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FLORENCE-Get ready for a night of heartwarming poetry at our Florence Art and Museums' Open Mic Night, at 6pm Tuesday, July 29 at the Southall House, 209 E. Tuscaloosa St. in Florence. Poets are invited to share their original works for this event that explore the theme of democracy.

The evening will also feature readings by **Jake Berry** and will be followed by an open mic for audience participation. The goal is

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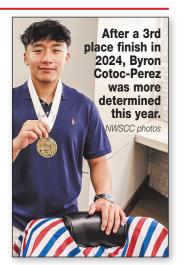
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MUSCLE SHOALS Northwest Shoals Community College students proved they are among the nation's elite at the recent National SkillsUSA Championships in Atlanta. Byron Cotoc-Perez, of Florence, won the

gold medal in Barbering and Olivia Hill, of Savannah, TN., placed fourth in Cosmetology. Each won the Alabama State SkillsUSA

Hill

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Compassus **Florence**

AWARDED HOSPICE PROGRAM OF THE YEAR

FLORENCE - The Compassus hospice program serving Florence, Alabama, has been recognized as the organization's Hospice Program of the Year. This honor means the Florence program

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to promote poetry and create a welcoming space where both published and unpublished poets can share their work while bringing together our diverse communities.

This event is free and is sponsored by the City of Florence Department of Arts and Museums. The Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts is located at 217 E Tuscaloosa Street in Florence. Call 256-760-6379 for more information.

2 Vietnam Vet Ceremonies

WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman Robert Aderholt recently announced that he will host two Vietnam Veteran Pinning Ceremonies this August to honor and thank Vietnam veterans living in Alabama's Fourth Congressional District for their service and sacrifice.

The ceremonies will take place in Tuscumbia on August 22 and in

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"These men and women served our nation with courage during a difficult chapter in our history, and many never received the recognition they so rightfully deserved when they returned home," said Congressman Aderholt. "These ceremonies are a small but heartfelt way to say, 'thank you' on behalf of a grateful nation."

EVENT DETAILS:

Tuscumbia Ceremony Friday, August 22 10:30am Alabama Music Hall of Fame

617 U.S. Hwy 72 W, Tuscumbia

Cleveland Ceremony Friday, August 29 10:30am Blount County **Agri-Business Center** 6700 Co Hwy 1, Cleveland

Each Vietnam veteran in attendance who resides in the Fourth Congressional District will receive a commemorative lapel pin from Congressman Aderholt as a symbol of the nation's gratitude.

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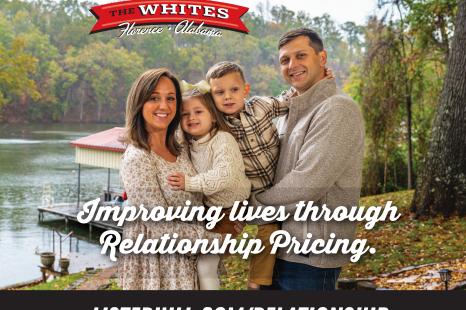
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Compassus' Excellence Awards are rooted in the principles that guide the company's mission and services. The Program of the Year recognition is the pinnacle of achievement among Compassus hospice programs. "Excellence

is built into the foundation of our organization, and it's even one of our five core values," said Compassus COO, and President, East, Andy Pate. "Receiving the Program of the Year award distinguishes the Florence program as a shining example of dedication. These diligent members have exceeded our rigorous standards for outstanding home-based care.

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Tuscumbia Candidate Conversations sponsored by the City of Tuscumbia -July 22, 5:30-7:00pm at UNA on Sixth 114 W 6th Street, Tuscumbia

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donations, 100% of which will go directly to Special Olympics Alabama.

Blues at the Ritz- Mark "Muleman" Massey, July 24 at Ritz Theatre in Sheffield. Born in Clarksdale, Mississippi, Muleman learned his craft as an inmate at Parchman Farm while performing in the prison band. He's lived the blues, paid his dues, and now his time has come. His latest album, Been a Long, Long Time, was produced and recorded by Billy Lawson at Wishbone Studio. It has earned him five Number 1 singles and a Number 1 album on the Roots Soul and Blues Charts. Sponsored by Colbert Tourism. Concessions available. Limited seating in the Ritz Studio. Tickets (\$15): tennesseevalleyarts.org or 256-383-0533

Shoals Walk Across America Walk Across Alabama 2025. The Shoals Community Clinic - offers an annual challenge called Shoals Walk Across Alabama. This year, the program is partnering with Tru Freedom Riders, The Alabama Extension Systems, and the YMCA of the Shoals to offer participants opportunities for walking, education, and prizes. Everyone is welcome to attend. The event is free.

If you didn't make it to the opening event on July 19, but want to participate in the walking challenge, you can register at any of the weekly group walks. The objective of the walking challenge is to help people set reachable, activity goals and to establish a more active lifestyle. The group will meet once a week for a 1-mile walk at various locations around the Shoals.

Weekly Walks (Thursdays at 4:30 p.m.) SCHEDULE:

• July 24 - Diebert Park
• August 7- Martin Park
• August 14 - Sheffield Riverfront Park

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- August 21 McFarland Park
- August 28 Wilson Park
- September 4 "Breaking Gym Barriers" Florence YMCA • September 11 - McFarland Park
- September 18 Spring Park Tuscumbia

 - September 25 UNA Fountain
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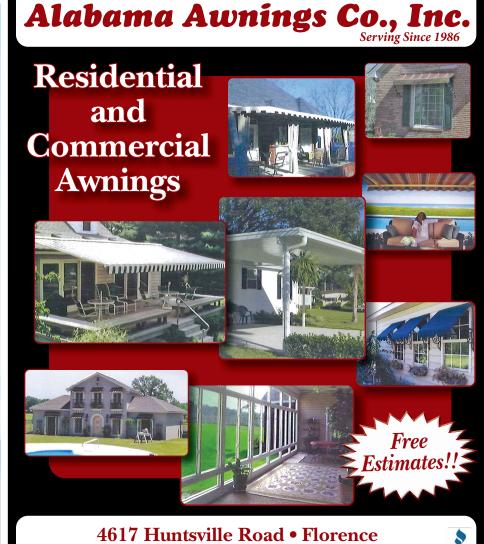
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competition in Mobile earlier this year to advance to Nationals.

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Competitors Cosmetology demonstrate their skills in hair color, haircutting, hair styling, and long hair design in separate assessments.
"We are incredibly proud

of our students for their outstanding performance at the National SkillsUSA Championships," said Executive NWSCC Director of Career and Technical Education MeLinda Grissom. "Our students are not new to the national stage. They are among the top in their respective fields each year. Our Salon and Spa students have some great instructors that do a great job refining their students' skills to be successful in SkillsUSA but more importantly, in careers.

In just the second year of the Barbering program at NWSCC, Perez is at NWSCC, national champion. According to Perez, he had a good idea of what to expect after placing third in the National SkillsUSA Championships in 2024.

"Last year, I was pretty nervous competing against the best in the nation," said Perez. "This year, I was a lot more confident and focused on what I needed to do. Knowing what to expect, really helped me relax and showcase my skills."

Three other NWSCC students placed in the Top 3 at the Alabama SkillsUSA competition including:

• Jose Perez of Haleyville, who placed 3rd in Technical Drafting

• Lela Hall of Lexington, 3rd place in Cosmetology

• Davis Watkins of Florence, 3rd place in Nail Care.

Barbering and Cosmetology services are available to the community on Thursdays this summer as part of the live work portion of the program. For more information on the Salon and Spa and Barbering at NWSCC, call 256-331-5304 or 256-331-5265.

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Swinging River Jazz Band — July

26 at 6:30pm at Wilson Park in Florence.

Carpenter Portrait Martha Workshop July 24-26 at the Tennessee Valley Art Center. During the 3-day workshop, Martha Carpenter will demonstrate canvas preparation, materials usage, color mixture, and a basic layout of the bust portrait using a live model. For a complete description of the workshop and supply list, please visit our website. Info: tennesseevalleyarts.org or 256-383-0533.

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Music at the Mansion returns this year as part of the W.C. Handy Festival on Saturday, July 26 from 2-4pm featuring Handy Fest legends, the Jazz

This event is held at historic Belle Mont Mansion, located at 1569 Cook Lane in Tuscumbia. It is a free event and open to the public. Donations will be accepted and will go towards the preservation and upkeep of historic Belle Mont Mansion. The event is sponsored by the Colbert County Historical Landmarks Foundation. Please contact Belle Mont at 256-381-5052 or email them at

bellemontmansion@gmail.com for more information.

Sunday, July 27: Tennessee Valley Historical Society Quarterly Program, 2pm, at the Helen Keller Public Library Annex, 511 N Main St., Tuscumbia, AL, where Dr. Carrie Barske-Crawford, of white Dr. Carlie basise-orawion, the University of North Alabama's History Dept. will present a program discussing UNA's Public History Program, which TVHS is proud to sponsor through two history applicables and the Program of the University of the Program of the University of North Alabama's History Open University history scholarships each year. The program is free to the public and new members are welcome.

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The Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts in Florence will present a fiber exhibition, "Holding on to Past & Present Memories" by Mississippi artist Lukuise Swanigan from Now – August 21. The Aberdeen, MS native is a self -taught artist inspired by nature and childhood memories.

Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts tours are free and open to the public. The KD Art Center is located at 217 E. Tuscaloosa St. in Florence and can be reached by calling 256-760-6379.

LifeSouth Bloodmobile Dates: Wednesday, July 23 Lexington Public Library, 11075 Highway 101, 10am - 4pm

Wednesday, July 23 Russellville Hospital, 15155 Hwy 43, 10 am - 4pm Monday, July 28 Walmart - Avalon Avenue - Muscle Shoals, 10am - 4pm

Tuesday, July 29 Florence Electricity Department, 601 Reeder Street, 9am

Ronnie McDowell is coming BACK to Russellville - Don't miss an exciting show at the The Historic Roxy Theatre with opening act, Joseph Baldwin! Saturday, August 2, 7:00 PM TICKETS: \$35-\$20 | Reserved Seats,

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Clients, Redactions, and Promiscuity

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Words

TOM MAGAZZU

Editor

mostly underage
"companionship" does not exist.
Any documented evidence is supposedly just pages and pages of witness testimony, the names of which have been redacted by the courts.

"Jeffrey Epstein never created a client list or black book of anyone who engaged in improper activity. That's a fabrication," he said.

Dershowitz said he knows the redacted names, but he is bound legally not to divulge them. Some very recognizable,

but that none of those are still in office and some are still alive. In addition, he emphasized that is not the administration or the Attorney General's office that is withholding the key information, it is the judges.

"I was his lawyer and I did all the investigations, I'know who all these people are

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Stepping with New Eyes

Launch Helps Navigate Life's Defining Seasons as Women

and Young Adults



FLORENCE-Doreen Ntim Boateng, a rising author, criminologist, and nursing advocate, is set to launch and book signing of two powerful books — Through New Eyes and Stepping into Womanhood — at 2pm Saturday, July 26 at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library.

Rooted in themes of growth, healing, and identity, both books reflect Doreen's commitment to social change, faith, and empowerment. Drawing from her background in criminal justice and healthcare, she weaves powerful storytelling with practical insights for women, professionals, and young adults navigating life's defining seasons.

Through New Eyes explores

transformation and rediscovering vision after setbacks. Stepping into Womanhood is a heartfelt guide for embracing womanhood with purpose, dignity, and faith.

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Boateng

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Think, Then Volunteer

Editor,

Listening to the song, "Hey Mister I Need This Job," by Shenandoah reminded me of time when I once worked at a facility owned by extremely rich people. Sadly, the uncompassionate manager, wouldn't give me many hours.

Scheduled to work on New Year's Day, I busted my chops to get to work. When I got there, the manager said,

and cared for hurting people . . .

"I'm sorry I don't need you today, I have a volunteer working."

"But I have a mortgage," I said as I turned to go back home.

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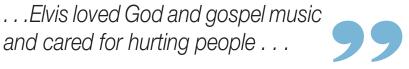
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Is it Heaven or Hell?

Editor,

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Commentary

Clients...

(in court transcripts). Some of them were previously in office. Some of them are dead. But there is no client list," Dershowitz added.

Regardless, the Bondi-Trump circus with this fact or no fact sets the administration back three months. The whole divisive topic has driven a media frenzy and has divided pro-Trump camps in the confusion. And Trump running his mouth against the people who care about this case is more of his ego overriding his a\$\$.

In addition, we all know that despite what backstabbers some allege, if Trump were on any Epstein 'client lists', democrats would certainly released that have information before his 2016 run against Hillary Clinton or the '20 and '24 runs against Biden.

And except for scant few news sources, the initial phases of Epstein's network of criminality and cringe would have gone largely unreported.

It's really no surprise that yet another child sexual abuse scandal is going largely unaddressed. Society has taken a promiscuous leap to the left in recent years and America's youngest are the targets.

In the last five years alone, there are an estimated 350,000 children who have come up missing from U.S. soil and are unaccounted for. They are roundly believed to be involved in sexual or child labor slavery.

Lawyers just got Sean "P. Diddy" Combs off criminal charges of child trafficking. We were not at the trial, but there was some intense evidence against him.

weaponized to (think or targeting (think SPLC Hate Map) of conservative ideals infringes rights of free speech and assembly.

A Democratic majority on the Assembly Public Safety Committee in California decided not to advance proposed legislation last week that would make child trafficking a serious felony in the state. The proposed legislation which earlier passed with unanimous bipartisan support in the state Senate, could mean the bill won't pass into law this year. Were it to be classified as a serious felony, it would make that offense subject to the state's "three strikes rule."

Coordinated and disruptive judicial activism, admittedly outside of specified jurisdictions, delays and skews the legal process and often requires Supreme Court intervention.

A rogue and often 'accepting' and over-burdened criminal justice system has been seen as valuing and protecting criminals over laws and victims. Therefore, sexual injustices and violence against women and children are often underprosecuted.

National teacher unions continue to advocate more for their political and social positions than improving the quality of public education. The fact that only about one-third of American 4th-graders performed at or above the National Assessment of Educational Progress proficiency reading levels in 2022 gives those advocating for NEA elimination some solid footing. Still lower average reading scores in 2024 that reflected score declines at all but 90th percentile bring even more validity to the questions.

People are being fired for misgendering or using improper pronouns for co-workers regardless of what sex they are scientifically and how delusional they are. It is literally mind over matter. It has happened as far south as Baton Rouge at a public library.

Scare tactics of uncontrolled deaths and societal demise because of excessive Co2 in the atmosphere, a certain person in office, or certain bills that may pass are little more than media run sound byte theater... a desperate people trying to save taxpayer-funded jobs.

The real concern should be the disappearing moral foundations of our republic and the common sense it will take for the coming generations to prosper in freedom.

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by DAVE RAMSEY

BE THE TORTOISE

Dear Dave,

I just started listening to your radio show a few months ago, and I love your advice. I do have a question about the order of two of the Baby Steps, though. The list puts saving for retirement ahead of putting money aside for college if you have kids. Why do you suggest

Jon

Dear Jon,

Setting aside a college fund for your kids is a really nice thing to do, if you can actually afford that kind of thing. But kids can also further their education by getting good grades, applying for scholarships, choosing a school they can afford and working their tails off while attending classes. Trust me, I believe in education. The point is there are lots of ways to get a college degree-or complete career training at a technical or trade schoolwithout your parents saving up and footing the bill.

Taking steps to begin ving for retirement saving comes before setting aside a college fund for kids, because everyone is going to retire someday. Unless, of course, they happen to die before reaching retirement age. So, in my mind funding retirement is basically a necessity. College, on the other hand, is a luxury. In fact, it's often not the best route for someone to take when pursuing a career. Tons of folks succeed in life without going to a four-year school, and on top of that, thousands have worked

thousands have worked their way through college. That's why it follows saving for retirement in the Baby Steps. Should you try to save up for your kid's education? Sure, if you can. If you have the financial resources to do it, without putting your entire family's

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future in jeopardy. But there are many parents out there who, for one reason or another, can't pay a dime toward someone's education. And that doesn't make them bad parents.

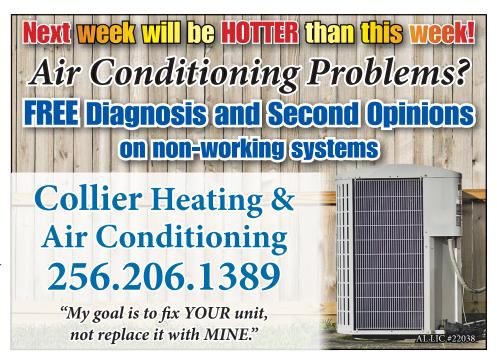
The last time I checked, there aren't any good ways to retire that don't require getting your finances ready for retirement well ahead

of time. And that requires putting aside as much money as possible to live on during your Golden Years. I mean, you can always live off Social Insecurity alone, but I don't consider that to be a good plan—or a smart

Good question, Jon! — Dave

Dave Ramsey is an eightbestselling time national author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

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Journal Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

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5. Calm, quiet	D	Governing body	N
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STRANGE but TIR

By Lucie Winborne

- The Japanese juice maker Kagome invented a device called the "Tomachan," a robot that would allow marathon runners to eat tomatoes during a race. Sadly, it was created solely for promotional purposes and isn't available for purchase.
- **Ancient Egyptians** sometimes added onions to a mummy to act as false eyes.
- In the video game Halo 3, every bullet shot by the Chief has his name on it. This detail isn't visible during regular play, as the bullets go by too quickly, but was discovered when

someone noticed it in replay mode.

- The unibrow was considered to be a symbol of purity and intelligence in ancient Greece. Women who didn't naturally boast this feature used dyed goat hair to close the gap.
- A male giraffe will determine a female's fertility by tasting her urine. If the pee passes muster, the courtship continues.
- At one time, Monaco had more people in its orchestra than in its army, with 85 musicians but only 82 soldiers.
- One in 18 people have a third nipple.
- All the world's bacteria stacked on

top of each other would stretch for 10 billion light-vears.

- Some female sharks store sperm after mating, potentially holding on to it for years before they're finally ready to reproduce.
- Robert Smalls escaped slavery by stealing a Confederate ship, for which heist he was paid enough to buy his former enslaver's house, and later served in the House of Representatives for South Carolina.
- · African buffalo herds use a form of voting to make their travel decisions.
- The term "dumpster" comes from the name of the company that designed the first large, portable trash bin.

Thought for the Day: "If you can't get rid of the skeleton in your closet, you'd best teach it to dance." -- George Bernard Shaw

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• On July 21, 365, a powerful earthquake off the coast of Greece caused a tsunami that devastated the city of Alexandria, Egypt. While no measuring tools for it existed at the time, modern scientists estimate that it consisted of two successive tremors, the largest of which is thought to have had a magnitude of 8.0. • On July 22, 2003,

Qusay and Uday Hussein, sons of Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein, were killed in Mosul, northern Iraq, after a three-hour firefight with U.S. forces. Both men were believed by many to be even more ruthless than their father, and news of their deaths was met with widespread celebration

• On July 23, 2021, the Cleveland Indians baseball team announced its name change to the Cleveland Guardians, as a gesture of respect to Native Americans. The team had retired its "Chief Wahoo" logo three years earlier, banning it from future National Baseball Hall of Fame

and Museum plaques and merchandise sold outside of Ohio.

• On July 24, 1901, William Sydney Porter, better known to literature fans as O. Henry, was released from prison after serving a three-year jail term for embezzling from an Austin, Texas bank. He had previously hidden from authorities in Honduras but returned to America when his wife was diagnosed with a terminal illness, and supported his young daughter from prison by writing stories.

• On July 25, 1953, New York City issued its first

subway tokens, which were used for 50 years before being replaced by the MetroCard.

- On July 26, 1972, singer Johnny Cash met with President Richard Nixon to lobby for prison reform. Cash was never an inmate himself, though he did spend a few nights in jail for minor offenses, but often performed at prisons.
- On July 27, 1794, Maximilien Robespierre was overthrown and arrested. As the leading member of the Committee of Public Safety from 1793, he had encouraged the execution, primarily by guillotine, of more than 17,000 enemies of the French Revolution. The day after his arrest, Robespierre and 21 of his followers met their own fate at the guillotine in front of a cheering mob at the Place de la Revolution in Paris.

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Medicare Minute

"4 Parts of Medicare"

Did you know there were four parts to Medicare not two? Did you know that two of the parts you can get through the federal government but the other two parts, if you choose to take them, must be purchased through private insurance companies? Finally, did you know most people have an option as to whether to sign up for three of the four parts of Medicare? To some these are very simple questions but to others they can be very confusing.

The four parts of Medicare are labeled Part A, Part B, Part C and Part D. Over the next few weeks we will discuss each of the four parts in detail but for today let's simplify things by saying that Part A is your inpatient or hospital care, Part B covers your outpatient services, Part C is called Medicare Advantage and Part D is your prescription drug plan.

The two parts of Medicare that you receive through the federal government are Parts A & B. The two parts that can purchased through private insurance companies are Parts C & D. So which parts are optional for most people? That would be Parts B, C and D.

It's very important for the Medicare beneficiary to be familiar with each of the four parts of Medicare and what they cover. Here are some ways you can do that. First you can go to Medicare.gov. This is an excellent website that will tell you everything you want to know about Medicare. You can also refer to the "Medicare and You" handbook. Another way to learn about the basics of Medicare is to attend one of the Medicare Education Classes our company conducts. They are free of charge and open to the public. Just contact our office for times and dates. Of course you can also check out the "Medicare Minute" each week in the Courier Journal!!

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Letters...

Is It Heaven or Hell?

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The pastor thought long and hard. On the day of the funeral, he stood to say, "John was a bad man, a bully and a thief, but compared to his brother, he was a saint!"

Delivering funeral orations is among the most demanding pastoral tasks. I've conducted some 400 funerals, and each one has a backstory.

A common question from the grieving is whether their loved one is in heaven or hell.

Distraught people at these times seek comfort, so I always try to offer it. Of course, we commit to the truth of scripture. David wrote, "The Lord redeems the soul of His servants, and none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned," (Psalm 34:22). But sometimes we don't know the backstory and we mustn't revert to speculation beyond what we know.

It was shortly after the death of Elvis Presley that an Oklahoma evangelist spoke to a denominational conference in our state. In a tirade he said he'd heard people insist Elvis was in heaven. Televangelist Rex Humbard conducted Memphis funeral,

so perhaps he said this. But our guest speaker thundered, "Balderdash! He's burning in hell right now!

This was cruel and unkind. The reaction was immediate and swift, and I think this man's ministry never regained traction.

We evangelicals believe in redemption and talk about a crucified thief who repented after a sinful life and, while dying, was promised paradise. It's pointless to believe we know what happens in the hearts of those who face the death angel in final moments.

We don't know about Elvis.

aforementioned Rex Humbard later told of being invited to talk and pray with Elvis. He said Presley had a fascination with the return of Christ and told the preacher he believed it would be soon. Maybe he also had a premonition of his own death.

Elvis loved God and gospel music and cared for hurting people. He also had a prescription drug dependency that we seem to better understand today. I'm not a psychologist so I cannot explain these things. But as a theologian, I don't think our job is to speculate beyond what we know.

Jesus taught that there will be surprises on the Day of Judgment when some are assigned to the joy of the Lord and others to eternal punishment (Matthew 25). If there are surprises then, it makes sense that there are mysteries now.

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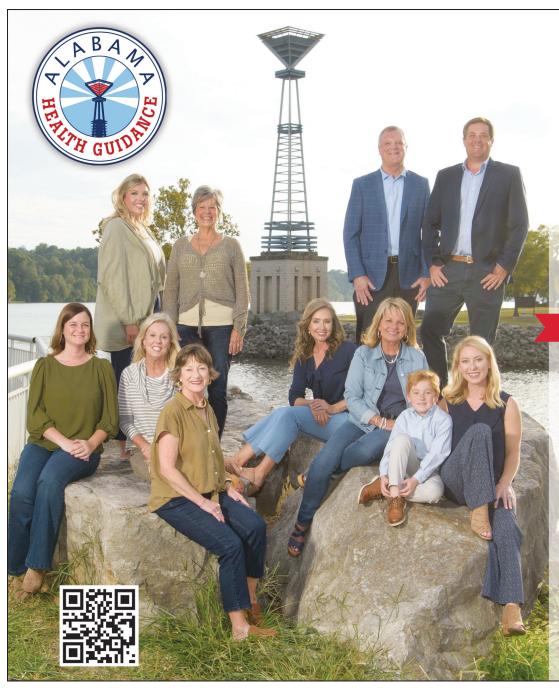
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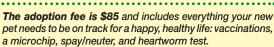
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Microsoft Word Basics - Thursday, August 7, 1-2:30pm. Users will become familiar with creating documents, specifically formatting text and pictures. at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library.

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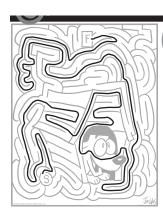
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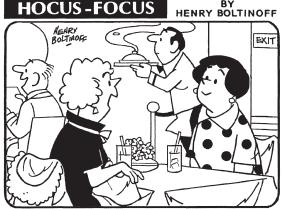
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