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Walking for the Cure

FLORENCE – In a heartwarming display of unity and unwavering determination, residents of The Renaissance of Florence Senior Living have wholeheartedly engaged in an endeavor to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's research. Through a heartening series of images proudly shared on their Facebook page, they prominently feature cards with the poignant message, "Walking for the cure of Alzheimer's." Each card is accompanied by the resident's name and the impressive distance each has covered on the journey.

Among the residents who have taken part in the campaign, the following have walked the most extended distances as of this release.

- Virginia Wilson 55 miles
- Betty Parket 21 miles
- Bobbie Kimbrell 21 miles
- Peggy Sutton 21 miles • Emma Ginther - 15 miles
- Beth McGill 14 miles
- Lucy Thomas 13.5 miles
- Sheila Wong 13 miles
- · Alta Davidson 8 miles • Pat Torbe - 5.5 miles

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Auction for Housing

First-of-its-Kind Event for Shoals Habitat for Humanity

FLORENCE-Shoals Habitat for Humanity Restore will host its first ever Auction on Saturday, October 28 at

the Restore location at 1120 North Royal Avenue in Florence, in the Seven Points district.

Doors will open at 8am



for registration and the bidding on items will begin at 9am. You are encouraged pre-register prior to the auction day at the Shoals Habitat for Humanity office and Restore anytime from 9am–5pm Monday-Friday and 9am–3pm on Saturday.

Participants must be 18 and up to register. For more information, please call 256-764-4494 or send an e-mail to

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Off One Pink Item in the store Friday through October 31, 2023 Exclusions apply. See store for details. **Pink Paint for** Well Women

FLORENCE-The Annual Paint the Clinic Pink for the Well Woman Project event at the Shoals Community Clinic will be



October 19–20. The clinic will offer free medical exams, mammograms, and cancer screenings for qualifying patients by appointment. These services are free for low-income women ages 40-64 without health insurance, or women 65 and over who do not have Medicare Part-A.

Breast cancer is this second most fatal

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BEST's Industry Night and Services Fair

Northwest Shoals Community College will host students from over 20 area schools for the BEST Robotics Industry Night on Thursday, October 19. TRIO Upward Bound Programs and Northwest

Alabama BEST Robotics are also partnering in the event.

BEST Robotics Industry Night and the Social Services Fair is open to the public on the NWSCC Shoals campus from 5-7pm. The event will

include barbecue, iced coffee, and sweet treats while supplies last.

second For the consecutive year, the Fair Social Services will help promote awareness with participants, program

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NWSCC students the community the resources that are available to them. The College's Upward Bound programs are working provide an open

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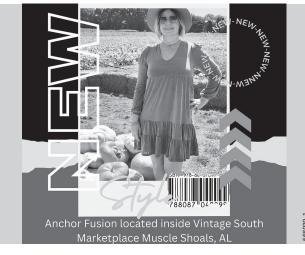
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Writer's Guild Hosts Two

FLORENCE-The Shoals Writers Guild will host its monthly meeting at 10am on Saturday, October 21, at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library, 350 North Wood Avenue. Guest speakers will be Phil Norris, author and retired Navy Submariner, who will discuss his book, Family Gram: Memoir of an American Cold War Submariner, which was recently #3 on Amazon's Cold War Bestsellers List. The second speaker will be **Darlene Williams** Vice, author of mystery novels that are Christianbased. She will discuss her book entitled, Leah's Veil, that is designed for study in Bible classes.

The Shoals Writers Guild is a non-profit organization dedicated to authors and writers in north Alabama. The Guild was established in the Shoals in October, 2015, and was founded by **Joy Willow** who is also the current Director.

Honorary members serve as Advisory Board Members for the Guild.

Currently, the Board consists of: Glyndell Clemmons, Florence; K.A. Cummins, Winfield; Lee Freeman, Florence; Chervis Isom, Birmingham; Dr. George Makowski, Florence; Bonnie Roberts Huntsville; and Billy Warren, Florence, Chair. The 2023 honorary member inductees are: Carol Behel, Florence; Dr. John Ford, Florence; and Jacque Rainwater, Cullman. In their capacity as honorary members, this group assists in securing speakers – authors and community professionals - for Guild meetings.

Meetings of the Guild are held from 10am–noon on the third Saturday of each month at the Library. Membership dues are \$40.00/year. A membership drive will take place at the Guild's booth at the Alabama Renaissance Faire, October 28 and 29.

For further information, please send a request via email: shoalswritersguild@gmail.com

Girl Scout Cookie News

BIRMINGHAM-Girl Scouts of North-Central Alabama (GSNCA) and Girl Scouts of Southern Alabama (GSSA), covering all of Alabama, are excited for Girl Scouts to showcase their entrepreneurial skills by selling Girl Scout Cookies this season! Consumers will be able to purchase their favorite flavors for the same prices they experienced last year when our seasons launch in early-mid December.

Girls will begin taking in-person cookie orders and Digital Cookie, a site where girls run and manage their Girl Scout Cookie business online.

Additionally, girls will be taking traditional preorders for delivery when cookies arrive in our area in early February. When you purchase Girl Scout cookies, you are getting more than a sweet treat. All the proceeds stay local to help power amazing experiences for Girl Scouts in your community.

Any Girl Scout cookie price adjustments nationally are determined at the Girl Scout Council level. As with many industries, rising costs

have resulted in Girl Scout councils in some areas facing the tough decision to raise their prices for the upcoming season. Each of our 111 councils operates as its own 501c3 organization, and council leaders make the decisions that best serve their members. As always, cookie proceeds will be shared between the council and troops to support local Girl Scout programming and activities. Under any price increase, troop proceeds will also increase per package. Notwithstanding, we would like to reassure Alabamians that they will not be impacted by a price increase this year.

Our focus as this year's Girl Scout Cookie season approaches is on our Girl Scouts having fun and empowering experiences as young entrepreneurs. When you buy Girl Scout cookies you are creating opportunities.

Seven Points Press Launch

FLORENCE—The
Kennedy-Douglass Center
for the Arts is excited
to host an evening of
poetry to celebrate the
launch of Seven Points
Press, sponsored by
Artist Gathering group,
on Thursday, October
19 from 6-8pm in the
Southall-Moore House
at 209 East Tuscaloosa

The event will include poetry music and refreshments, featuring readings from Jake Berry, Dorlea Rikard, Chris Mansel, Jeanie Thompson, Tyler Young, and Jason McCall.

This event is free and everyone is welcome.

The mission of Seven Points Press is to offer unpublished and underpublished creative writers and other artists associated with the Shoals area of Alabama the opportunity to bring their work to print. It is a non-commercial enterprise designed to ensure that any profit accruing from the sale of the author's work goes directly to the author. Writers and other artists who feel their work is ready for a public audience are encouraged to submit their work for review.

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FLORENCE: YARD SALE 131 Garfield Ave (Off Wood Ave) Sat. 21st 6:30-? Name brand clothes, pine cabinets, household items, Christmas decorations, glassware

MUSCLE SHOALS MULTIFAM-ILY YARD SALE 504 Hickory Ave Fri 20, Sat 21 7am-until

FLORENCE YARD SALE, 171 Macon Dr., (Hwy. 17, 1 1/4 miles past Wilson School), Thurs. 12pm-6pm and Fri. 8am-1pm, Old Trunks, Walk behind Weed Eater, Furniture, New clothes & shoes, Purses, Lamps, Christmas Wreaths, Glassware, lot of misc.

KILLEN YARD SALE, 211 Wood-fern Dr., Brookwood Sub., Fri. & Sat., 7am-3pm, Furniture, Dishes, Household items and more!

FLORENCE MOVING SALE 468 Co. Rd. 42 Fri 20 Sat 21 7am-until

FLORENCE ESTATE SALE, 2110 Hixon Ave., Sat. 9am-4pm and Sun. 12pm-4pm, Antiques & Collectibles, New Furniture, and much more! Map ID# 1632 FLORENCE YARD SALE 305 DUNOLLY LANE Fri. Sat. 7-5 Mirror, vacuum cleaner, rug, and misc. household items

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FLORENCE MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE, 801 Spring Cove Rd., Sat., 7am-12pm, Furniture, Books, Toys, Fish Tanks, Tools, Books, Toys, Fish Tanks, Tools, Boat, Mowers, and much more!

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FLORENCE GARAGE SALE 2050 Co. Rd. 37 Fri 20 and Sat 21 7-until Clothes, furniture, crafts and supplies, fishing gear, holiday ribbons, DVDs, and lots of misc.

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Gerald Clemmons needs a kidney!

Gerald is a lifelong resident of Lauderdale County. He has kidney disease and is on dialysis. He has been told that he needs a kidney transplant, and a living donor is his best chance to survive. Please consider becoming a living kidney donor for him at Vanderbilt Hospital.

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will need to: know your blood type, be
at least 18 years of age, be in good
physical health, and have a good mental disposition. This week provide more information: https://bit.ly/ VandyLivingDonor

If you can't donate, please share this

During the month of October, Armstead Chapel CME Church at 121 Simpson St. in Florence will sponsor "Pack a Purse for Cancer Awareness. These bags will be presented to local cancer centers in Lauderdale and Colbert County. It can be a purse, bag, tote, backpack, or a new Ziplock bag! This year as well, we will extend our participation to the new Wig Room. We will take all wigs type. Please make sure they are in good/new condition.

It is recommenued of 7 travel size items. is recommended for a minimum travel size items. However, all donations are greatly appreciated. Some of the following items can be donated:
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•Soap •Puzzle books •Lotion •Deodorant •Gloves •Tissue •Mouthwash •Gum •Mints •Small towels •Handkerchief Pencils ●Journals ●Novels ●Toothbrush

You may drop items off at Armstead Chapel CME Church no later than October 31. Thank you in advance for your loving kindness.

For additional information, you ma contact Sister Glenda Beckwith 256-767 0720, Brother A.J. Cole 245-980-2655, or Rev. James Greene III, Pastor.

Shoals Artists Guild Meeting Friday, October 20, 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.

Classic Monster Movies at the Ritz "Creature from the Black Lagoon" (1954) Friday, Oct. 20, 7PM.

Double Feature - "Frankenstein" (1931) and "Twilight Zone" Friday, October 27, 7pm. "Frankenstein"

Shoals Elks Lodge - Bean Day **Charity Fundraiser** 408 N. Nashville Ave., Sheffield. Friday, October 20, 11am-2pm. Beans, Cornbread, Coleslaw, Onions, Desert & Water. Eat-in or carry Onions, Desert & Water. E put. \$7 donation requested.

Craft Fair & Bake Sale Saturday, October 21 from 10am-2pm at West Lauderdale Cowboy Church, 1001 Hwy 20. Florence - next to Rockin' Y. The Chuck Wagon will be in attendance with delicious food and refreshments.

Get ready for a Fall Festival - Food. Games, Cake Walk, Prizes and more! Saturday, October 21 beginning at 4pm Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church 11025 County Rd 15 Florence.

Evolving Patterns: Legacies of **Quilting continues** through November 5 at the Tennessee Valley Museum of Art. A reception will take place November

Evolving Patterns: Legacies of Quilting is a conversation between historic quilting and contemporary uses of quilting. Quilts from 1830 - the present shift their pattern to present new aesthetic tastes and purposes. Featuring juried contemporary quilts and the quiltsourced patterns of Alabama Chanin.

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Free Event! "Rock the Block" Sunday, October 22, 2-6pm Community Block Party! Locates on West Tennessee St. in front of Magnolia Gardens. (W. Tennessee to Locust will be blocked from 11am-9pm)

We will have the following: Bingo (prizes) • Jump Rope • Face painting UNA Beach Volleyball Team • Health Screening - UNA Nursing Line Dancing • Chair Exercises • Karaoke • DJ - Dj Dust (Jon Duster) • Grilling On Site

Friends & Family Day at Mt. Zion Church of Christ. You are invited to attend Sunday, October 22. Our speaker will be Sonny Owens.

9AM Worship Service, 10:15AM Bible classes, 11AM Lunch, 1PM Worship

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The Elks National Foundation's 2024 Elks Most Valuable Student scholarship contest is underway. The MVS scholarship is available to high school seniors who are United States citizens. Applicants do not need to be related to a member of the Elks. The judging criteria is based on academics, leadership, service, and financial need.

The application must be completed See NOTES... page 7

online and submitted by the November 13, 2023. The 500 national winners will be announced in April 2024. The top 20 national finalists will participate in the Leadership Weekend in Chicago and receive \$30,000 scholarships and 480 runners-up will receive \$4,000

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10:15AM with guest speaker Rev. Jothan White, Retired Pastor of David Temple Missionary Baptist Church of Tanner, AL The afternoon service will begin at 2PM with guest speaker Pastor Jeffrey Braxton Pastor of First Missionary Baptist of Sheffield. Dinner will be served between the services, and go to plates will be available after the afternoon service.

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- Choosing a lower deductible means a higher monthly payment.

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One way to lower insurance costs is to review your policy with your insurance agent and eliminate any coverage you may not need, such as comprehensive coverage on an older vehicle, rental reimbursement or emergency roadside



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Central Community Center will be serving Breakfast Saturday, October 21 from 7-9AM to include bacon, sausage, eggs, homemade biscuits. grits, gravy, and chocolate gravy. Price \$10 and children \$5. Proceeds go toward upkeep of building.

Walk With Us to Prevent Suicide Sunday October 29, at Florence High School. Register today - Shoals Out of the Darkness Walk. Check-In 1PM. Walk start time 2PM.

afsp.org/Shoals (Ame Foundation for Suicide Prevention) (American

Trekking The Trails At Tishomingo -You are invited to join the Friends of the Park for a guided trail walk on Sunday afternoons in October, weather

Trail walks begin at 2pm on October 22, and 29. A different trail will be walked each Sunday. No registration is required

but the park entrance fee will be charged. For more information, contact the park office at 662-438-6914, or e-mail tishomingostatepark@wfp.ms.gov.

Historic Sheffield Trolley Tours will depart from Sheffield City Hall, at 600 N Montgomery Ave on October 22 for a captivating two-hour journey through the city's past with historian Jimmy Austin as your guide. Explore Sheffield's rich history this autumn and uncover the fascinating tales of Sheffield's heritage as you traverse its historic streets. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the Sheffield Public Library, However, seating is limited, so securing your spot early is advisable. Information: 256-383-5633.

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NWSCC Health Studies programs and local providers healthcare will be available to assist BEST Robotics students. "This is a great opportunity for the College to be a resource for our middle and high school students," said NWSCC President Dr. .Teff Goodwin. "Along with our local hospitals other healthcare and providers, we can give these students insight into the healthcare world and the role robotics plays.

For more information about BEST Robotics Industry Night, call 256-331-5331 or email kim. sheppard@nwscc.edu.

Shorts...

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Local Shop's State Award

SHEFFIELD - David Christopher's Inc. in Sheffield was the Customers' Choice Award winner during the recent Alabama Retailer of the Year awards for 2023. Owners David and Jennifer Smith were presented with their award last month at their retail store at 411 S. Montgomery Ave. David Smith, the company's namesake, also owns and operates a wholesale/ import business, showroom and warehouse in Sheffield, and David Christopher's has a permanent showroom at AmericasMart in Atlanta.

Among the 57 Alabama Retailer of the Year entrants, David Christopher's received the most votes in a contest that ran in last summer on the Alabama Retail Association's website and Facebook. The seasonal decor store, with an emphasis on Christmas decor, received 976 votes or 9% of the 10.445 votes cast. During the contest, customers called David Christopher's the "goto source for creative Christmas décor" and one even said, "you can have decorations, or you can have David Christopher's ... there's only one choice!"

"We are humbled by the number of customers who took time to show their love and support for the David Christopher's team," the Smiths said upon learning of the award based on customer response. David Smith is the company owner, president, and designer, while Jennifer Smith serves as vice president, leading human resources, marketing, and day-to-day operations

Caitlin Burns, president of Shoals Chamber of Commerce, nominated the Smiths as Retailers of the Year. Besides holiday decorations, David Christopher's also sells everyday florals and home decor products as well as furniture and gifts.

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Witches Ride is Thursday

FLORENCE-United Way of northwest Alabama's 5th Annual Witches Ride is on Thursday October 19 at 6pm with a rain date of October 26. The Witches Ride parade event begins in Wilson Park, traveling down Seminary Street toward UNA, back down Court Street, and ends back at Wilson Park. Dress up in your cutest or themed witch costume, decorate your bicycle or broom, and join us as we fly through downtown Florence. No motorized vehicles will be allowed. All participants must be 15 years of age or older.

The fun night out for ages 15 and up supports early childhood literacy in Lauderdale, Colbert, Franklin, and Marion Counties. All proceeds will be used to enroll northwest Alabama children, birth–5 years in **Dolly Parton**'s Imagination Library program.

The cost is \$20 per person or \$30 with T-Shirt. Tickets may be purchased online at www.uwnwal.org. Discounts are available for organized groups of 7 or more. Updates will be posted to the United Way of NW Alabama's Facebook page.

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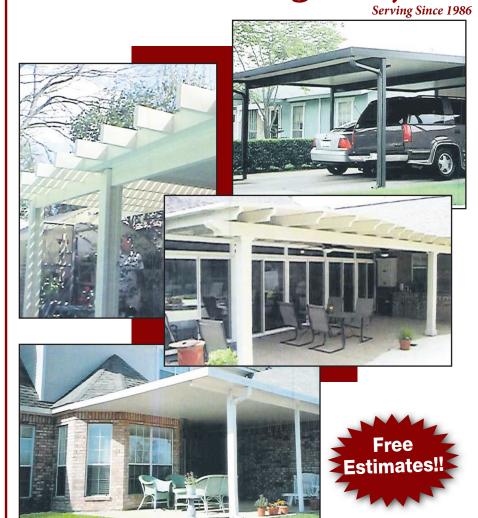
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Miss Bessie came to Shoals Habitat with a problem in her home that she cannot afford to fix or take care of on her own. She will be one of the recipients of our projects to help in rebuilding floors and walls in her home. The house that she lives in was passed down to her through her parents, and selling it is not an option. Shoals Habitat for Humanity is helping with the needed repairs to keep her home safe and secure.

Make plans for the auction on October 28. Register as soon as possible. There will be a concession stand, door prizes, and a lot of "never before seen" items that

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remotely civilized related to the actions of Hamas insurgents last week in Israel. Over 1,000 were dead in a few hours, and thousands more were injured.

A day later 1,000 were dead in retaliation in Gaza, and many of those killed by Israel's forces were innocent citizens.

The one-sided news coverage, progressive congressional responses, and sympathetic hearts urging Israel's restraint are all predictable.

Some of these videos Editor are difficult to watch with barbarism akin to the filmed beheadings of captives years ago – except too many of these now show infants and children.

Some elected US officials like Reps. Rashida Tlaib and Ilhan Omar won't even

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Kids Helping Kids & CASA

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For more information, contact Heather at 256-765-0041 or hbegley@shoalscasa.org

The 3rd Annual Rogersville Give Back Fall Festival Car & Truck Show takes place Oct. 21 from 2-6pm in

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Public Archaeology Day in Florence

FLORENCE–Pope's Tavern Archaeology lub is hosting a Public Archaeology Club is hosting a Saturday, October from Day on 21 at Pope's 10am-3pm Tavern Museum. Drive Hermitage Florence. in

People of all ages are invited to participate in activities and be able to excavate, process, and interpret artifacts. Stations will be set up with activities around excavation, artifact cleaning, sorting and identification, and collections strategies. Students under must have guardian supervision.

This event is part of International Archaeology Day, which is a celebration of

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More than Books at Stake in Real Life

Dear Sir.

Alabama has the third-highest gun death rate among children in the U.S., according to a study published in the journal, *Pediatrics*. The average death rate nationally is 5.8 deaths per 100,000 kids. Alabama's gun death rate was nearly double, at 11.4.

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Remembering Jump Off Rock

Recently in downtown the curvy road going up Hendersonville, North and imagine coming back Carolina, my mountainous down without hitting the hometown, with most brakes, because that's of my family. We were what we had to do in sitting on our quaint Driver's Ed. As we left Main Street under shade downtown, there was trees and humongous a mural that said, flowering baskets at Jump Off Rock." beautifully powder-coated steel table with a pretty little H fitted five mile incline up to into its design. We were in front of McFarland's Bakery eating orange to the top, everyone was chocolate twists and glazed my 4-year-old grandson came up to me and said, "What is Jump Off Rock?" Jericho had been playing around one of the highgloss finish, hand-painted bears that are on every corner of Hendersonville's downtown. This bear had scenes of Hendersonville to get down there, I told landmarks on it, including a cliff scene of Jump Off Rock. Jericho said, "I want down this side path that to hear the legend!" His mom said, "Yeah Mom, tell him the legend."

So I hesistantly told him that about 300 years ago there was a young Cherokee maiden who was going to marry the young tribal chieftain, but the chief went off to war to protect these lands and mountains. While he drove down that mountain was gone, the soon-to-be princess would roam up to the top of a mountain tree had caught me. My close by and would sit and sing while she was waiting on her chief's return. But eventually, word came to her that he this beautiful family that had been killed in battle. I have." How beautiful it When she found this out, was for us all to be up on because she loved him so, she wanted to be with palpable. God palpable. him. So she went up the mountain and jumped morning of off the rock, and killed storytelling herself (saying that part as quickly as I could.) That spot is now called to roll or crack his head on Jump Off Rock. Jericho any of the crevices that responded, "That's sad, he was trying to crawl Gran...I want to see it. I want to see where she Tell your stories. jumped off!" Then he did Even the little ones are his best wiggly rendition important. of someone jumping off a cliff with a short scream.

As we got in our cars, gmail.com.

was I told the adults to notice 'See We casted went to the end of 5th Avenue, and started the Jump Off Rock, elevation 3100 feet. When we got wowed by the view from donuts when the railed rock that held several families. While enjoying the blue and green mountain hues, the deep valley beyond us, and the tall trees below us, I told the children that I had had my 10-year-old birthday party under this rock. As we were hiking them that at that birthday party I was running we were on trying to get to my birthday cake and gifts, and I tripped and started rolling down the mountain and a small tree stopped my tumble. I told them that it was frightful, because it was! The reaction to that story was surprising. My family, who hadn't believed that I without any brakes, were truly glad that that little son-in-law said so. "If that tree hadn't been there," he said, "and if you weren't here now. I wouldn't have that rock together. Love

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Thursday, Donnie McDaniel 6pm Friday, Tim Ray 6pm Sunday, performance by The Dixie Echoes 10:30am.

Colbert County Republican Women's Club will begin their luncheon meetings at Stephano's Southland Restaurant in Sheffield on Wednesday, October 18 at 12pm. Visitors are welcome and encouraged to attend if you are interested in the future of our

Trunk Or Treat October 19 -Sensory Friendly Event 5-7PM at We Are Chanel Church, Cloverdale Road in

Florence. Co-hosted by the Arc of the Shoals and We Are Chapel.

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You're encouraged to wear a costume. Enter the contest to win a blue ribbon for your age group. Little Country Rock singers Shannon Phillips and Reneese Puckett will perform and sing popular songs by your favorite Country and Classic stars. 5:15pm Doors open. 5:30-6pm Costumed contestants

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Central High Class of 1973 will have their 50-year reunion Oct 28 from in Florence. Contact: Doug Robinson 256-443-1395. Patti Jones 256-366-9058. Please RSVP by October 14.

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By Lucie Winborne

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- Competitive trash collecting is a sport in Japan.
- Just in time for global warming, scientists have developed a paint that reflects the sun's rays, potentially reducing the need for air conditioning by up to 40%.
- The oldest known photograph, taken by French photographer Nicephore Niepce in

1826, took eight hours to expose.

- In 5th-century Greece, handshakes were done to make sure that the other person wasn't carrying a hidden weapon. The hand clasp proved that your hand was empty, and shaking it was meant to "shake out" any weapons hiding in the sleeve.
- Farm-raised salmon are fed carotenoids to give their flesh its trademark pink color.
- If a woodpecker goes too long without food, it will pin down other birds and peck at their heads until it can eat their brains.
- Holy flipping flapjacks! In 2012, Brad Jolly of Australia set the Guinness World Record for the most tosses of a pancake, with an astonishing 140 flips a minute.

First Thought for the Day: "Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone's face? Did I say words of healing? Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love? These are the real questions. I must trust that the little bit of love that I sow now will bear many fruits, here in this world and the life to come." -- Henri Nouwen

- The small dots on strawberries are known as "drupelets" and are not seeds, as often thought, but do contain seeds.
- A dog named Chickie seemed like anything but man's best friend when she chewed up her owner's passport just days before his wedding in Italy. Fortunately, with a little help from local lawmakers as well as the community, a new one was issued in time for the nuptials to take place. As for Chickie, she was later given a mock "pupster passport"!

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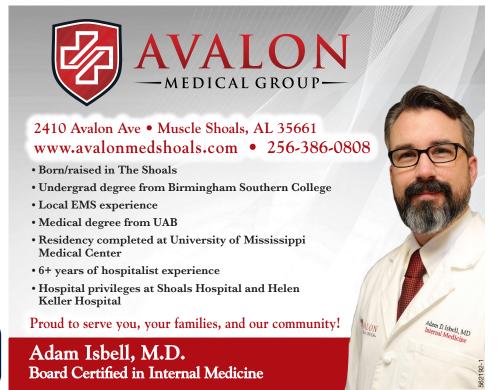
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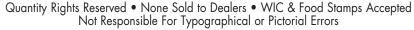














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want to mutilate women

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people alive. We must be

committed in America to

doing whatever it takes to

keep our freedom. There

is a satanic mentality in

the world that is like a slithering poisonous serpent waiting to strike

our country just as Hamas

expression that binds or

enslaves people is evil.

There is nothing good

about any religion that oppresses people. The true

heart of God is love and

freedom in Christ. It does

not seek to bring about

enslavement, torture, or

pain. This is the work of

are innocent

Satan.

There

Any form of religious

has struck Israel.

wide television.

Letters...

Eliminating **Evil Forces**

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weapons stormed our border? What would it look like? It might look like the Southern border of Israel – horrific.

We were totally caught off guard on September 11, 2001. That was a horrific day for America and the world. The terrorist group who attacked us brought about much death and suffering. Israel, totally caught off guard, will forever be scarred by the recent surprise attack led by Hamas.

We must wake up in America. We do not have

a secure border. Hundreds of thousands are coming every month into our nation. How many of these people are members of ISIS or other hate-filled terrorist groups? Their only mission is to bring about mass casualties and to inflict as much pain and suffering as possible.

They have proven to us that they will bide their time. They are patient. Hamas reportedly has been planning this attack on Israel for two years. How many people are already in the United States who are waiting for a command from someone to go into action?

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all the people of the earth be gathered together against it."
Read Zechariah 14, the prophecy, & Revelation 19, the fulfillment. Zechariah 14:3 "Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle." Prophecy. Revelation 19:15-16 "And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword that with it he should of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS." Fulfillment. The KING finally shows up. Now just who do you think is going to win this little skirmish? Where does that leave you? Old promise little tends. God greeking to Abram. Careeis 12:3 "And the content of the con still stands. God speaking to Abram: Genesis 12:3 "And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." Get on board or get run over!

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civilians in Gaza. Let's hope that they find a way to escape. By the time you read this, there may not be much of Gaza left as Israel will not play pata-cake with Hamas. We pray for the innocent to escape and the hostages to survive and be freed. We must also pray for the success of Israel to root out and eliminate Hamas. The only cure for such evil is for it to be eliminated.

Dr. Glenn Mollette Newburgh, IN

Citizens Need the Answers

Editor:

At its February 7, 2023 meeting the Florence City Council approved \$33.38 million for improvements at McFarland Park, Sportsplex and Veterans Park. Park. Based on action taken by the Council at their March 7 meeting, there will be some

significant increases.
The Council approved thefollowingarchitectural services with Goodwyn. Mills, Cowood LLC(GMC): McFarland Park - \$919,675; Sportsplex \$668.441: Veterans Park - \$649,500. The total for these services is \$2,237,616. GMC is located in Montgomery. Did the Council ask for bids from other firms? Were local firms allowed to bid? The \$33.38 million cost is now increased to \$35.61 million! We need answers!

In August 2017 the TimesDaily reported that GMC billed the city in the

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amount of \$208,562.50 for 2016 design expenses for 31 tennis courts (may have been reduced) at Veterans Park. GMC stated that former Mayor Haddock directed them to expedite this project and were told the final contract would be executed after the (August 2016) Florence mayor/council election. It was not executed. At a July 2017 meeting the Council, by a 4-2 vote Simmons, (Members Bradley, Eubanks, and Edwards voted against the courts; President Jordan, and member Betterton voted for courts), did not approve the courts at Veterans. If GMC is to be paid, the Council must authorize. Mayor Holt has maintained the city doesn't owe the firm, as there was not a written

contract. He did not state who does. We need answers.

The city's Public Park Authority had set aside \$2 million for the courts. After the council's vote on the courts, the Retirement Systems of Alabama (RSA) requested that the \$2 million be used for improvements the Convention Center. RSA owns the Marriott and initially wanted the courts. At their September 5, 2017 meeting all members of the Council approved the following: "Resolution to approve the expenditure of \$2,000,000 of Public Park Authority of the Shoals funds, previously set aside for Veterans Park, on the Florence Conference Center." Please note that the amount due GMC is not mentioned in the resolution. All the money is for the Convention Center!

The August 2017 article stated. "(Mayor) Haddock said it was understood that we were going to take that money out of the \$2 million from the Park Authority."

Was GMC paid the \$208,562.50 quietly out of the \$2 million? If paid, it is not legal per the resolution!

Hopefully, Betterton and the other Council members who were serving in 2017 will want the facts,... nothing but the facts for the citizens of Florence.

We need answers!

Bill Smoak Florence

Abortion is Still 100% Indefensible

Editor:

After World War II, there was a great deal of finger pointing at Germans and a condemnation of the Pope who was accused of being silent about the mass killing of Jews and other ethnic groups. Now Protestants are being accused of being silent about a Worldwide Holocaust and the response is silence in the pulpits!

An article in the Life Institute's Learning Center reported that "More than 1.5 BILLION babies have been aborted worldwide in the past 50 years." A billion and half innocent babies killed far exceeds the numbers killed by Germany's

Hitler, Russia's Stalin, China's Mao, Cambodia's Pol Pot, Turkey's Armenian Genocide, and Rwanda's genocide against the Tutsi tribe. There is silence across America who thought the Nazi Holocaust was so bad.

Planned Parenthood "birth control states, , is 93% effective in preventing pregnancies." That means that 93% of the 1.5 billion unwanted pregnancies could have been prevented. Instead, almost 1.4 billion babies were killed because of the irresponsible behavior of those who agreed to have sex, but did not use birth control.

Some approve of abortion and say a fetus is nothing until the baby is born. That is not true. The National Right to Life reported, "38 states recognize the unlawful killing of an unborn child as homicide in at least some circumstances.

The federal Unborn Victims of Violence Act, enacted April 1, 2004, covers unborn victims of federal and military crimes." This means most people in 38 states believe an unborn baby has rights.

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As pertains to morality of abortion, much more is expected Christians of who claim to follow God's commandments than from those who have no religion. God's 6th Commandment reads, "You shall not murder" and that includes murdering babies through abortion. There is no evidence that God, Jesus, or the Holy Spirit has ever given any leader of any church the right to change or ignore the commandments of God and that includes the 6th Commandment. Yet, intellectual bishops of some Protestant churches

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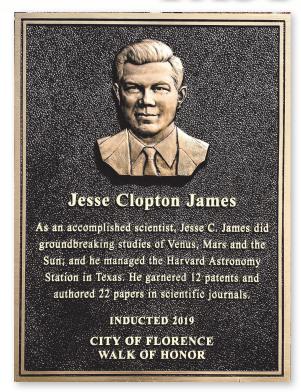
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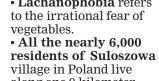
Strange...

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- · Culinary icon Ina Garten, aka the "Barefoot Contessa," was a nuclear policy analyst for the White House before embarking
- on a career in cookery. A roll-on deodorant **ball** was the inspiration for Apple's first mouse prototype.
- Despite their widely different climates, Alaska and Hawaii share a highest recorded temperature of 100 F.
- Popular video game character Super Mario's original name was Jumpman. He was rechristened in honor of Mario Segale, Nintendo
- of America's landlord. · A 2016 study by Yale University found that people over the age of 50 who read books for

more than three and a half hours per week had a 20% lower mortality risk over a 12-year period than nonbook readers.

- Lachanophobia refers to the irrational fear of vegetables.
- All the nearly 6,000 village in Poland live along one 9-kilometer street
- to imagine anyone **but Bruce Willis** in the role of "Die Hard" hero John McClane, the part was originally offered to crooner Frank Sinatra, due to the film's technically being a seguel to "The Detective," in which Sinatra had played the lead.
- If you want to become a police officer in Norway, you'll need a B.A. from the Police University College. The program includes theoretical studies in criminal law, ethics and social sciences, plus a year of practical field training.
- Chloroform was once used in the treatment mention as a sweetener



While it's difficult

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of asthma, cholera and gonorrhea, not to in medicines.

 International animal rights organization PETA asked musical duo the Pet Shop Boys to

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Second Thought for the Day: "Don't go through life, grow through life. -- Eric Butterworth







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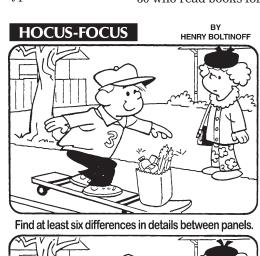


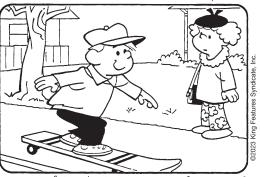












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Pope's...

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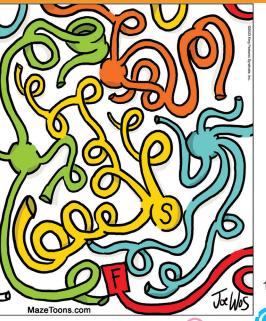
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2. San Andreas, e.g.	F	Bank safe	V
3. Chunk of garlic	V _	Nearby	s
4. Divine paradise	н	Yeast, e.g.	L
5. Express gratitude	A	Ponder	1
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8. Wall socket	0	Small piece of meat	c
9. Cringe	W	Blanket	V
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WORD LADDERS

Can you go from WARTS to LOADS in 6 words? Change one letter for each rung in the ladder

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Kids' Maze

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Dave

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funerals is about 4%, so in essence, vou'd be making 4% on your money. And, of course, you're locked into everything at that point. If you took the cost of a funeral and invested it at age 30, instead of 4% on your money, you'd get an actual investment return. By the time you're 80, you'd have about \$600,000. So prepaying in your 30s or 40s is mathematically ridiculous. Now, if you're in your 60s, like you and me, there aren't as many years for that money to



huge return on investment, but it would still provide for a nice service.

Believe it or not, it took me a while to figure out that the funeral world is an industry—an extremely profitable industry. And like with many things, when you add on stuff like financing or prepayment to grow. You wouldn't see a a purchase, you're adding to

their profits. Most funeral providers make as much money on prepayment plans as they do in actual margin on the goods and services that go along with this kind of thing.
That being said, I've

got no problem with a business industry or making money. If they treat their customers well, no one's taken advantage of, and a quality product or service is provided, it's all good. But when it comes to funerals, I tell people to preplan. Don't prepay.

- Dave

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Letters...

Abortion is Still 100% **Indefensible**

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have ignored commandment when they approved of abortions.

Man's debate about abortion is not new.

Despite the debate, the church has considered abortion a "Moral Evil"

since the first century. Luke 1:41 and 1:44 reference the baby in Elizabeth's womb (John the Baptist). The Roman Catholic Church reached the formal conclusion in 1588 that life begins at conception and abortion is murder. That position on abortion continues until the present day.

An article in the 2022 edition of July the Christian Post: remember vears ago when I discovered that the Lutheran hospital in Portland, Oregon, was

performing abortions. I wrote the Lutheran bishop in Oregon asking, "How can we as a Christian hospital do such a thing? The bishop responded, 'We in the Lutheran Church believe in the grace of God." There it is, grace God." abuse ... we are saved by grace; therefore we are free to kill unborn babies.

And it has gotten worse. The head bishop of the liberal Evangelical Lutheran Church in America recently went to the White House with other Protestant leaders to take a stand in favor of abortion rights. One Lutheran pastor even wrote, 'I love abortion because abortion is healthcare ... Any reason someone needs or wants an abortion is a good reason. You don't have to justify it to me or anyone. Free abortion. Accessible to all. On demand. Without apology. Now."

Of course, Lutherans or Lutheran believe branches in abortion. The others are pro-life. But the same proabortion grace abuse sadly exists in the Presbyterian Church USA, the United Methodist Church, the United Church of Christ (not Church of Christ), and the Episcopal Church in America.

not all

The leader of any church who approves of abortions and tells church members the that they can reconsider the 6th commandment, "You shall not murder," should be ignored. The Scriptures warn every Christian about such leaders. Matthew 7:15 reads, "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves." Galatians 1:8 reads, "But even if we or an angel from heaven

should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed." Matthew 18:6, shows that Jesus had a special feeling for little ones when he said: "but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea." What would he say to those performing abortions?

Every Christian shEvery Christian should abortion and oppose instead support prolife groups who encourage women to have the baby. For more information. go to the Facebook group Take My Hand Not My Life to contact the author of this letter.

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Shannon Phillips

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About 30 minutes later, Officer Krista McCabe arrived at the scene. The entire incident is recorded on the officer's body cameras. McCabe approached Edgar who was lying on the ground next to the Camry, which was up on a jack with a tire removed. McCabe asked Edgar what he was doing, and he responded that he was fixing the car of one of his customers. After a few moments Officer Perillat also arrived on the scene and McCabe asked Edgar for his driver's license or other ID.

Edgar said he was not going to submit his ID to them and told them to call the owner of the vehicle. At no point did any officer ask Edgar his name or address. Then suddenly, Perillat seized Edgar from behind and started handcuffing him saying "We don't have time for this" and "You don't understand the law." Edgar was charged with obstructing governmental operations in violation of Ala. Code 1975, §13A-10-2(a)(1).

The officers argue they had probable cause to arrest Edger because he used "physical force or interference" to obstruct their investigation and that Edgar commented an "independently unlawful act" by refusing to identify himself. They claim the Alabama Stop-and-Identify statute \$15-5-30, and the Alabama driver's license statute \$32-6-9 required Edgar to produce his identification.

The Court found that no reasonable officer could believe that Edgar was using physical force or intimidation and therefore there was not even arguable probable cause to support Edgar's arrest and the officers are not entitled to qualified immunity under this theory.

The Supreme Court has repeatedly ruled that the police may ask members of the public questions and make consensual requests of them as long as the police do not convey a message that compliance is required – but the person "need not answer any question put to him; indeed, he may decline to listen to questions at all and may go on his way.

That's the classroom law. My law school criminal procedure professor said that the goal of any encounter with the police is to survive the encounter. There are body cameras, cell phones, and dash cameras have changed the ways in which we interact with the police and the police interact with us. I say be polite and professional because that makes a lawyer's job easier.

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Commentary

FACTS...

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condemn Hamas for the beheading of the babies. Others are walking a fine line, not wanting to upset the radical elements in their base.

I can understand the ongoing frustration and have empathy for the Palestinian cause and their feelings of hopelessness. But the blame cannot be placed on others. The blame is theirs starting generations before.

Gaza is a small 25-mile x 7-mile strip of land bordered on 2 sides by Israel, one short side by Egypt, and to the north by the Mediterranean Sea.

Over two million people are crammed into Gaza, so there is nothing inviting about it. And there are no areas of escape from Israel's retaliatory strikes.

Gaza is also among the world's poorest areas, suffering from an unemployment rate of roughly 46% according to recent data from a World Bank report. Unemployment is higher still for younger people. They depend largely on international aid to get by.

By contrast, a recent *Moody's Analytics* report showed the

unemployment rate of Israel stands below 4% – comparable to US numbers.

Hamas has ruled the Gaza Strip since elections in 1967 and no elections have been conducted since.

Those approving the manner of the recent attack on the most vulnerable citizen targets in Israel should have us all on high alert.

We also need to accept the fact that Iran is the economic driver for Hamas. That's just for starters. Iran also controls Hezbollah, a terrorist organization that has a massive, precision-guided missile arsenal at its disposal.

Hezbollah, Hamas, and Islamic Jihad can coordinate anything they would like under purview of Iran from just north of Israel in Beirut, Lebanon. Reportedly, some missiles were already coming from Lebanon as of this writing. It all could create more than we have bargained for. The skies could easily light up across the Mideast, the cells on US soil could surface, and our world could be changed forever.

As I understand it, the modern era had the region under England's rule until 1948. The United Nations in 1947 voted to divide the land



known as Palestine, half for a Jewish state half for an Arab state.

The Jews accepted the UN's Partition Plan, but no Arab or any other Muslim country accepted it, thinking they should have a greater share of the land. The day that British rule ended, May 15, 1948, the armies of all neighboring Arab states surrounded and attacked Israel hoping to destroy it.— Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Jordan, and Egypt.

Yet, Israel survived

When the war ended in July of '49, Israel controlled more than two-thirds of the former British Mandate, while Jordan took control of the West Bank and Egypt took control of the Gaza Strip.

In 1967, the dictator of Egypt announced that he wanted to destroy Israel and convinced other Arab nations to join him as the armies again began to surround Israel. However, Israel preempted that onslaught with one of its own and defeated Egypt, Syria, and Jordan, It then took control of the West Bank.

Treaties have been signed, and Israel had ceded some very valuable land, only to have it's trust shattered with broken promises. So that is generally how we got to a land mass of present-day Israel.

There are 22 Arab states in the world, stretching from the Atlantic to the Indian Oceans. There is one Jewish state, Israel which is about the size of New Jersey. Bottom line, if Israel said it was putting down all weapons and fighting no more, neighboring Arab nations would overrun the country and kill all the Jews the next day.

If Arab nations said they were putting down all weapons and fighting no more, there would be peace the next day.

There are historic references to Palestine as a land area and a general geographic region, but there is no historical remnants of Palestine as a country; no currency, historical lineage of rulers, no economic hubs, no maps with borders from any period in history. Nothing from Palestinian nation that used to exist has ever been discovered. It only exists as a term for modern generations.

In fact nothing from any Arab, Muslim, or Palestinian state has ever existed on that piece of land.

According to Wikipedia, the earliest version of a Palestinian flag dates to 1911. That was said to have been established by the Young Arab Society in Paris. Yet another flag version is said to have been designed around that time by Sir Mark Sykes of the British Foreign

Office.

Regardless, a version considered the flag of the Arab National Movement was in use by 1917. However, it was for a movement, a growing effort, not a country.

The smears against Jews as colonialists, occupiers, or settlers also fall flat. First, they were victorious in the war they did not initiate. In addition, Jews have had a religious and ethnic connection to the region since the days of Abraham, some 3,500 years ago. You can't be colonizing an area that includes structures from your history dating back into the Old Testament.

The overall numbers of Palestinians displaced from 1948–1967 in the West Bank area alone is generally estimated to have been around 300,000 and some of those had been displaced twice.

Many US media outlets are purposely avoiding the use of the term "terrorist" because they say the term has been excessively politicized and automatically indicts those with whom they may tend to side.

The Canadian B r o a d c a s t i n g Corporation ordered all reporters covering the Hamas/Israel to avoid the term, terrorist. Instead of exhibiting some kind of neutrality, they are attempting to politically sanitize the term out of existence.

The moral decay emanating from the university level is atrocious from both student and administrative levels.

BLM chapters in several major cities publicly sided with Palestine, as did scores of left-leaning publications and organizations.

After the attacks Birmingham Mayor, Randall Woodfin, posted a tweet that read, "Stand with Israel," and included an image of the flag. However, he quickly deleted it after a backlash from his supporters.

Meanwhile, protestors in Australia are chanting, "Gas the Jews," and swastika posters are part of protests in New York's Times Square.

"Gas the Jews?"
Seriously? If a high school kid yelled that or displayed a swastika on campus, he would be expelled and shipped off

for sensitivity training.

Protesters in the US and across the world, largely of Arabic descent, have expressed Arab solidarity. Many of the people waving Palestinian flags may be from the region known as Palestine. However, many non-Arabs have endorsed atrocities of the past week against Jews as well.

Older Westerners haven't forgotten how the Nazi regime plunged the world into the deadliest war on record. However, the Holocaust occurred 80 years ago. Those who liberated the Nazi concentration camps and were able to talk about it for many decades are gone or in nursing homes. They don't serve in the US Senate.

Neither today's politicians nor our underinformed street activists have any concept of those incomprehensible actions, because our educational institutions have ceased to convey that crucial knowledge.

Any information they do have is probably just as skewed as the rest of the socialist realm in higher academia.

Protests about "returning the land to Palestine" is one example.

Back to Mayor Woodfin for a moment. On December 31, 2022, he tweeted:

"The most powerful moment in my life in 2022 was a trip to Israel that became an unintentional spiritual journey. It culminated with a baptism in the Sea of Galilee."

That HAD to be a soulstirring moment for Woodfin, indescribable. Israel absolutely understands the religious diversity of this world and the draw of Christianity to their region.

If Israel were driven out and Hamas ruled Israel and the holy land as Woodfin's detractors and all these other anti-Israel zealots apparently want, how far does Woodfin think that baptism would have gone?

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DAYS OF OUR LIVES Ava. EJ and Chad bonded Chad pulled away from over their losses. Belle had a escalated between Leo and new job. Clyde threatened move. Rafe comforted an

upset Jada. Paulina sought Marlena's help, while Abe confided in John. Leo and Dimitri tried to figure out an escape plan. Stefan and Gabi concocted a financial scheme. Kristen learned about Holly's crush. Tate faced the music with Holly. Justin was a straight shooter with Sarah. Eric and Nicole discussed adoption plans. Wait to See: Xander has reservations about Sloan's strategy. Alex has an offer for Theresa. Kayla finds herself in a bind.

Lois met Chase. Eddie got a stern lecture. Josslyn panicked. Cyrus issued a warning. Ava was in grave danger. Lois confronted Tracy. Austin interrogated Dex. Blaze opened up to Kristina, Portia and Curtis confronted their issues. Carly updated Sonny. made a romantic Finn proposition. Felicia counseled Maxie. Valentin confided in Laura. Portia confronted Jordan. Gregory had reservations. Alexis felt

GENERAL HOSPITAL disheartened. Spencer and Jack and Billy set a trap. Esme got into an argument. was extremely frustrated. Valentin surprised Charlotte. Diane and Robert had a heartto-heart. Brook Lynn was stunned. Cody voiced his gratitude. Wait to See: Tracy flexes her authority. Portia and Cyrus come face-to-face. Sonny confronts Selina.

THE YOUNG AND THE **RESTLESS** Victor tested Nick. Sally made a painful confession. Lily learned of Heather's future plans.

Audra shared a proposition with Kyle. Phyllis turned the tables on Tucker. Diane crossed the line. Traci shared words of wisdom with Jack. Mamie pointed Nate in the right direction. Victor accelerated his plan. Phyllis cozied up to Daniel. Later, Daniel caught Lily off guard. Wait to See: Victor prepares to retaliate against an adversary. Devon interrogates Nate. Jill digs for dirt on Mamie.

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Church Women United invites all to World Community Day, Friday Nov 3 at 10am at N. Wood United Methodist Church, 1129 Willis Ave. in Florence. The theme is "Resolve to Love" CWU Mission: "Agreed to Differ, Resolved to

The Veterans' Day Parade will take place in Tuscumbia on Friday, November 10 at 10am. Beginning at Deshler High School. it will follow Main St. to 6th and will end at the Colbert County Courthouse. A program will follow at 11am on the courthouse lawn, presented by American Legion Post The Rev. Norman Simmons will give the keynote address. A meal will follow at the Tuscumbia Church of Christ Annex, located across the street from the Courthouse at the corner of 4th and Main Streets. The public is invited to all events. In the case of rain, the parade

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Killen Methodist Church at 201 JC Mauldin Hwy will host Riley's Market on Saturday, November 4 from 9am – 5pm. This market is in support of the DeLuna, family. Tees, baked goods, food trucks, and more. Donations accepted at the door.

The Florence Farmers Market (corner of Chisholm and Fairground Roads) will open on Saturdays in October. Hours of operation are 6am–1pm each day. There will be 35 sellers 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 rooms.

'Hi Neighbors of the Shoals' meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month (Nov. 7, Dec. 5) in the Florence Public Library at 10:30am. This women's social group all ladies who are currently residents of the Shoals area. Contact Berta Birch, 256-777-3119. for further details.

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The Florence Exchange Club's Annual One Nation Under God Breakfast takes place Tuesday, November 7 at the Marriott Shoals Conference Center in Florence. The guest speaker is Jeremiah Castille. former Alabama and NFL football player and the president of the Jeremiah Castille Foundation

Breakfast starts at 6:30am and the program starts at 7am. Tickets are \$35m each or at table of 8 in preferred seating is \$300. For ticket information, email bert@ agentbert.com or call 256–648– 3470.

Bluewater Publications will be at First Fridays in Florence from 5:30-8pm on November 3 with its array of local books and historical fiction. You might even get a chance to talk with some of their authors and get your books signed! Court Street in downtown Florence. BP's booth will be located near or in front of Mefford's Jewelers.

Shoals Habitat for Humanity Restore will host its first ever Auction on Saturday October 28 at the Restore location, 1120 N Royal Avenue in Florence, in the Seven Points district.

Doors will open at 8am for registration and the bidding on items will begin at 9am. You are encouraged to pre-register prior to the auction day at the Shoals Habitat for Humanity office and Restore on N Royal Ave anytime from 9am-5pm Monday–Friday and 9am-3pm on Saturday. Participants must be 18 and up to register. For more information, please call 256-764-4494 or send an e-mail to info@shoalshabitat.

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The proceeds from this event will go to fund the Home Repair and Improvement program that is part of Habitat's mission to help provide safe homes for the community.

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What is the best way to ensure my pets are taken care of after I'm gone? I have two dogs and a cat that are my four-legged family, and I want to make sure they'll be well taken care of after I die.

Solo Senior

Dear Solo

It's a great question. Every year, approximately 500,000 cats and dogs enter shelters when their pet parents experience an emergency or pass away. Without a proper plan in place for the future care of your pets, they are at risk of ending up in a shelter where they could be euthanized.

To avoid this terrifying scenario and ensure your furry family is cared for both physically and financially after you're gone, you should consider including them in your estate plan. Talk to your attorney about how to insert them in your will or trust in accordance with your state's laws. Here's what you'll need to do.

Wills

If you already have a will or are planning to make one, you could simply add in a trusted caretaker clause for your pets, along with an alternative if your first choice falls through. You should also set aside money in your will for your pet's care with an explanation of how the funds should be spent.

To determine how much to leave, multiply your pet's annual food, care and medical costs by their life expectancies. You may want to add a separate document, called a letter of instruction, describing your pet's routine, food and medication.

But be aware that even with this provision in your will the caretaker is not legally obligated to follow your instructions, spend the money as you intended or send the pet to another caretaker that you've named. Once the money is distributed to the caretaker, it's an honor system.

Another option is to create a pet trust, which provides more legal protections. Depending on your state's laws (see aspca. org/pet-care/pet-planning/pet-trust-laws), you could set up either a revocable pet trust, which can be changed or canceled during your lifetime, or an irrevocable pet trust that can't be reversed. A pet trust can be completely separate or part of an existing trust that encompasses your other assets.

Along with appointing a trustee to manage your trust's finances, you name your pet's caretaker (who could also serve as the trustee), and any alternative caretakers, as well as an optional trust protector for added oversight of the trustee given that the beneficiary (your pets) can't defend their own rights. Unlike a will, the caretaker has a fiduciary duty to follow your letter of instruction if you include one.

The cost for a living trust ranges anywhere between \$1,000 to \$3,000, while a will typically costs between \$200 and \$1,000. There are also cheaper do-it-yourself resources for making a simple will or trust, like Nolo's Quicken WillMaker & Trust (Nolo.com, \$99) and Trust & Will (TrustandWill.com, \$159). Or, if that's more than you're willing to pay, you can make your will for free at FreeWill.com or DoYourOwnWill.com.

Other Arrangements

If you don't have anyone who would be willing to take care of your pets after you're gone, you should make arrangements to leave them to an animal retirement home, a rescue, humane society, pet care program or other animal welfare group. Many of these organizations find new homes for pets or offer lifetime care but may require a fee or donation. Talk to your veterinarian about the options available in your area.

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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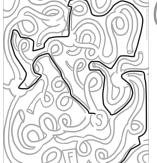
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Medicare Minute

"Medicare Advantage Plans"

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

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

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

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