

**Three Earn  
DYW Titles**

FLORENCE—The annual Northwest Alabama Distinguished Young Women Scholarship Program took place recently at Norton Auditorium on the UNA campus. Ten young women from Colbert, Franklin, and Lauderdale counties competed in scholastics, interview, fitness, talent, and self-expression. One participant from each county



**Pace**



**Hill**



**Hunzicker**

was selected to represent her county at the state program January 2024. Colbert County's 2023 Distinguished Young Women is **Nora Pace** from Muscle Shoals High School. Nora also won scholastics, fitness, talent, and self-expression categories. First alternate is **Macey Welborn** from Phil Campbell High School. Macey was also awarded the Distinguished Young Women Spirit Award. Franklin County's 2023 Distinguished Young Woman is **Stella Hill** from Russellville High School. Stella also won scholastics, talent, and self-expression categories. First alternate was **Chloe Sheffield** from Russellville High School.

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FLORENCE – In a joint announcement last week, the University of North Alabama Department of Athletics and 306 Barbecue in downtown Florence announced a partnership where UNA will host its live weekly radio broadcast of the UNA Football Hour with Coach Brent Dearmon.

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**PARC: for Student Success**

MUSCLE NORTHWEST COMMUNITY COLLEGE recently opened the Patriot Advocacy and Resource Center (PARC) on the Shoals campus. The



center is designed to help students overcome barriers while pursuing their college education.

The PARC is made possible through a three-year, \$950,000 grant from the United States Department of Education's Basic Needs for post-secondary students Program aimed at supporting student success. The College was notified in late December of the grant award. The PARC will support at least 300 underserved students on the Phil Campbell and Shoals campuses with basic

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**Calvert in AAU Top 10**

Twelve year-old, Ryland Calvert of Tuscombina recently competed in the AAU Junior Olympics at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. He finished in 9th place in the 100 Meters. He missed making the finals by five 100ths of a second, running a 12.29. Calvert ran his first track meet in April at Muscle Shoals. He won the 100 Meter event at the AAU Regionals in Knoxville in June.

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Second alternate is **Danica Graham** from Russellville High School. Danica also won the fitness category. **Aaliyah Prince** from Phil Campbell High School won the Be Your Best Self Essay Contest.

Lauderdale County's Distinguished Young Woman is **Sydney Hunzicker** from Florence High School. Sydney won the talent and self-expression categories. First alternate is **Ella Riedel** from Florence High School. Ella won the fitness category. Second alternate is **Bailey Bowen** from Brooks High School. Bailey won the scholastics category.

Distinguished Young Women was founded in 1958 as a free program that encourages participants to reach their full potential. Our mission is to empower young women by providing scholarship opportunities, connecting with a nation-wide network of women, developing their self-confidence, and participating in life skills programs that prepare them for success after high school. For more information on scholarship opportunities for young women in this area, please contact **Susan Hargett** at 256-710-9239, or **Katernia Cole Coffey** at 256-332-8880.

"This is a meaningful program for North Alabama Shoals Hospital and the medical community nationwide," said North Alabama Shoals Hospital Chief Operating Officer, **Doug Holzbog**. "In a short time, we will be graduating five psychiatrists annually to help fill a huge service void throughout the region, state and nation."

The four-year program is the third of its kind in Alabama. It will add five psychiatric residents per year for a total of 20 residents before the first graduating class in June of 2026.

Medical residents at North Alabama Shoals Hospital will work side-by-side and train under the supervision of an attending physician board-certified in their specialty. Successful completion of residency training is a requirement to obtain board certification in a selected specialty.

**Praveen Narahari**, MD will serve as program director of the psychiatric residency program. Dr. Narahari is board certified in psychiatry, neurology, and addiction medicine.

"Dr. Narahari brings a wealth of experience to lead our program," added Holzbog. "This will be a complementary program to align with NAMC's successful internal medicine program."

## MSC Will Get a New Station

**MUSCLE SHOALS** — Ground was broken recently at the corner of Gargis Lane and Old Alabama 20 in Muscle Shoals for a new fire station which will help protect areas in the city's growing southeast quadrant.

Create Architects has designed a building that fit seamlessly with the architecture of surrounding neighborhoods.

"I think the designers did a great job in matching the surrounding community," said Councilwoman **Gina Clark**. "We set out to do that so it wouldn't just look like a metal

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Email to editor@courierjournal.net;

**LifeSouth Bloodmobile Dates:**

**Thursday, August 17** Helen Keller Hospital, 1300 S Montgomery Ave., Sheffield, 9am - 6pm

**Saturday, August 19** Watermelon Festival, Franklin County Chamber of Commerce, 103 N Jackson Ave., Russellville, 8:30am - 5:30pm

**Sunday, August 20** Walmart, 2701 Cloverdale Rd., Florence, 10am - 4pm

**Saturday, August 26** Boutique 72, 1028 Avenue E., Tusculumbia 10am - 4pm

**Sunday, August 27** Walmart, 517 Avalon Ave., Muscle Shoals, 10am - 4pm

The Colbert County Republican Women's Club will hold a quarterly night

meeting for women wishing to attend at Casa Mexicana in Muscle Shoals on Thursday evening, August 17 at 6pm. Regular monthly lunch meetings will resume on the third Wednesday of each month at 12 noon at the Helen Keller Library in Tusculumbia in September. Visitors are encouraged to attend.

**Shoals Artists Guild Meeting** Friday, August 18, 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.

**Yesterday: A Tribute to the Beatles** performs at 7:30pm Saturday, August 19, at The Ritz Theatre, 111 Third Street, Sheffield. Performing the Beatles since 2001, Yesterday: A Tribute to the Beatles tours the U.S. and internationally. These entertainers have performed on five continents. Yesterday was endorsed by Sir Paul McCartney himself, and has been featured in Rolling Stone and on NBC, CBS, ABC, and more. The resident Beatles Show Band for "Legends in Concert," is also the world's longest-running tribute show. Tickets are available at tennesseevallyarts.org.

**The 2nd Annual Stayin' Alive Disco Dodgeball** for St. Jude will be 10am Saturday, August 19 at the Mars Hill Bible School old gymnasium in Florence. All proceeds benefit St. Jude. \$10 per team member. Youth and adult teams (church groups, family and/or business teams). Donation for admission. Register, donate, purchase event shirt and/or livestream at benandtravis.com/dodgeball.

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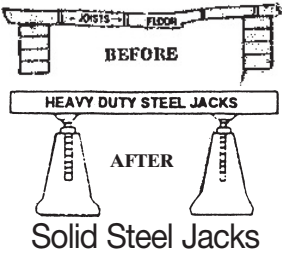
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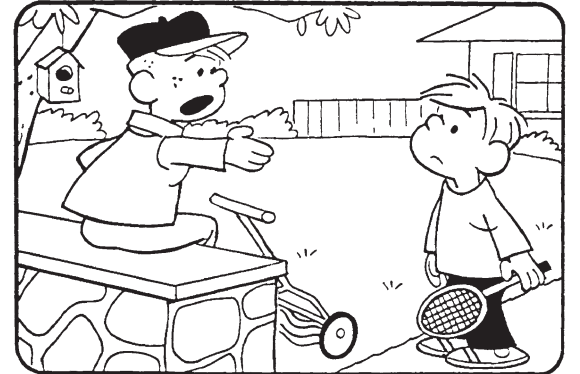
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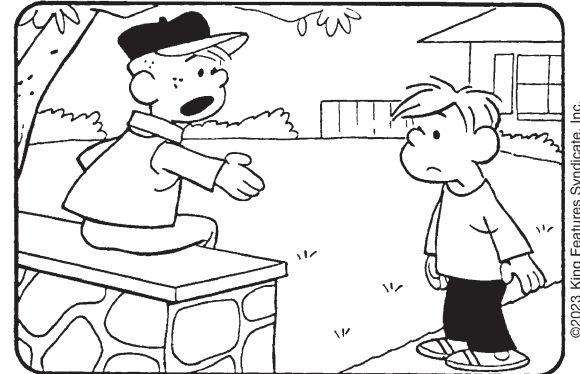
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Dearmon, who enters his first season at the helm, stated, "306 is a downtown staple of Florence and will provide an amazing venue for this event."

"This is a great partnership for UNA Athletics, 306 Barbecue, and WLX," said Ray. "It provides a great opportunity for UNA fans to get know Coach Dearmon and his program each week. We can't wait to get started."

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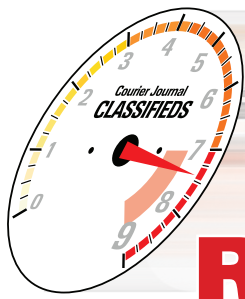
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building just stuck out here among all these nice homes."

Clark said the city council was provided with three options by Create Architects and selected the one they felt would blend in more with the community. "It will be very pretty out here in the middle of all this," she added.

**Brad Slater** Construction of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, submitted the low bid of \$3.15 million. Construction is expected to take about nine months to complete. According to Mayor **Mike Lockhart**, the site was selected during the tenure of former Fire Chief, **Tim McMullins**. Funding efforts began under former Mayor, **David Bradford**.

The city ordered a fire truck for the new station in March 2022 and has hired six firefighters who will be assigned to the new station.

The new fire station will have two bays, living quarters for firefighters, a kitchen, a workout area, and reception area where they can take calls.

Recreational Park, 100 Optimist Drive in Rogersville.

There will be live music, food truck fest, train rides, inflatables, arts, & crafts, a splash pad, a car show, **Red Marlow** - runner-up on Season 13 "The Voice", **Lightning McQueen**, and **Mater** from the movie, "Cars," and more!

The 2023 Autism Awareness Car Show is also August 26 the park. Registration is at 8am, Judging at 11am, Awards will be at 1pm. The entry fee is \$25. There are several divisions and several awards, including 3 places per division, Best in Show, Peoples Choice, Mayor's Choice, door prizes, and 50/50 cash drawing. Presented by O'Reilly Auto Parts and JM's Journey.

All proceeds from both events benefit JM's Journey. [www.jmsjourney.org](http://www.jmsjourney.org)  
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### Keller Teams with Relias

**SHEFFIELD** - Helen Keller Hospital is set to team up with Relias Healthcare, an emergency medicine and hospital solutions company headquartered in Tupelo, Mississippi, to provide emergency medicine professional staffing and management services for its Emergency Department. As a progressive healthcare leader in Northwest Alabama, Helen Keller Hospital is

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### Autism Event in Rogersville

**ROGERSVILLE**-The 2nd Annual Autism Awareness Fundraiser takes place on Saturday, August 26, from 8am - 6pm at Rogersville



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It was a little too good to be true but there was no harm in visiting the website so I clicked the picture of sexy sandals and was taken to the website of a company named Temu. It turns out you can't actually buy anything on the website. Instead, you have to install a smartphone



**Jim Fisher**

# TRUTH ABOUT TEMU

by "The Computer Skeptic"

app to continue. Still enamored by the leather sexiness, I installed the app. At that point, I said to myself, "Self? This is a lot of trouble for sandals with prices that are too good to be true. You sure you wanna do that?" Then the little devil part of self said, "Self? Your feet deserve these counterfeit sandals. Instaanaaaal iiiit." So I did.

Then I came to my senses, did a little digging on the reputation of Temu, and didn't like what I read. They are one of the fastest-growing online companies out there. Temu is interesting from

a skeptical standpoint because there is a lot of misinformation about them. But each rumor has a grain (or boulder) of truth. Let's take a look:

Accusation: The company is "owned by communist China." That's complicated. The company that owns Temu, PDD Holdings, is in fact, owned by people in China and therefore subject to the whims of the Chinese government. When you order an item, it won't arrive for a few weeks or even a month because you're buying directly from China. But it's still a private

corporation subject to US law.

Accusation: They sell cheap junk and counterfeit goods. This part is true. My sexy \$20 "Versace" leather sandals were part of Temu's strategy of selling items below cost in order to entice buyers to download the app who will tell all their friends about the wonderful deals they found on Temu. Temu is "building the customer base" and doing very well at it. They are the fastest-growing eCommerce business in the world.

Accusation: The app tracks your location, steals all your contacts, and does other sneaky things. This is true. Malicious data-stealing code was actually found hidden in previous versions of the Temu app. Most eCommerce apps (such as Amazon and Walmart) do some sneaky stuff, too. As stated in

its privacy policy, Temu collects data from your sessions and search history and monitors your activity and time on pages. If you log in using social media, it collects information contained in your social media profile, as well. The big difference between Temu and Amazon is that all this information makes its way back to Communist China. What they will do with it is anyone's guess but I'm not playing. So I uninstalled the app and, sadly, my feet remain unsexy.

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The application process is opening earlier this year to give teachers more time before students arrive to submit applications and so that grant funding can be distributed before January. The new timeline this will give teachers in schools that receive grants the entire Spring semester to implement their projects.

Last year's program awarded \$1 million in grants to schools across the Tennessee Valley, and this year's total will reach \$1.5 million. Teachers can apply for funding up to \$5,000 for STEM projects with preference given to applications that explore

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## Guest Commentary

# On-Campus DEI Bureaucrats Already Ditching New Loyalty Oaths

**W**ill the last diversity, equity, and inclusion bureaucrat to leave their office on campus please turn out the lights?

On college grounds today, so-called DEI departments are withering as whistleblowers reveal that the offices have promoted racial prejudice and operated with little transparency and no measurable results for years.

School officials and lawmakers in states such as Florida, Texas, and Arizona are closing such departments or ceasing university-wide policies that supported them, and so far, DEI administrators have failed to find support for their discriminatory activities.

Various projects are underway to protect individuals from the racial bias of diversity, equity, and inclusion programs.

See **OATHS...** on Page 22

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**Jonathan  
Butcher**

## Courier Journal

in the *Shoals*

# THIS WEEK

August 16, 2023

*Happening*  
**THIS WEEK**

## Curator Hopes for a Beautiful Gut Punch

TUSCUMBIA—Tennessee Valley Museum of Art Curator, Jonathan Cain, has designed the coming exhibition at the art center to be a “beautiful gut punch.”

*Borderline: Chicano Voices Speak* will be on view from August 22-September 30 at the TVAA. The show features woodcut and linoleum relief prints, paintings, and mixed media pieces from nine different artists. All explore Mexican, Chicano, and Latino culture, as well as the immigrant experience.

The exhibition will include pieces by the following artists: Juan R. Fuentes, Carlos Barberena, Celeste De Luna, Diego Marcial Rios, Eugene

See **CULTURE...** on Page 16

**BEGINNING AUGUST 16, A SECTION** of the Natchez Trace Parkway south of the Shoals will be closed for paving and embankment repairs. Milepost 239 - 251. Southbound traffic will have a detour onto MS 6/US278 and detour signs will be in place along the temporary route.

**THE VILLAGE SCHOOL FOUNDATION VOLUNTEER DAY** is August 19 at 200 Chickamauga St, in Sheffield. Join the Foundation and Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area in cleaning and organizing various sections of the building's interior and preparing for the next phases of restoration. This may include cleaning, scraping, and painting; they'll provide supplies and direction, no experience necessary. Information: [thevillageschoolfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:thevillageschoolfoundation@gmail.com).

**THE AMERICAN LEGION COLBERT COUNTY MEMORIAL POST 31** will hold its next monthly meeting on Monday, August 21 at 6:30pm. The meeting will be held at the Post meeting hall at 110 1/2 N. Main St. in Tusculumbia. A stair-lift is available, if needed to the upstairs location. A meal and program will be provided. All Veterans are encouraged to attend. For more info, please call 256-762-5950.

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## Bust the Big Boys!

Editor:

For many years I've been trying to figure out why many more small time drug dealers and street dealers have been busted and imprisoned than illegal drug manufacturers and major distributors?

At what point are authorities going to stop illegal drugs where they start? And I don't mean little here and there busting and enforcement.

Why not major all-around crackdowns?

Any answers?

**Paul Sabatino**  
Florence

*Von Braun is credited with launching America's Space Program and is revered by many as the father of NASA...*

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## Money on Capitalism

Editor:

Joe Biden's proposed economic system comes directly from Karl Marx's *The Communist Manifesto*. It was tried for 70 years by Communist Russia and its Eastern European

satellites before collapsing in 1990.

Although all economic systems are subject to corruption, I would put my money on Capitalism.

It has served us well for more than two hundred and twenty years.

**Jack Sullivan**  
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## Protecting Our Vote

To the Editor:

No matter where you fall on the political spectrum, the evidence revealed in the latest federal indictment of Donald Trump should disturb every American who cares

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also like to extend a special "thank you" to Congressman Aderholt for his help in making this possible."

NWSCC eligible students will benefit from a food pantry, life skill workshops, mental health coaching, mentoring, transportation assistance, housing assistance, and much more.

According to PARC Manager of Basic Needs, Patrece Rice, over 50 students are already taking advantage of the Center's services. "Our students have been so appreciative of the services we are offering," stated Rice. "We are looking forward to the fall semester and the hundreds of students we can help moving forward."

NWSCC students can apply for PARC services online at [nwsc.edu/parc](http://nwsc.edu/parc) or in-person. For more information on the PARC, please visit [nwsc.edu/parc](http://nwsc.edu/parc) or email [patrece.rice@nwsc.edu](mailto:patrece.rice@nwsc.edu).

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# Watermelon Festival...

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get things rolling on Saturday night. Saturday's show closes with celebrated singer, songwriter, and musician, Colt Ford. His chart-busting blend of country and rap has attracted some impressive collaborations, sold millions of albums, attracted millions of followers on social media, and has accumulated over a billion streams.

Enjoy a fresh, sweet slice of watermelon on Saturday morning in the park while you peruse watermelon contest entries in categories such as best dressed to most unusual. Set your watch for noon on Saturday to witness the weighing of the largest watermelons around!



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**SATURDAY**  
 6:00pm - **REWIND**  
 7:00pm - **Austin Bohannon**  
 8:30pm - **Colt Ford**

**Watermelon in the Park - Cutting and Contests** at Russellville First Baptist Church Park 201 Washington Ave NW, Russellville  
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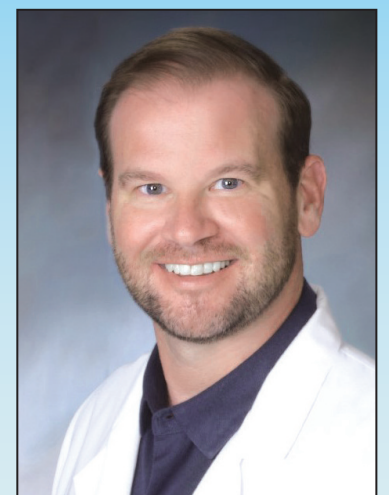
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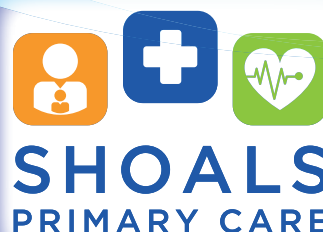
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In addition, Clay Bennett received numerous other professional honors including the Sigma Delta Chi Award (2001), the John Fischetti Award (2001, 2005), the Overseas Press Club Award (2005, 2007), and the National Headliner Award (1999, 2000, 2004). His wife is the acclaimed artist Cindy Prociou.

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## Culture...

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Rodriguez, Fernando Marti, Frank Estrada, J. Leigh Garcia, and Raoul Deal.

While "Chicano" was originally used as a derogatory slur, it has been reclaimed as a term of pride for many Mexican Americans.

"Art should evoke a response—admiration, discomfort, wonder. Art has the ability to make you feel something, encourage thinking, and elevate social consciousness," said Cain. "I think these pieces have that ability."

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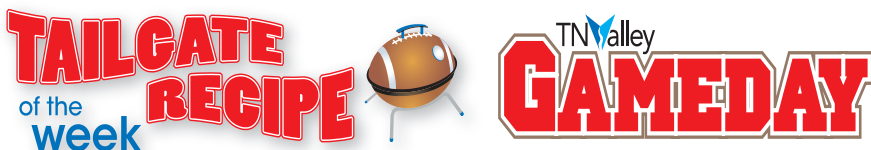
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Guest Commentary - Jonathan Butcher

**Oaths...**

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In Arizona, the Goldwater Institute released a scathing report earlier this year documenting that up to 80% of faculty job listings at Arizona public universities required applicants to submit a "diversity statement" (sometimes called "loyalty oaths") as part of their employment application.

In a formal statement Tuesday, Goldwater said such loyalty oaths "are increasingly used across academia as a political screening test to enforce intellectual and political conformity in support

of left-wing concepts aligned with critical race theory (CRT)."

College administrators reject job applications if they don't include statements conforming to the prevailing woke orthodoxy, according to Goldwater's report. This process is not unique to Arizona: An investigation by the Reason Foundation found that 75% of applications to join the faculty of the University of California system were rejected in this way.

Arizona public university officials had used the same methods, Goldwater noted, but lately new job listings from Arizona State University are missing a

requirement to complete a diversity statement.

Arizona State University officials announced last month that employees "are not forced to sign diversity statements." Personnel at Arizona's public universities seem to be quietly erasing DEI's footprint.

The changes have been more noticeable in Texas. State lawmakers adopted a proposal in June to prohibit diversity, equity, and inclusion operations on the campuses of public colleges and universities. Leaders at one state school didn't waste any time: the University of North Texas announced last week the dissolution of its DEI office, saying the vice president in charge of it would retire.

After Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis replaced board members at the New College of Florida, the new appointees immediately shuttered the school's DEI department. DeSantis, a Republican, then signed a proposal prohibiting DEI departments at state universities from using public funds. This signals the end of the offices at most schools.

Lawmakers in South Carolina and Arkansas also considered proposals to abolish offices for diversity, equity, and inclusion. Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin, a Republican, renamed the state's DEI office, replacing "equity" with "opportunity," warning that DEI has "gone off the rails."

Diversity, equity, and inclusion programs attract critics on both sides of the political spectrum. Research has found that DEI training is ineffective at changing individual opinions; reports in mainstream publications ask whether such training is doing more harm than good.

In the corporate world, businesses are trimming their DEI staff. Some anticipate that the U.S. Supreme Court's recent ruling against racial

preferences in college admissions means that when employees find the same prejudice in corporate DEI programs, they could file lawsuits—or worse.

The *Free Press* reported that a successful educator took his own life after a DEI "trainer" excoriated him during a session. His crime? Saying that Canada actually is a pretty just society, despite the trainer's claims that Canada is "a bastion of white supremacy and colonialism."

The educator had questioned the DEI gospel, and for the next two years he faced ridicule. He was shamed and abandoned, ultimately losing all hope.

State and federal officials have policy ideas at their disposal to protect students and educators from the racial discrimination of diversity, equity, and inclusion programs.

Lawmakers should forbid DEI departments on college campuses from using taxpayer money and expedite their closing. These departments have not demonstrated their effectiveness. Yet, they employ dozens. Some public universities have over a hundred DEI employees.

State policymakers should ban public university administrators from requiring job applicants to complete "loyalty oaths."

Students and employees are exposing DEI's biased activities on campus and in the workplace, and lawmakers should close these offices. Americans value diverse opinions—all of them, not just woke ideas.

*Jonathan Butcher is the Will Skillman fellow in education at The Heritage Foundation and the author of "Splintered: Critical Race Theory and the Progressive War on Truth" (Post Hill Press/Bombardier Books, 2022).*

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## Protecting Our Vote

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about protecting our freedom to vote and our democracy. Trump was charged with four criminal counts, including conspiracy to defraud our country and impede our right to vote. According to the indictment, Trump cooked up numerous illegal schemes to stay in power after losing the 2020 presidential election—including counterfeiting electoral certificates that declared him the winner. He and his cronies leaned on everyone they could to carry out their plans, from state officials to former Vice President Mike Pence.

When they couldn't steal the presidency by throwing out votes or through phony paperwork, they rioted on our nation's Capitol in an attempt to stop the election from being certified.

Some pundits are treating Trump's indictment like political theater, but that's not what this is about. It's about being able to confidently cast our ballots as Americans, certain that our vote will be counted, no matter our political party. It's about whether a president and his allies who are trying to cling to power should be able to throw out votes that they don't like. The answer, of course, must be resoundingly no. The American people choose our leaders and not the other way around.

These are serious crimes against our country. To preserve the rule of law and our democracy, we must let the legal process proceed, without interruption or interference.

Our democracy depends on it.

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## Just More of Their Kind

Editor,

Author Jim Marrs, in his book "The Rise of the Fourth Reich," says that after WW II, under "Project Paperclip" the U.S. government brought hundreds of former Nazis to America in an effort to procure top secret technology. They were granted citizenship in the United States and given prominent positions in the American scientific community.

He said many had been longtime members of the Nazi Party and the Gestapo, had conducted experiments on humans at concentration camps, and committed other war crimes. Werhner Von Braun was one of these former Nazis and had been a member of the Nazi Party and was also a major in the SS. Von Braun is credited with launching America's Space Program and is revered by many as the

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father of NASA.

Marrs said "Meanwhile, throughout the 1980's, Republican Party leaders continued their policy of bringing former Nazis and Nazi-minded foreigners into the party's camp."

Marrs said, "Project Paperclip quickly came under the control of an 'old boy' network encompassing members of the globalists centered in the Council on Foreign Relations."

Marrs also said Nazis were infused into America's Military-

Industrial Complex. He stated that former Nazis were helped to obtain jobs at defense contractors like Lockheed at a time when American engineers were being laid off. Marrs said many German scientists were placed at major universities and in research and teaching positions, regardless of their Nazi pasts.

Fascistic globalists had already infiltrated the government our founders set up and they were eager to bring more of their kind into our country and into government in order to create what we have today in D.C.

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### Who is to Protect Us?

To the Editor:

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The most appalling aspect of this story is that these were autistic youngsters, wards of the State of Massachusetts, incapable of consenting to anything! After being exposed by *The Boston Globe* and *New York Times*, Quaker, Harvard, and MIT agreed to settle the lawsuit paying the remaining 30 boys a total of \$1.85 million-yet, not admitting guilt and insisting, "no harm was actually done"! More than 100 boys were included in the research.

The facts of this remarkable obscure story should scare the wits out every American! This research was funded by federal grants with the full knowledge and complicity of our very own government! The only leadership we all look to to protect us! How can we point accusing fingers at Nazi Germany when we conduct such atrocities ourselves?

Keep in mind this is not the only instance of our government being involved in such activity. Again, in a government funded project over 300 black men were infected with Syphilis in the Tuskegee, AL with many dying since at the time there was no known cure for the disease. The trials were done from 1932 thru 1972! in recent years, our own Defense Dept. confirmed that from 1950 to 1962, as many as 400,000 active military & civilians were exposed to high levels of nuclear radioactivity to "study long term effects of nuclear exposure"! And then there is the well known case of our own CIA secretly feeding LSD to unknowing victims beginning in April, 1953! Some of these instances resulted in the recipients committing suicide!

Where does it end? What have we become as a civilized society? Is there even an answer?

Sources:  
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# Medicare Minute

## "Medicare Part B"

Before we begin talking about Medicare Part B I would like to clear up something that was in last week's article concerning Medicare Part A. As I stated in the article Part A has a deductible of \$1,600 per benefit period. I also stated that if you paid into Medicare for 40 quarters that Part A was free to you. I was referring to the fact that you would not have to pay a premium to Medicare for Part A, not that it would exclude you from paying the deductible.

Medicare Part B is the part of Medicare that is billed when you receive services as an outpatient by a Medicare approved provider, such as your primary care physician (PCP) or specialist. Although a visit to your doctor is the primary way that you will use Medicare Part B, it also covers many other services. We will discuss the other services in next week's article.

If you are turning 65 in 2023, Medicare Part B will have a premium of \$164.90/mo. Because there is a premium attached to Medicare Part B this coverage is optional. This means you are not required to enroll in Medicare Part B. There are two important things to remember about Part B being optional. First, if you opt out of Part B you will have no coverage under Medicare for your outpatient services. Second, if you decide at a later date to enroll in Part B there can be a late enrollment penalty applied that will last as long as you live and have Part B. There are exceptions to the late enrollment penalty that we will discuss in future articles.

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



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Trying to hide our sin like Adam is old hat. **Hebrews 4:13** "Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do." **Job 34:22** "There is no darkness, nor shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves." **Mt 12:36** "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment." You thought you got away with that murder or gross sin, but nothing escapes the all-seeing eyes of almighty God! **Acts 17:31** "Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead." Yeah, you'll be there, hollering or not. Not ready, your bad!

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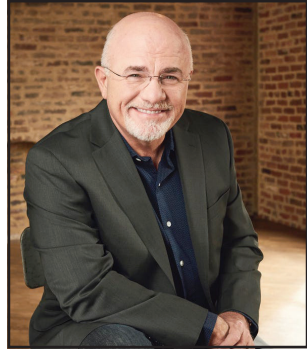


# DAVE Says

by DAVE RAMSEY

**IT'S A GUIDELINE, NOT A RULE**

Dear Dave,



Is there any flexibility in your rule about not spending more than 25%

of your take-home pay on rent or monthly mortgage payments? I live downtown in Washington, D.C., and I'm finding it's pretty hard to do here. I make about \$90,000 a year, but I'm spending a little over \$2,000 a month in rent. Rent is my largest expense by far, and I don't spend a lot of other money, so I'm still able to save a little and do other things. Can you give me your opinion about this approach?

— Tanner

Dear Tanner,

True, I advise people to spend no more than 25% of their take-home pay on housing. Math still works in every city and state in the country. You don't get a pass on math just because you live in Washington, D.C., even though Congress and a lot of other people there think you do.

But there's really nothing magical about 25%. The purpose behind it is, I don't want you to be house poor. If you find yourself still able to save and invest because you keep other financial aspects of your lifestyle so low, then you're okay. The problem with most people starts when they've got a high cost of housing, and those payments put a real squeeze on their budgets. It doesn't leave them enough room to save up to buy the next car, so that car becomes debt. The same thing happens with Christmas and vacations and everything else. They don't have enough extra money to save for things because a huge chunk of their income is flying out the door every month wrapped up in rent or a house payment.

Now, you're telling me your situation works for you because you've made room in your budget and live a very frugal lifestyle by choice. That's cool. I'm not mad at you about that. But here's the thing: Whatever you spend on rent disappears. And the more money you burn, the less you've got on hand for other things.

I'm not exactly sure how you adjust that in

your situation. Maybe you move outside the city and commute, or perhaps you add a roommate into the equation. Or, maybe you're fine with how things are and that's the way you want to live. That's okay too. But my reasoning behind the 25% figure—which is actually more of a guideline than a rule—is so you don't become house poor. I want you to be able to save, invest and give generously. Plus, I want you to own your own home one day.

And you won't be able to do that if everything you

make is going toward big payments!  
— 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," the "Today" show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth, and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO of Ramsey Solutions.*

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Alabama will not allow a jury to consider compensatory damages such as earnings or earning capacity in death cases.

Alabama has a procedure that calls for a circuit court after a jury verdict to review the amount awarded and consider several factors such as the conduct of the person who caused the death, their financial condition and the likelihood of preventing similar conduct in the future.

In Alabama death cases, circuit court judges are directed to consider reducing the judgment in a procedure known as remittitur, but not allowed to increase a jury award through additur.

In really big cases Joel and I will hear defense lawyers grump around and say that the largest death verdict ever affirmed by the Alabama Supreme Court is around seven million dollars. That's an old case and we always talk about inflation because that's relevant and the case they are referring to is about 15 years old.

This past week, the Supremes led by Judge Mendheim confirmed an award of punitive damages of ten million dollars by a circuit court judge who had reduced the jury verdict from 35 million to ten million. There were dissenting opinions and the entire decision is 121 pages.

It is somewhat satisfying to see that our argument about how inflation has impacted fixed sums and that the economic impact of the same amount ten years ago would be diminished through inflation. The plaintiff had to present an expert witness on inflation and the consumer price index to persuade circuit court to award ten million dollars as opposed to the old seven-million-dollar rule of thumb award that Alabama had followed for over ten years.

It is noteworthy that the death occurred on June 5, 2014 and it cost the plaintiff's lawyer \$323,438.00 to prosecute the case.

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**We extend a warm invitation to College Day Sunday** at Trinity Missionary Baptist Church in Florence at 10am on August 20. Our distinguished guests include Fetima Knox, Nashville Singers, and Grant Gunn, along with our guest speakers, Audrey Mitchell and Leo Whyte. To make the day even more exciting, we encourage everyone to wear their favorite college colors and take part in our free raffle. Everyone is welcome.

**To Kill A Mockingbird** - Presented by The Shoals Theatre and Midtown Butcher, Tuesday, August 22 7pm. At the Shoals Community Theatre, 123 N. Seminary Street, Florence. Doors open at 6:30pm, movie starts at 7pm. Tickets \$5, concessions will be available. Call 256-764-700 or visit www.theshoalstheatre.org.

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**William Lee Golden & The Golden** - Presented by The Shoals Theatre, Thursday, August 24 7pm. At the Shoals Community Theatre, 123 N. Seminary Street, Florence. For tickets call 256-764-700 or visit www.theshoalstheatre.org.

**Florence Mayor Andrew Betterton** will host **The 2023 State of the City** program at 6pm Thursday, August 24 at the Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum. The program this year will emphasize the many exciting developments in our Parks and Recreation Department and offer additional information on the current status of the City of Florence. This year's program will boast Florence as "Simply the Best!" There is no charge to attend the program. Representatives will be available from each department within the City of Florence for questions and additional information both before and after the presentation. The program will coincide with a lemonade contest between City of Florence departments to be judged by the public. The doors will open at 5:15pm. Please join city officials and your neighbors us for some lemonade, fun, and exciting updates about our beautiful city!

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# Soap Opera Preview

**DAYS OF OUR LIVES** go as planned. Gwen made Shawn worried about a honeymoon discovery. his grandfather. Brady Chad apologizes to Alex. and Chloe came to an Gabi tried to learn Rachel's agreement. Li and Melinda secret. Victor's fate was debated starting over. Abe revealed. Abe and Paulina tried to take back his job as made a plan. Steve and mayor. Chanel confided in Kayla mourned a loss. Kate Paulina. Johnny confessed struggled with the sad news. his feelings for Chanel. Chloe had reservations Dimitri's honeymoon didn't about Xander. *Wait to See:*

*Brady and Xander come to blows. Kate makes a shocking discovery. Shawn struggles in the wake of Victor's death.*

**GENERAL HOSPITAL** Carly debriefed with Josslyn. Anna was dismissive. Betty issued a progress report. TJ and Molly hosted an important meeting. Portia put all her cards on the table. Gregory put Chase on the spot. Ava sought reassurance. Dex had to scramble. Willow received some welcome news. Michael observed Dex. Trina confided in Spencer. Gladys thwarted Cody. Sam launched a new investigation. Brook Lynn supplied Tracy with alcohol. Dante was wise to Cody. Felicia pondered her next act. Finn and Liz had a heart-to-heart. Molly shared some big news. Sam was concerned. Sonny made an offer. *Wait to See: Finn receives some shocking news. Anna is rocked. Tracy and "Eddie Maine" bicker.*

**THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS** Victor lost patience with Adam. Victoria forced Nate to come clean. Jack gave Ashley and Tucker an unusual wedding gift. Nick found Sally in a compromising position. Victoria changed the rules. Audra saw a new side to Kyle. Victor delivered bad news to Sally. Nick and Sharon made an important decision. Nate caught Victoria off guard. *Wait to See: Ashley and Tucker plan their future. Chelsea's parenting skills are tested. Diane proves herself to Jack.*

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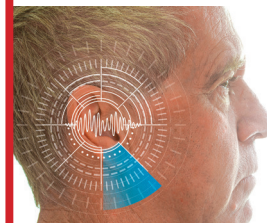
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