

**Cedar Grove Homecoming**

ROGERSVILLE—Cedar Grove Church of Christ will host its Homecoming and Gospel Meeting Sunday-Wednesday, October 6-9. The guest speaker is **Brandon Grieves** of Fairview church of Christ in Pulaski, TN, a talented, motivational, and knowledgeable student of God's Word. His theme for this series will be "The Parables of Jesus." Brandon's general topics include Humility, Availability, Dependability, Objectivity, Connectivity, and Perceptivity.

The Cedar Grove congregation began in 1939 and has been meeting on County Road 26 (Snake Road) since that time. Homecoming is a very special day as many come "home" (having moved away, married, now work in other states, etc.).

Lunch will be provided after the Sunday morning service. A 1:30pm afternoon service will follow on Sunday replacing the normal 5pm assembly time. Everyone is invited to take part in a wonderful time of old-fashioned singing, studying, and worshipping the Father.

Cedar Grove is at 6421 Co Rd 26 (Snake Road) northeast of Rogersville.

**Coldwater Founders**

TUSCUMBIA—Coldwater Founders' Day takes place on Saturday, October 19 at the pioneer log cabin that reputedly served as a

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**Clyde W. Anderson Philanthropic Leadership Award recipient, Kaytrina Simmons, discusses benefits of United Way involvement.**  
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FLORENCE—The United Way of Northwest Alabama kicked off its 2024-2025 campaign last week while recognizing some recent accomplishments during its Annual Donor Appreciation Dinner at the Marriott Shoals Conference Center.

Primary sponsors for the event were TNT Fireworks, American Wholesale Book Company, and Coca Cola.

Jennifer McNulty, UWNWAL President and CEO, said the Appreciation Dinner combined the pre-COVID era Donor Meeting and Annual Campaign Kickoff events into one celebratory event for the United Way community.

"It's a great way to show our appreciation for contributors and

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SHEFFIELD—Hit rock cover band Velcro Pygmies are raising funds for the Historic Ritz Theatre with a benefit concert November 1, 2024. The funds raised for tickets will support the renovations of the Encore Room. The Pygmies specialize in hard rock from the 1970s, 80s, and early 90s (Poison, Def Leppard, Van Halen, Bon Jovi, Kiss, AC/DC, Billy Idol,



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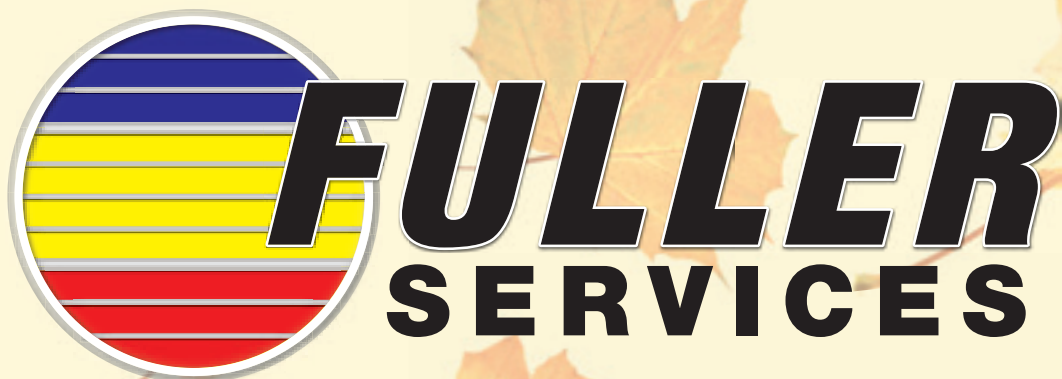
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## Coldwater Founders

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stagecoach stop in the early days of Tuscumbia's history.

The grounds will come alive with music, food, crafts, and living history demonstrations. All of these events are in celebration of the founding of the city. Live music will be featured by the Cane Creek Cliff Dwellers. The five-piece group plays an assortment of bluegrass, old-time music, folk, country, and popular rock tunes with a twist.

Although the exact date is unknown, accounts place the arrival of the first settlers of European ancestry at Big Spring (Spring Park) in the year 1815. By 1817, there were already houses and business being constructed at the place, making Tuscumbia the oldest of the four largest cities of the Shoals.

**Michael Dickson** is considered the first settler of Tuscumbia. He was greeted and made welcome upon his arrival by Chickasaw **Chief Tuscumbia**. It was fitting that when the



**Coldwater Founders Day** takes place on the site of this cabin that is believed to be an old stage coach stop.

final name for the town was chosen by popular vote, the chief's name was selected. Dickson is said to have operated a hostelry in a series of log cabins on Spring Hill, of which this cabin may be the only remaining. Reports that it served as a stagecoach stop seem to support this theory. It was donated in 1983 by **Charlie Carmichael** to the Colbert County Historic Landmarks Foundation.

The Foundation, keeper of the log cabin located at 300 N. Dickson St., hopes that in hosting the Founders' Day event, it will provide an opportunity for citizens to visit the small museum, which is furnished to reflect the lives of these pioneers.

Step inside the cabin to experience the past. Spinners and weavers will be demonstrating their craftsmanship. In addition, there will be homemade chicken stew and a bake sale, raising funds to provide preservation of the log cabin and other historic sites in the county. The popular food truck Smashed will also be on site. The free event runs from 10am-3pm making it an ideal spot for a delicious lunch, a history lesson, and fun.

For more information, call 256-710-9081, and follow the Colbert County Historical Landmarks Foundation on Facebook.

South, Best Colleges for Veterans, and Regional Universities in the South.

UNA's official rankings are:

- 12th in Top Public Schools in the South (up from 14th in 2023);
- 11th for Best Colleges for Veterans (up from 12th in 2023);
- 26th for Regional Universities in the South (up from 33rd in 2023).

"UNA is on a positive trajectory," said Dr. **Brien Smith**, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs. "These rankings give us much to be proud of, particularly with our academic programs and the resonance of the UNA brand among current and prospective students, whether those students are on-campus or online."

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There is so much to enjoy at McGee Farm... from pumpkins to mums. Mum season begins in September, and the pumpkin patch will open September 28 through the month of

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## UNA Climbs in US News

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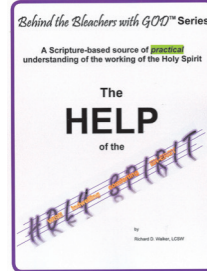
Too often, such organizations are colored by religious politics -- shaped by rivalries and dogmatic axes to grind which may have little or nothing to do with what GOD's Word actually says. And, in this way, they are in the bleachers -- leading partisan cheers, caught up in the games of power and greed and pride, foreign to humility and submission to GOD's authority, GOD's will.

**Behind the bleachers -- away from the rancor and clamor of worldly ambitions -- one can hear GOD more clearly.** The message found there is less likely to be laced with worldly aims, more likely to set forth the unadorned will of GOD, explained by someone not so caught up in these distractions.

Certainly, you will also find there, behind the bleachers, those who are misguided and caught up in their own imaginations about what is revealed in GOD's will. **How do you tell the difference** between such teachings and those that are sound, anchored in Scripture? **One way** is by observing whether what is said is backed up by solid references to Scripture, so you can check it for yourself in GOD's Word. **Another way** is to know something about the person saying it: is that person wearing an aluminum helmet? Does the person's life reflect a reverence for GOD's will?

GOD's Word was written to be understood by you and me, not just the specially appointed, specially ordained religious authorities. (II Corinthians 1:13) And, contrary to popular opinion, people who share a desire to do GOD's will can share a common understanding of what GOD says. (John 7:17)

**Richard D. Walker** -- BA from Harding College, 1970. Minor in N.T. Greek; began studying Hebrew in 2018. Masters Degree in Social Work, U. of Alabama, 1984. Has worked as a social worker since 1971, when in the Army. Outpatient therapist from 1987 to retirement, in 2023. Private practice in Florence, 1991 - 2002. Clinic manager at mental health clinic for 11 years. Has taught Bible classes and preached many years. Obedient to elderships of churches he has attended. At Killen, AL, church with his wife, since 2002. In his 50+ years of Bible study, has restricted study almost exclusively to direct Bible study, without use of commentaries or study guides. **What he knows about what GOD says comes from studying what GOD says, not from what men say about what HE says.**



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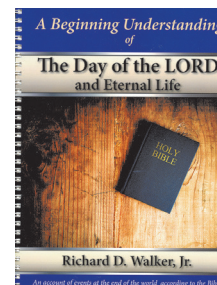
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**Giveaway on Thursday, October 3, from 8-10am** at the Care Center, First Baptist Church, Killen. We have stocked up on our Fall clothes and shoes. Infants - Adults Clothes and Shoes.

**Saturday, October 19, 10a-3pm Coldwater Founders' Day** will be celebrated at the pioneer log cabin, 300 N. Dickson St. in Tuscumbia. The free event will feature live music by the Cane Creek Cliff Dwellers, crafts demonstrations, tours of the cabin museum, homemade chicken stew, bake sale, and Smashed food truck. Tuscumbia was settled 1815-1817 by pioneers who were greeted by the Chickasaw at Big Spring, a place first known as "Coldwater." Bake sale and chicken stew sales will benefit preservation of the cabin and other local historic sites. Event sponsor is the Colbert County Historical Landmarks Foundation. For more information, call 256-710-9081 or follow on Facebook.

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Visiting Policy at Children's

BIRMINGHAM-Children's of Alabama has implemented its seasonal visitation policy for its in-patient units as of October 1. This change will protect patients, staff, visitors, and the community from the potential spread of illness during respiratory season.

Visitors must now be at least 13 years of age and symptom-free.

Visitors should not come to the hospital if they are experiencing any of the following:

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With a few exceptions, Children's allows visitation daily from 9am-9pm. All visitors must register and wear hospital-issued identification before visiting any area.

Painting the Clinic Pink

FLORENCE-The annual Paint the Clinic Pink for the Well Woman Project event at the Shoals Community Clinic is underway. The clinic is offering 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.

October is designated Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and the Shoals Community Clinic's Well Woman Project is helping the women of our

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area know their health status. The Well Woman Project provides cancer screening to low-income, uninsured women of the Shoals throughout the year with medical exams, mammograms and education programs that promote healthy lifestyle choices. A mammogram can detect possible breast cancer much sooner than an at-home breast exam. making better the chances for a positive outcome.

Breast cancer is the second most fatal of cancers in women after skin cancer.

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**The Florence Camerata will resume rehearsals Thursday, October 3 at 6:30pm in the choral room at UNA for our Holiday concert Thursday, December 5.**

Florence Camerata is a popular community chorus that performs three major concerts each year as well as occasional smaller performances as requested. Our conductor is Rebecca Rockhill, a well-known and appreciated choral director who has worked with high school and college choirs in the area for decades. Our collaborative pianist is Karen Cantrell. She is also well-respected for her work with choirs and soloists statewide.

The Florence Camerata welcomes new singers. For more information, please call 256-810-9512.

**"Putting on a Show" LCHS Homecoming 2024 - Oct. 3 & 4. Public Events**

**Thursday, Oct. 3**

• Jrs. vs. Srs. Powderpuff Football Game @ Robert Earl Grisham Stadium, 1-2:30pm. Admission \$1. Spectators are welcome.

• Street Party Pep Rally - Downtown. Food trucks 5:30-until. Nashville Hot Chicken, Lash's, Smile, Kona Ice. Pep Rally Starts at 7pm.

**Friday, Oct. 4**

• Homecoming Breakfast in LCHS LUNCHROOM 6:30-9am. \$5 adults, students eat free!

• Parade (With Food Trucks) - 1:15pm; Parade floats need to be in the lineup by 11:45 for judging.

• Pregame Presentation of Elementary Homecoming Court

• Football vs Clements Kickoff at 7pm

• Halftime Presentation of High School Homecoming Court

**Zodiac Players season - The Zodiac Players have the following plays scheduled: "Legally Blonde the Musical" Oct. 3-6, directed by Justin Nicholson; "Steel Magnolias" Jan. 16-19, 2025, directed by Dylan Bales; "South Pacific the Musical" April 17-20, 2025, directed by Jacob Adams. The plays will be at Shoals Theatre, 123 N. Seminary St., Florence. For ticket information, or to become a patron, call 256-764-1700 or go to theshoalstheatre.org.**

**Babytime Storytime (Birth to 18 months) - Friday, October 4, 10:30am - 11:30am. Every Friday at the Muscle Shoals Public Library. Caregivers must remain with children for all programs.**

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**Pygmies...**  
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 This evil world is trying to bring down the top gun and is working daily to accomplish that task. Don't you realize that: **Deuteronomy 5:11** "Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain: for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain." If God holds us guilty for using his name in vain, and put his word above his name, imagine what's in store for those who have messed with and changed the sacred text, and perverted Holy Bible! **Revelation 22:15** "For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie."  
 See the crowd you bible revisers are included with! Correcting is easier than admitting the truth. Truth sets you free. Sin keeps you bound. Lying destroys your soul! **Revelation 21:8** "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." God plays for keeps. Don't doubt the truth, believe it!  
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# United Way...

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volunteers in our community," she said.

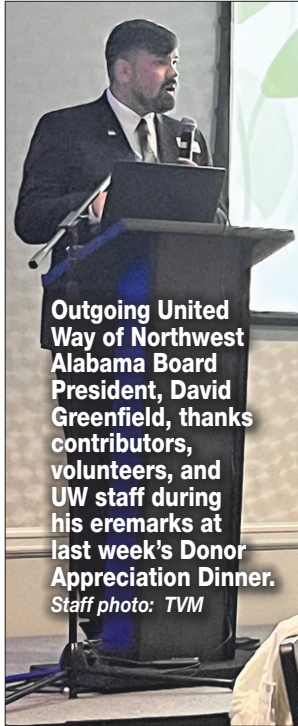
The top campaigns from the 2023-24 season were recognized including Constellium which raised the most money through a Workplace Campaign, the *Times Daily* for the greatest increase in Workplace Campaign donations (percentage), Marriott-Shoals Conference Center for the largest amount of in-kind contributions, and Kiley Floren as United Way board member of the year, along with several others.

The Clyde W. Anderson Award for Philanthropic Leadership goes to and individual nominated by community members for outstanding volunteerism and impact to the organization. Established in 2018, it

is named for Clyde W. Anderson, the founder of the local United Way program in 1955. This year's award went to Kaytrina Simmons, Chairwoman of the Florence City Council, who has been a tireless supporter of United Way and many of its member agencies.

The goal for the 2024-2025 campaign is \$1.3 million. McNulty said the 2024-2025 campaign includes a new focus of "improving the impact that United Way is making in the community."

New marketing materials for the year were unveiled including new brochures, a new annual report video, and new t-shirts. "Our theme for the new video is 'a day with a dollar,' and it highlights our partner agencies and shows where donor dollars go."



Outgoing United Way of Northwest Alabama Board President, David Greenfield, thanks contributors, volunteers, and UW staff during his remarks at last week's Donor Appreciation Dinner. Staff photo: TVM

McNulty said that involvement has been growing modestly since

COVID, and the 2024-25 season holds promise as a solid comeback year with the United Way's focus area expanding to include Franklin and Marion counties in addition to the current Lauderdale and Colbert county coverage.

"We are looking forward to an increase in giving and creating new partnerships with companies doing workplace campaigns with us," she said.

Sixteen non profits with 23 programs were funded with a total of \$377,000 through United Way of Northwest Alabama during the '23-'24, year and an additional \$340,000 funded internal United Way initiatives like 2-1-1 and the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

The 2-1-1 program functions as a call center for those in need of assistance with things like rent, food, recovering from tragedies, even sudden health or personal issues. By dialing 2-1-1, individuals are connected with a representative who can lead them in the right direction. The 2-1-1 line fielded over 9,000 individual calls during the 2023-24 season.

In addition, 2,445 children received a monthly book through the Imagination Library, 1,814 people utilized the Ride United

transportation program, and 290 families received support through COVID Wraparound services.

McNulty hopes to continue strengthening and building relationships with local organizations, businesses and community leaders.

United Way hopes to reach that goal through fundraisers, individual donors/sponsorships, and growth in workplace campaigns that can easily be organized with interested employees for as little as \$2 per pay period.

Those contributions are often negligible on most paychecks, but they add up quickly for those organizations that depend on United Way to

help address the needs of their clients.

United way currently has just over 70 local businesses that are involved with a workplace campaign, including *Courier Journal* and *Times Daily*.

For questions about getting volunteering with or donating to the United Way of Northwest Alabama or getting more information about setting up your own workplace campaign, call 256-764-5892.

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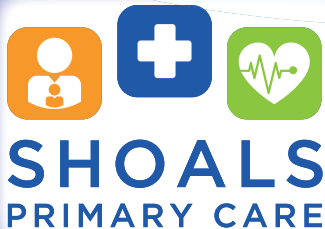


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Commentary

# Kamala's Kolors Hard to Identify

**K**amala Harris is in an awkward position. She knows that she needs to portray a new vision to sway many undecideds in the general election. However, as half of the current administration that shows few positives, it is a challenge for Kamala to show true "kolors" that may be any different than what she has exhibited as VP, especially when she prefers to stay hidden. As the effective incumbent, and with Biden now wandering aimlessly as President emeritus with his wife Jill apparently chairing cabinet meetings, Harris IS the current administration.

Yet, Harris and Walz are all about demonizing Trump and his policies - like HE is the incumbent.

Interestingly, as has been the case with all those who show symptoms of Trump Derangement Syndrome, Donald Trump and the MAGA movement have been weighing heavily on this administration for much of the last three and a half years. Biden still

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## In A Few Words



TOM MAGAZZU Editor

# Courier Journal

# in the Shoals

# THIS WEEK

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## Happening THIS WEEK

# Belle Mont's Quilts Return

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Glenn Rikard  
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## Making You Afraid

Tom,

I want to quote a fictional President of the United States, Andrew Shepard (The American President) that applies to Don Trump.

"We have serious problems to solve, and we need serious people to solve them. And whatever your particular problem is, I promise you, Bob Rumson is not the least bit interested in solving it. He is interested in two things and two things only: making you afraid of it and telling you who's to blame for it."

Don Trump is that kind of candidate. He wants to make you

afraid of immigrants, what they eat, of another Great Depression, of anyone that doesn't look like him -- afraid of the truth. However, like

*...This is a sign that the monied class no longer believes that the blue-collar class can contribute any reasonable type of opinion to society...*



Andrew Shepard said, he has no answers for the problems everyday Americans face and has no plan to fix them.

Well, Don, Americans don't fear much. We have faced dictators before and destroyed them. Your sycophants in Congress fear you because that is what you want. You want to keep people in fear because that is what keeps them in line.

As far as I am concerned Trump can take his Project '25 and sell it someplace else because we don't want it, and we aren't buying it.

I remember when Alabama was a "Dixiecrat" state, like many southern states. That is because the working people in these states in the 1930s were helped by Franklin

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Larkin

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Tucker

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## Cat & Kids by Cathy Turner

### He Remembers

We just had Canaan, our littlest grandchild, come and visit with us for a little over a week. While his mom, Bonita, our daughter-in-law, and he left our son Garrett in New York to take care of business, we had the most wonderful time together. There were so many memorable moments.

One of my favorite moments of each day was when I would hear them coming down the stairs. Canaan would finish his hand-overhand on the railing and would peep around the corner to see if Granddad and I were in the den. That little smile that would spread over his face when he would see one or both of us was worth living for.

One of the first things we did was get in the pool at the Y. This was Canaan's first pool experience. His mom was a little worried about it, but Canaan walked right in with me. And he had the best time ever - no fear. All

fun! Except that third time when I dipped him down in and pulled him toward me and he expected it. Under the water, he had his head



Canaan

back and His eyes wide open looking at me like, "Gran, why are you doing this again?!" The first two times, he naturally closed his eyes and mouth, but that last time he drank all the water that he possibly could. When he came up, that water came up. His mom took him as he got rid of the water and his breakfast on the edge of the pool. I told everyone to be happy so that he would be happy, and we continued to play. And it was all good except for that one moment. Now he's back in New York City taking swim lessons with his dad. Yay! Babies need to have water experience.

There were other important moments like when I found Canaan and Granddad on the top bunk one afternoon reading books. And the afternoon that we painted with shape sorter shapes. There was that fun moment when I gave Canaan a Cocomelon bubble blower. He discovered how to push the button himself. And he just doused himself in bubbles many times throughout the week! When they got back to New York his mom even ordered that bubble blower so he could play with it in their apartment.

Our daughter, Lora, and the big cousins came so

they could see the little cousin since he was so close. Well that just made all things right! Playmates to build with, to dance with, to chase and to be chased by! They had such a good time. And there was that moment when we all took over the stage at the Children's Museum. Jericho, who is 5, started off the acapella singing by saying into the mic, "We are about to have a festi-bal!" Then he led, "Head, Shoulders. Knees and Toes". His singing brought an audience.

So Ruby, who is 9, became the emcee. She introduced her mother, who sang Shania's, "Any Man Of Mine". There was clapping and an echoed response during the "Yeah, Yeah" of the chorus. Then, I messed up the Green Acres theme song! My best line as I swept my black tresses was, "Darling, I love you, but give me Park Avenue!" Bonita and Lora sang the theme song of "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air" while bouncing to the beat! Then Bonita brought it home while holding Canaan and singing,

"I Just Can't Wait to be King!" Just give us a microphone! So much fun! The day before they left we went and walked alongside the river, and finally I just had to take Canaan's shoes and socks off and put his feet in. When his mom caught up, and saw what I was doing she said, "Oh. Well. Okay!"

It was wonderful having Canaan down South. He enjoyed his Alabama experiences, including riding in Gran's car rather than trains and Ubers. Bonita sent me this picture of him trying to get in a car that looked like Gran's. I'm so glad that he remembers! We so blessed!

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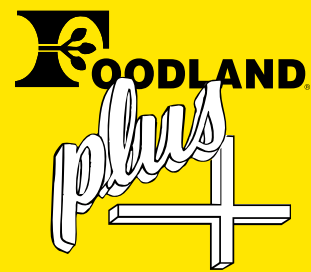
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# STRANGE but TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- **Octopus wrestling** was a popular sport in the 1960s. A diver would fight an octopus in shallow water and drag it to the surface.
- **After an online vote** in 2011, Toyota announced that the official plural of Prius is Prii.
- **Each spacecraft sent to Mars** is scrubbed and inspected before dispatch as part of a strict planetary protection protocol meant to prevent contamination from Earth.
- **Ophiocordyceps unilateralis**, a parasitic fungus, effectively turns ants into zombies. The fungus compels the ant to bite onto the underside of a low-hanging leaf, where it dies, and the fungus then sends a fruiting body out through the ant's head to disseminate spores.
- **Geckos** can turn the stickiness of their feet on and off at will.
- **And speaking of feet**, during World War II, the United States began rationing shoes. Citizens were allowed three pairs.
- **When Leonardo DiCaprio** smashed his hand on the dinner table in "Django Unchained," he accidentally crushed a small stemmed glass with his palm and really began

to bleed. He ignored it, stayed in character, and continued with the scene. Quentin Tarantino was so impressed that he used this take in the final print, and when he called cut, the room erupted in a standing ovation.

- **Though they are often used as vegetables** in cooking, eggplants are botanically classified as berries.
- **Charles Richard Drew** was a Black physician who developed blood banks for military personnel during World War II. He quit working for the Red Cross after he learned that the military separated blood donations by race.
- **The Dr. Seuss classic children's tale** "Green Eggs and Ham" was banned in China from 1965 to 1991 for its "portrayal of early Marxism."

*First Thought for the Day:* "A good example has twice the value of good advice." -- Albert Schweitzer

- **There's a surgical procedure** called selective amygdalohippocampectomy that removes half of the brain's amygdala -- and with it, much of the patient's sense of fear.
- **Obituary writers** have their own awards, which

are called The Grimmys.

- **Londoners** in the 1600s were advised to keep "fart jars" -- consisting of trapped fart odors -- on hand to combat bubonic plague. The idea was that the potent smell would somehow purify the air!
- **During World War II**, the term "security blanket" was slang for measures meant to keep military information secret, or covered up.
- **Future Martians** might marvel at the Valles Marineris (a.k.a. Mariner Valley) the same way Earthlings marvel at the Grand Canyon. The huge rift is more than eight times the length of the Grand Canyon, and four times as deep.
- **The Eiffel Tower** leans slightly toward the shade on sunny days.
- **Forbes** estimates that Barbie's Dream House would be worth around \$16 million if it were real. The three-story house has seven rooms, an elevator, a garage and a pool.
- **In 1897**, Indiana state legislators tried to pass a bill that would have legally redefined the value of pi as 3.2.
- **A game show in Japan** featured one item in a room that was replaced with a look-alike item made of chocolate or other candy. Contestants would try to find it by biting into various objects.
- **The ancient Greeks** believed that pearls were the hardened tears of joy from Aphrodite, the goddess of love.
- **Elton John** has pianos named after Aretha

Franklin, Nina Simone and Diana Krall.

- **There's a five-story, blood-red waterfall** in Antarctica.

*Second Thought for the Day:* "The greatness of a man lies not in how much wealth he acquires, but in his integrity and his ability to affect those around him positively." -- Bob Marley

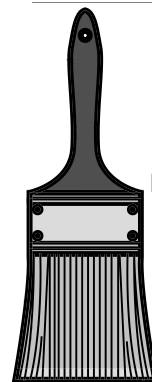
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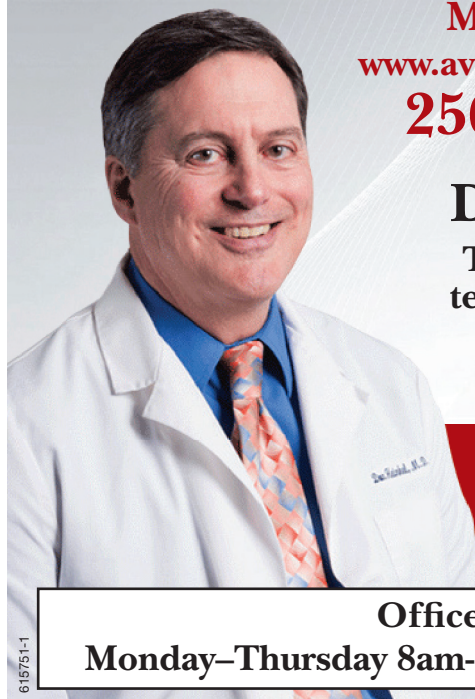
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## Letters...

### Making You Afraid

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Roosevelt's New Deal plan that got this country back on its feet during the Great Depression. Southern Democrats did not want to give up racial segregation, but they wanted to help get our country out of a depression.

Recently, the vice president of our neighborhood HOA asked me if I was the person that had letters published in the Courier. I told him no to protect myself from any attempts at intimidation. Readers of this publication should know that our country is in danger of becoming a copy of the Russian government. Don Trump and many of his Republican supporters are supportive of this plan.

I hope that we, as Americans, realize that our votes allow us to be free. However, I know that the Southern Dixiecrats are no longer

here in Alabama. That is both bad and good. Bad for the racist policies they struggled to preserve and good for their support of the policies that helped our country to get back on its feet after a long and terrible Depression.

I hope that our country continues to be a free society, one that is a shining example to the world.

Larry J. Smith  
Florence

### Their True Colors Show

Dear Editor,

Let's tip one in remembrance of the First Amendment in the newspaper industry. There was a time when papers believed it was important to hear from "the people" of their own communities and the readers of their own newspapers.

Today, all over the country small and medium-sized newspapers are discontinuing the Letters to the Editor function so important in our once vibrant democracy. Even some bigger city newspapers, like those in Alabama and Michigan, have deep-sixed publication of the ordinary concerns of ordinary people. Instead, they now only allow the

more "sophisticated" op-ed columns, and then only from "experts." Some show their true colors and publish only Letters from the Editor.

This is a sign that the monied class no longer believes that the blue-collar class can contribute any reasonable type of opinion to society. The job of high school graduates is to stick to contributing labor power only.

After all, only folks with money know how things should be run in the country. It is those folks who have consolidated power in the communication industry and left you and I out in the cold.

Kimball Shinkoskey  
Woods Cross, Utah

### What About the Students?

Editor,

A letter entitled, *Students Pay Too* was printed in the July 24, 2024, edition of the *Courier Journal*. The letter included newspaper reports that UNA planned to charge students a fee of \$30 per semester credit hour for construction of a new football stadium. The UNA Board of Trustees labeled the title of this fee to be General Studies Fee rather than Football Construction Fee. Within the letter it was estimated

that \$13.5 million dollars had been raised based on 3,000 students for five years. It was also noted that this estimate was low.

The letter also requested that "UNA must provide the actual amount received from all students through the General Studies Fee!" Now this request was for the TOTAL raised, not by each student. As of this writing, I have not seen where UNA has provided the total that was requested.

Not mentioned in the prior letter was the opportunity for donors to contribute funds for the stadium construction. One method for giving was "Donor Wall Recognition" in the stadium for \$100. Many, many UNA students have contributed over \$100! Where will they be recognized?

If a student is at UNA for four years and graduates, their donor amount would be \$3,600 (120 credit hours x \$30). Many of these students will also have college loans left to pay after graduation!

Hopefully, UNA will provide a press release to the *Courier Journal* with the TOTAL student contribution thus far and how those students will be recognized at the stadium. Roar Lions.

Bill Smoak  
Florence

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## Commentary

# Kolors...

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seems to reference MAGA regularly.

Harris at a campaign appearance September 20, said, "Brotha, we are not going back."

Going back to what? When we all had more in our wallets and groceries were more reasonable? When the border was more secure? And we didn't have this degree of chaos in the world? The economic chaos and global crises of the last 42 months are not Donald Trump's doing. Yet she runs as if she were the change agent who can correct it all.

Much like Barack Obama in 2008, Harris has very little prior history to assess, only a modest number of past statements. Her few candid answers to surprise questions seem to create campaign wreckage. So, she is now avoiding as much impromptu press interaction as possible before election day.

Her recent "live interview" with Oprah was little more than a show of support from other Tinseltown multimillionaires disconnected from reality. It was not only a content sham, but later examination of the live video feed screens

behind the set showed duplicates of people to increase numbers and greater impress viewers.

In that talk with Oprah, Harris also said she is a gun owner, and then she added, "If someone breaks into my house, they're getting shot -- Probably should not have said that, but my staff will deal with that later."

Harris' campaign adviser, Keisha Lance Bottoms, later said, "It was a joke, and she knew that we would still be talking about it today, but I think it's important that people know that the vice president respects the right to bear arms, that she supports the Second Amendment, but she wants responsible gun ownership, and she wants our communities to be safe."

However, an old grainy video clip has resurfaced from when she was California's DA that proves she supported legislation in California that would allow authorities to enter the homes of law-abiding citizens.

Harris facing right and talking to a reporter in the video, said, "Just because you legally possess a gun in the sanctity of your locked home doesn't mean that we're not going to walk into that home and check to see if you're being responsible and safe in the way you conduct your affairs."

That doesn't sound like a Second Amendment supporter.

Harris criticizes Trump's tariff policy at every public opportunity but does seem to understand that she and Joe Biden retained those tariffs and even expanded some. When questioned, about that, she gives another clueless non-answer.

She was supposed to do some campaign damage control by finally visiting the real US/Mexico border this past Friday (after this writing). One can easily imagine how that area will be swept clean of travelers beforehand.

Tim Walz, campaigning in Pennsylvania recently came up with some baseless facts on Trump and claimed that Kamala was working to make things better. Then, he

finally admitted the complete truth when, from the podium, he said, "We can't afford four more years of this!"

Amen to that. Apparently, he also forgot that his running mate is the current occupant.

The only position on which Kamala Harris is firm is abortion. Recent comments on Wisconsin Public Radio were as follows.

"...That being said, I've been very clear. I think we should eliminate the filibuster for Roe... and get us to the point where we are at 51 votes (in the Senate) would be what we need to actually put back in the law the protections for reproductive freedom and for the ability of every person and every woman to make decisions about their own body and not have their government tell them what to do."

Her stance on abortion is one of heartless extremism – no exceptions, no limits, no protections, and no concern for pain or the humanity of the unborn baby. On that, her kolor is RED.

Her advocating for the filibuster to pass anything with a simple majority is a partisan ploy, and it cost her the endorsement of Senator Joe Manchin. (She also pledged to eliminate the Senate filibuster rules in 2019 to pass the multi-trillion-dollar Green New Deal.

The portion of her quote above "for the ability of every person and every woman to make decisions about their own body" also demonstrates her nod toward the left's gender identity foolishness. It is either blatant pandering to constituents or demonstrating that she might need some assistance in purchasing her own undergarments.

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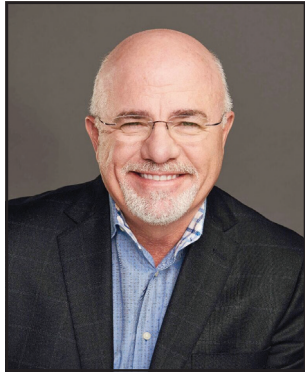
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# DAVE Says

by DAVE RAMSEY



than trying to fix and flip a house in another state.  
— Dave

### ELIMINATE THE CONFUSION

*Dear Dave, I work for a construction company. The closer we get to winter, the more I think about work slowing and my income dropping. I've had couple of winters in the past where things were pretty lean. Do you think I should begin building an emergency fund for the slow times?*

Carl

Dear Carl, I love that you're thinking about the future. I also think it's great that you've learned from past mistakes and are determined not to repeat those mistakes.

You've got a smart idea, but you're going to have to get on your horse to make something happen for this winter. Also, you might want to think about calling it something other than an emergency fund. How about your "Offseason Fund"? You might think I'm being silly playing with the name, but hear me out.

This sort of saving isn't really for emergencies, is it? It's a budget issue, because you're *planning* and setting aside cash leading up to something you know is coming.

Remember, we're not talking about some random amount of money. It's an exact amount that you can budget for accordingly. This winter you may have to think about picking up a side job, depending on the weather and other circumstances. But after that, it'll be a simple matter of planning ahead for the down time and setting aside something each month to see you through!

— Dave

*\* Dave Ramsey is a national best-selling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 20 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS Mornings, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for the company, Ramsey Solutions.*

### WAIT AND SAVE UP

*Dear Dave, I follow your advice and live on a budget, but it's really hard to save up for a down payment on a house because property is so expensive on the West Coast. My family thinks I should buy a cheaper property back home, fix it up and flip it to get the extra money I need. How do you feel about this?*

Alan

Dear Alan,

When you take on this kind of work, you need to oversee what's happening every step of the way. You're working out details, keeping an eye on the crew and it's all on you to make sure everything's being done right.

It's not unusual for pros who flip houses to look at

100 or more properties to buy just one. It's not an easy way to make money, and it's definitely not something to consider doing from a distance. All that being said, can you guess what my answer's going to be? Fixing and flipping properties in the area where you live is hard enough work. Trying to do it from hundreds of miles away would be a nightmare. There's no way I'd sign on for something like this.

Keep working on your budget, and start saving as much money as you can. You might even consider getting a part-time job for a little while to bring in some extra cash for your house fund. But waiting and saving up is a lot smarter

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**Answers on Page 30**

**Brain Zone!**

**Even Exchange** by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|
| 1. Garden plot      | ___ T ___ | Dry out             | ___ R ___ |
| 2. Tall             | ___ O ___ | Southpaw            | ___ E ___ |
| 3. Scrub            | ___ R     | Talent investigator | ___ T     |
| 4. Sir ___ Raleigh  | W ___     | Bridle              | H ___     |
| 5. Fingerless glove | M ___     | Infant feline       | K ___     |
| 6. Go pale          | ___ L ___ | Tree limb           | ___ R ___ |
| 7. Some future time | ___ T ___ | Pilsner             | ___ G ___ |
| 8. Tailor's cord    | ___ D     | Intimidation        | ___ T     |
| 9. ___ monoxide     | ___ B ___ | Milk container      | ___ T ___ |
| 10. Acclimatize     | ___ A ___ | Take as one's own   | ___ O ___ |

**MINI SUDOKU**

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 6-box square contains all of the numbers from one to six.  
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**FLASHBACK**  
POP, ROCK & SOUL  
TRIVIA BY MICK HARPER

- Which singer released "All Alone Am I"?
- What was the limbo?
- Name the singer-songwriter who released "Will It Go Round in Circles."
- Which group released "Owner of a Lonely Heart"?
- Name the song that contains this lyric: "I belong to another whose love has grown cold, but I promised forever to have and to hold."

**Just Joking**

**How do you stay warm in any room?**  
Go to the corner—it's always 90 degrees.

**Are monsters good at math?**  
Not unless you count Dracula.

**Why was the fraction nervous about marrying the decimal?** Because he would have to convert.

**Trivia test** by Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES:** Which animated film was the first to be nominated for an Academy Award for Best Picture?
- SCIENCE:** What is a common name for the Aurora Borealis?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Who was the third U.S. president?
- GEOGRAPHY:** Where are the Maldives (islands) located?
- MUSIC:** Who was the first woman inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame?
- TELEVISION:** What is Dorothy's job on "The Golden Girls"?
- MATH:** Which number doesn't have a Roman numeral equivalent?
- LITERATURE:** In the Harry Potter series of novels, what was Lord Voldemort's name before he changed it?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM:** Which dog breed doesn't "bark"?
- FAMOUS QUOTES:** Who wrote the poetic line about fall, "Nature's first green is gold"?

**Puzzles4Kids** by Helene Hovanec

**WORD FUN**

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

**WHAT DO BEES USE TO FIX THEIR HAIR?**

ANTHEM	___	MEANT	RACING	___	GRAIN
PIANOS	___	PAINS	TAILOR	___	TRAIL
NECTAR	___	REACT	CAMELS	___	SCALE
RODEOS	___	DOORS	FIBBER	___	BRIEF
DROWSY	___	WORDS	THINGS	___	NIGHT

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**WORD LADDERS**

Can you go from CAUSE to NORSE in 6 words? Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

**CAUSE**

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**NORSE**

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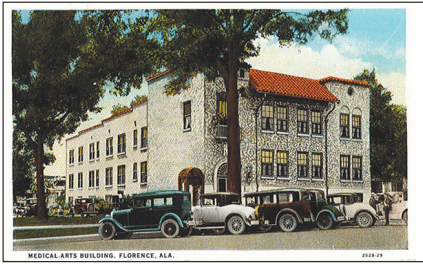
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**Florence Historian**  
Billy Warren



**The Medical Arts Building**

The Sannoner Historic District, which includes structures on upper North Court and upper North Pine Streets, is the very first Historic District in the City. (Today, there are ten such Districts.) Each structure within this initial District has a fascinating history, of course, with the Medical Arts building as an outstanding example. (See the accompanying photograph.) The nomination papers were prepared in 1976 by the excellent local historian, the late Alfred McCroskey. Constructed in 1925 in the style of Spanish Revival architecture – complete with a stucco and brick façade and a tile roof – this interesting building naturally draws the immediate attention of many passersby. A very notable characteristic of this fine building is that it is the first commercial building in downtown Florence with a steel infrastructure, which set the bar higher for any commercial building that might follow. Its original purpose, as its name (Medical Arts building) implies, was to provide spacious, comfortable offices for professionals in the medical field; today, however, the offices accommodate a wide range of businesses and organizations. It was designed by Lloyd Maffett, a local resident whose training was actually as an engineer, not as an architect. Most well-known, probably, of his other architectural projects is the handsome Buffler family home in St. Florian which, today, serves as the town's gracious community center. Mr. Maffett also served as the connecting link between the Florence City Board of Education and the contractor who built the second Coffee High School in 1951.



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

**Answers on Page 30**

**Brain Zone!**

**BIBLE TRIVIA**

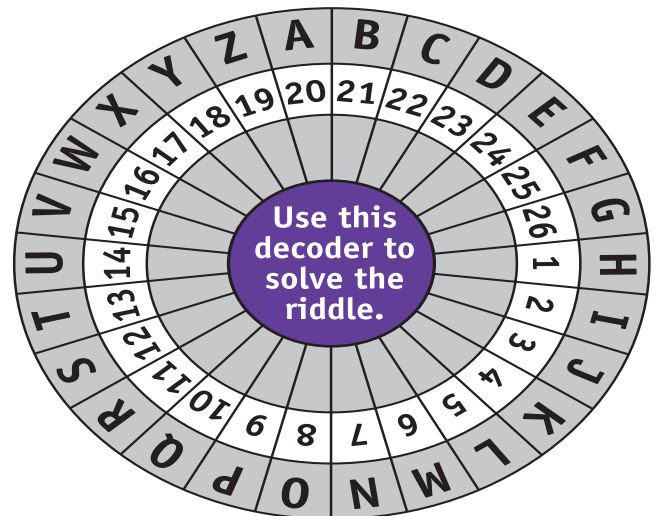
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Philemon (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In Matthew 8, which prophet's words did Jesus claim to be fulfilling, as He was healing people? *Iddo, Esaias, Gad, Medad*
3. Who wrote, "Neither shall any priest drink wine, when they enter into the inner court"? *Ezekiel, Isaiah, Daniel, Hosea*
4. From Genesis 19, in addition to fire, what did God rain down upon Sodom and Gomorrah? *Hail, Lightning, Brimstone, Mud*
5. Whose grave was marked by a pillar erected by her husband, Jacob? *Abigail, Lillith, Puah, Rachel*
6. From Judges 16, who slept through a haircut? *Manoah, Samson, Adam, Uriah*

**SECRET CODE**

What do spiders do on the computer?

6	20	4	24	16	24	21	9	20	26	24	12
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**GO FIGURE!**

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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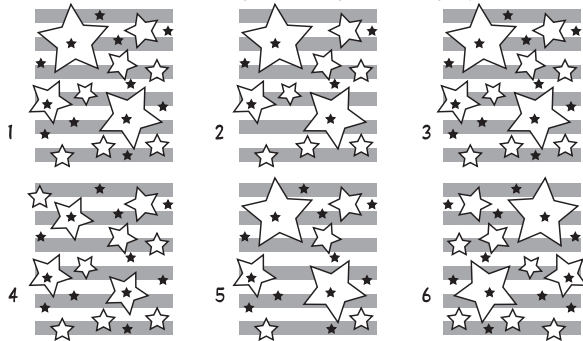
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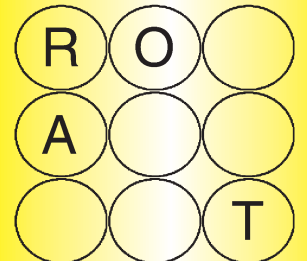
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**FIND THE TWINS**

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



**WORD SPIRAL**



Fill in the missing letters to reveal the nine-letter word that starts at one of the four corners and moves clockwise around the perimeter before ending in the center.

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**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: S equals Z

J LZDP Z NGZSSM GPR UVJSSFM-  
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YPPX ZDIJKJGU JH. JH'N Z  
CPZV HI RZFY IG.

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"I hate to complain, Alice, but my husband thinks you're not really \_\_\_\_\_."

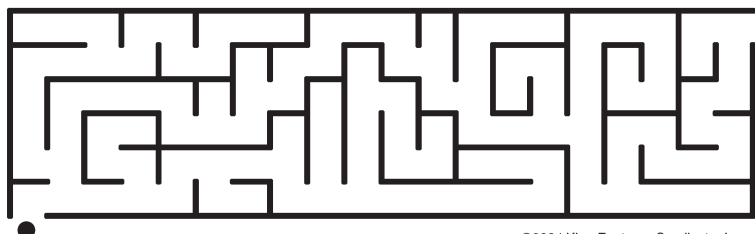
**SCRAMBLERS**

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

- Chic: GELATEN
- Cavort: ENPARC
- Ache: RAENY
- Hollow: UFLITE

**TODAY'S WORD**

**Kids' Maze**

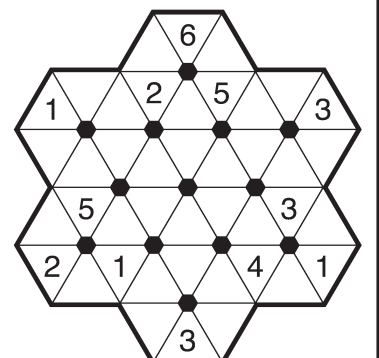


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**SNOWFLAKES**

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆**

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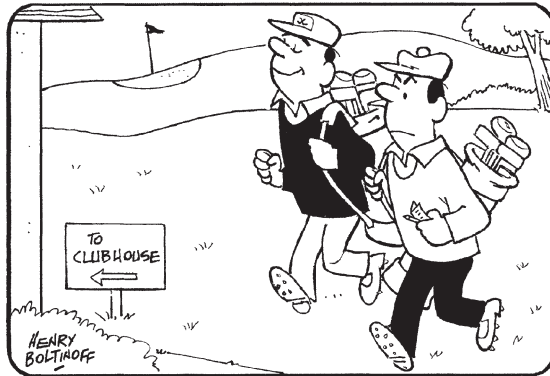
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## HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Leg is moved. 2. Arm is lower. 3. Flagstick is taller. 4. Tree is different. 5. Shoulder pad is missing. 6. Sign is moved.

## Letters...

Continued from Page 20

### All Their Failings

Editor,

America in turmoil! Kamala Harris cannot respond to whether we are better off today than our country was under President Trump. Whenever she is asked questions, she does everything but answer. Now to dodge answering questions, Harris and Biden are doing a foreign relations tour where they can look presidential while avoiding answering American's questions. Why is it that this administration has failed in economics, foreign relations, immigration, and inflation?

With President Trump, we had a strong economy, secure borders, low unemployment, and an active peacemaker in our world. Today, we have wars, rumors of wars, and an administration that gives our tax dollars to our country's enemies such as Iran, while not totally supporting our allies like Israel.

Recently, our government lied about the number of people who were employed from March 2023 to April 2024 by a mere 818,000 people. More lies! On Friday 9-20, General Motors announced the layoff of 1,700 employees at its Kansas City plant. Now we have AT&T and Boeing on strike and longshore employees saying they are considering a strike. Why isn't the administration trying to negotiate a settlement of these labor problems? Could it be they are more concerned with getting a totally incompetent person elected President!

My question to you is are you better off under the Biden/ Harris administration today, or when Donald Trump was President? Answer that question before you vote for Harris-Walz.

Philip Goodale  
Florence

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## What if I get hurt but there's a criminal case because of what the person did

Civil cases and criminal cases are very different. Any criminal case that causes a personal injury creates a civil case against the person who caused the injury.

All crimes that injure another person can also be civil cases. However, in a criminal case, the state is the plaintiff, and they bring the action. In a civil case, the person who is injured brings the case. In

a criminal case, the state is seeking criminal penalties, which can include the loss of liberty, while in a civil case, the injured party is seeking compensation for their injury, which can include pain, suffering, mental anguish, lost wages, and permanent disabilities. These are money damages in our system of justice.

You might ask how criminal cases impact civil lawsuits. Criminal cases will have priority and typically be heard first. Civil cases are generally subject to a stay because if there is a criminal case pending, the defendant has the right not to talk about the case. We've all heard the Miranda warnings, where police officers tell an accused person they have the right to remain silent. That right to remain silent remains in place if a civil suit is brought. The civil action and the injured plaintiff must wait until the criminal case ends.

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# Medicare Minute

## "Medicare Pre-AEP"

Each year anyone who is on Medicare and enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Plan (MA) or Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) has an open enrollment period to make changes in their plan if they wish. This open enrollment period is called the Annual Election Period (AEP). It extends from October 15th to December 7th. There is also a period from October 1st to October 14th that is commonly called Pre-AEP.

Pre-AEP is an important time for Medicare beneficiaries. Insurance companies who offer MAs or PDPs cannot release their plan information for 2025 until October 1st. You can use this time to review your current plan to see if there has been any significant changes in your premium or copays. It's also a good time to review the prescription drug coverage of your plan, especially if you have had changes in the drugs you are taking. If any new plans are coming into your county, this is the time they are announced so be on the lookout for those.

Pre-AEP can also be a confusing time. Although it's designed for you to gather information on any changes that are coming for 2025, you may get phone calls or letters from insurance companies or your local agent. Local agents, in particular, like to use Pre-AEP to reach out to their clients and do policy reviews for the next year. This is totally acceptable under Medicare rules. It is also acceptable for you to attend a meeting or seminar during Pre-AEP to hear the details of 2025 plans. The one thing you cannot do is officially sign up for a new plan until after October 15th.

The good news is if you're happy with the plan you are in you won't have to do a thing. You will automatically roll into the 2025 plan as long as it's still offered in your area. If you have any questions about Pre-AEP you can contact our office for more information

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@alabamhealthguidance.com](mailto:ikey@alabamhealthguidance.com). Alabama Health Guidance is an independent insurance agency and is not affiliated with Medicare or any other government agency.



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# Moments in Time



• **On Sept. 30, 1962**, African American student James H. Meredith was escorted onto the University of Mississippi campus by U.S. marshals, setting off a riot in which two men died before the violence was suppressed by federal soldiers. The next day, he successfully enrolled and began classes, though the disruption continued.

• **On Oct. 1, 1920**, Scientific American magazine reported that radio would soon be used to broadcast music, noting that "Experimental concerts are at present being conducted every Friday evening from 8:30 to 11:00 by the Radio Laboratory of the Bureau of Standards. The possibilities of such centralized radio concerts are great and extremely interesting."

• **On Oct. 2, 1780**, British Major John Andre, an accomplice of Benedict Arnold, was hanged as a spy by U.S. military forces in New York. Andre had asked of both his commander and Gen. George Washington that he be executed by firing squad, which was considered a more "gentlemanly" death, but the request was denied.

• **On Oct. 3, 1997**, 69-year-old Gordie "Mr. Hockey" Howe skated the first shift with the

Detroit Vipers in their International Hockey League opener, making him the only professional in the sport to have competed during six decades.

• **On Oct. 4, 1988**, televangelist Jim Bakker was indicted on federal charges of mail and wire fraud and conspiring to defraud the public. The case against him and three aides exploded into scandal after it was revealed he'd had a sexual tryst with former church secretary Jessica Hahn in a Florida hotel.

• **On Oct. 5, 1974**, Dave Kunst finished the first round-the-world journey on foot, which took him four years and 21 pairs of shoes. His reason for embarking upon the 14,500-mile journey across four continents: "I was tired of Waseca [his home town], tired of my job, tired of a lot of little people who don't want to think, and tired of my wife."

• **On Oct. 6, 1961**, President John F. Kennedy recommended that American families build bomb shelters as protection from atomic fallout in case of a nuclear exchange with the Soviet Union. He also assured the public that the U.S. civil defense program would soon begin providing such security for every American.

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General George Washington Goethals' work on the Riverton Lock on the Tennessee River in the late 1890s prepared him for his major achievement as Chief Engineer of the Panama Canal. He died in 1928 and is buried at the US Military Academy at West Point.

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# Community Notes...

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**Hi Neighbors of the Shoals meets on the 1st Tuesday** (October 8) of each month at 10:30am in the Florence Lauderdale Public Library. We are a women's social group and we welcome all ladies who are current residents of the Shoals area. Come join us! Contact Berta Birch, 256-777-3119, for further details.

**Big Little Gala - Friday, October 11, 6-9pm.** at Pickett Place, 438 N. Seminary St., Florence. Tickets \$50 for individuals with sponsorships available.

Celebrate an evening of live and silent auction packages, food, music and special "Big" guests. Doors open at 6pm with a cocktail hour and then the silent auction to begin the night. For more information call 256-275-7037.

**The Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area has unveiled a new**

traveling exhibit titled "The Memphis & Charleston Railroad Bridge: Connecting the Shoals." The exhibit will be on display at the Helen Keller Public Library, 511 North Main Street in Tusculumbia through October 4. This exhibit explores the historic significance of the Old Railroad Bridge, a vital link between Sheffield and Florence. Scholar Clayton Davis, MSNHA historic preservationist and primary author of the National Register of Historic Places nomination for the bridge, will present a thought-provoking discussion on the topic September 22. For more information, visit [msnha.una.edu](http://msnha.una.edu) or call the library at (256) 383-7065.

**Shoals Artists Guild Meeting** Friday, October 18, 10am-Noon at the Southall-Moore House, next to the

Kennedy-Douglass Art Center, Downtown Florence. For more info, contact Carolyn Wear, 256-710-6854.

**Join Our Reading Enrichment Program! The Community Hope Foundation** is seeking dedicated volunteers to serve as reading tutors for K-3 graders, helping children improve their reading skills and comprehension. This is a wonderful opportunity to make a lasting impact on young learners at a critical learning stage in life!

Volunteers can include retired teachers, current teachers, aspiring teachers, and anyone with a passion for helping children succeed! Volunteers will be asked to submit an application, provide a background check, and commit at least 2 hours per week during the school year. If you are interested, please email us at [tdpflorence@gmail.com](mailto:tdpflorence@gmail.com) or call/text 256-412-9086. Help us inspire the next generation of readers and lifelong learners!

**The Historic Belle Mont Mansion south of Tusculumbia is excited to bring back its annual Quilt Show** during the month of October, where the historic home will be decorated in vintage and antique quilts, dating as far back as the 1800s!

Every Friday at 1pm during October, Quilt Show, Glenn Rikard, will put on a Quilt Show Program discussing the various quilts on display throughout the house. Don't forget to bring your own quilt to share with the group for "Quilt Show & Tell!"

Admission to the exhibit will be at regular Belle Mont admission prices. Admission to the Quilt Show Program will be \$8/person. Belle Mont is located at 1569 Cook Lane off US 43 in Tusculumbia. Please call 256-381-5052 or email [bellemontmansion@gmail.com](mailto:bellemontmansion@gmail.com) with questions.

**The Shoals Community Clinic in partnership with UNA Anderson College of Nursing & Health**

**Professions** will host its Annual Community Health Fair Monday October 14 from 9am-2pm. Free flu shots will be available along with screenings for blood pressure, cholesterol (with 6-hour fasting prior to testing), diabetes and pre-diabetes, respiratory function, vision, hearing, hepatitis C and HIV. In addition, there will be many vendors on hand to provide information about important services available to help meet needs for a happy, healthy community. UNA Nursing Students will be distributing non-perishable food items to participants as supplies last. Regular health screenings and vaccinations prevent the onset of more serious disease. Chronic conditions, such as high blood pressure and diabetes, are frequently missed in general health visits, and can become life threatening if left unchecked and untreated. The Annual Community Health Fair is free to the entire community and takes place at the Shoals Community Clinic located at 309 WC Handy Place in Florence.

**Cedar Grove Church of Christ will host its Homecoming and Gospel Meeting** Sunday-Wednesday, October 6-9. The guest speaker is Brandon Grieves of Fairview church of Christ in Pulaski, TN. His theme for the week is "Jesus' Heart-Healing, Mind-Making, and Soul-Saving Parables." Cedar Grove is at 6421 Co Rd 26 (Snake Rd.) northeast of Rogersville. Everyone is welcome.

**Florence Civitan Club Golf Tournament, October 11 - Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at the Shoals** **Please register by September 27.**

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4-man scramble: \$500 per team  
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**Run for RayRay - Saturday, November 2, Starts at 2pm** - Presented by LCHS Track & Field and Beta Club. At Joe Wheeler State Park, Sandy Beach Area, 100 McLean Drive, Rogersville.

Register early to receive a t-shirt. **Early registration ends on Friday, 10/11/2024.** Concessions. Medals for top finishers!

Friday 11/1 3:30-6pm Early Packet Pickup @ LCHS football field.

Saturday 11/2 11:30am-1:30pm Additional registration and Packet Pickup @ Joe Wheeler.

All 1 mile fun runners are encouraged to dress in their best Turkey or Thanksgiving theme outfits. A medal for best dressed will be given!

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Answer  
CAUSE, PAUSE, PARSE, PURSE, NURSE, NORSE

**FLASHBACK**  
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- Brenda Lee, in 1962. The original song was Greek, written for a Greek film. Lee's English language version topped the Billboard chart and stayed there for five weeks.
- The limbo was a dance done by bending backward and moving under a horizontal pole without touching it and without touching the ground while the pole was gradually moved lower and lower.
- Billy Preston in 1973. The song topped the charts in the U.S. and in Canada but also charted in Australia and South Africa.
- Yes, in 1983. The song had its beginnings in South Africa when it was recorded on a 4-track tape player.
- "Please Help Me, I'm Falling," by Hank Locklin, in 1960. After spending nine months on the country chart, the song showed up near the top of the Hot 100 chart. Several artists have released covers over the years, including the Everly Brothers and John Fogerty.

### Even Exchange answers

1. Patch, Parch	6. Blanch, Branch
2. Lofty, Lefty	7. Later, Lager
3. Scour, Scout	8. Thread, Threat
4. Walter, Halter	9. Carbon, Carton
5. Mitten, Kitten	10. Adapt, Adopt

2	4	3	5	1	6
5	6	1	2	3	4
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6	1	4	3	2	5
4	5	2	1	6	3
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## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

**Answers**

- "Beauty and the Beast."
- Northern Lights.
- Thomas Jefferson.
- Indian Ocean.
- Aretha Franklin.
- Substitute teacher.
- Zero.
- Tom Marvolo Riddle.
- Basenji.
- Robert Frost, "Nothing Gold Can Stay."

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1	+	4	+	3	=	8
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## Puzzles4Kids Answer

ANTHEM	H	MEANT
PIANOS	O	PAINS
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RODEOS	E	DOORS
DROWSY	Y	WORDS
RACING	C	GRAIN
TAILOR	O	TRAIL
CAMELS	M	SCALE
FIBBER	B	BRIEF
THINGS	S	NIGHT

## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Esaias, 3) Ezekiel, 4) Brimstone, 5) Rachel, 6) Samson

"Test Your Bible Knowledge," a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.

## CryptoQuip answer

I have a snazzy new grizzly-shaped area rug, but I keep avoiding it. It's a bear to walk on.

## SCRAMBLERS solution

1. Elegant; 2. Prance; 3. Yearn; 4. Futile  
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## Health Insurance Options for Early Retirees

Dear Savvy Senior,  
I'm going to retire in a few months and need to get some temporary health insurance until I can enroll in Medicare at age 65. What are my options?  
Early Retiree

Dear Early,  
There are several places early retirees can find health insurance coverage before Medicare kicks in, but the best option for you will depend on your income level, your health care needs and how long you'll need coverage for. Here's where to look.

**Affordable Care Act:** For most early retirees who aren't yet eligible for Medicare, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) health insurance marketplace, also known as Obamacare, is the best option for getting comprehensive health coverage. And you won't be denied coverage or charged extra for preexisting health conditions.

And, if your income falls below the 400 percent poverty level after you retire – anything below \$60,240 for a single or \$81,760 for a couple in 2024 – you'll also be eligible for a subsidy that will reduce your monthly premiums. The ACA also ensures that at least through 2025, households with incomes above that 400 percent poverty level will not have to pay more than 8.5 percent of their income for a benchmark policy.

To see how much subsidy you may be eligible for, use Kaiser Family Foundation subsidy calculator at [KFF.org/interactive/subsidy-calculator](https://www.kff.org/interactive/subsidy-calculator).

To shop for ACA plans in your state, visit [HealthCare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov) or call 800-318-2596. Or, if you want some extra help, contact a certified agent or broker at [HealthCare.gov/find-assistance](https://www.healthcare.gov/find-assistance).

**COBRA:** Another temporary health insurance option you may be eligible for is the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA). Under this federal law, if you work for a company that has 20 or more employees, you can remain on your employer's group health plan for at least 18 months – but could last up to 36 months. But be aware that COBRA isn't cheap. You'll pay the full monthly premium yourself, plus a 2 percent administrative fee.

To learn more, talk to your employer benefits administrator or contact the Employee Benefits Security Administration ([Askebsa.dol.gov](https://www.askebsa.dol.gov); 866-444-3272).

If, however, the company you work for has fewer than 20 employees, you may still be able to get continued coverage through your company if your state has "mini-COBRA." Contact your state insurance department to see if this is available where you live.

**Short-Term Health Insurance:** If you can't find an affordable ACA plan and COBRA is too expensive, another possible option is short-term health insurance. These plans, which are not available in every state, are cheaper, bare-bones health plans that provide coverage for up to 3 months with a one-month extension available. But be aware that short-term plans don't comply with the ACA so they can deny sick people coverage, they don't cover preexisting conditions and they can exclude coverage essentials like prescription drugs.

To find and compare short-term health plans, try sites like [eHealthInsurance.com](https://www.eHealthInsurance.com) or [PivotHealth.com](https://www.PivotHealth.com).

**Healthcare sharing ministries:** If the previously listed options don't work for you, another temporary solution could be healthcare sharing ministries (HCSM). These are cost-sharing health plans in which members – who typically share a religious belief – make monthly payments to cover expenses of other members, including themselves.

HCSM's are cheaper than paying full out-of-pocket costs for traditional health insurance but be aware that HCSM's are not health insurance. They don't have to comply with the consumer protections of the ACA, and they can also reject or limit coverage for having pre-existing health issues and limit how much you'll be reimbursed for your medical costs. Preventive care typically isn't covered either.

To look for these plans, comparison shop at the three largest providers – Samaritan Ministries ([SamaritanMinistries.org](https://www.SamaritanMinistries.org)), MediShare ([MyChristianCare.org](https://www.MyChristianCare.org)), and Christian Healthcare Ministries ([Chministries.org](https://www.Chministries.org)).

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