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ATLANTA – Publix Super Markets, Inc. will distribute more than \$1 million from its *Food For All*® 2015 fundraiser to Atlanta division non-profit organizations and a total of \$3.73 million to non-profit organizations across its southeastern footprint.

The annual event distributes funds to support programs that fight hunger and advocate for self-sufficiency on a local and regional level.

The campaign took place Dec. 3-24, 2015. Publix customers and associates contributed to the campaign by purchasing contribution coupons in \$1, \$3, or \$5 amounts at checkout and adding to the purchase total.

The recent campaign funded 175 charities across the Southeast.

“Our stores throughout Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee are so pleased to be able to participate in this annual fundraiser to fight hunger and promote self-advocacy in our own backyards,” said **Brenda Reid**, Publix media and community relations manager – Atlanta division. “The *Food For All* campaign makes it simple for customers and associates to make a significant impact in our communities.”

**One Question
Just for God**

SHOALS– Why did Job suffer so much? Why is remarriage only for certain people? Did Noah really build his own ark? How many people named Joseph are in the Bible?

If you could ask GOD one question, what would yours be? Wood Avenue church of Christ is posing that question during the coming weeks. You may submit your question at: www.woodavenue.com

Submitted questions will receive a personal response and as many as possible will also be Biblically-answered during the church’s Wednesday evening Summer Series scheduled June 1 - August 10.

**New Loaves &
Fishes Thrift**

FLORENCE – The newest location of Loaves & Fishes opened last week at 405 North Mall Court in Florence (formerly Hancock Fabrics). Hours of operation are Monday-Saturday 9am-7pm

The new location houses 10,000 square feet of quality thrift items as well as select new items, including gift cards, gift

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**Keller on
the Ten**

TUSCUMBIA- State and local officials kicked off a campaign to select Helen Keller for the new \$10 bill during a press event Wednesday at her birthplace in Tuscumbia. The public can vote on Helen Keller for their choice as the face of the new \$10 bill

by going on the U.S. Department of the Treasury website at www.thenew10.treasury.gov and by using the hashtag #TheNew10 on Twitter. The Treasury Department announced last year that a woman will be chosen for the new bill and that it will be the first U.S. currency

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Barn Quilts Now in Northwest Alabama



by Patsy Glenn for the Courier Journal

Carpentry students from Allen Thornton Tech prepare to erect the Barn Quilt panel on the barn belonging to Dee and Don Wade in Greenhill.

Regina Painter, Killen resident and traveling nurse anesthetist, first came upon these pieces of art as she assisted with surgeries across the country. “They were in 26 states, but Alabama wasn’t one of them.”

As a quilter, Regina fell in love with these unique compositions and was determined to bring them to her home state. When she did research, she found that not only do they bring pride to rural communities, but they’re good for business. A number of states have created quilt trails (Tennessee has 700 blocks up) that encourage entrepreneurs to open antique shops, farmers markets, art galleries, and other enterprises that tie into the quilt trail.

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They make your eyes smile, these barn quilts. As you travel through the rolling countryside one appears - attached to an old barn, or store, or fence post, stirring a splash of homemade memory.



**Pet Pictures
Enter Yours Now!**

SHOALS–Stoic, cautious, comical, nervous, protective, proud. Those are but a few of the hundreds of descriptions we could use for our pets at any given time. That is what we see as judges of our Pet Picture Contest every year. If they’re awake, they are usually busy entertaining us or themselves. It just depends on what description comes to mind when you get that perfect shot.

We are celebrating National Pet Week with the 29th Annual Courier Journal-

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- What year did the Titanic strike an iceberg and sink?
 A.) 1911, B.) 1912, C.) 1913, D.) 1914
- The ship of fools is an allegory originating from whom?
 A.) Plato, B.) Homer, C.) Sir Frances Drake, D.) Walter Raleigh
- What term is used as a synonym for bathrooms on ships?
 A.) Potty, B.) Stink Hole, C.) Head, D.) Dead Zone
- The Spanish Armada was defeated by the English in 1588. Which Queen of England was in power at that time?
 A.) Queen Victoria, B.) Queen Mary, C.) Queen Elizabeth I, D.) Queen Elizabeth II

Answers: 1: D 2: B 3: A 4: C 5: C

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2016 School Reunion Alumni Meeting of Cherokee High School Tuesday, April 12 at CB&S Bank in Cherokee. for all former students, grads and non-grads, elementary and high school.

Glendale Church of Christ Wednesday Night Series 7pm each night, located at 8000 County Road 200, north of Florence.

April 13 - Wayne Kilpatrick
 April 20 - Chris Moran
 April 27 - Bill Bagents
 Please come and bring a friend. Everyone welcomed.

WE CARE After School Ministry of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church in Central Heights is still enrolling students. Contact Melissa at 245-483-2559 for more information.

Zip City Neighborhood Watch Meeting April 13, 2pm at the Zip City Fire Department.

Revival Tabernacle Church, 1509 Robertson Blvd. in Sheffield, will be having its monthly singing on April 14 at 7pm. Featured singers will be Marvin & Vernell Morrow from Collinwood, TN. For more info call 931-332-1231

The Zodiac Players of the Shoals Community Theatre will present the Pulitzer prize winning "Driving Miss Daisy" at the historic Shoals Theatre on Seminary Street in downtown Florence Thursday, April 14 - Sunday, April 17. Thursday-Saturday shows are at 7:30pm and the Sunday matinee is at 2pm. For ticket information, call 256-764-1700 or visit our website at shoalstheatre.org. The show is directed by S.K. Purvis and stars Matt Upton as Boolie, Joel "Spud" Mitchell as Hoke, and Mary Ellen Killen as Miss Daisy.

Waterloo Senior are Having a Spaghetti Supper, April 16. Supper served from 5-6pm, Karaoke from 6-8pm. Menu: spaghetti, meatballs, garlic bread, salad, desserts, coffee and tea. Adults \$6, children 12 and under, \$3. Waterloo Community Center, Waterloo. 256-764-1960.

The Barnett Brothers Band will be at West Side Village Community Center, Hwy 99 in the Owens Community, Friday, April 15, 7pm. Admission is \$5. All ages are welcome. No smoking allowed, no drugs or alcohol permitted. Bring finger foods to share at break. For more information call 256-771-0586.

The Florence Falcon Theatre Department is having a Fundraising Yard Sale Saturday April 16 at Florence High School 1201 Bradshaw Drive from 5:30am-2pm. Men's Women's & Children's Clothing, Tools, Furniture & Much More. All proceeds and donations will go towards the group's International Thespian Festival Expenses.

Taylor Vandiver of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System will be teaching the classes for this year's "Get Dirty at the Library" gardening series at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library. All classes will be on Thursdays at 11:30am.

- Growing Herbs - April 14 - Learn how to grow a variety of herbs that are sure to spice up your life.
- Fighting Invasive Plants - April 21 - Learn about those pesky plants that invade our gardens and lawns and get tips on how to fight them.

Local author Renea Simpson will have a book signing the Florence Lauderdale Public Library Saturday, April 16 from 1-3pm. She will sell and sign copies of her book, *Simpson's Best Spiritual Truths*.

Florence Parks & Recreation, Fairground Rd Rental Facility is available for birthdays, reunions, showers, etc. For rental information, please call The Club, 256-760-6420.

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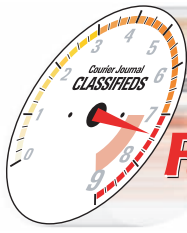
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Barns...

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Although originally brought to the colonies by German settlers, this art form gradually disappeared until Adams County, Ohio brought it back in 2001.

To get things going here, Regina contacted Bob Hood, Executive Director of Galia County Ohio Visitors Bureau. He said, "I've been to other quilt barn trails, and I have seen the impact that it can have on bringing tourists and people spending money."

Regina's next step was to get in touch with Joel Dickerson, head of the Lauderdale County Farmers Federation. Joel thought it was a fantastic idea. With his go ahead, Regina looked to Alfa and Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) for funding. They were generous with their assistance.

The project continued without a snag. She next contacted the University of North Alabama Art Department, hoping they had an artist interested in undertaking such a project. They immediately thought of Naomi Skye, a recent graduate with a B.S. in art. "The blocks are treated plywood," Naomi explains, "although some are done on metal. I drew out the design I wanted and then art students and I painted it with acrylic wall paint. It's sealed with varnish."

The blocks are usually 8' square and are painted to

look like a block of a bed quilt. Hence the name.

It was now time to find a spot to hang these works of art. Joel contacted Dee and Don Wade in Greenhill. They had restored an old barn that was visible from the road. They graciously agreed to allow their barn to be the first to wear Naomi's art. With everything in place, all that was needed was a crew to affix it to the barn.

Karson Cupp, carpentry instructor at Allen Thornton Technical School, jumped at the opportunity. He said they'd been looking for a community project and this was perfect. So on a cool morning in early April he and his students arrived at the Wade Farm to attach the beginnings of the Barn Quilt Trail in Alabama.

Joy and Dallas Balch of Antioch are proud of the art on their barn. It's an old barn built by Joy's



Joel Dickerson and Charlie Thompson at Thompson's Barn.

Photos by Patsy Glenn



Joy and Dallas Balch with Regina Painter, and Naomi Syke.

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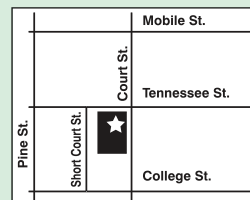
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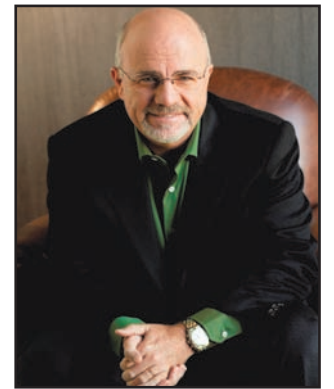
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William

plan, so I was wondering if a speeding ticket is a good reason to dip into my emergency fund.
Ariel

Dear William,
In most cases, there's a pretty wide spectrum of emotional involvement when it comes to this sort of stuff. I mean, there's a big difference between having a baseball signed by Mickey Mantle from a day that you and your dad met Mickey at the stadium, and buying a baseball a few years ago that he autographed and seeing it has gone up in value.

Dear Ariel,
Well, it depends. Certainly you have to pay the ticket. In most states you could lose your driver's license for not paying a speeding ticket. You'd have a real emergency then, wouldn't you?

With the first, I'd be tempted to tell you to keep it unless you're literally about to lose everything. In it, you have a deep, emotional connection — a personal story about you, your dad and one of the greatest baseball players of all time. It was a sentimental, once-in-a-lifetime kind of thing. In the second case, it's just a purchase you made as a hobby. That kind of thing can go without a whole lot of thought. If what you own doesn't have some kind of deep sentimental and emotional connection to family or a major life event, then it's just stuff.

I would advise looking at the situation this way: what is the amount of the ticket in relation to your income and overall financial health? If the ticket is \$100 and you make \$200,000 a year, then stop worrying and pay the ticket. But if you got slapped with a \$300 ticket and you only make \$20,000 a year, then that could be an emergency.

I hope this helps a little, William. There's nothing wrong with having some nice things. But there's a big difference between you having things and your things having you. Never let "stuff" stand between you and your family's sense of security and financial well-being!
—Dave

If you can cash flow it out of your budget, then leave the emergency fund alone. If not, then dip in for just enough to pay the fine and replace the amount as quickly as possible. I mean, you've got to get it paid, right?

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The 4th Annual Run/Walk to Emmaus 5K and 1 Mile in memory of Danny Killen takes place Saturday, April 16 in downtown Tuscumbia. The 5K will begin at 8am with the 1 Mile beginning at 9am. All proceeds will benefit Camp Sumatanga. For registration information, please email dannykillenrun@yahoo.com.

Cold Water Books in Tuscumbia is hosting a book signing Saturday, April 16 from 12-2pm for Charles Cabler and his featured book, "A First Time Manager." Come by and meet the author who is a retired banking VP. Visit his web page at charlescabler.vpweb.com.

R.E.A.L. Fundraiser Sale (Rehome Educate Adopt Love) at Shoals Flea Market Indoor Booth, Saturday, April 16, 9am-7pm and Sunday, April 17, 10am-6pm. Come, browse and shop for a cause.

St. Paul A.M.E. Church, corner of 4th and Washington St in Tuscumbia, will host "Family and Friends Day on Sunday, April 17, at 3pm. Reverend Patrick Smith of Greater Zion Baptist Church will be the special guest speaker. Greater Zion's Choir will accompany Rev. Smith.

First Class Alabama's Voluntary Pre-K Program Registration for Cherokee Elementary, Colbert Heights Elementary, Leighton Elementary, Hatton Elementary, and New Bethel Elementary is going on now. Requirements: completed enrollment forms, copy of Social Security card, copy of birth certificate, original blue card, and proof of Alabama residence. The registered child must be 4 on or before September 1, 2016.

A random selection drawing will be held. Families do not have to be present in order to receive to receive placement. Acceptance to the program is through a random selection process. Children will not be denied participation on the basis of income, sex, race, color, national origin, or disability.

More information, contact Pre-K Director, Dr. Gale Satchel, 256-386-8585 or email, gsatchel@colbert.k12.al.us.

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Thursday, April 14, 9am - 5pm, Northwest Shoals Community College, Sponsored by Student Nurses Association, 800 George Wallace Boulevard, Muscle Shoals

Friday, April 15, 12am-7pm, Walmart, 1706 Military Street South, Hamilton

Saturday, April 16, 10am - 5pm, The Shoals Flea Market, 65 Sportsplex Drive, Muscle Shoals

Sunday, April 17, 8am - 12:30pm, Sherrod Avenue Church of Christ, 1207 Sherrod Avenue, Florence

Monday, April 18, 9am - 3pm, BookSmart, 602 John Aldridge Drive, Tuscumbia

Tuesday, April 19, 10am - 6pm, Big Star, 406 4th Street SW, Red Bay

Wednesday, April 20, 9am - 4pm, Wrangler, 35615 U.S Highway 43, Hackleburg

Abundant Life Baptist Church will host **Friends and Family Day**, April 17 at 2:30pm. The guest speaker will be Rev. William Burge from Everdale Missionary Baptist Church, along with his great choir from Sheffield. The theme will be "When All God's Children Get Together, What A Time it Will Be." Dinner will be served between programs. Everyone is welcome.

AIDT, the state's top-ranked job-training agency, is offering Leadership Skills I and II at the Shoals Center for Business & Economic Development, 20 Hightower Place in Florence.

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Leadership Skills I (Two-Day Course) - June 29-30, 8am-4pm

Leadership Skills II (Two-Day Course) - August 30-31, 8am-4pm

The cost is only \$35 per person to attend any of the two-day classes. The cost includes lunch and snacks on both days.

For more information regarding the classes go to <http://www.aidt.edu/classes/> Please send an email to christi.graham@seada-shoals.com or call (256) 349-5632 to enroll.

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Quilts...

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grandfather and designed to hold hay on the upper level and house cows below. It's still doing that job today. The beautiful square was mounted by Mr. Cupp, Mr. Balch, and two Allen Thornton Tech students.

The third barn boasting quilt art here is on a barn owned by Charlie and Cynthia Thompson in Lexington. The barn was built in 1923 by Cynthia's great-grandfather. It has three rooms – a large one in the middle with a loft and two smaller ones on each side. Apparently, the smaller rooms were used for farm implements and the larger one for livestock.

Regina says this is just the beginning. "We need barns, donations, and artists," she said. "I love old barns. They bring me back to my country roots. In today's environment the farm and our rural heritage are often pushed into the background. We can change that with Quilt Trails that promote agritourism, art, architecture, culture, and history."

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Guest Opinion Editorial

Pay-Pal Prefers Cuba to North Carolina

It is probable that most of the readers of this piece use pay-Pal, including those in my own family. It's efficient, quick, and reliable.

Pay-Pal recently announced it has, "canceled its plans to open a new global operations center in Charlotte, following passage of a North Carolina law that prevents cities from creating non-discrimination policies based on gender identity."

Interesting phrasing. The measure North Carolina's State House and Senate passed overwhelmingly last week simply said that a person has to use a bathroom based on his or her biological sex. This overturned an ordinance passed in Charlotte that would allow transgendered persons to use the restrooms opposite their biological sex. Family Research Council has applauded Gov. Pat McCrory, Lt. Gov. Dan Forest, and the leadership of the North Carolina legislature for their courage in standing for common sense and public decency on this issue.

Put quite simply, the political leaders of one of America's largest states have affirmed that a biological male may not use a biological female's restroom and vice-versa. The very name of the bill, Public Facilities Privacy and Security Act, captures what the legislation is about. Women and men will not have their privacy violated or security threatened by persons of the opposite sex

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FLORENCE—The annual Über Region Fest is one of the largest Porsche-only festivals in the Southeast. The third annual event takes place from 11am-5pm on Saturday, April 16 at Trissl Sports Cars in the Florence Industrial Park at 519 Wilhite Street. Test your nerves and your mettle in this year's AutoCross, sponsored by Trissl Sports Cars. Or kick back and take it easy while you go on a self-guided tour through one of the largest private Porsche 911 collections in the country. Don't forget to vote for People's Choice in the 2016 Über Region Fest, Porsche Car Show.



Über Region Fest III will

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Big Bass Battles

By **Dennis Sherer**
Colbert County Tourism

SHEFFIELD— A bass tournament coming to Sheffield's Riverfront Park on April 16 is unlike most fishing competitions held in Shoals. Bass tournament competitors typically strive to catch five largest fish that will be weighed in at the end of the day. Instead of weighing in their catch at the end of the day, anglers competing in the Fishlife Big Bass Battle on Pickwick Lake, presented by Fishlife Fish Care Products, will return to Riverfront Park every hour to weigh their fish. Anglers will fish from 8am-3pm and have seven opportunities to weigh a fish. "A few big-fish-only tournaments have been held on Lake

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TELESCOPE NIGHT returns to the Florence Lauderdale Public Library at 8pm Friday, April 15. Do you have a telescope, but need help using it? Bring it to the library for some one-on-one instruction before looking at Jupiter and the first-quarter moon. - Sponsored by the Shoals Astronomy Club and the UNA Planetarium.

THE 4TH ANNUAL RUN/WALK TO EMMAUS 5K and 1 Mile in memory of Danny Killen takes place Saturday, April 16 in downtown Tusculmbia. The 5K will begin at 8am with the 1 Mile beginning at 9am. All proceeds will benefit Camp Sumatanga. For registration information, please email dannykillenrun@yahoo.com.

THE LAUDERDALE AND COLBERT COUNTY CHILDREN'S POLICY COUNCILS are partnering to bring you a FREE Family Fun Fair on Thursday, April 14 from 3-6pm at the Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum. There will be lots of activities and games, FREE food, book giveaways, balloon art, important safety information for parents, and MUCH, much more!! Meet some of our local heroes and first responders. See an ambulance, fire truck, police cars, and a helicopter! Bring the whole family and come have some fun! The event is in honor of child abuse prevention month.

BENEFIT YARD SALE for Central High School Band, Saturday, April 16 from 7am-12noon at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church Family Life Center, County Road 222. All proceeds go to the band's spring trip to Disney World where they will be marching in one of the parades.

Gibson's Wide Trail

TUSCUMBIA—Althea Gibson's story is one of courage, bravery, and the determination to be a champion. Despite being known for her tennis exploits, Gibson's life transcended sports as she was thrust into the early Civil



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Burial at Arlington

Editor:

There were five groups of women that became the backbone of our men in the five services of the Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marine Corp, and Navy. According to the Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation, that number stood at about 400,000. This exceeded the total men troop strength in 1939.

Quite a few served in combat positions. They earned Purple Hearts, Bronze Stars, and Legions of Merit. Some were held as prisoners of war and some died in service to their country. My point is that those in charge of who gets interred in Arlington are off of their plumb-level.

To deny the family of anyone who served or died serving their country and protecting us from communism would call for an adjustment in thinking. Those who served should be honored

with a military burial in Arlington with the twenty-one gun salute and burial flag. To see this happen will take a lot of congressional and presidential pressure. I sure hope that before President Obama leaves office this will be done.

Joe Fairer
Muscle Shoals

The Defense Secretary and his cronies are willing to completely disregard and seriously diminish the combat readiness of our military for this insanity.



A Time For Action

Dear Editor:

The terrorist attacks in Brussels remind us once again of the threat to our own nation and citizens. Radical Islamists are determined to use violence to create a worldwide caliphate in which sharia law would prevail. Our challenge is to fight these extremists effectively without assuming that all Muslims share that goal.

We must begin by refusing entry to any foreigner who cannot be subjected to a routine background check, making it more difficult for jihadists to come here. Our government must also take seriously those who speak and preach the necessity of violent jihad, recognizing that they may follow through on their beliefs or inspire those around them to violent acts.

We must step up the war to destroy

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Bass...

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Guntersville over the years. However, we wanted to start a tour to give anglers all over Alabama and from surrounding states a chance to fish for big money and big bass,"



said Jody Harrison, founder and CEO of Sportsman's Media Group which operates the tournaments.

At Fishlife Big Bass Battle events anglers compete for a \$500 cash prize awarded every hour for the largest bass weighed during that hour. The prize for the overall largest bass of the tournament is \$1,000. If the weight of the overall largest bass ends in .00, the prize is \$25,000. The entry fee for the tournament is \$50.

"We're putting the excitement back in tournament bass fishing," Harrison said. "You don't have to weigh-in a fish every hour. However, if you bring one to the weigh-in and cross over a line that we will have set up, you have to weigh that fish. Some anglers will stand just outside the commitment line as we count down that hour's weigh-in, debating if they want to weigh their fish or if they want to save it for the next hour."

Unlike many tournaments that are limited to a single angler or two-angler team per boat, the Big Bass Battle events permit as many anglers to fish from a boat as allowed by the vessel's capacity plate.

"You can have three anglers fishing from a boat, four anglers, or as many as the boat is designed to carry, or you can fish alone," Harrison said. Each angler is allowed to weigh only one fish per hour.

Susann Hamlin, president and CEO of Colbert County Tourism and Convention Bureau in Tusculmbia, said a big-fish-only format on a lake that is filled with huge largemouth and smallmouth bass promises to create plenty of excitement at the Sheffield tournament. "It's going to be the most interesting bass tournament ever on Pickwick Lake."

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A Unfortunately, you only get the warranty that you agree upon when you purchase a used vehicle unless it is still under the manufacturer's original warranty. A

car bought "as is" has no warranty.

Alabama does have a lemon law and it is found at Alabama Code §8-20A-2 but it only applies to new vehicles.

For the lemon law to apply the motor vehicle has to be out of service and in the care of the dealer for a cumulative total of 30 calendar days due to repair attempts. The dealer gets three repair attempts plus one additional attempt by the manufacturer to fix the car.

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When buying a used car, you do have the option of having a pre-purchase inspection by a reputable mechanic. You also have the opportunity to ask for a period of time in which you can return the car. You could also ask for a 30 day warranty.

I have dealt with cases years ago where people would buy commercially available for used cars. The limited experience that I can share is that, at least for the ones I saw, they were completely useless. That's not to say that there may be some commercially available warranty for used cars that may be reputable and give good service if needed.

Remember that Alabama's Lemon Law only applies to new vehicles. If your bill of sale indicates that you bought the car with the agreement and understanding that it was purchased "as is" there is no warranty.

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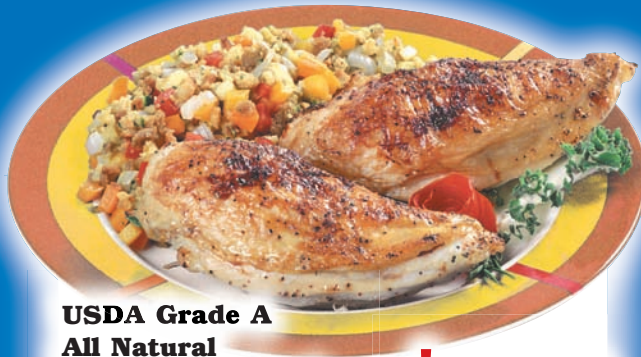
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A Time For Action

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the Islamic State. Jihadists must be shown that their dream of a modern-day caliphate was an illusion not reality, and that violence will be in vain.

This is not a time for despair, but a time for common-sense action unhampered by political correctness.

Peter J. Thomas
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Set of Skewed Priorities

Editor:

The mission of our armed forces has been changing in the past few decades. When I served in the army from 1951-1972 the mission and purpose for our existence was clear. However, now there is confusion.

The Commander-in-chief has told the military that phony global warming is more important than readiness to combat those who would attack us. Another priority is Equal Opportunity Employment. In the army that I served, the phrase "job opportunity" was never used. We had missions and assignments. The priority in that army was "the needs of the service."

The current Air Force Brigadier General commanding the 57th Wing at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, sent out an email saying the Thunderbirds should work harder to find women and minorities to helm the F-16 Flying Falcon. He wrote, "I am asking for your help in finding the right pilots for next year's Thunderbirds team. While we have several qualified candidates that many of you submitted, I am lacking the depth in talent we've seen in previous years and I am lacking in diversity of gender, ethnicity, and [aircraft] background."

Integrating women into combat roles has become a priority. The Defense Secretary and his cronies are willing to completely disregard and seriously diminish the combat readiness of our military for this insanity. As if their mission is to completely destroy military morale and effectiveness, the commander-in-chief supported by some generals and admirals have made homosexuals a special class.

Sodomy was previously a crime punishable by General Courts Martial. It has now become something that is celebrated. Those members of the armed forces who were taught in their upbringing that this is behavior condemned by God are now required to believe that it is not only acceptable, but something to be celebrated.

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The major-ity of homeowners want their properties to appear as appealing as possible. While many homeowners want to be proud of their properties and come home to a welcoming home each night, the benefits to maintaining landscaping go beyond the notion that well-cared for lawns make for more comforting retreats.

Because numerous variables, including landscaping, influence property values, it's difficult to assess just how much the property values of homes with impressive landscapes are influenced by those very landscapes. Indeed, studies have produced varying results regarding the effect of well-landscaped homes on property values. But what many studies have shown and what many realtors indicate is that impressive landscaping adds a significant amount to property values, with estimates suggesting landscaping increases home values by anywhere from 5 to 20 percent.

Such estimates are good news for homeowners, and they also highlight the stakes involved when making landscaping decisions. Homeowners with green thumbs may embrace the challenge of revitalizing their lawns and gardens, but many, especially those pressed for time, can benefit greatly from working with professional landscapers.

Why hire a professional landscaper? Main-taining a property requires more than just mowing the lawn ev-



ery couple of weeks. Even homeowners committed to making their properties as pristine as possible can run into problems when adverse weather conditions pose a threat to lawns and gardens. The following are just a handful of reasons why homeowners may find working with landscaping professionals is the best thing for their properties and their bank accounts.

• Professionals understand the local climate. Experienced professional landscapers will understand the local climate and the challenges it presents to your lawn. Experience can prove invaluable as lawns battle adverse conditions that threaten its survival. While homeowners going it alone may struggle through a trial and error period as they try to address problems threaten-

ing their lawns, experienced professionals are more likely to identify the problem immediately, providing a ready solution that can prevent potentially costly repairs down the road.

• Professionals can provide inspiration. In addition to maintaining properties, many landscaping professionals have vast experience improving properties through landscape design. Professional landscapers may have a host of ideas for your property that you would never think of. Homeowners with little to no lawn and garden experience may not realize all the things they can do with their properties, and those who go it alone may end up with unappealing landscapes that do not attract buyers' attention when the home hits the market. Professionals typically have a wealth of ideas and, perhaps more importantly, they understand which ideas will and won't work on a given property.

• Professionals can remove some of the stress of managing landscaping projects. Homeowners know that home improvement projects, whether they are addressing home interiors or exteriors, can be stressful. Professional landscapers typically have a network of professionals, including contractors, who they have worked with in the past. Such connections can ensure more complex projects that require both landscapers and construction contractors go as smoothly as possible. In addition, homeowners who receive contractor recommendations from their experienced landscapers tend to rest easier knowing the people working on their properties have already developed a rapport and established a successful track record working together.

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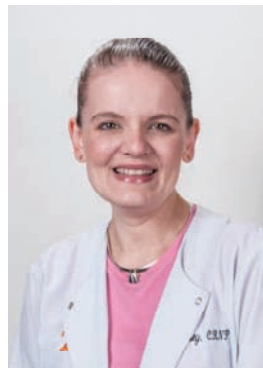
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BUG BOMB?

Not so fast. Going nuclear with antibiotics can cause bigger problems than it solves

By Kim Campbell Thornton
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What's the first thing you do when you're feeling sick or your pet has diarrhea? Is it to ask your doctor or the veterinarian to prescribe antibiotics to knock down whatever it is quickly?

That's a common request in human and veterinary medicine, but it's not necessarily the right one. From urinary tract infections to dental disease, antibiotics seem to be the easy answer, but their overuse in animals and humans is creating resistant bacteria. Instead of being killed off by the drugs, bacteria continue to multiply, becoming stronger than ever. That makes them ever more difficult to treat. And oftentimes, they're not even necessary.

"Lots of ailments that we see are caused by viruses, which antibiotics won't do anything for," says Tony Johnson, DVM, an emergency and critical-care specialist. "Lots of ailments that we see are going to go away on their own without antibiotics. We prescribe antibiotics for things that there's absolutely no need for. If a dog gets hit by a car and doesn't have a mark on it, he doesn't need antibiotics. If a dog has a cut less than the size of a dime, it'll heal on its own; he doesn't need antibiotics. Veterinarians are as guilty of this as the general public."

A review of antibiotic use in dogs, published in June 2011 in the Journal of Small Animal Practice, found that there was a confirmed infection in only 17 percent of the prescriptions. In 45 percent, infection was suspected; for instance, the patient had an

open wound or discharge from the eyes or nose. In 38 percent, there was no documented evidence of infection. In those cases, the antibiotics were often given for "preventive" reasons, such as after surgery.

A better practice is to culture the skin, blood, urine or other tissue to confirm an infection and pinpoint the type of bacteria causing it. That allows the most appropriate antibiotic to be prescribed.

"If we see a big, infected wound or if we have a dog with pneumonia, we can culture that, find out what the bug is and what antibiotic will specifically target it, as opposed to using an overly broad-spectrum antibiotic that isn't needed," Dr. Johnson says.

But cultures can be expensive. While the cost of a culture is often worth it, not everyone is willing or able to pay for it. That leaves veterinarians guessing at the best way to proceed. If they guess incorrectly, the dog or cat is in discomfort longer than necessary, and they are potentially contributing to the problem of bacterial resistance to antibiotics.

What's the answer? The World Health Organization and other institutions are calling for antibiotic stewardship: using the drugs only in cases with a definite diagnosis, ruling out viral and fungal infections, parasites and other conditions that don't respond to antimicrobial therapies.

For instance, antimicrobials aren't indicated



Antibiotic resistance is a problem in both human and veterinary medicine.

for viral upper respiratory infections such as feline herpesvirus or canine influenza unless they are accompanied by secondary bacterial infections. Most cases of feline lower urinary tract disease don't involve bacterial infection. Treatments such as a change in diet or stress relief techniques are more effective. And some wounds may simply require cleaning with a topical antiseptic solution.

"If your dog or cat or child is not in pain and it's not life-threatening, let their body deal with it, whatever it is," Dr. Johnson says. "Antibiotics are a very powerful tool, and they save lives, so you don't want to not use them when necessary, but the main thing to understand is that they are not a cure-all."

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• **Pets have made themselves at home in the White House** since the very beginning. The nation's second president, John Adams, was the first to take up residence there, and of course the family dogs accompanied him and his wife, Abigail, to their new digs. The Adams family had several mixed-breed dogs, including two named Satan and Juno, according to the Presidential Pet Museum. Of Juno, the First Lady wrote to her granddaughter: "You will be glad to learn that Juno yet lives, although like her mistress she is gray with age."

• **Since 2008, it has been a federal felony** to sponsor, exhibit, buy, sell, deliver, possess, train or transport an animal for participation in animal fighting, a crime punishable by a five-year prison term and a \$250,000 fine. But until recently, spectators at dogfights got off lightly. In 24 states, the act of attending a dogfight is only a misdemeanor, carrying penalties of a small fine and no jail time. With passage of the Animal Fighting Spectator Prohibition Act, included in the 2014 Farm Bill, it is now a federal misdemeanor to knowingly attend a fight as a spectator and a federal felony to bring a minor under the age of 16 to a dogfight or cockfight.

• **Do you think his friends call him "metal mouth"?** Wesley, a golden retriever puppy, is sporting braces after his owner, Molly Moore, noticed that he was having trouble eating and was losing weight. She brought the problem to the attention of her father, Jim Moore, an associate professor of oral surgery at Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. Moore realized Wesley's mouth didn't close properly and was causing pain. The braces will alleviate the problem in plenty of time for Molly's wedding next year. Maybe she'll have a canine ring bearer.

— Dr. Marty Becker, Kim Campbell Thornton and Mikkel Becker



Cat & Kids

by Cathy Turner

A Lifelong Moment

Writer's note: My sister, my sister-in-law, and I finished the sentence, "When I wore my wedding dress..." Here are a few of our thoughts.

When I wore my wedding dress, I was 22 years old and my head was in the clouds.

When I wore my wedding dress, my dad cried.

When I wore my wedding dress, it was white satin and lace and was made by my sister. We designed it and it was exactly as I wished. She made the bridesmaids' dresses too - pink satin and lace. My other sister paid for my headdress, which cost as much as the dress. The church ladies provided a potluck meal after the rehearsal dinner. We weren't charged for using our brand new church building. My mom paid for the flowers I picked out. The reception (at a not yet opened swanky restaurant) was a wedding present from the restaurant owner friend, whom I had waitressed for all through high school. Yes, we all shared the cost and it turned out better than I could have ever imagined. Everything was gorgeous. I felt regal and loved.

When I wore that dress, I was marrying a man whom I had known for four years. He was the first guy that I had dated that was spiritually stronger than I was.

When I wore my wedding dress my mouth hurt from grinning so much.

When I wore my wedding dress, I was 47 years old. Finally! It laced up in the back like a corset and I couldn't bend or sit but I looked good! I gave in to my sisters and wore the train and it was magical. Just goes to show that even old girls can have a fairy tale moment.

When I wore my wedding dress, I carried my white Bible trimmed in lace, topped with a white orchid.

When I wore my wedding dress, I was so excited that I didn't hear anything that the preacher said.

When I wore my wedding dress, I kissed my mom when I came down the aisle, and I kissed my new mom when I was going back up the aisle.

Before I wore my wedding dress, I took a walk around the lily pond and prayed for our marriage.

When I wore my wedding dress 30 years ago, it was a bright, crisp, sunny day in October and I felt like a princess about to marry her Prince Charming! I was in formal dress with a gorgeous white gown laced with pearls and rhinestones, which fell over a crinoline petticoat or bridal slip; do brides still wear those today? I wore gloves (half-length gloves, I believe) and a long train that had to be "bustled" to prevent damage at the reception. You see, this occasion was very special to me and I was about to unite and join with my true love for ever; divorce would not be an option. Once married I believed that the vows we swore to one another that day would be forever in the sight of God, our family and friends; until death. I cried as I entered the church, feelings of happiness, anxiety because this was my dream but was also a serious commitment. Yes, we've had ups and downs but I'm glad I married and presented my best to my mate on that day and strive to everyday. Make your day special, one that you will remember forever and be true to God, yourself and your partner whom you have become one with, I hope forever.

When I wore my wedding dress, I had no idea how deep love could grow. My wedding dress - 35 years later - yes, I would wear it again.

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\$10 Bill...

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to have tactile features allowing those with vision loss to determine the denomination by touch alone. The new bill is slated to debut in 2020.

"Helen Keller is the perfect choice for the new bill. She overcame every challenge put before her and inspired people around the world. Her birthplace here at Ivy Green in Tusculumbia shares her story to more than 40,000 tourists and school children who visit each year," said Lee Sentell, state tourism director.

The Helen Keller Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to continuing her work, is leading the call to action for her selection on the bill. "Eleanor Roosevelt called her America's goodwill ambassador to the world and *Time* magazine selected her as one of the 100 most important people of the twentieth century. Helen Keller's legacy remains beloved today," said executive director, Laura Beckwith.

The Alabama Legislature passed a resolution in 2015 supporting Helen Keller as the state's official choice for the new \$10 bill. The Resolution includes references to Keller's numerous accolades including the Presidential Medal of Freedom and her accomplishment as an author of thirteen books.

"Having the braille on the new ten just to me says Helen Keller all over it," expressed Keller's great-grand niece, Keller Johnson-Thompson. "She fought her entire working life to make this world a level playing field for people who are blind, visually impaired, or who had other handicaps."

Helen Keller was born June 27, 1880 in Tusculumbia. At only 19 months old, she contracted a severe illness that left her both deaf and blind. The challenges she overcame with the help of her mentor, Annie Sullivan, were previously thought to be insurmountable.

Keller was the first deaf blind person to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree and became a world-famous speaker and author. She is remembered as an advocate for people with disabilities, amid numerous other causes.

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using their facilities. This brings the issue back to Pay-Pal. According to its CEO Dan Schulman, "Becoming an employer in North Carolina where members of our teams will not have equal rights under the law is simply untenable."

One feels his chest inflate with righteous indignation just reading this stentorian affirmation, right?

Maybe not so much in light of Schulman's recent trip to Cuba with President Obama. As reported in *Fortune* Magazine, Schulman said, "PayPal will start allowing money transfers to and from Cuba later this year ... the opportunity for expansion is huge in Cuba where \$2 billion in cash is sent from the U.S. to Cuba annually."

Well, well. Apparently, Mr. Schulman's moral unctio knows national boundaries. Mr. Schulman should consider the following from the readily available 2015 Annual Report of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom:

Serious religious freedom violations continue in Cuba despite improvements for government-approved religious groups. The government continues to detain and harass religious leaders and laity, interfere in religious groups' internal affairs, and prevent democracy and human rights activists from participating in religious activities. Despite constitutional protections for religious freedom, the Cuban government actively limits, controls, and monitors religious practice through a restrictive system of laws and policies and government-authorized surveillance and harassment.

Additionally, regardless of religious affiliation, political repression is part of the Cuban government's stock-in-trade that continued unabated during the President's trip to the island nation last month. *USA Today* reported, "Just hours before President Obama landed Sunday in Cuba for his historic visit to the communist island, Cuban authorities arrested more than 50 dissidents who were marching to demand improved human rights." The dissidents were part of the Ladies in White group which began after the Communist government arrested, tried, and sentenced scores of male journalists and others for demanding greater freedom in the early 2000s.

According to Voice of the Martyrs (VOM): While President Obama was watching baseball (in Cuba), Pastor Mario Felix Leonart Barroso was sitting in a police station. Barroso, a Baptist pastor, blogger and friend of VOM, was thrown to the ground, handcuffed and detained

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DAYS OF OUR LIVES Nicole paid Deimos a visit with a few questions of her own. Several Salem residents suspected Deimos could be responsible for Maggie's accident and Bo's torture. Rafe told Hope that he loved her. Chad addressed his concerns to Rafe about Ben. Summer interrupted Theresa and Brady's date. Abigail suffered intense flashbacks after setting Ben on fire. Eric said goodbye to his family before going to prison. *Wait to See: Andre threatens Hope from jail.*

GENERAL HOSPITAL Carly and Sonny were surprised by Morgan's response. Paul revealed some important information to Julian. Sonny updated Michael about Sabrina. Monica hoped to convince Finn to stay on at the hospital. Laura had a surprise encounter. Anna was willing to accept her punishment. Carly and Finn came to a new understanding. Nina urged Nathan to sweep Maxie off her feet. Franco and Kiki worked through their problems with art therapy. *Wait to See: Laura learns the significance of Helena's message.*

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Nikki embar-

assed Sage and Chelsea by showing up intoxicated at the GCAC dining room. Phyllis and Victoria fought over Billy. Max continued to test Abby's patience. Nikki and Victor reflected on happier times in their marriage. Hilary tried to persuade Jack to give her a seat on the foundation board right next to Ashley. Devon confronted Hilary about her underhandedness at work, and they ended up in bed together. *Wait to See: Victor pushes Adam's buttons.*

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David Miller has been preaching for 48 years. He pastored for five years before serving as Director of Missions for Little Red River Baptist Association (Arkansas), a position he held for 25 years. An itinerant preacher, David has been in full-time evangelism (Line Upon Line Ministries) since 1995. He served on the Board of Trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, for eight years. He currently prefers the title "Country Preacher-at-Large."

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Althea...

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year after picking up her first tennis racket in 1941, Gibson was winning local tournaments. She would become the first black player at what is now the U.S. Open and at Wimbledon. Gibson became the first black champion at Wimbledon in 1957 and was the first champion to receive the trophy personally from Queen Elizabeth II. Gibson was also the first black woman to appear on the covers of *Sports Illustrated* and *Time*.

The Tennessee Valley Art Association's Ritz Cinema Society will present a documentary on Gibson, titled *Althea*, on April 15 at the Ritz Theatre at 111 W. Third Street in Sheffield. The film will start at 7pm and tickets will be \$8 and \$7 for students.

Althea first aired on American Masters/PBS on Sept. 4, 2015 and has been touring the country on the festival/specialty screening circuit to great audience and critical response. The screening at the Ritz will be a part of South Arts' Southern Circuit of Independent Film Makers. *Althea* was awarded the Grand Jury Prize for Best Documentary at the 19th American Black Film Festival on June 14.

Following the screening will be a question and answer session with sports broadcast journalist, Sam Crenshaw. Crenshaw worked for ESPN, Alive 11 in Atlanta, and SportsSouth. He won an Emmy Award in 2003 for best sports performer.

For additional material, contact the Tennessee Valley Museum of Art at 511 N. Water Street in Tusculumbia. For additional information, call 256-383-0533.

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Cuba...

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handcuffed and detained at his home (which also serves as his church) just hours before Air Force One landed in Havana. A few hours after the president left Cuba, Pastor Barroso was set free and returned to his family. Pastor Barroso is a bold pastor and outspoken advocate for religious freedom in his nation. Therefore, he is seen as a threat to the communist government of Fidel and Raul Castro. The Cuban government decided to make sure there would be no distractions during President Obama's visit, so Barroso and dozens of other dissidents were detained by police in the days leading up to the president's arrival.

It will be interesting to see if Dan Schulman will decide to revisit his decision to advance his corporation's potentially huge expansion into Cuba. I'm sure for a man of his exquisite moral sensitivity this is a painful moment.

Schwarzwalder oversees FRC's Policy Department including the Marriage and Religion Research Institute (MARRI). He spent many years on Capitol Hill as Chief of Staff for two members of Congress and as a press secretary in both the House and Senate.

Schwarzwalder has been interviewed on economic and political topics by National Public Radio, the New York Times and the Weekly Standard among others.

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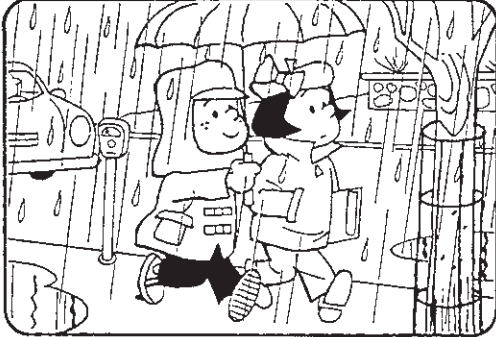
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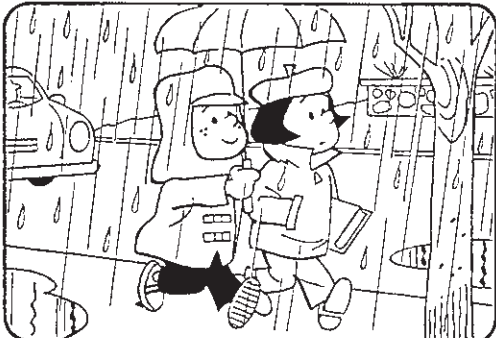
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Termites!

The word can strike fear in the heart of any homeowner (or Realtor!). Our region, the southeastern U.S., is especially prone to subterranean termites. I sat down with my buddy Jeff Henry of Guaranteed Pest Control to find out what we should all know about these pests.

First of all, termites do in fact swarm. The swarmers are the reproductive members of the colony, and they come out in spring. Their activity is usually how people find out they have a termite problem. Interestingly, the swarmers do not actually do damage. They swarm, drop their wings, burrow in the ground (if outdoors) and start new colonies. The actual damage is done by worker termites, and they are protected by soldier termites. All of these little bugs can cost you a lot of money if they decide to make themselves at home in your house. The subterranean termites that live in our area do not create sawdust. In fact, if you are in your crawlspace and see pin-sized holes in the floor joists or subfloor, those are the work of powder post beetles. Those insects are second to termites in cost of damage done by insects to homes in our state.

The good news is, state law mandates that every new home built in Alabama must be pretreated for termites. This pre-treatment is good for three to five years, or however long the carrier of the bond guarantees. From then on, the bond simply has to be renewed on time. You can also choose to add a termite bond to an existing home at any time, and the cost of a bond is usually far less than repairing damage.

The bad news is, termite damage is not covered by homeowner's insurance. If you're not covered and an active termite colony is found in your home, you not only have to repair the damage done, but also pay for treating the home and securing a bond. It is also important to remember that any time a slab is being poured within about 12 feet of your house, the form boards must be removed when the concrete is dry. If they are simply covered with dirt, that is an open invitation to termites.

It is spring in Alabama---for a few days, anyway. If you don't have termite protection, look into it. You may be surprised how inexpensive peace of mind can be. - mrr

Please feel free to send your questions.

Rest assured I will only use your first name when I answer your questions. Email to: questions@mikerandallhomes.com or mail to:

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A Sin Condemned By God in All Ages

Throughout the Bible God condemns homosexuality in the strongest of terms as a sin that brings His wrath. God has shown his disapproval before the Law of Moses, in the Law of Moses, and in the Law of Christ. Therefore, it would seem that any religious group seeking to please God would speak out against this horrible sin. It would further seem unreasonable that this sin would be practiced or accepted by anyone claiming to be a Christian.

Before the Law of Moses

In the beginning, God set up one man and one woman as His plan for marriage and honorable sexual relations. "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife..." (Genesis 2:24) Men perverted his plan for lawful sexual relations in Sodom. It got so bad that a stranger in the city was not safe from homosexual rape. Genesis 19:5 records, "And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them." As a punishment for their homosexuality and other sins, God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah with fire and brimstone raining down on the city. (Genesis 19:24)

In the Law of Moses

God commanded the Jews in the Old Law, "Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is an abomination." (Leviticus 18:22) Along with adultery, homosexuality was a sin punished by death under the Law of Moses, "If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them. (Leviticus 20:13) This specific Old Testament law of capital punishment for homosexuality has been done away and is not for us today. However, we can learn of God's attitude toward this perversion from it.

In the Law of Christ

Under the New Testament law for us today, we find the Bible condemning homosexuality. Paul wrote to the church at Corinth, "Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God." (I Corinthians 6:9-10) Men and women who practice and preach homosexuality will be lost in hell.

Christ calls the homosexual to repentance--to give up this wrong. As faith in Christ moves one to turn from this evil practice, he will be baptized for the forgiveness of this and all other previous sins. (Acts 2:38) Now as a cleansed Christian, he can live a pure life, and like all other followers of Christ look forward to heaven. This is what had happened in the lives of those who made up the church at Corinth. Paul continued his writing to the Corinthians, "And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God." (I Corinthians 6:11) May God help us to love each other enough to teach the truth about homosexuality, and lead those caught up in this evil practice to the fullness of a pure life in the grace of Jesus Christ. May we help?

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You're invited to attend this year's event on Saturday, April 16th at 6:30 p.m. at Listerhill Credit Union. Advance tickets are now on sale at the Muscle Shoals and Tusculumbia First Metro Bank locations. Former inductees will be admitted free and will be recognized at the banquet.

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The Author and interpreter of the Holy Bible is the Holy Spirit of God. It is impossible to get saved without the Holy Spirit and revelation always comes after belief and salvation. Blind lost people messing with the truth just further muddy the waters for the unsuspecting soul. **Psalms 119:130** "The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple." Paul the Apostle states clearly in **Acts 26:18** "To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by FAITH that is in me." In **1 Peter 2:9** "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light." **No salvation, no light, no revelation.** Can you imagine a man, a sinner, making changes to the Word of God, and then believing the changes he has made is the real truth of God? **Sheer insanity.** Quit fighting and correcting the Holy Spirit and ask the Lord come into your heart and save your soul. Believers don't keep trying to correct the Word of God. God's words are supposed to correct us.

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Community Notes...

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A Community Grief Support Group meets at the Highland Park Church of Christ every Wednesday at noon. Meetings are facilitated by licensed counselors and are free and open to the public. The church is located on Woodward Avenue in Muscle Shoals. For more information, call the church office at 256-381-8311.

Singing River Squares. Friday Nights 6:30-9pm. The Florence Parks & Recreation Department, Senior Center, affectionately known as "The Club", located at 450 Country Club Drive, off Savannah Highway. Caller/Instructor: Chuck Bermele. The Club is an alcohol/drug free facility. For more program information please call 256-760-6420.

Celebrate Recovery. The Sweet Home Alabama Jubilee is set for April 15-17 at the Jamison Inn in Sheffield. Fun and fellowship with folks from all walks celebrating recovery from Alcohol and Drug dependency. National speakers will be featured each night. A \$25 free covers all events for registration includes sobriety count down, prizes giveaways, and refreshments. For more info call Candice T at 256-412-2616 or 256-856-2896, or the Jamison Inn.

Shoals Crisis Center invites you to put on your walking shoes and head out to Wilson Park to show your support for victims of sexual violence on Saturday, April 16. Day-of registration begins at 8:30am and the walk begins at 9am. Runners and pets are welcome, too!

Walk for Justice 2016 is the agency's eighth annual walk. Registration is \$20 for adults, \$15 for students, and \$5 for children 6 and under. Participants receive a T-shirt and the chance to win door prizes donated by Shoals area businesses.

To insure T-shirt availability, please pre-register at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/2016-walk-for-justice-tickets-20925525811>

Awards will also be given based on number of laps walked in an hour. There will be medals for individuals in four age categories and a team trophy.

All of the funds raised by this event ensure that critical services, such as the 24-hour crisis line, medical and legal assistance, and counseling to victims, are always available. Free refreshments will be available to participants.

For more information, call the Shoals Crisis Center office at 256-765-0025, visit our website at shoalscrisiscenter.org, or visit the Eventbrite page linked above.

The University of North Alabama will hold its Annual Color Me Purple and Gold Color Run 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run beginning at Flowers Hall on the UNA campus Saturday, April 16 at 9am.

Pre-registration for the 5k run is \$25 and the mile is \$15, with pre-registration closing a noon on Wednesday, April 13. Prices increase to \$30 for the 5k & \$20 for the mile on the day of the event.

Only pre-registered participants are guaranteed t-shirts. Register online at alumni.una.edu/color-run or contact Megan Lovelace at 256-765-4615 or smlovelace@una.edu for more information. Registration on April 16 opens at 7:30am.

Benefit for Alexis Edington April 16 at Branding Iron Cowboy church, 609 Hwy 101S, just north of Wheeler Dam. Trail ride 10am. Auction at 12:30pm, Chicken stew, Chicken plates will be ready at 11:30am. Alexis is 13 years old. She suffers from an Anoxic Brain Injury. This has left her in an infant like stage that requires around-the-clock care. Contact Chris Simmons 256-436-0014 for information.

Faith Church is hosting a First Responders Appreciation Day Saturday, April 16 to honor the dedication and sacrifice of our service men and women. The event is free and will happen on the Faith Church campus on Highway 72 from 11am-1pm.

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VFW Sheffield Post 4919 Weekend dances, Friday night country western band The Backwoods Band starts at 7pm. Saturday night is more classic rock with Lisa Hacker and the Bushwackers. Door opens at 6pm, band starts at 7.

Neighborhood Watch Meeting Monday, April 18 at 7pm at Cloverdale Community Center.

Fishing Day at Deibert Park for Boomers and Seniors, Geezers and Grandkids will be April 21 from 6:30-11am. Bring your own tackle, chairs, snacks, etc. No license required for these fishing days. Catch and Release. Catch and Keep. Catch and Share.

For more information call the Florence Parks & Recreation Department/The Senior Center (The Club) at 256-760-6420 M-F, 8am-5pm. Fishing days will also take place in the fall on September 21 and October 20.

Spring Park Rides Schedule
Friday: 3pm-Dusk, Saturday: 11am-Dusk, Sunday: 1pm-Dusk
Last week of May until Second week of August

Monday thru Thursday: 11am-5pm, Friday: 11am-8pm, Saturday: 11am-8pm, Sunday: 1pm-8pm

Third week of August until last week of November

Saturday: 11am-Dusk, Sunday: 1pm-Dusk

December 1-24: Train and Carousel Only - Monday-Sunday 4-8pm

Celebrate Recovery Group meets on Tuesday nights at Rogersville United Methodist Church. Free dinner at 5:45pm, large group at 6:30pm. We are a caring group who wants to help with solutions to everyday life and the hurts, hang-ups, and habits we all face everyday. We pledge anonymity. Small groups start at 6:30pm with a group for men and a group for women. Call Rogersville Methodist Church with any questions. 256-247-0512.

Woodcarvers meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday nights of the month at Royal Ave Rec Center from 7-9pm. All carvers are welcome and instruction is available. Any questions, please call 256-760-6425

The Florence Parks & Recreation Department Senior Center, affectionately known as "The Club", located at 450 Country Club Drive off Savannah Highway, would like to invite those over 60 to join us for the Nutrition Program (lunch) Monday-Friday. Seating is limited so please sign in for lunch prior to 10am. Lunch is served at 11am. Suggested donation \$1. Morning and afternoon activities are available. The Club is an alcohol/drug free facility. For more program information please call 256-760-6420.

The Florence Parks & Recreation Department Senior Center, affectionately known as "The Club", located at 450 Country Club Drive off Savannah Highway, offers chair exercise classes in the morning and afternoon games of Rook, Rummy, Rummycubes, Dominoes, Chickenfoot Dominoes, Mexican Train, Horseshoes, Shuffleboard, and lunch at 11am. Square Dance lessons on Monday nights and Social Dancing for 21+ crowd on Tuesday nights at 6:30pm, featuring The Browns. The Club is an alcohol/drug free facility. For more program information, please call 256-760-6420.

Monthly Covered Dish Luncheon and Program at the Zip City Community Center, 10511 Hwy 17, Florence, on Thursday, April 21 at 11:30am. Please bring a covered dish. Everyone is welcome.

Sons of Confederate Veterans, E. A. O'Neal Camp No. 478 Meeting at 6:30pm April 21 (the 3rd Thursday of the month) at Pope's Tavern & Museum, 203 Hermitage Drive, Florence. 256-764-4945

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