He was inducted into the Hall of Fame on April 29 during the annual state convention in Prattville.

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Hood's Live Nashville Cats Show is July 8

NASHVILLE-Shows musician, David Hood, will be the featured live personality in a NashvilleCats event on Saturday, July 8. Nashville Cats showcases stories and songs from

musicians and session singers who have played important roles in country music history The showcase takes place

from 2:30-4pm at the Ford Theater, inside the Country Music Hall of Fame in Nashville. That address is 222 Rep. John Lewis Way S.

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Shoals Musical Tribute Set

TUSCUMBIA-Colbert County Tourism is excited to announce the highly anticipated Tribute to Muscle Shoals Music concert on Saturday, June 17 at 7pm at the historic Ritz Theatre in Sheffield. Renowned artists T Graham Brown, James Leblanc, Angela Hacker, and Billy Lawson & Wishbone will showcase legendary songs that helped shape the distinctive Muscle Shoals sound celebrated worldwide for its soulful blend of rock, rhythm, and blues.

T Graham Brown's soulful voice and dynamic stage presence bring to life his classic tunes recorded right here in Muscle Shoals. Joining him on stage will be James Leblanc, a gifted singer-songwriter

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public with information about the comprehensive planning process.

Two from UNA Earn Fulbright

FLORENCE-Two University of North Alabama graduates from the Department of Foreign Languages, have received a Fulbright U.S. Student Program award from the U.S. Department of State and the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. These awards represent the 13th and 14th Fulbright Scholars from

- · Elizabeth Talbot, "Ellie"- a Spanish commerce major, Digital Marketing minor, with a certificate in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages), will be spending the 2023-2024 year in Mexico teaching English. Her future plans include teaching English abroad.
- Eleanor Thompson, "Ellie" - a German and

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History/Secondary Education major, will spend the 2023-2024 year in Germany teaching English. While in Germany, she plans to obtain a TESOL certificate to teach English as a second language. Her future plans include an MA in German or in English as a Second Language.

In addition to the Fulbright Scholars, the Department of Foreign Languages has consistently produced winners of other premier awards, including:

- · James Wiegmann, Goethe Sommer Akademie in Bremin, with travel sponsored by the Goethe Institut
- · Ethan Sowash, Phi Sigma Iota Foreign Language Society scholarship to teach German to adults
- · Kristina Williams, winner of a teaching assistant program in
- · John Hall, winner of a Japanese Exchange and a teaching program grant.

Summer Youth Jobs@NW-SCC

MUSCLE SHOALS -- Northwest-Shoals Community College has partnered with the Alabama Department of Human Resources (DHR) to provide summer employment to youth in the area.

NW-SCC plans to employ up to 30 part-time positions on the Phil Campbell and Shoals campuses combined. To be eligible, youth must meet Alabama Department of Human Resources Family Assistance Income Guidelines.

"This program will allow our Patriot family an opportunity to mentor the youth in our community and help them gain quality experience and valuable connections," said NW-SCC President Dr. Jeff Goodwin.

Eligible participants must be ages 16 to 24 and have a household income that meets the 2023 Federal Poverty Guidelines. Eligibility for summer youth employment is not contingent on NW-SCC enrollment.

The Summer Youth

Employment Program allows participants an opportunity to acquire life and job skills, as well as work experience.

Applicants must complete an application and required supporting documentation. To apply or need additional information, please contact Amanda Peters. Coordinator of Career Services at 256-331-8121 or amanda.terrv@nwscc.

Treatment is a Lift at NASH

MUSCLE SHOALS Officials at North Alabama Shoals Hospital have announced the addition of the UroLift treatment for benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH). The procedure is the only one of its kind in north Alabama and the surrounding areas. It utilizes tiny implants to lift and hold the enlarged prostate tissue out of the way so it no longer blocks the urethra. There is no cutting, heating, or removal of prostate tissue.

"As far as non-invasive urological procedures go, this is a game-changer, said urologist **Mark** Smith, who currently performs the procedure at North Alabama Shoals

Hospital. UroLift helps reduce the prostate swelling that inhibits the flow of urine from the urethra. During the procedure which takes less than an hour. the patient is given mild sedation. The procedure can be performed on an outpatient basis under local anesthetic block. A small suture connected to an anchor is implanted under endoscopic guidance with the aim of retracting the prostatic urethra toward the prostatic capsule to open the prostatic urethral space.

It is constructed from two tabs, a stainless steel urethral tab and a nitinol capsular tab. A needle is deployed transurethrally beyond the prostatic capsule and delivers suture-based implants that are placed under tension. This mechanically retracts the prostatic lobes to open the prostatic urethral space. Patients

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Florence Garage Sale 2130 Co Rd 27, Sat. 7am-until? Clothes, Kitchen items, Games, Some Furniture, Etc.

TUSCUMBIA MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE, 306 East 2nd St., (Corner of Cave St. & 2nd) Sat., 7am-until? Map ID# 1320

MUSCLE SHOALS PARKING LOT YARD SALE

Saturday, June 17th, 6am-until? 4109 Sportsplex Dr., (Simply Healthy parking lot). Space Rental \$25, 256-349-3628 to reserve your space.

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FLORENCE ESTATE SALE Estate of Waylon Purser 295 Co. Rd. 302.

Florence, AL 35634, 3 miles East of Zip City off County Road 8, **Saturday, June 10th 8am-5pm**, Furniture, Appliances, Kitchen items, Household goods, Figurines and more!

FLORENCE, AL: 109 Margaret Cove June 9th-11th Fri. 8am-4pm, Sat. 8am-4pm, HUGE SALE! 2 FULL households! Antiques! Parsons desk assorted items, Furniture, Farmers table with 6 chairs, Yard decor, Clothing sizes child to adult, holiday decor, pool items, Neon signs, Paintball, Twin and full size beds.

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FLORENCE: 1816 Sherrod Avenue Friday June 9th and Saturday June 10th Fri. 7am-11am, Sat. 7am-11am, Multiple family yard sale with a little bit of everything.

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MOVING/YARD SALE, 2209 Virginia Ave., Sat. 7am-2pm, Furniture, Decorations, Fishing Gear, too much to mention!

FLORENCE BACKYARD SALE,

1607 Sherrod Ave., Sat. 6 amuntil? Depression Glass, tools, lots of vintage items, kitchen, pet items, nice clothes and misc.

TUSCUMBIA YARD SALE
121 Harmony Dr. Sat. 7am-12pm
Clothes, Blankets, Curtains, Misc. household items, etc.

FLORENCE HUGE GARAGE

FLORENCE HUGE GARAGE SALE (House Cleanout) 170 Stoney Creek Dr., Fri. 3pm-8pm & Sat. 8am-4pm, Toys, Shelves, DVDs, WII & misc. Map ID#1321

FLORENCE: 1512 Ridge Ave 4/29/23 Sat. 7am, Huge multi-family yard sale. Name brand cloth-ing for the whole family. Shoes, furniture, seasonal decor. Home decor. Toys. Books. Etc. Little bit of everything. Start time 7am. No early birds please. 1512 Ridge Ave, Florence. Canceled if raining. Cash and credit accepted.

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Homecoming at Rhodesville United Methodist Church Sunday, June 11. Singing starting at 10am with the Green Family doing the singing. Service starts at 11am with Brother Mike Bevis from Florida speaking. Lunch following service.

<u>June 12-14</u> we will have a revival with Brother Mike & Sister Debbie speaking at 6pm nightly. We will have plenty of singing each night. Everyone is welcome.

Gospel Meeting - Frankfort Road Church of Christ, June 11-14. 8170 Frankfort Road, Tuscumbia. Speaker:

9:30 Sunday Bible Study Class: 10:30 Morning Worship; 1:30 Lunch; 2pm Singing; 3pm Evening Service. 7pm Monday - Wednesday.

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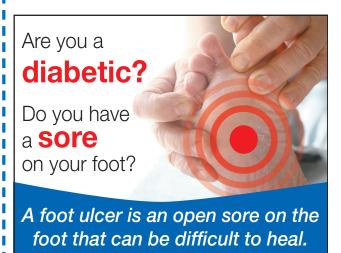
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Simon), Traffic and (Shoot Out at the Fantasy Factory). While based in Muscle Shoals, Hood also worked in Memphis and Nashville. His long list of credits includes Etta James's "Tell Mama," a Letter Maria," the Staple Singers' "Respect Yourself," Bob Seger's "Old Time Rock and Roll," and recordings by Solomon Burke, J.J. Cale, Clarence Carter, Glenn Frey, Levon Helm, John Hiatt, Jason Isbell, McClinton, the Oak Ridge Boys, Boz Scaggs, Percy Sledge, and Tony Joe Additionally, the legendary bassist has collaborated with the Southern rock band Truckers, son,

with museum admission. However, a program ticket is required, so visitors are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance. The July 8 include performance, vintage photos, audio, and film clips. After the program, Hood will sign commemorative Hatch

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Peace Be Still

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Peace is a wonderful thing, a feeling of calmness and tranquility. Jesus disciples, out of fear for their very lives in a moment of desperation an inability to save self, called out to their Master.

Friend, what about you and me? What can we glean and take away from this most astounding truth, concerning Jesus Christ and his limitless power, even subduing the raging storm upon

them? Man will often turn to inadequate, insufficient, and temporal means to calm the storms of life, grasping for peace, in the form of leisure, vacations, and the list goes on.

Friend, the apostle Paul admonished and warned the church at Galatia, "Am I therefore your enemy, because I tell you the truth, Galatians 4:16?" It is our plea to speak the truth from God's word, never alienating anyone, keeping our Lords' command to take the gospel to the world, loving the souls of men. The very Jesus who spoke the stormy sea of Galilee into a state of peace is the very Jesus who all men, down through the ages will stand before on judgment day, II Corinthians 5:10.

Friend, to the unprepared soul, there will be no eternal peace, only an eternity of regrets and suffering, 2 Thessalonians 1:8." May we consider the words of Jesus from our original text as found in Mark 4:35, "Let us pass over unto the other side." We will all pass over to the other side at death, less the Lord return first. Jesus supplied peace to His disciples, arriving safely on the other side of Galilee, Mark 5:1. Only Jesus will provide salvation and peace to all the faithful obedient, he / she passing safely over to their eternal reward, Acts 4:12, Revelation 2:10. Can you say, "it is well with my soul," if the trump of God sounded and the Lord descended from heaven today 1 Thessalonians 4:16?



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Bishop...

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Nancy Vance, president of the Cherokee club, said the honor bestowed upon Bishop was fitting because he has given so much of himself and his resources to the community and the whole Shoals area.

"It's not just an honor

for him, but also for our club because he's meant so very much to us through the years," said Vance.

In his nomination letter, Vance listed Bishop's honors and contributions to the Shoals area. These date back to 1967 when he received the Alabama Farm Bureau Outstanding Young Farm Family award.

He was the Colbert County Alabama Farm Federation president for 48 years and served on the Alfa Board of Directors for 14 years, Compass Bank Board for 40 years, and Northwest-Shoals Community College Foundation Board for 40 years.

In addition, Bishop was named to the Alabama Agriculture Wall of Honor in 2017, he was chosen Shoals Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year in 1989, and is a member of the University North Alabama Business Council.

Bishop, 88, wasn't xpecting the Lions expecting Club honor. In fact, he didn't know there was such thing as the organization's hall of fame.

don't consider anything I do as extraordinary because it's other people who give life meaning," he said. "I've always been concerned with the wellbeing of others. It's a matter of your attitude and it motivates you to help when you can. I guess that's what has driven me all these

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Commentary

Unappreciated 6 Decades Later

ogically, the May 23 announcement by South Carolina Senator, Tim Scott, that he was entering the 2024 Presidential race would be met with celebration by many of those in the

In A

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Words

TOM MAGAZZU

black community. His tone was resolute, his message positive, and his vision uplifting. This marks the second black candidate for the office in this election cycle, Larry Elder being the other. Both are Republicans. Two Indian-Americans are also in the early field. Yet, America is 'hopelessly racist.'

If white supremacy and systemic racism are such problems, there should be parades in the streets and donations piling up by the tens of \$millions. That is not the case, because courtesy

of the left and the alphabet media, any Republican of color is lampooned as a token, desperate for white approval - a parody of Supreme Court Justice, Clarence Thomas.

Scott was the first elected black senator from the south since reconstruction.

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Young Learners Discover Ross

FLORENCE—The Florence Indian Mound Museum is hosting a series of monthly children's programs where students can explore the early history of the Shoals through short lessons and hands-on learning exercises. Twelve Native American figures will be explored through their biographies, contributions, hopes, and accomplishments.

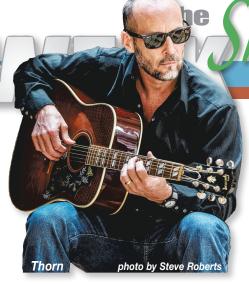
A program and activity about Cherokee engineer, Mary Golda Ross, is scheduled for Saturday, June 10 at 10am.

Ross was born in 1908 and is the great-great granddaughter of Principal Chief, John Ross. Mary Ross graduated college with a mathematics degree and started studying astronomy while earning her master's degree. Ross worked for the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation during World War II









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THIS WEEK

RICKEY BUTCH WALKER will be at the Leighton Public Library on June 10 for the Jimmy Hughes Day Festival celebration. The library is located at 740 Main St in Leighton. Walker will have copies of his books to purchase! There will also be a photo op and a presentation on 98-year-old WWII veteran Huston Cobb Jr., coauthor of Black Folktales of the Muscle Shoals. Jimmy Hughes is a retired rhythm and blues singer raised in Leighton, cousin of famed singer Percy Sledge, and an instrumental part of the early Muscle Shoals music industry in the mid-1960s.

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Dear Sir,

The second Sunday in June is widely known and celebrated as Race Amity Day in the United States. The National Race Amity Organization began in 1921 with an overall mission of the cultivation of friendship (amity) among all people regardless of race. This will be the 103rd year of the organization's history. This is the third year that we have had it proclaimed by the city councils of Florence and Russellville, and will be joined this year by Sheffield, Huntsville, Birmingham, and Montgomery.

We will have a program at the Florence library at 2 pm on Sunday

The last thing Alabama needs is the dilution and politicization of our weak education system...

June 11 to which the public is invited highlighting activities in Huntsville, Montgomery, Florence, and Russellville that have promoted interracial understanding. We will also be giving awards to local programs that have worked to cultivate friendship and cooperation among our citizens.

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Race Amity Day will be observed at the Florence Public Library at 2 pm on Sunday, June 11.

The objective will be to unite people around the state who are working on various programs to promote the idea that we as a state can come together and improve our friendships across racial divisions.

We are moving towards E Pluribus Unum. our national motto, which means "From Many One". Active participants believe this is an activity worthy of recognition by the entire community, particularly communities of faith.

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Because FCEs are almost always ordered by the employer, the examiner who tests the injured worker is almost always conservative and the person administering the test looks for inconsistent effort. There are a number of tests that look for symptom exaggeration. There are scales that provide a reliability profile. They check the heart rate and the grip strength from hand to hand. At least half of the test is dedicated to proving that the injured worker did not give their best effort.

I always tell my clients to give good effort but not so much that they could not come back and repeat the test the next day. A lot of people could pull a loved one out of a burning building, but few people could do the work of being a fireman. This test is looking for consistency over a 40-hour week.

A vocational specialist will take into consideration the age, education, training and experience of an injured worker and use their functional capacity evaluation to determine the amount of loss they have sustained. This loss is often stated in terms of reduced wages and a loss of the number of jobs available to a worker with impaired physical

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In 1818 three Wilson brothers John, Matthew, and Samuel, came from Virginia to purchase large farms in this area. The plantations of John and Matthew joined near this cemetery. All three brothers and their families are buried here. Inscriptions on two gravestones tell of a Civil War atrocity when, on April 30, 1865, two local Union guerrilla gangs tortured and murdered John Wilson and his nephew, Matthew, Jr. Two others in the house were shot, yet lived to tell the story. The plantation overseer was murdered the following morning.

Location: 34.8509°N, 87.6293°W SW corner of Plantation Springs Drive, Florence

The Blackberry Trail Golf Course now sits on part of the old Wilson plantation. This marker tells a gruesome story concerning John Wilson.

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

THIS IS A REFRESHED VERSION OF AN ARTICLE I FIRST WROTE YEARS AGO.

I've recently seen a version of this shared by a few Facebook friends. I'd love to know what happened to cause the uptick in this scam, but this is a great excuse to refresh the memory

of both my readers.

I received an email that threatened to send salacious pictures of me to both my friends unless I paid a ransom. Such



an email is terrifying the first time you receive one, but I've since received hundreds of them since I wrote the original article. This is funnier if you read it in an evil Russian spy accent:

I'VE BEEN SEXTORTED!

by "The Computer Skeptic"

"FordF150 is your passphrase. Lets get straight to purpose. I actually installed a software on the a pornographic website you visited to experience fun (you know what I mean). When you were viewing videos, your web browser began working as a Remote Desktop that has a keylogger which provided me access to your display and web camera. Immediately after that, my software gathered every one of your contacts from your Messenger, FB, and emailaccount. After that I made a double video. First part shows the video you were

watching (you have a fine taste:)), and second part displays the recording of your web camera, yea it is u.

The email goes on to threaten to send the salacious video to both my friends unless I send them a \$7,000 ransom within 24 hours. Is that scary or what? Well, since I have not subscribed to any website like that, I'm gonna say, "Only a little scary."

But there is something a bit unsettling about this that certainly got my attention. The password "FordF150" actually is a "throwaway" password I used long ago when I actually

owned a Ford F150. I used it for one-time logins for websites such as newspapers that require an account to view an article. So how did they know my password?

These scammers know that most of us use the same password across many websites. Email and passwords have been stolen from legitimate websites such as Netflix over the years. These leaked email addresses and passwords are shared on the Dark Web. They also know that many of us have signed up for naughty websites. Mix these facts together and you get a recipe for extortion. The scammers simply copied my stolen email address and password into their form letter and sent it to me hoping that I had signed up for some naughty website sometime in the past.

There is a website you can use to see if your email address and password have been hacked called haveibeenpwned.com. I plugged my email address in there and it does show that a trial account I used for Netflix was hacked back in 2014.

So what should you do if you receive one of these? First, calm down. You didn't do anything wrong. Next, give your cardiologist the good news that you passed a stress test.

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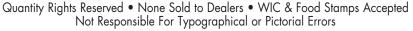


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Dear Sonny, This question tells me you're a good guy with a good heart. But let me ask you a thing or two. When your wife gets sick, is it unfair for you to take care of her? You didn't cause it. It's not your fault. Of course, it's not unfair. I'm not mad at you, buddy. I'm just throwing your own logic right back at you.

Maybe these next lines will sound familiar: for

or for poorer, in sickness and in health. The old "Book of Common Prayer" continues the vows and says, "Unto thee, all my worldly goods I pledge." This is called oneness. It's called unity. And it's what a good marriage

should be about. Do you get what I'm saying, Sonny? The two of you are in this together. This is not a business partnership or ioint venture. It's a man and a woman pledging themselves, and all they have and are, to each other. I understand your feelings, but if you're not careful, that kind of guilt will stand in the way of you two creating a successful marriageboth financially and emotionally.

When yoù got married, the "me" and "mine" became "we" and "ours." You got all her stuff, the good and bad, and she got all of yours. Now it's time for you to work as a team to make the bad stuff go away and the good things even better. What's fair (and what's right) is to combine all your income, all of your assets and all of your liabilities.

know uncomfortable, you've got to choose courage. Ask her to go all in on this with you and attack your debt together. Work toward making your dreams come true together as

That's what's fair, and that's what's best when you're married.

- Dave

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Letters...

Officially Don't Care

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switching stations specifically for land lines was in the 1990's.

I find it odd that at the same time AT&T is receiving tens-of-millions in tax dollars (politicians call them grant dollars. but I prefer the truth) to close the "digital divide", offer new customers high speed internet at ZERO investment, gain a 5500% per month return from each new customer, and make a profit from each existing land line customer, that AT&T can convince the Alabama Public Service Commission that it needs to raise rates on a product that is used mainly by the poor and elderly.

How many zeros on a check does it take to make a star "twinkle"?

Vic Billingham Killen

HB 430 Bars Our Freedom

Editor:

DailyThe Timesrecently reported on Alabama House Bill 430 that mandates the "Literacy Task Force" ensure elementary school curriculum content "reflects the core values of the state." It is not clear what the task force has been doing. That is a good thing.

The Republican Bill reflects authoritarian regimes such as China, – and Florida Russia where officials decide the meaning of core values, ban books, and control what is taught - under the guise of parental rights.

Groups such as Moms for Liberty and Taking Back Our Schools oppose topics that they regard as divisive or outside the confines of Christian nationalism, including even steps to prevent the spread of COVID.

As a result, teachers school board members face a confusing situation where even one parent can throw a wrench in the system. Teachers are quitting and school boards operate in an environment where definitions are vague and political activists can

make their job hell.

It is ironic that those who want to suppress the First Amendment are champions of expanding the Second. They want to ban books and censure education to "protect innocent children" while promoting access to guns that are now the leading cause of death of children.

Inconvenient truths history and make better informed for citizens and protect our The last democracy. thing Alabama needs the dilution and is politicization of our weak education system that trails most states and hinders our economic progress.

Protect our freedom and oppose HB 430.

Dan Waterman

When Will We Wake Up?

Editor:

The Public Health Emergency has now ended, and these psychopathic globalists are "gathering their stones" for the next attack.

Globalists Bill Gates, Joe Biden, and the United Nations are saying there will be another pandemic.

They want the power to declare when a pandemic (plandemic) begins and when it ends.

When the next virus or fabricated illness is announced to the public, they will remind everyone of their accomplishments

and that they were responsible for ending the last one.

Among their accomplishments were the many who died in hospitals who were given the drug "REMDESIVIR" which can destroy the kidneys and then put on respirators and never came off.

The lockdowns caused depression and suicides. thousands of small businesses were destroyed, many businesses schools and churches were closed, many lost their jobs who refused to take the so-called Covid Vaccine, and families were separated from their loved ones in nursing homes and hospitals.

All this was based on the results of a PCR test which the inventor Kary Mullis said couldn't tell you that you're sick.

And where did the flu go for two years?

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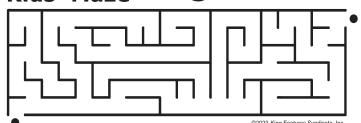
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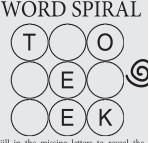
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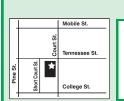
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Commentary

Decades...

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If the Democrats are the supposed leaders in diversity, why were they second at the table with Raphael Warnock? They had many decades to remedy that oversight.

Democrat rule over the black vote in recent years has dwindled despite \$billions being invested in racial animosity campaigns by rich financiers, names we all know with a heavy Marxist lean.

Rest assured that Tim Scott will also be mocked by a variety of media clowns for his Christian position on sexual abstinence before marriage.

It's okay for them to joke about his possible virginity in a belittling manner even though he long ago mentioned, "that ship has sailed?"

Then, is it equally okay to ask abortion advocate Kamela Harris how many abortions she has had or how many affairs she had while sleeping her way up California's political ladder?

Some will say, "No."

I'm still not sure why the NAACP sides with Democrats or how that even got started. Most independently minded upwardly-mobile and minorities were fully behind Martin Luther work towards King's racial equality. King was a Republican, as Florence native, was Congressman, James T. Rapier, many decades before him, and the trailblazing Harriett one Tubman, of America's unsung heroes whom we have featured in this space twice before.

MLK knew which group supported equal rights for blacks and which group donned the white robes. The two were not synonymous.

President Johnson's great society had little to do with justice and even less to do with equality.

There's no question that Johnson, despite supporting Civil Rights Act of 1964 and signing it into law, was also a racist for his entire adult life. Some of his derogatory comments were including inexcusable, one used when appointing judge Thurgood Marshall to the Supreme Court.

"Son, when I appoint a ni... to the court, I want everyone to know he's a

ni...."

The democratic track record of advancing equality over the last three generations since LBJ's utopian Great Society was established is woeful. In fact. prospects for minorities have declined as quickly as entitlements have skyrocketed. The black family unit is disintegrating. Out of wedlock births are approaching Education quality and graduation rates, especially for inner city youth, are spiraling even with record dollars/ student investment, all while Democrats tout loyalty to the party and promise greater justice for the underserved.

We need to determine how the United States, the world's most successful story of racial integration, is systemically racist and a supposed melting pot of rage, while thousands of people still risk their lives daily to get here.

The NAACP was a courageous leader during the civil rights turmoil of the '50's and '60's. Today they would be far from Dr. King's pride.

King called for a national boycott of Alabama in the '60's because Democratic Gov. George Wallace's hostile racial policies created a reign of terror.

It's the Republicans who voted largely in favor of the Civil Rights Act in much higher percentages than the Democrats. Democrats are the ones who filibustered the legislation in hopes of derailing it. Had it been left to the friends of the robed, the 1964 measure would have failed.

By contrast, Florida is currently an oasis of freedom, which is why vast numbers of Black people are moving there. That flies in the face of the NAACP's new Florida boycott for supposedly suppressing black freedoms and the teaching of black history.

The Democrat tendency to shortchange minorities is profound ongoing, starting the founding the and with

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KKK and authoring Jim Crow laws before the tumultuous 50's and 60's.

Back in 2010, Joe Biden gave a glowing eulogy for Democratic Senator Robert Byrd, an exalted supporter of the KKK.

Today, Democrats side with teachers unions in failing schools instead of voting to give parents of Black children the option of school choice.

The Democratic party advocates for the trend of abolishing the police, one of the few barriers to total chaos in some communities. They push their followers to teach children to distrust authority and law enforcement with blatant statistical falsehoods about unarmed deaths.

Democrats were in favor of DC schools throwing 40% of Black kids out because of the of the Covid vax mandate.

Republican The Party was founded_to The oppose slavery. administration last produced the lowest



African-American unemployment figure ever, and the lowest recent African-American poverty levels.

The revisionist history driven by a Democratapologist media would have us believe that sudden party switches took place right after the Civil Rights Act, with racist Democrats turning Republican.

That is pure fairy dust for anyone who will sniff it, and it is totally unsubstantiated by historic record. Of the 21 Democrat senators who opposed the 1964 Civil rights act, only one would ever change parties. The

other 20 racists stayed put and eventually their voting constituents replaced them with other Democrats. Many have now died and have been replaced by others with a D. Joe Biden is one who is still stumbling around up there weaving tales of hate and animosity like only he can.

The first signs of any shift Democrat was actually in the early 1990's and has gained momentum since. It is all based on national security concerns, economic opportunities, and the Democratic party's race to the far left.

The same holds true of state legislatures

in the south, many of which remained firmly in Democratic control and with Democratic governors at the helm until the mid-1990's/early 2000's. The Shoals area is a prime example.

Would Democrats of the 1960's have considered voting for Tim Scott as President?

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To find out how much your retirement benefits will be, see your Social Security statement at SSA.gov/myaccount. And to get an estimate of your ex's benefits, call Social Security at 800-772-1213. You'll need to show your marriage certificate and divorce decree to prove your marriage lasted at least 10 years along with his Social Security number to get it.

Other Factors to Know

You also need to be aware that working can affect your divorced spouse's benefits. If you start taking benefits while working, and are under full retirement age, your benefits will be reduced \$1 for every \$2 you earn above the annual limit, which is \$21,240 in 2023. In the year you reach full retirement age, however, the annual limit increases to \$56,520 and the reduction lowers to \$1 for every \$3 above that limit. See SSA. gov/pubs/EN-05-10069.pdf for more details.

Another factor that can reduce your divorced spouse's benefits is receiving a pension from an employer that did not withhold Social Security taxes (like a government). This is a rule know as Government Pension Offset (see SSA.gov/benefits/ retirement/planner/gpo-calc.html) which can reduce your benefits by two-thirds of the amount of your pension.

Divorced Survivor's Benefits

You also need to know that when your ex-spouse dies (and if you were married for 10 or more years), you become eligible for divorced survivor benefits, which is worth up to 100 percent of what your ex-spouse was due.
Survivor benefits are available to divorced spouses as early as

age 60 (50 if you're disabled). But if you remarry before 60, you become ineligible unless the marriage ends. Remarrying after age 60 will not affect your eligibility.

Also note that if you are receiving divorced spouses benefits when your ex-spouse dies, you will automatically be switched over to the higher paying survivor benefit.

For more information visit SSA.gov/benefits/retirement/ planner/applying7.html and click on "Benefits for Your Divorced Spouse.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.



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PORTALS, An interactive exhibition for TVAA member artists, is currently on view and evolving through interactive June 30 at the Tennessee Valley Museum

of Art in Tuscumbia. PORTALS is PORTALS is an interactive, organically-evolving installation. Doors can represent entrances, beginnings, transitions, gateways, boundaries, or endings. thresholds Tennessee

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Valley Art Association member artists are invited to interpret these neutral doors (portals) as works of art.

Artists can bring materials into the museum and paint, puncture, staple, découpage, etc. to their hearts' content. The exhibition will evolve through June 30. Each door will be auctioned off at the annual artist members exhibition, ARTWORKS, at the end of Summer.

Email tvaa@tennesseevallevarts.org or call 256-383-0533 if you would like to take on one of these "portals."

North Christian Alabama Children's Home, 4th Annual "Drive-thru Take-Out" Benefit Dinner is Saturday, June 10, 2:30-5pm rain or shine. And the NACCH campus 6372 County Road 63 in Florence. The meal catered by Pop's BBQ with choice of Smoked Chicken or Pulled Pork BBQ along with baked beans, potato salad, roll, chips, cookies, and bottled water. The meal is free, however, donations to NACCH are See NOTES... page 29

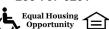
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Sign up by calling 256-366-3327, 256-412-4897, or 256-757-4212 (NACCH). The deadline to call is Tuesday, June 6 to allow for food ordering.

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Walker will have copies of his books to purchase! There will also be a photo op and a presentation on 98-year-old WWII veteran Huston Cobb Jr., coauthor of "Black Folktales of the Muscle Shoals."

Jimmy Hughes is a retired rhythm and blues singer who was born and raised in Leighton, Alabama. Hughes, cousin of famed singer Percy Sledge, was an instrumental part of the early growth of the Muscle Shoals music industry in the mid-1960s.

To learn more about Rickey Butch Walker, visit: bwpublications.com/ authors/butch-walker/

The Valdosta Community Reunion will be Saturday, June 10 at 11am at Southland Stephano's, 1309 South Jackson Highway in Sheffield. If you or any of your family grew up in Valdosta, we would love for you to join us to enjoy food, fun, and fellowship. For more information, contact Penny at 256-856-0835.

Pine Hill Church of Christ Pine Hill Church of Christ will have a Gospel Meeting June 11-14 with guest speaker, Chris Moran. Sunday Bible Study 9am, Sunday Morning Worship 10am, Sunday Evening Worship 1pm. Monday Tuesday Wednesday Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

The church is at 1024 County Rd 10, Waterloo. Everyone is welcome.

Sheffield High School 50's **Alumni Association** will have their reunion on Friday, June 23. Reservations are due for the dinner by May 26. Anyone who graduated from SHS in the 50's are encouraged to attend. For further details contact Jodie Hardwick. President at 314-1365 or text to 810-6271.

Summer swim lessons - The Sheffield Parks and Recreation **Department** is taking registration for summer swim lessons. The lessons will be given in June and July. Register now, classes are limited. Visit the recreation center or call 256

Singing River Square dance beginners class dance each Monday 5:30-7pm followed by the Singing River Square Dance Club hosting dance and Plus workshop from 7-8:30pm at The Club/Florence Parks and Recreation, 450 Country Club Drivein Florence. The National Square Dance Convention will be in Mobile, AL this June. That's great for square dancers in the state. Over 15,000 dancers are registered! 256-760-6642.

The Killen Farmer's Market at Killen Park on Lock 6 Road is open every Saturday for the spring and summer season where you can purchase fresh produce, meats, flowers and more. Hours are 8am-noon. The Killen Farmers Market is an affiliate of Sweet Grown

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Social Dance on Tuesday Nights, 6:30-8:45, at The Club (Florence Senior Center), 450 Country Club Drive in Florence. Music from across the decades provided by The Browns. The Club is an alcohol, drug, smoke, and weapon-free facility. 256-760-6420.

Joints in Motion, chair exercise class, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at The Club (Florence Senior Center), 9:30am. No charge.

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There will be 35 sellers (by June) of fresh fruit and vegetables, meats, baked goods, eggs, local honey, flowers and

plants, and firewood.

The market has a safe, atmosphere where children are welcome. There is plenty of parking and accessible rest

LifeSouth Blood Drive Dates

Thursday, June 8 Long Lewis Ford, Woodward Ave., Muscle Shoals, 1pm -

Saturday, June 10 Rally at the River,

McFarland Park, Florence, 9am - 4pm **Thursday, June 15** TriGreen Equipment, 1160 Sockwell Lane, Leighton,

Sunday, June 18 Walmart, Avalon Avenue, Muscle Shoals, 10am - 4pm **Monday, June 19** Pathway Eye Rogersville,11am - 5pm

The second annual National Homeownership Month Art Contest sponsored by the Alabama Housing Finance Authority (AHFA) is open for

Alahama children between the ages of 5 and 12 are invited to illustrate financial concepts like earning, saving, spending, and giving, featuring AHFA's popular blue mascot, Bud.

Then, with an adult's help, they can upload their entries at https://woobox.com/ mzz4r2 from June 1-30. Public voting runs

July 1-9, and winners will be announced on July 11. Contest entry is free, and the top three vote-getters will win deluxe art supply sets and Kiwi Crate subscriptions, which deliver monthly craft, STEM, and science activity kits to their doors. More contest details, rules and voting information are available at www.ahfa.com.

A newly formed Colbert County Republican Women's Club meets every third Wednesday at Noon at the Helen Keller Library in Tuscumbia. Visitors welcome. For further information contact Mary Baschab Haslacker at 251-234-0077

For Parrot Lovers in the Shoals-Join our Facebook group - For the Birds Parrot Club. We discuss Pet Sitting, Re-homing, best Bird Vets, Bird food, Sharing Advice, and more.

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Florence Camerata is resuming rehearsals for the summer concert, America Sings! Rehearsals will start on Thursday, May 25 at 6:30pm at the UNA choral room. Rebecca Rockhill is our director and we will be singing music by American Composers....some spirituals, some popular, some ballads, some patriotic.....just a wide variety of beautiful music!

The concert will be on Tuesday, July 18 at First Presbyterian Church in downfown Florence, and will help to kick off Handy Week! Anyone who is interested in singing with us should come to rehearsals. more information, call 256-810-9512.

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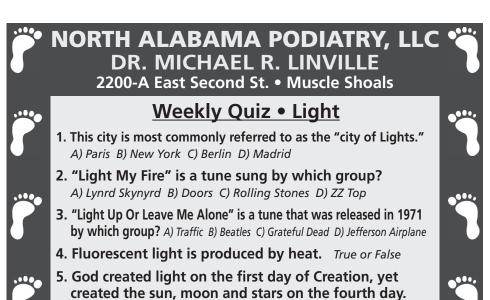
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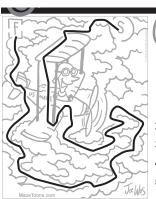
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THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL Ridge made a confession. Brooke and Taylor reached a tense impasse. Hope learned the truth about Taylor's actions. Brooke finally admitted her feelings. Taylor tried to defer blame. Hope reassured Thomas that he didn't need to be concerned about Liam. Ridge struggled with his conscience. Thomas was surprised to learn who was spreading rumors about him and Hope. Wait to See: Liam must trust his intuition. Wyatt offers a new perspective. Hope has an unexpected vision of her future.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES Eric, EJ and Nicole awaited the results of the paternity test. Sloan received an unwelcome visit from Jada.

Megan wanted Dimitri and Kristen to marry. Chloe vented to Xander about Gwen. Meanwhile, Gwen and Kristen got caught up. Jada grilled Leo about his encounter with Colin. Talia apologized to Rafe for her deception. Shawn snapped at Belle. Chloe slapped Xander. Whitley tried to make Abe feel right at home. Julie bolstered Paulina, who was missing Abe. Chanel was furious to learn that Talia was out on bail. Talia was horrified when Colin confronted her. Rafe and Jada got a tip about Abe. Tripp made his intentions known to Wendy. Chanel panicked when she learned that Paulina was missing. Paulina confronted Colin. who claimed to know Abe's

whereabouts. Whitley kept Abe cut off from the outside world. Jada and Sloan discussed their respective siblings' legal woes. Johnny explained to Wendy why he stood her up. A confused Abe refused to open the door to Rafe. Whitley was startled when she found out her new patient was Paulina. Roman informed Kate that he was going to help Steve and John in the search for Abe. Wait to See: Kate offers Harris a job. Megan urges Dimitri to get ready for his "interview" with Gwen. Leo and Gwen discuss their failed relationships and

GENERAL HOSPITAL Josslyn couldn't deny her feelings. Carly had a realization. Trina was shocked. Portia received a happy surprise. Brook Lynn and Chase celebrated. Willow received some encouragement. Lucy praised Maxie. Curtis advised Drew. Brook Lynn voiced her misgivings. Kevin was supportive of Laura. Elizabeth got some good news. Sonny and Valentin had a meeting. Drew consulted with his attorney. Martin reassured Nina. Carly made a big decision. Josslyn implored Dex. Dante felt concerned. Anna received some support. Tracy lobbied an accusation. Sonny and Nina were interrupted. Finn questioned Tracy's story. Wait to See: Austin cautions Ava. TJ assesses a patient. Chase is caught off guard.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Victor vowed to protect his family. Ashley got the upper hand against Diane. Cameron Kirsten closed in on Sharon. Victor gave Adam a warning. Jack and Billy conspired against Tucker. Phyllis caused problems for Kyle and Summer. Nick took the gloves off with Cameron. Chelsea collaborated with Daniel. Billy gave Victoria the third degree. Nick was torn between Sally and Sharon. Kyle blew the whistle on Phyllis. Diane got revenge against Ashley. Wait to See: Ashley and Tucker share news of their engagement. Phyllis makes a rash decision. Nick is backed into a corner.

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