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FLORENCE—The *Courier Journal* and *TimesDaily* office, at 219 W. Tennessee St. in Florence, is a drop off location for Toys for Tots. New and unwrapped toys may be placed in the donation box located in our front lobby by Thursday, November 30. Office hours are 8am–5pm, Monday–Friday. *Thank you!*

**New Bridge
to Open 11/3**

FLORENCE— The public is invited to attend the ceremonial grand reopening and ribbon-cutting of the new bridge over Cypress Creek on Lauderdale County Rd 16 (Rasch Rd.) at noon on Monday, November 6.

The original concrete bridge was built around 1935, according to Lauderdale County Engineer, **Eric Hill**. However, county workers closed the bridge in 2017 because of structural concerns. According to Hill, inspectors started noticing some structural concerns and his department had been receiving reports of traffic heavier than the 3-ton limit allowed on the bridge.

A report from the Alabama Department of Transportation's emergency bridge inspection team confirmed the county's

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the vanguard of innovation and community engagement. One of those 70 honorees is David Christopher's,

Inc. in Sheffield.

David Christopher's is a retail and wholesale provider of home decor, florals, and seasonal decorations,

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Cruce Back Home

LCHS Legend a Grad Transfer for UNA

FLORENCE — Coming home takes on multiple meanings for former Lauderdale County basketball standout, Allie Craig Cruce.

In a surprise announcement last week, University of North Alabama women's basketball head coach, Missy Tiber, officially added the former Lauderdale County High School standout to her roster as a graduate transfer from Alabama.

Known by many sports

fans in the Shoals area, Cruce was a two-time AHSAA 3A Player of the Year and led Lauderdale County to a pair of state championships in 2014-15 and 2015-16, as well as a runner-up finish in 2017.

Cruce will be closer to home and family after four years of playing for the Crimson Tide.

She will play her last season at her local university on the court where

three



Cruce

of her former LCHS teammates, triplets Ivy, Emma, and Ella Wallen, once roamed, making their marks at

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St. John's Hosts All Saints Service

TUSCUMBIA— The public is invited to attend the annual memorial service at St. John's Episcopal Church in Tuscumbia taking place on Sunday, November 5 at 3pm. This All Saints' Day service of Evening Prayer will be conducted from

the 1928 Book of Common Prayer by the Rev. Danielle Thompson, Rector of Grace Episcopal Church in Sheffield.

The historic church is located at 300 N.

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concerns over the deteriorated support, girders, and deck and the bridge was closed immediately in June, 2017. "The original structure was not designed for the

kind of traffic we have today," Hill added.

"The replacement was a very complicated process," Hill said of the design and construction phases. "There was extensive environmental testing prior to construction and the new bridge is wider and more elevated."

Job Fair on November 15



SHOALS -- The Shoals Chamber of Commerce's ShoalsWORKS! and Northwest Shoals Community College are partnering to host the 2023 ShoalsWORKS! Job Fair, presented by Southwire, on Wednesday, November 15, 12:30-5pm at the NWSCC Patriot Center Gym. In addition, over 600 local high school seniors will attend from 8:30-11:30am.

Over 40 employers will be already signed up representing some 400 job openings.

EMPLOYER BOOTHS are only \$75 for Chamber members and \$100 for non-members. Businesses may register on-line at this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ShoalsWORKS-Job-Fair-EMPLOYER-REGISTRATION>

The deadline for Employer registration is Wednesday, November 8.

Job seekers should dress for an interview, as first impressions count and many employers will be interviewing during the event. Bring copies of your resume and references.

Fire Alert Re-Issued for AL

SHOALS--The Alabama Forestry Commission (AFC) has re-issued a Fire Alert for all 67 counties in the state. This order was effective as of last week prior to press time.

In the 32 northern counties north of Interstate 20, NO burn permits will be issued. In the 35 southern counties south of Interstate 20, certified prescribed burn managers will have the option to obtain a one-day burn permit. Until lifted, there will be no exceptions to this rule. Anyone who burns a field, grassland, or woodland without a burn permit may be subject to prosecution for committing a Class B misdemeanor.

During a recent seven day period, AFC wildland firefighters responded to 111 wildfires that scorched more than 1,881 acres of forestland in Alabama. Drought conditions are expected to worsen as no rain is forecast for the next week, and October is historically the state's driest month. This extremely dry weather creates a greater-than-average potential for outdoor fires to escape easily and spread rapidly, taking longer - and more firefighting resources - to contain and ultimately control.

To report a wildfire, call the Alabama Forestry Commission at (800) 392-5679. For more information on the current wildfire situation in the state or any other forestry-related issues, contact your local AFC office or visit the agency

website at www.forestry.alabama.gov/Pages/Fire/Totals.aspx

The Business Summit 11/2

SHOALS - The Shoals Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the inaugural Shoals Business Summit, presented by Bank Independent. The event is designed to empower, inspire, and connect business leaders and professionals in the Shoals region, and it will take place at the Marriott Shoals Conference Center on Thursday, November 2 from 8am-3pm.

Several dynamic speakers are on the schedule including keynote speaker, Dr. **Melissa Furman** with Career Potential, **Tobie Chandler** with CBT Digital, and **Ree Harper** with LyonsHR. Over lunch, you will hear the finalists' pitches of the Shoals Idea Audition.



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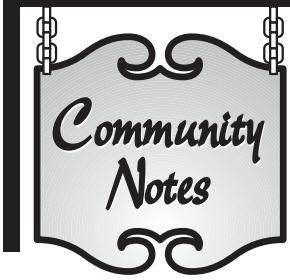
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- Email to editor@courierjournal.net;

with Elaine Softley, a Human Science Agent (Family Nutrition and Health) on Saturday, November 4 from noon-2pm in the Florence Lauderdale Public Library Conference Room.

each or at table of 8 in preferred seating is \$300. For ticket information, email bert@agentbert.com or call 256-648-3470.

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.

Big Little Art Gala hosted by Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Shoals on Friday, November 3 from 6-9pm at Pickett Place, corner of Seminary and Hermitage in downtown Florence. \$50 admission includes hors d'oeuvres and beer/wine. Cocktail attire. Silent and live auctions of art, wine, travel packages, gift cards, and much more. Gift table of cash and carry available as well.

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Russellville First Methodist Church Rummage Sale for Missions - Furniture, baked goods, kitchen items, household goods, jewelry, books, and more - Friday, November 3 from 7am-5pm and Saturday, November 4 from 7-11am, at 311 N Jackson Ave. in Russellville.

Church Women United invites all to World Community Day, Friday, November 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 Love, United to Serve."

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UNA and paving the way for the team's transition to Division I.

"It was just a very unexpected turn of events and a whirlwind couple of days," said UNA head coach Missy Tiber. "When Allie Craig wanted to know if we wanted her on the team, I didn't hesitate — 'Of course!' She knows high level basketball and is the exact type of player we seek out. I know she's excited to make her last year special in front of her friends and family here at home."

After graduating high school in 2018, the Killen native joined the Crimson Tide roster as the No. 14 ranked wing by HoopGurlz ESPNW. The 6 foot 1 forward played in all 31 games as a freshman and went on to play in over 100 career games over four seasons with five starts.

A late addition to the UNA roster, Tiber said she expects Cruce to suit up as early as December 9 at Chattanooga. This would mark Cruce's first game since March 2021 where she wrapped up her career in the WNIT Quarterfinals.

After a four-year career at Alabama and over a year away from college basketball, Cruce is excited to use her final year of eligibility.

"I'm super excited to be coming home and playing for UNA and Coach Tiber," said Cruce. "I'm just really grateful to her and the staff for giving me the opportunity, and I'm stoked to get to play with all the girls. I love Florence, I love the people, and I can't wait to represent this University in the purple

and gold. It's actually full circle — the first time I ever picked up a basketball was at a UNA Lions Camp, so finishing out my career here is just special.

I'm excited to play in front of my hometown crowd and the people that have loved and supported me throughout my entire career. All glory to the good Lord above.

See y'all in Flowers and Roar Lions!"

A key highlight during Cruce's senior season came during the SEC Women's Basketball Tournament, as she started all three games and scored double figures in all three games, including wins over Auburn and nationally-ranked Georgia.

On top of the two state titles and two AHSAA Player of the Year honors, Cruce was also a four-time all-county selection, a two-time regional MVP in 2016 and 2018, an AL.com Super-State honorable mention in 2016 and an AL.com second team Super State selection in 2018. She was also the TimesDaily Class 1A-3A Player of the Year in 2017 and 2018.

Nicknamed "AC" since her time at LCHS, Cruce is the daughter of Bryan and Amy Cruce. Her father played collegiate ball at Tennessee Tech. Cruce completed her undergraduate degree in communication studies at UA in August 2021.

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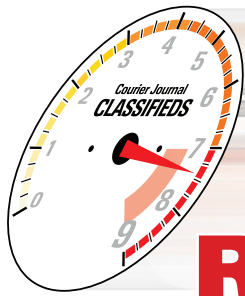
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David C's...

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by DAVE RAMSEY

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Dear Dave, I read where you recommend saving 15% of your income for retirement. Should I count my employer's

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Carlotta

Dear Carlotta, That's a great question. Employer contributions do not count toward the 15 percent I recommend setting aside for retirement. It's great if you work for a company that offers perks like that, but I want you putting 15 percent of your money into retirement. Whatever your company matches, whatever its pension may be, or even having a military retirement package, none of that enters the equation. I want your

money in your name. Baby Step 4 of my plan says to put 15 percent of your income into retirement accounts. The first thing you should put money into is a matching retirement account. If you've got a 401(k), a Roth 401(k) or a 403(b) and your employer offers a match, you should do that up to the match before anything else. Let's say your employer will match three percent. Since the goal is 15 percent, that still leaves you with some work to do. You've got three percent of your own money already going into retirement, so then you could look at a Roth IRA. If the Roth, plus what you invested previously to get the match doesn't equal 15 percent, then you could look at a 403(b), or go back to your 401(k) to hit the 15 percent mark.

And remember, if you're going to reach your retirement goals, you can't do it alone. King Solomon, one of the wisest men who ever lived, wrote: "Where there is no counsel, the people fall; But in the multitude of counselors there is safety" (Proverbs 11:14 NKJV). That's why you need a quality financial advisor—one with the heart of a teacher—to help you navigate complicated

financial issues, and guide you toward the kind of retirement you want. Do you see what I'm saying here, Carlotta? I want you—not the company you work for—to control your financial destiny. I want you to be able to retire with dignity, and enjoy life after working

hard and saving. The responsibility for making that happens falls to you!

—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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Fall is definitely in the air and a blessing to behold. November is here and we are grateful to live in a country and a community which sets aside a day this month to give thanks to God for all our blessings – yes, for our needs and our luxuries in life – God is the giver – a day we call Thanksgiving.

At Hendrix we began what we think is a good tradition several years ago when we set aside a Sunday during November to invite a special guest speaker to share God's Message. Then we also invite all our friends and family to worship with us and when worship is over we encourage everyone to stay for a Thanksgiving meal.

THE DAY IS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH.
Our guest speaker is Ben Siegel from the Glendale Church of Christ.

Since you are our friends and family, please accept this as our personal invitation for you to come. So, let us all praise God for the changing of seasons, for life here and all its blessings, especially eternal life through Jesus Christ and all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. (Ephesians 1:3.) †

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Wednesday, November 1 Deshler High School, 7:30am - 4pm
Friday, November 3 Sheffield High School, 7:30am - 4pm
Saturday, November 4 Walmart - Hough Road - Florence 10am - 4pm
Tuesday, November 7 Flexco, 6am - 1pm

Wednesday, November 7 Tharptown High School, 7:30am - 3:30pm

Sunday, November 19 Walmart - Avalon Ave. - Muscle Shoals, 10am - 4pm

Saturday, November 25 Walmart - Cloverdale Road - Florence, 10am - 4pm

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.

Religious Abuse Support Group of the Shoals will meet the first and last Sundays of every month. Time and Location will vary. About us: we are a group dedicated to supporting individuals in our local community who have experienced abuse within religious institutions.

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If waiting for a final decision from the court might prove ineffectual to a plaintiff, he or she may request an **injunction**. These are situations where immediate and irreparable harm will be done without a court order. Think of the demolition of a building, once done it can't be undone. In those situations a court can order that the opposing party do or stop doing an act – at any time. The court may grant the request before a trial is completed if: (1) It deems the plaintiff likely to succeed in the case; (2) The plaintiff will likely to suffer irreparable harm if it is not granted; (3) The plaintiff will likely endure greater harm from the absence of injunction than the other party will endure from it; and (4) the injunction is in the public interest.

Some civil remedies: (1) **Damages:** Payment for plaintiff's losses; (2) **Specific performance or injunction:** Litigant must perform or cease performing a specific act such as the sale of a specific of property. Property, in the eyes of the law, is deemed unique. Each parcel had its own qualities and therefore the breach of a contract concerning the sale of a house for instance would require the sale of that specific house; (3) **Declaratory Judgment:** Rights and obligations of litigants clarified or determined. We see declaratory judgments in cases of insurance coverage. Sometimes people will buy particular types of coverage that either do or don't have the type of coverage they need. Insurance companies will file to determine that they do not have coverage under a particular type of policy. For instance, a policy of property damage on a 4-wheeler would cover the 4-wheeler but may not cover injuries caused by the 4-wheeler.

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Commentary

Disinformation American Style

As the morning light peeked over the Gaza horizon on October 18, fresh evidence of exactly what happened at the Al-Ahli Baptist Hospital the night before emerged exposing one of the most blatant war-time disinformation events in our lifetimes.

The hospital was first reported to have been struck at 7:20pm local time October 17. Almost immediately, claims by the Gaza Health Ministry of carnage, a leveled hospital building, and at least 500 dead from an "Israeli bombing" began to inundate the world press. This included major American outlets like *The New York Times*, ABC News, CNN, and the Associated Press.

ABC NEWS: At least 500 people have been killed in an explosion at Al Ahli Arab Hospital in the middle of Gaza, according to the Gaza Health Ministry. The hospital served as a shelter for thousands of residents who fled their homes in northern Gaza, seeking safety from Israeli airstrikes.

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In A Few Words



TOM MAGAZZU Editor

Courier Journal

in the Shoals

THIS WEEK

November 1, 2023

Happening THIS WEEK

Animals & Robots

Wilson's Exhibit at K-D

FLORENCE—The Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts in Florence presents "Recent Works by John Lytle Wilson" from November 3–December 29. Birmingham-based artist, John Lytle Wilson, is known for his colorful paintings of animals and robots, many of which can be seen in murals on noteworthy buildings such as the Birmingham Museum of Art and UAB's Specialty Care Clinic. Wilson's

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Symposium Brings Our Thoughts to Alzheimer's

FLORENCE— The 30th Annual C.A.R.D. Alzheimer's Symposium, takes place on Friday, November 3, presented by the Coalition for Alzheimer's & Related Disorders of northwest Alabama. This impactful event takes place from 7:30am–4pm at Cross Point Church of Christ, 1350 Cox Creek Parkway in Florence.

The annual C.A.R.D. Symposium educates families, caregivers, and healthcare workers on providing compassionate



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The Innocent People

Editor:

I heard Israel stood down at least 45 minutes while the Israeli people were supposedly being slaughtered by Hamas which Israel is supposed to have created in the first place.

I am not taking sides with Israel or Hamas. I am on the sides of the innocent people in Gaza and Israel.

Janice Gross Williams
Killen

You Can Fix Stupid

Editor:

The last 15 years or so of constant, unremitting wokeism has caused a lot of societal upheaval and mental illness.

Liberals want to blame guns for so much crime and mass shootings. I personally don't like firearms, but it isn't stricter gun laws that are needed. If anything, personal protection is more needed now than at any time in history.

In reality, these "everything changed" claims are "nothing must be allowed to change" demands.



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Medicare Minute

"Medicare Advantage Plans Part 3"

A Medicare Advantage Plan (MA) is a type of Medicare health plan offered by a private insurance company that contracts with Medicare to provide you with all your Part A and Part B benefits. There are six things to consider when choosing a MA plan. We discussed three of those things last week; the premium, copays and coinsurance of the plan. This week we will talk about deductibles, provider networks and drug formularies.

A deductible is the amount you are required to pay for your health care services before your health insurance begins to pay. Most MA plans do not have a deductible on services as long as you receive the services from an in network provider. If you receive the services from an out of network provider you may have to meet a deductible before the plan pays or you may not have coverage at all depending on the type of plan you have.

The provider network of the plan is a list of doctors or health care facilities that have agreed to accept the plan. If you are considering a MA plan for the first time you will want to verify with your agent that any doctor or facility you may want to visit is in your plan's network. If you are already in a MA plan you will want to verify with your doctor that they will accept the plan in 2023.

A MA plan's drug formulary is a list of drugs that are covered by the plan. This will include the tiers and copays of the drugs and any deductible you may have to meet on the prescriptions you are taking. Don't overlook the formulary of the plan because MA plans do not cover every prescription drug that is manufactured.

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



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by Cathy Turner

Keep Your Head

Writer's note: Recently I was teaching a room full of ladies about Proverbs chapters 5 and 6. One of the main themes in this section of scripture is adultery. In the first verses the writer ask us to listen to gain wisdom and understanding that we might observe discretion and and reserve knowledge. We need to have a righteous sex plan or surely we will fall. Then adultery (really standing in for any sin) is described as having lips that "drip honey" and "smoother than oil is her speech." As I read these words to the ladies, I was reminded of a story I told in this column before. I thought, if I told it in the paper, then I can tell it in this Bible class. Whether we are a teen considering our virginity or an adult considering an adulterous relationship, it's better to have thought on our beliefs and commitments before the emotional confrontation. Let's not give up on purity or monogomous intimacy. It's divinely ordained. And so I share this column, from 2004, with you again:

if my sisters and I wanted to hear a story or a joke before we went to sleep. We would always choose to joke. Then, my dad would proceed to tell us goofy or risqué jokes. My mom would be in the kitchen yelling for him to come out of our room talking that way. We would laugh so hard.

With a point in mind, I would like to share one of those jokes today. It goes like this. One day a cat was down by the railroad tracks sniffing around for food. He was so busy with what he was doing that a train drove by and chopped off his tail, and he didn't even know. As he went farther down the track, he discovered that his tail was missing. So he backtracked to where he thought he might have lost his tail. He was again so engrossed in looking for his tail that he didn't hear

a train coming. Well, the train came and whacked off his head. The moral of the story is: Don't lose your head over a piece of tail.

We need to share this joke or at least its lesson with our young teens. Our teens need to have a pre-plan, so that they might exercise good judgment in sexual situations. Emotions can make you lose your head. Perhaps emotions could be held down if your child already has a plan. Talk about it. Practice reactions. What does she say if a hand starts up her blouse? What situation should he stay away from to help contain his desires? What do you do if, at a party, your friends all disappear into dark corners or bedrooms? A plan in their heads is better than nothing but emotions.

Help them sort it out before it happens. The bottom line of this plan should be the desire to remain sexually inactive before marriage. Even though the joke is funny, when a young person loses his or her head over a piece of tail, the results can be devastating.

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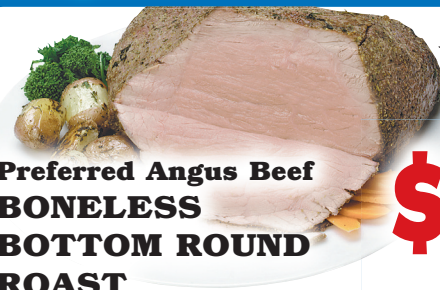
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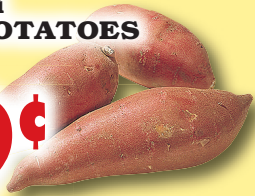
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Wilson...

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vibrant, energetic works depict narrative scenes of his signature mischievous monkeys or laser-pointing robots.

The Rock Hill, South Carolina native received a BFA from Birmingham-Southern College and an MFA from Florida State University, after which he served as Artist in Residence at 621 Gallery. He has since built a national and international exhibition record and has been featured in publications such as New American Paintings and Oxford American, which included him in 100 Under 100: The New Superstars of Southern Art.

"My paintings stem from my interest in the power of images," Wilson said. "From advertising and product design to museum pieces and iconography, we have long used imagery to attract, convert, and sell. I see these modern and ancient examples as segments of a larger continuum of images. I choose animal and robot imagery as stand-ins for traditional human subject matter. These also allow me to explore issues such as consciousness, free will and mortality."

More information about Wilson and his paintings can be found on his website at johnlytlewilson.com.

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AND if you aren't saved and the church has left the planet, you'll see these things happen. **Matthew 24:21** "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be." **Matthew 24:29** "Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken." **Matthew 24:30b** "and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." **Revelation 1:7** "Behold, he (CHRIST) cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him." Real bad times are coming, are you ready?

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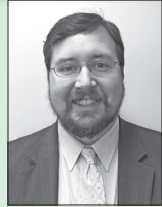
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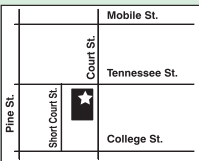
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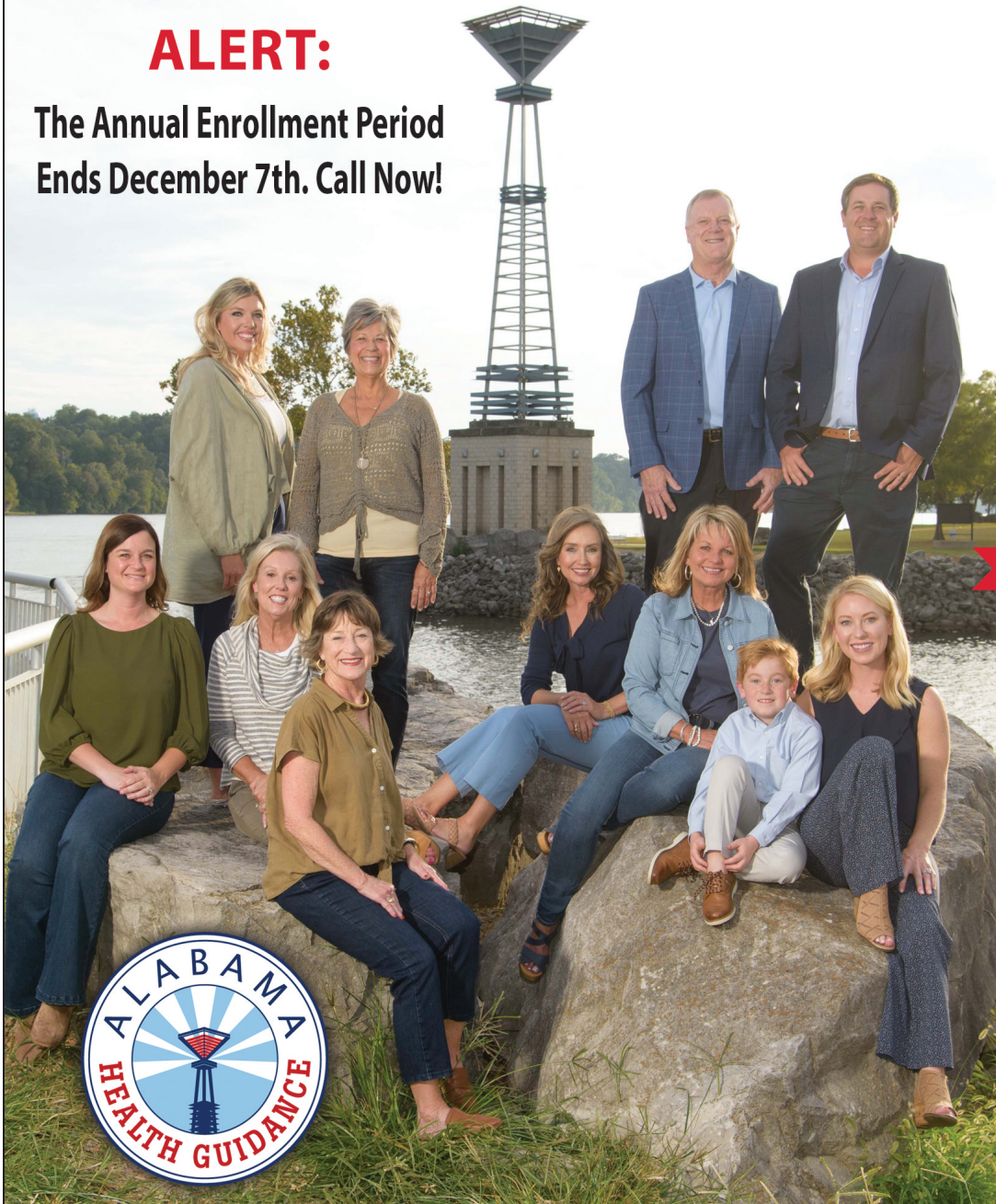
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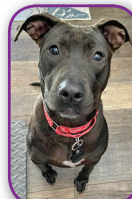
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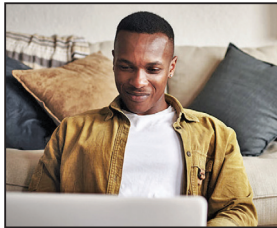
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- **Do your research.** Choose a model, trim level and your must-have features. Be sure to check car safety ratings and car insurance rates for your chosen model. You can change your mind at any time, but knowing what you want will help you narrow your search.

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- **Go for a test drive.** Visit a dealership to take your preferred make and model vehicle for a spin. Once you've located the specific car you want, make sure to test drive it to make sure everything is running smoothly. But don't get caught up in the moment — wait until you're back in front of your computer to get down to brass tacks.

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500 Dead...

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Yes, the Gaza Health Ministry, a clearly partisan entity run by Hamas reported it and no questions were asked.

The number of dead at 500 was viral in minutes leaving an initial and nearly unerasable impression in the minds of hundreds of millions across the world including here the US.

Yet, it was also immediately clear that things weren't adding up. Information became available that it was actually a rocket fired from Gaza that misfired and fell short.

Evidence soon surfaced that the explosion was from a misfired Palestinian Islamic Jihad rocket that exploded in mid-air scattering debris in a parking lot near the hospital. Some cars burned in the fire, but the buildings were still intact as shown in photos and videos from the days after. The was no 'rubble' for 'the bodies to be pulled from.'

Further proof was a live video Al Jazeera camera that was time stamped and showed the explosion less than a minute after Hamas fighters reported a misfire.

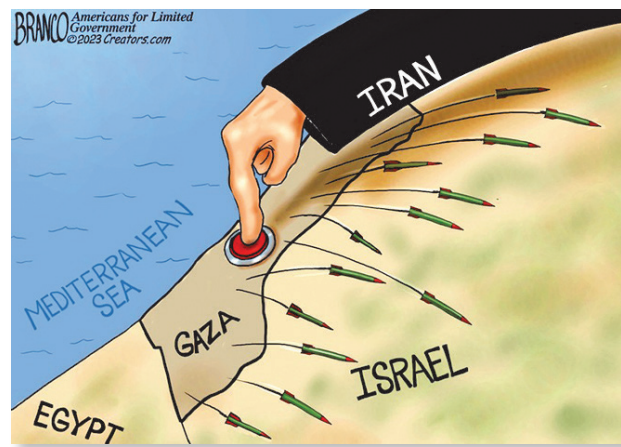
It has yet to be verified that anyone inside the hospital was killed. Fatality estimates were later revised to between five and ten, and then only those who may have been outside in the parking lot or in their cars at the time. However, nothing was mentioned about the erroneous early figure.

More proof emerged when an intercepted conversation between jihadists the next day indicated that a misfired rocket caused extensive damage near the hospital.

It is also impossible that any health agency could determine death tolls into the hundreds within an hour or two as described. A direct hit of that magnitude would create chaos, fires, toxic fumes, intense heat, and piles of rubble dozens of feet high. Rescue teams couldn't get in for hours, much less recover and determine such a significant body count.

How can supposedly professional journalists not realize some of that?

Apparently, it comes



naturally now. The Associated Press style guide urges reporters and editors to avoid describing members of Hamas as 'terrorists' because of its inherent political connotations. When not describing direct actions or events, the terms "militants," and the terms "Hamas fighters, attackers, or "combatants" are acceptable.

Meanwhile, the press continues to regurgitate Hamas' allegations that Israel retaliations are failing to consider the lives of Palestinian women and children. This is without ever reminding readers and viewers that Hamas is known for using hostages and their own children as shields and objects to inflate casualties for propaganda purposes.

Where is any accountability from our cutting-edge news agencies? Are there any regrets expressed? Was anybody fired for making their network look like a bunch of idiots?

It's doubtful. They knew the source was highly unreliable beforehand, but they led with it ANYWAY.

They continued following a few well-known, anti-Semitic elected officials, allowing them to spew their hatred and falsehoods on camera days after.

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National Public Radio even held out hope six days later on its *All Things Considered* program insisting that the truth about the hospital bombing "was a very complex situation."

Once again, the American progressive press has been left standing in the street, its collective pants down, runny stool flowing down its legs.

One story hits in the U.S. and the rest blindly repeat the unverified data. It sounds plausible, the carnage is high, and it will draw viewers and clicks.

No worries, though. Their sheep will forgive and continue to follow, because their trusted news people found a sensational angle, they were reporting in 'good faith,' AND their deeply rooted objective of painting Israel and the West in a bad light was well-contrived.

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and Finn grew closer. Olivia defended Eddie. Anna made a move. Laura sought Sonny's help. Cyrus paid an unwanted visit. Trina had a nightmare. Valentin and Charlotte struck a deal. Halloween kicked off in Port Charles. Ava received an offer. Robert and Scott clashed. Carly issued a warning. Lois encouraged Eddie. Felicia delivered a gift to Anna. Trina commended Spencer. Charlotte was on a mission. Sonny reassured Michael. Maxie delivered some big news. Willow opened up to Michael. Laura and Kevin debriefed. *Wait to See: Alexis senses a shift between Kristina and Molly. Sam checks on Carly. Valentin is alarmed.*

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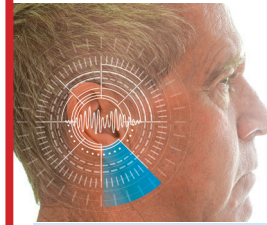
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was met with a mixed response. Tate confided in Eric about his interest in Holly. Gabi asked Li for help. Eric admitted that he had feelings for Nicole. Uninvited guests crashed EJ and Nicole's wedding. Holly blurted out her feelings to Johnny. Nicole offered Chad relationship advice. *Wait to See: Everett surprises Stephanie with some news. Sloan and Marlena are stunned by Eric's impulsive decision. Wendy consoles Li.*

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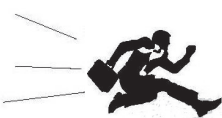
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Beginning of History is Never an End of War

Editor:

"US officials," Nahal Toosi, Lara Seligman, and Paul McLeary write at Politico, "are worried that violence in Israel's neighbors will spiral into a larger regional war." More specifically, they're worried that such a war will result in US casualties among US

troops across the region. For some reason, though, the Biden administration is flooding the region with MORE troops -- a second carrier strike group and (presumably US-operated) air defense systems -- instead of withdrawing the thousands already there to the relative safety of the country they enlisted to, allegedly, defend.

Why are US troops even there? There is no "why." They've ALWAYS been there since the beginning of history ... October 7, 2023. That's when a group no one had ever heard of launched an inexplicable attack on a brand-new

country with no previous regional beefs that might explain any of the craziness.

The previous beginning of history, September 11, 2001, set the previous clock ticking when another group no one had ever heard of launched an inexplicable attack on the United States.

The US regime hadn't bankrolled and launched that group in the 1980s to give the Soviet Union "its own Vietnam." Its leader hadn't issued a 1996 declaration of war demanding the withdrawal of US troops from the Middle East. The group hadn't attacked US embassies in Kenya and Tanzania in 1998 to drive the point home, or the USS Cole in 2000 for emphasis.

None of that ever happened. A Big Bang occurred at 8:46 Eastern Time on 9/11, erasing everything that had gone before and making anything that came after totally, completely, and obviously justified.

Another Big Bang occurred on October 7. So, here we go again.

Such Big Bangs occur frequently throughout history. Think June 28, 1914, or September 1, 1939, or December 7, 1941, or February 22, 2022.

These Big Bangs are always described as "everything changed" moments, after which we're expected to forget anything -- incidents, grievances, and especially moral codes -- associated with a time before, so that those demanding such amnesia from us can get away with doing whatever they please until the next Big Bang resets the clock again.

In reality, these "everything changed" claims are "nothing must be allowed to change" demands. They're an attempt to erase our memories so we won't notice our rulers doing the same things over and over while promising us different results.

Perpetual war is our lot until we defy our rulers' magic resets by allowing ourselves to remember, confront, and learn from history.

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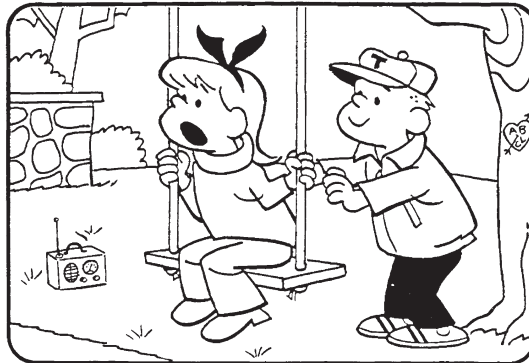
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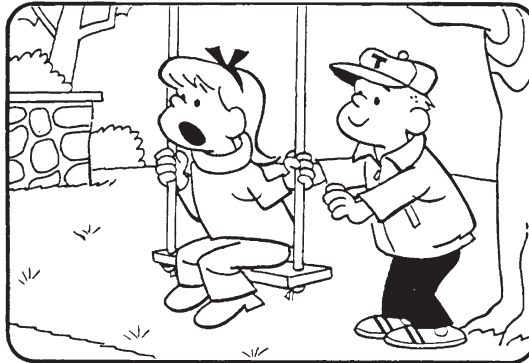
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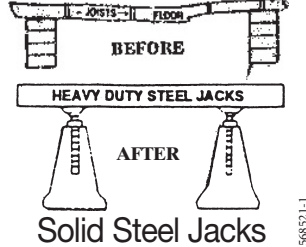
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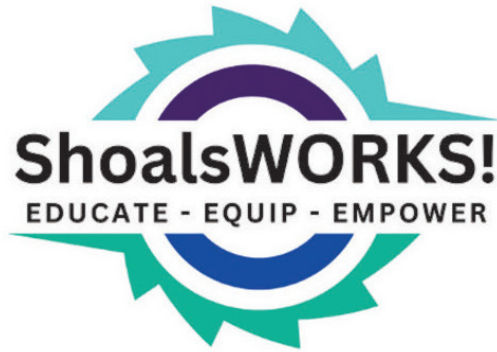
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