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## Hendrix in **District 2**

FLORENCE-The Florence City Council recently appointed **Jackie Hendrix** as the new District 2 Council member, and he was sworn in August 1.

Hendrix is completing the unexpired term of  $\tilde{\mathbf{Dick}}$ Jordan, who recently stepped down after serving the district and the city for several decades.

Hendrix is an active community member with a background in business and involvement in local organizations. He holds a degree in Management from UNA and graduated Magna Cum Laude. He is the owner of Party Pros USA.

Hendrix also serves as the Chairman of the City of Florence Tree Commission and has held past leadership roles with the Shoals **Economic Development** Authority and the Shoals Chamber of Commerce. (Photo inside)

## **Lamm New Trojan Coach**

MUSCLE SHOALS. -Muscle Shoals High School recently announced the hiring of Gary Lamm as its new head baseball coach.

Lamm replaces Blake Beck, who resigned in the beginning of July after two seasons, including a 15-12 record this spring and the first playoff appearance since 2019.

Lamm will try build off

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## It's Her Story for Others

ATHENS-Mark White has a book launch for children taking place in several communities across NW Alabama during August, the first of which is this weekend. It is based on a true story. However, before all of those details, it is important to know how he got

Mark White is still a young man, but he has seen so many positives and uplifting situations across North Alabama over the years and he wanted to share them with others. The Athens resident realized the best way to do that with any regularity was through radio

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## Shorts...

## Lamm New **Trojan Coach**

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that, something he has experience with.

Lamm coached baseball in Tennessee for 36 years -- 10 years at Lawrence County (TN) and 26 in Loretto -- before retiring in 2020.

He turned the Loretto program into a consistent state title contender that also supplied its fair share of college players and MLB draft picks.

Under Lamm, the Mustangs made four consecutive state tournament appearances at the end of his tenure. won the 2017 Class 1A state title and were the runner-ups in 2018. The 2017 state championship was the school's first in baseball.

He has a career record of 552-425, 438-329 at Loretto.

Lamm, an inductee into the 2022 Tennessee Baseball Coaches Association's Hall of Fame. He was also recognized for his contributions to designing Loretto High School's baseball field, which the school named



Jackie Hendrix, left, joined by his wife, Debra Dombrowski, is sworn in to his Florence District 2 seat last week by State Representative, Kerry Underwood.

"Gary Lamm Field" in 2018.

"Coach Lamm brings an extensive wealth of knowledge, not just in developing a successful baseball team, but more importantly, in shaping and mentoring outstanding young men," Athletic Director Scott Basden said.

### Teachers Can Register 4th, 5th Graders

TUSCUMBIA-The Oka Kapassa Native American Festival is scheduled for September 13 and 14 this year. As usual, Friday is School Day with special planned activities for 4th and 5th grade students to witness authentic Native

American culture. dances. music, crafts, and hands on

activities. Several Southeastern tribes who once called Alabama home will attend the festival. Some of the tribes represented are Chickasaw, Eastern and Western Cherokee, Choctaw, Creek, Alabama, Coushatta, Seminole, Navajo, Lakota and Paiute. Teachers and students will celebrate the rich traditions, culture,

and history of Alahama's First People! Teachers

of 4th or 5th graders: If you want to attend Oka Kapassa School Day with your class, please scan the QR code here to register. Space is limited!

### 22 at NWSCC **All Academic**

MUSCLE SHOALS-Northwest Shoals Community College Patriot Athletics has 22 student-athletes named to the 2023-2024 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) All-Academic Team.

Players are eligible to earn academic honors by achieving an overall Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.60 or higher for the 2023-24 academic year. The criteria for the three All-Academic teams First Team-4.0; Second Team-3.80-3.99; or Third Team-3.60-3.79.

The Patriot softball team earned the NJCAA Academic Team Award for an overall team GPA

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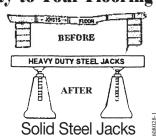
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A monthly grief support group will begin meeting on August 8 at 10am in the Board Room of the Florence Lauderdale Public Library. This is open to the public and usually lasts about an hour. This is a FREE service, and everyone is welcome to attend at any time. This grief support group is courtesy of Gentiva Hospice. For more information, contact Garry Lovette at 256-764-0873.

Bethel Lauderdale Missionary Baptist Church will be having "Family & Friends Fun Day" Saturday, August 10, from 11am-4pm. There will be plenty of food, fun, and great fellowship. Everyone is invited.

The Family & Friends Day Worship Service is Sunday, August 11. Our guests will be Bethel Colbert Missionary Baptist Church of Leighton and Pastor Wesley Thompson. Dinner will be served beginning at 11am, and it will be followed by worship. Everyone is welcome.

Lauderdale CR 2 - Gunwaleford Rd. in the Smithsonia community.

Hi Neighbors of the Shoals, a women's social group, meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month (August 6) at 10:30am in the Florence Lauderdale Public Library. The group welcomes all ladies who are residents of the Shoals. Join usl Contact Christina Dickinson at 262-930-7762 for further details.

Toddlertime Storytime (Ages 18-36 months) - Tuesday, August 6, 10:30am – 11:30am. Every Tuesday at the Muscle Shoals Public Library. Join Ms. Amy for songs, stories, and age-appropriate activities. Caregivers must remain with children for all programs.

Preschool Storytime (Ages 3 yrs and up) - Wednesday, August 7, 10:30am - 11:30am. Every Wednesday at the Muscle Shoals Public Library. Join Ms. Amy for songs, stories, and age-appropriate activities. Caregivers must remain with children for all programs.

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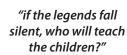


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### White-Schultz is an AA Pick

FLORENCE - The 2024 Stats Perform FCS Preseason All-America Team was announced last week, and UNA redshirt junior safety **Edwin** White-Schultz was named to the preseason Third Team by The Analyst, a website that provides Opta stats and is responsible for the Stats Perform FCS Top 25 voted on by the media each week. White Schultz is one of nine players from

the United Athletic Conference to earn preseason FCS All-American honors, joining three players from Central Arkansas, two from Tarleton State two from Eastern Kentucky, and one from Austin RoarLions.com Peav.

"Edwin has worked his butt off on the field to earn this recognition.' said UNA head coach Brent Dearmon. "This is great for him but also UNA Athletics as a whole."

In addition, the week prior the United Athletic Conference (UAC) unveiled its preseason rankings and allconference team. White-Schultz and redshirt senior wide receiver, Takairee Kenebrew, were unanimous selections.

White-Schultz was not only named to the preseason all-conference defensive team, but he was also voted by the UAC head coaches as the Preseason Defensive Player of the Year. Last season, the Kansas transfer was a first team all-conference selection.

He led the Lions with 87 tackles, including 49 solo, and Meanwhile,

White-Schultz

6 tackles for loss, 2 sacks. a fumble recovery, and a forced fumble. Kenebrew was a unanimous selection to the preseason allconference offensive

team. He finished with second team allconference honors from Phil Steele and FCS Football Central last season and enters his seventh season of college football with 98 career receptions for 1,838 yards and a school record 26 touchdowns — including 10 last season.

In the preseason poll, UNA was picked to finish seventh ahead of Utah Tech and new member West Georgia, who enters its first season of Division I in 2024. The Lions finished 3-8 overall and 1-5 in the UAC last season, including wins over Chattanooga, Tennessee Tech, and Utah

Central Arkansas was picked to finish atop the league with five first

place votes, followed closely by Tarleton State with three first place votes. Southern Utah was picked third, while EKU was one point behind in fourth. Defending UAC Champion Austin Peay

was picked fifth and received one first place vote. Abilene Christian was sixth.

UNA opens the 2024season at the FCS Kickoff hosted by ESPN Events on Saturday, August 24

at the historic Cramton Bowl in Montgomery. The game will kick off at 6pm against Southeast Missouri and will be nationally televised on



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## Rylee's Story...

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and online. "My first broadcast was in November 2017 in an effort to recognize difference makers in our communities," White said. "During that time, I've shared many of my life experiences, own including being bullied as a kid." Today, "The Mark White Show" is

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heard on six different stations. One radio station in Georgia, one in Tennessee, and four in Alabama, including 96.7FM, WVNA Talk Radio in the Shoals. show can be The heard there at 10:30am each Sunday. It is also uploaded as a podcast at TheMarkWhiteShow.com and to Facebook where The Mark White Show now has 51,000 followers. Many other stations also use White's "Make a Difference Minute" -- 1-2 minutes that can improve

our perspectives, and in turn, may help us be an encouragement for others along our way.

Last August, a young mother from southeast Alabama who had listened to the show contacted White about her daughter, Rylee, who was being bullied.

"Trying to figure out how I could encourage her, I asked what Rylee enjoyed. Her mom told me she loved softball, but she was not going to try out for the school team because of how she was being treated."

White said that because of Rylee's love for softball, he contacted former UAB softball coach, Marla Townsend, whose daughter plays for LSU.

"I thought we could get some video messages from her teammates that may encourage Rylee," White said. "Not only did we get video messages from LSU players, but some from Auburn, UAB, and Alabama players as well!"

One day after Rylee watched the last video from Alabama, the tryouts for her school team were scheduled. Prior to the videos, Rylee was not going to

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try out for her school team. After receiving the encouragement, she made the decision that she would not let the outside influences interfere with her dreams, and she decided to try out. Not only did she try out for the school team, but she made it!

"In December," White recalled, "I was thinking about what had happened for Rylee and decided it would make an encouraging children's

story. With Rylee and her mom's approval, I began the process of putting it together. I used Rylee's name for the story, used Kim Soderberg who had been on my show as the illustrator, and met with local author Carissa Lovvorn and found a place with her company, Starbeams Publishing."

The details gradually fell into place and copies of the book are available just in time for White's full August schedule.

The launch of Rylee's Big Challenge takes place on Saturday, August 10 at the Athens-Limestone Public Library from 10:30am-1:30pm. White will also be signing copies on Saturday, August 17 at the Rogersville Public Library from 10:30am-1:30pm. He will be set up all day at JM's Journey fundraising event in Rogersville on August 24. White will be in two locations in Russellville on Saturday, August 31, the Russellville Public Library from 10am-1pm and Green's Dependable Hardware 2-4pm.

White said the books can also be purchased through the show's website, The Mark White Show. com.

"The messages within the pages of *Rylee's Big Challenge* are very timely," he added. "I hope they will encourage young people to not give up in spite of the difficulties they may face."

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Olympics Opening Ceremony

## Far More Serious Than 'Offensive'

am a Jew, not a Christian. Yet I found loathsome the mockery of the Last Supper—one of the holiest scenes in the New Testament—during the opening of the 2024 Olympics

in Paris. In fact, it is actually troubling to constantly read the words, "Many Christians are offended"—as if only Christians are offended by France and the International Olympic Committee's mockery of Jesus' Last Supper scene.

Indeed, if only Christians were offended, there is little hope for civilization.

But we live in the age of groupthink, in which only members of targeted groups

are expected to be offended. To write that Christians were offended by what just transpired in Paris would be as if one were to write, "blacks were offended" by slavery, or "Jews are offended" by Islamic attempts

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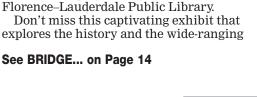
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### The New Facilities

Editor:

In March of this year, it was reported by the TimesDaily that a UNA Trustee stated, "It's going to be one Bank Independent Stadium, but the baseball and football fields are going to be separate." In the same article, the new baseball facility is described as a "baseball park." In the same article the Athletic Director stated that UNA hopes to have its baseball 'stadium' ready for spring of 2025 and its new football 'stadium' ready for 2026.

In May of this year, the TimesDaily reported that Michelle Eubanks, UNA's Director of University Media and Public Relations, had ...Consumers will soon see even higher grocery prices and less of the foods they know...



provided a link to a menu listing various contribution levels to support various aspects of what will be known as Bank Independent Stadium and a new UNA baseball

An agreement on how to refer to the new facilities is clearly lacking among UNA officials!

In a December 2023 press release, UNA stated that space for the new football facilities will include Mike D Lane Field which is where UNA currently plays baseball. It appears that this name will not carryover to the new baseball field! Also, nothing has been reported concerning the status of the Bill Jones Athletic Complex.

It has been reported that many are asking about the new complex (stadium). This is true, but citizens are also asking about parking. It was reported recently that parking will be along Pine Street and that the new downtown parking deck will be used. What about the Church parking lot? It is suggested that UNA

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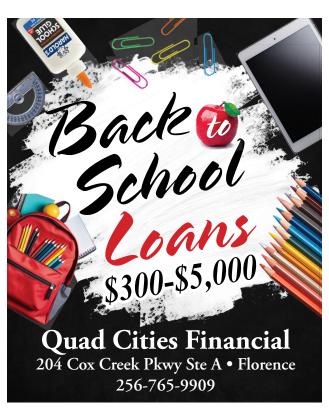
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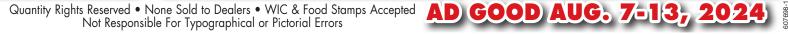














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What a lot of people don't know is that you must have a "qualifying" hospital stay to be covered at a SNF. Under Medicare a "qualifying" hospital stay is at least a 3-day inpatient stay prior to being admitted to the SNF. If you go to the ER and are held one day for observation and are admitted into the hospital for two days this does not constitute a "qualifying" hospital stay. If you are admitted on a Monday and discharged the following Wednesday this is not a "qualifying" hospital stay. In the two examples above those are 2-day inpatient stays. A good rule of thumb is you must be admitted as inpatient for at least three midnights.

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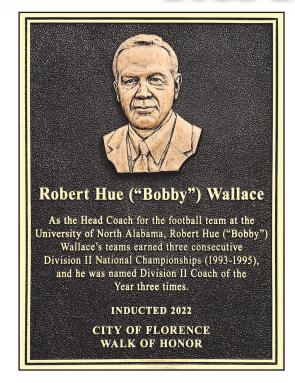
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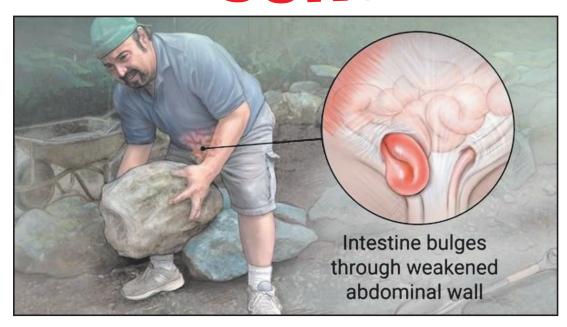
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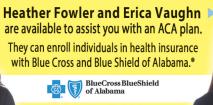
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## Guest Commentary - Dennis Prager

## **Olympics**

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to eradicate Israel, or women are offended" by the rape of women.

One assumes individuals of moral group would men in drag, every transwomen, and a naked man enacting Leonardo da Vinci's painting of the Last Supper—on the world's largest stage offensive.

"offensive" In fact, doesn't do justice to how we all should view what the French and the Olympics did.

What was done in the opening to the 2024 Paris Olympics was far more than "offensive." It actually represented the greatest threat to Western civilization in the Western world's history: the Left.

You don't have to be a Christian to understand that Christianity—more Judeo-values and specifically, Christian Bible—shaped civilization. Western Without Christianity and the Bible, there would be no West. That why contempt for

Christianity and the Bible is synonymous with mockery for the West. The current civil within Western war civilization is a war between the Left and the Bible.

It is also the reason the Los Angeles Dodgers allowed a group called Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence—a selfdescribed "order queer and trans nuns" that mimics and mocks Catholic nuns—to prior to a game. The perform Dodgers Dodgers actually honored

It is the reason an "artwork" titled "Piss Christ"—a crucifix submerged in a jar of urine—toured museums  $throughout\ America.$ 

It is why the European Union Charter does once not mention Christianity.

It's why every leftwing group in America apoplectic over Louisiana's recent decision to require that the Ten Commandments be posted in Louisiana classrooms; and decision Oklahoma's to make teaching of the Bible mandatory in public schools.

And why the president of France, Emmanuel Macron, praised his country's opening ceremony of the Paris Olympics, posting on X:

Thanks to Jolly (the artistic director) and his creative genius for this grandiose ceremony. Thank you to the artists for this unique and magical moment. ... Thank you to everyone who believed in it. We'll talk about it again in 100 years! WE DID IT!

And there's more bad news: As of this writing, the head of the Catholic Church, Pope Francis, has said nothing

about the Olympics' degradation of the Last Supper. Perhaps was too busy preparing another encyclical about climate change.

It is crucial to note that the Left, whether in America or Europe, never mocks Islam. One would think that with virtually all religious violence in the world emanating from that religion, the Left would concentrate antireligious fire its against Islam, or at least fundamentalist Islam.

Why doesn't it?

One reason is that leftists fear Muslims. If you mock Islam, you will have to spend your life in hiding or risk being beheaded. On the other hand, the Left has no fear of Christians. No matter how much the Left mocks and undermines Christianity, the Left assumes that not one of the world's 2.5 billion Christians will hurt them. And the Catholic pope will not only not issue a fatwa against you, but he won't even speak out against you. Because he, MANSELL ROOFING, Discounts too, is a man of the Left.

The second reason is that fundamentalist Islam is the Left's ally in attempting to destroy the West. That's why the Left is allied with Islamic fundamentalists seek to eradicate Israel and all its Jews. Israel is seen (correctly) as an outpost of Western civilization in the midst of the Muslim world.

The Left does not hate religion. It hates Christianity, Judeo-Christian values, and the Bible. That is all you need to know to understand the opening of the 2024 Paris Olympics.

This commentary was published initially on July 30 in the Daily Signal.

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#### Driver's licenses and car insurance for immigrants

Here in the U.S., everybody needs to have two things before they can drive: a driver's license and, in most states, vehicle insurance. The rules for both of these are different depending on the state that you live in.

#### Can I purchase car insurance with an international driver's license (IDP)?

Yes, it's possible. Depending on the country you're from and the state you'll be driving in while in the U.S., you may be able to use your home country's driver's license. In addition, you can obtain an international driver's license.

There are cases where some insurance companies don't insure foreign drivers. Most major companies, including State Farm®, do insure those that meet the state requirements.

#### Car insurance: Do I need to start from scratch?

When it comes to car insurance, everything depends on the coverage that you choose, although an insurance company might charge you a bit more at the beginning.

#### Who does car insurance help protect?

While it may seem a bit of an exaggeration, every time a person drives they are exposing themselves to the risk of having an accident. If this were to happen to you and you didn't have insurance, you might have to pay out-of-pocket not only for repairs, but also for medical expenses for both you and the other person.

#### The minimum required... it's not the same everywhere

Now, practically all of the states require that you have at least liability coverage, which generally pays for property damage and medical costs for injuries if you are considered at fault in an accident.

Liability coverage only covers expenses caused by you to others... and not your own. Some states have minimum coverage requirements.

If you'd like to find out more on the topic, State Farm provides information on various types of coverage to assist you in making the right decisions.

#### What happens if I drive without insurance and I don't get into an accident?

Ok, so suppose that none of this is convincing enough and you think you'll be able to drive without having an accident. You could get stopped by the police for any other reason just the same and, if you're driving without insurance, may have to pay fines ranging from \$50 to several thousands of dollars.

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Answers on Page 30



#### Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

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1. All tuckered out	D	Orchard measure	
2. Fossil resin	A	Glowing coal	E
3. Let loose	E	Cooked in oil	I
4. Hemingway's fish	_ A	Camelot's wizard	_ E
5. Peril	N	MacBeth's weapon	G
6. Card suit	T	Listened to	D
7. Bank safe	V	Accountability	F
3. Wiggle	M	Use a toy pistol	
9. Cluster of sheep	_ L	UK dress	_ R

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- 1. HISTORY: What is America's first colony?
- 2. ENTERTAINERS: Which actress' mother is actress Melanie Griffith and grandmother is actress Tippi Hedren?
- 3. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president is the only one born on Independence Day?
- 4. GEOGRAPHY: In which country is the Mont-Saint-Michel medieval monastery located?
- 5. SCIENCE: What does a kelvin measure?
- 6. ASTRONOMY: Which star is the brightest in the sky?
- 7. MUSIC: What are the first names of the Gibb brothers who formed The Bee Gees?
- 8. AD SLOGANS: Which company's slogan is "You're in good hands"?
- 9. MYTHOLOGY: What did Prometheus steal from the gods, resulting in his eternal punishment?
- 10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby turkey called?

## Puzzles4Kids by Helene Hovanec

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Riddle answer: \_\_ \_ \_ - \_ \_ \_ \_ \_



- 1. Who was Stu Sutcliffe?
- 2. What was the name of Elvis Presley's first movie?
- 3. "Twist and Shout" and "Ask Me Why" were on which Beatles album?
- 4. Which group wrote and released "It's Your Thing"?
- 5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Well, I came across a child of God, he was walking along the road."

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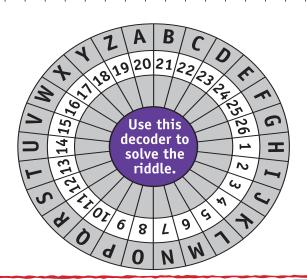
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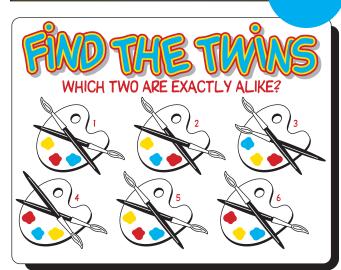
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Why was the math book sad? Because it had too many problems.

Why does nobody talk to circles? Because there's no point.



## **CryptoQuip**

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: F equals T

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## The Brain Zone!

**Answers** on Page 30

by Wilson Casey

. Is the book of 2 Thessalonians

(KJV) in the Old or New Testament or

2. From Song of Solomon 8, what

is so powerful that many waters can-

not quench it? Hope, Love, Salvation,

3. Which book begins, "God, who at sundry times and in divers man-

ners spake in time past"? Philippians,

4. Thorns and what else grew from

the ground that God cursed after

Adam and Eve's sin? Vines, Ivy, This-

Friends, Conquerors, Warriors, Inn-

6. From Luke 19, what town was

home to Zacchaeus? Jericho, Tarsus,

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#### Where The New Sculpture Sits

For hundreds of years before Florence's founding in 1818, the plot of ground bounded by Court, Bluff and Pine Streets where the new 18-foot-tall sculpture of a musician now stands in downtown Florence, the Native Americans who lived here had exactly what they needed to thrive: the beautiful Tennessee River for travel and food - fish, turtles and mussels - and the area now home to the sculpture as a wilderness packed with wild food of various kinds and wild animals as



both a food source and hides from which to make clothing. In her letters from Florence in 1821, Anne Royall described warehouses in the space. These warehouses were used to store goods that had been brought by boat from various places, off-loaded into the warehouses and later delivered by wagon to their destinations. This process had to happen because the shallow shoals in the river prevented it from being navigable much of the year. The Honorable John McKinley, Alabama's first Supreme Court Justice, lived with his family in an impressive house at the back side of today's Hampton Inn on Court Street. He built a barn to house his cows on the property where the sculpture now rests. John H. Rapier, an African-American, later owned the cow barn, and he sold it to the Trustees of the Methodist Church in 1857 as a meeting house for the local African-American population. By 1859, the church was known as Church Springs Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1866, the first school in Florence for African-American children opened in the barn (but still a church on weekends). The school was under the auspices of the Pittsburgh Freedman's Aid Commission. So, this magnificent new sculpture, created as an homage to the impressive history of music and music makers in Florence, now is part of the ongoing narrative that is the story of the great City of Florence!

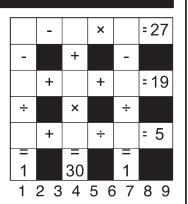
--Billy Warren, City Historian (brwarren@florenceal.org)

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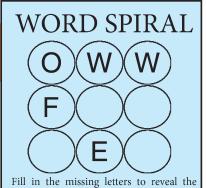
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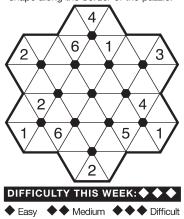
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**SCRAMBLERS** 

by Japheth Light

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1998 Lincoln Town Car	1LNFM82W3WY733857	Black
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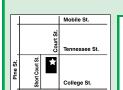
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### Letters...

### The New Facilities...

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Hopefully, Director will Eubanks soon send out another press release which will make everything very clear for everyone on how to refer to the new facilities. Roar Lions!

Bill Smoak Florence

### I Prefer Queen Kamala

To The Editor,

So, there has been shake up on the Democratic Presidential candidates and it is driving Trump, The Republican Party and members of congress. for worry these Republicans that they are so upset they might have a stroke or a heart attack. Poor Mike Johnson is so upset that he almost swallowed a microphone the other day. These unhinged leaders even called the change a coup d'etat So, what is a coup d'etat you might ask. Here is the Oxford Dictionary definition of a coup d'etat. It is a sudden, violent, and unlawful seizure of power from a government -- a coup.

So, these Republicans call the change by the Democrats a The Democrats did not cause a sudden, violent unlawful seizure of the government. Nope, all that was attempted by Don John Trump on January 6, 2021, when he urged his supporters to march on the capital and "take their government back." That was an attempted coup, folks.

The Democratic Party in changing their candidate did not try to seize power unlawfully. There was no violence. There was no storming the capital building. There was no beating of Capitol police officers by the Democrats.

Now, Don John is telling his "base" not to vote that he has "all the votes he needs." Don John also tells his MAGA warriors that if he "wins

this election [they] will never have to vote again.' Really Don? So, no more elections? No more political commercials? No more lies from Dear Leader, Trump? Nope, Dear Leader would make all decisions about who will be in the congress. Ole Don John Trump will be the king.

Hey, wait a minute, I thought we fought the Revolutionary War to rid ourselves of King George the 8th. Didn't we? guess along with banning books, banning abortion banning Free Speech, banning voting, and many other freedoms we all have enjoyed in the United States of America for hundreds of years are gone. Poof, gone; and all of a sudden, we have a king.

I prefer Queen Kamala myself.

Be Careful America, you might just get the life vou want and that will be of tyranny, increased taxes on the poor and middle class, and then Don John will have all the power he wants. It will be funny to watch these MAGAs lose their land, farms, and homes to King Don's tax collectors.

Larry J. Smith Florence

### **Signing Away** our Future

Editor:

Folks complain about the cost of gasoline. GOP politicians including Donald Trump promise to produce more oil and gas to lower prices.

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We are experiencing historic record heat and devastating weather patterns wildfires, of drought, tornadoes, hurricanes, and flooding caused by climate change.

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Dan Waterman Killen



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The Tennessee Vallev Art Association will host its Annual Membership Show, ArtWorks, from Now - August 17 at 511 North Water St., Tuscumbia. There will also be a special display area for junior artists (16 and under)! For more information and to purchase your ticket visit www tennesseevalleyarts.org.

The meeting of American Legion Colbert County Memorial Post 31 will take place at 6pm on Monday, August 19, at the Post meeting hall located at 110 1/2 N. Main St. in Tuscumbia. A stair-lift is available, if needed, to the upstairs location. A meal and program will be provided. All veterans are invited. For more information, please call 256-762-5950.

Free Clothes - The Samaritan House, 600 Geneva Ave., Muscle Shoals, gives away free clothing each Tuesday from 9–11:30am. Donations are accepted. Tuesdays: August 6, August 13, August 20, August 27.

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## All Eyes Are On Israel

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Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy." Zechariah 14:3 "Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle." One thing the worlds "professing" churches can't stand is God dealing again with that beloved Jew and is happening right now.

Soon real tough times will hit this planet worse than all previous events multiplied a trillion times over. It's all in the Bible. See Matthew 24:21 and rest of chapter. Revelation exposes further: **Revelation 16:9** "And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory." Revelation 16:11 "And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds." Revelation 6:16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:" Revelation 9:6 "And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them. All this is coming on the earth plus the Lake of fire for the damned of all the ages. Are you ready? You need Christ now!

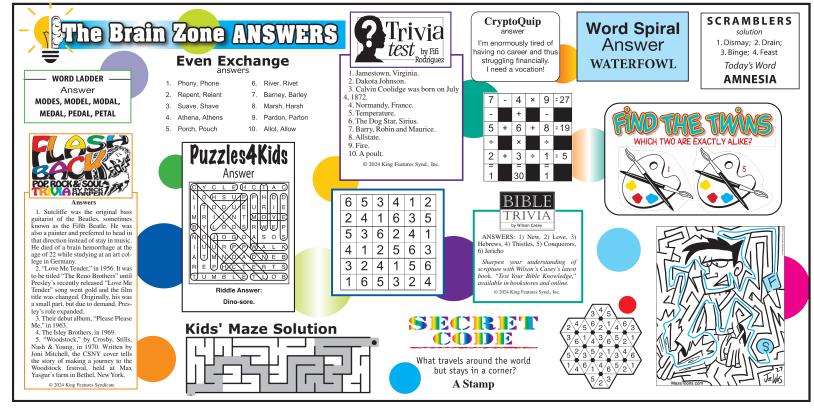
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love seeing moments of The accomplishment. Olympics is just a stream accomplishments. Did you see that look on Simone Biles face when she accomplished what she came to do? She showed herself and the world that she could do it again. Pushing off that vault and spinning that Yurchenko Double Pike and landing it - did you see her smile when she stuck it? Up, over, fast turns, stick, pause and then that explosion of happiness that started up her body and just burst forth onto her face! That smile. Accomplishment. I could be a professional audience member, because I enjoy that moment so much, for anybody.

I truly love watching gymnasts or swimmers succeed, because those were my sports growing up. I loved being able to accomplish those skills. When I was around ten years old, a college gymnast moved to our small town. He came to our Y and used the big Judo mat to practice his tumbling skills. I was there, because I was always at the Y. My mother worked there. I watched him, and I finally asked him to teach me some things. I remember those days of tumbling hard and practicing at the Y and in our vard at home. I wore out the grass in our front

Accomplishment - I yard. Accomplishment. I remember those emotional explosions after finally getting those impro-ckills! There were no teams, just me and a guy at the Y. In my work study job at the University of Tennessee, I ended up being the safety supervisor of the gymnastics gym. spent those vears teaching, spotting, working safety ropes for gymnast, trampoliners, and students. There were no foam pits, just my strong arms. When people got a skill, I celebrated! I learned the joy of seeing someone else accomplish something, and that joy has never left me.

> That moment of - I can, I did, I am able - is life changing, no matter how "big' or "little" the feat is. Recently there was a little boy at church who decided to teach himself how to cartwheel. I watched him for a couple of sessions after church throwing his little scrunched-up body all over the floor. This six year-old needed some help, so I verbally coached him in five minute sessions 2 or 3 times after church. I was there when he landed his first cartwheel. That pause. that look, that smile – was just priceless. When people accomplish anything that adds to how they feel about themselves, it is always a time to applaud.

And then there's Jericho. feeling of accomplishment rose from my toes through my body and burst out on my face! I had just won gold in so many ways! It's a joy that can't be taken away. Accomplishment. Encourage it. Let's go!

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