

## Wilson SVP at River Bank

FLORENCE— River Bank & Trust's Shoals Market President, **Jeffrey Jones**, recently announced that **Todd Wilson** has joined the team in Florence as Senior Vice President & Relationship Manager. Wilson will assist consumer and business clients throughout the Shoals to help them reach their financial goals.



Wilson

"Todd understands this community and the people who live and work here," said Jones. "He listens well, cares about his clients, and brings the kind of experience that makes banking feel personal."

Wilson earned a Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems from UNA and has been in banking since 2006. He serves on the boards of The Dream Center and Shoals CASA, and directs Lifted Spirits Garage, a nonprofit that offers free and reduced-cost vehicle repairs to people in need.

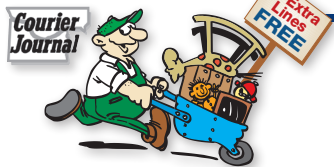
He is also the pastor at Central Baptist Church in Florence and helps lead homeless outreach efforts.

The Lexington, Alabama native now lives in Muscle Shoals with his wife and their four children.

"My goal is to be a trusted resource – someone clients can call for honest guidance that makes their life easier," said Wilson. "I'm excited to support families and businesses as they grow here in the Shoals."

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## Two Promoted at Bank Independent



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SHEFFIELD – Bank Independent recently announced the promotions of Selena Suggs and Teresa Turner, recognizing their leadership, expertise, and contributions to advancing the bank's strategy and enhancing the customer experience.

"As a community bank, we are deeply committed to understanding the real needs of our customers, continually challenging ourselves to serve them better, and delivering exceptional experiences at every touchpoint," said Bank Independent CEO Macke Mauldin. "These promotions reflect our investment in leaders who embody those values and help set new standards of



Turner

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## The App is Athletics

MUSCLE SHOALS – Northwest Shoals Community College Athletics last week announced the launch of the new Northwest Shoals Patriots Mobile App that features real-time notifications, team schedules, team rosters, social media content, links to podcasts, live streams, and more.

The new NWS Patriots app, as named in the Apple

App Store and Google Play Store, is free and compatible with both iOS and Android devices.

"As we are getting ready for the spring athletics season, we thought this was the perfect time to launch our new app and make it even easier to follow and keep up with our Patriots sports teams," said NWSCC Executive Director of Athletics Taylor Franks. This is just the start. We plan

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## UNA Study on Yerba Mate Health Benefits

FLORENCE—The University of North Alabama is currently recruiting adults aged 60 and older from the Shoals area to participate in a research study examining how yerba mate plant supplementation may support metabolic, cognitive,

and functional health in older adults.

The study, conducted through UNA's Kinesiology program, aims to better understand potential benefits related to energy, metabolism, and overall wellness.

Participants will receive several no-cost health assessments, including body composition analysis (body fat percentage, bone mineral density, and lean

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Yerba mate research study participants at UNA will receive several health assessments at no cost.

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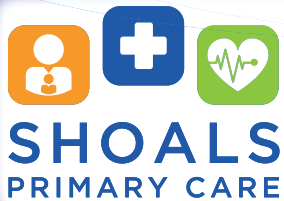


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### UNA Softball 2026 Schedule

FLORENCE – The University of North Alabama softball program announced its 2026 schedule on Tuesday, as the Lions are scheduled to begin the season February 6 at the Trojan Classic at Troy University.

UNA will play 50 games on this year's schedule, including 18 home games. The first home series will take place Feb. 28 through March 1 against Evansville.

The premium event of the season is set for 5pm on Tuesday, March 10 as the Lions host Ole Miss from the SEC. This game, and all other home games, will be played at **Hilda B. Anderson Softball Stadium**.

The Lions will play in three non-conference invitationals this February — all in Alabama. Those will be hosted by Troy, Samford and South Alabama. Some notable midweek trips for UNA include Memphis on March 11, Alabama on March 25 and the return trip to Ole Miss April 14.



**UNA Softball's Ashley Cozart**

Softball tickets will go on sale in the coming days. For more information, call 256-765-5466 (LION) or email [athleticstickets@una.edu](mailto:athleticstickets@una.edu).

"I think I say this every year, but it could be our hardest schedule yet," said UNA head coach Ashley Cozart, who enters her 13th season at the helm. "Our non-conference matchups I am most excited about are MTSU, Troy, South Alabama, Samford, Belmont and Memphis, as well as three SEC games against Ole Miss and Alabama. I am looking forward to seeing what this team can do against a tough schedule."

UNA returns 15 players from last season, including four pitchers, two catchers, two infielders and seven outfielders with some that serve as utility players.

Thirteen newcomers join the fold in 2026, including three Division I transfers.

5. State offices include Alabama Senate District 6, House of Representatives (Districts 3, 7, and 18), and a State Board of Education member.

U.S. House of Representatives District 4 and several statewide offices are also in play.

For more information about candidate qualifying, interested parties should contact either Colbert County Democratic Committee Chair **William "Billy" Underwood** at 256-810-1791 or Secretary **Lisa Kirsch** by email at [ColbertDems26@gmail.com](mailto:ColbertDems26@gmail.com).

### Dean's List at Samford

BIRMINGHAM-- Samford University recognized 2,575 students named to the Dean's List for the fall 2025 semester.

To qualify for the dean's list, a student must have earned a minimum 3.5 grade point average out of a possible 4.0 while attempting at least 12 credit hours of coursework. The Dean's List is the highest academic recognition given by the school at the end of each semester.

Area students include **Grant King**, **Dylan Hudson**, **Nolen Wolfe**, **Rebecca Garner-Chaney**, and **Harrison Taylor** all of Athens; **Ana Wright** and **Cannon Pigg** of Florence; **Ella Anderson** and **Jack Anderson** of Muscle Shoals; and **Passion Kellam** of Tusculumbia.

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## Year's First NAMC Baby

FLORENCE- North Alabama Medical Center rang in 2026 with the year's first bundle of joy. Weighing 7 pounds and 8 ounces and measuring 21 inches, **Camryn Raylyn Lovelace** was born to Florence residents **Evan and Kennedy Lovelace** on January 1 at 9:28am.

"It's been a good experience," said **Kennedy Lovelace**. "There were no complications with the delivery. I only labored for about 22 minutes."

Baby **Camryn** was delivered by Dr. **Mary Robbins**. She joins older twin siblings **Baylor and Auburn**, who were born on November 3, 2024. All five family members have birthdays within just over two months of each other with **Kennedy** turning 21 on December 13 and **Evan** turning 22 on January 7.

The Center for Women and Children's Health at NAMC features nine all-private delivery suites.

## UW Accepts Intent Letter

SHOALS- United Way of Northwest Alabama is now accepting Letters of Intent (LOIs) from health and human service agencies for the 2026-2027 funding cycle.

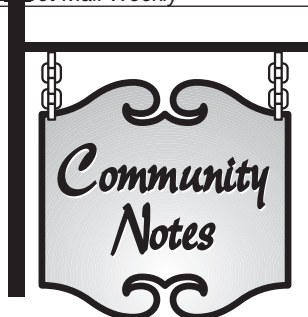
All nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) status that operate within United Way of Northwest Alabama's four-county service area—Colbert, Franklin, Lauderdale, and Marion counties—are eligible.

Agencies interested in applying for funding should complete the Letter of Intent using the link below. Funding is open to, and encouraged for, all nonprofits serving the four-county area, regardless of whether they have previously received United Way funding.

Organizations invited to submit a full application will be required to attend a mandatory training meeting on a date to be announced.

Letters of Intent are due on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, and may be submitted online at <https://bit.ly/UWNWALLOI26>.

For questions, please contact **Laura Fahrner** at [laura@uwshoals.org](mailto:laura@uwshoals.org).



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**Essay Reading — "Grit and Grace From Alaska to Alabama,"** an essay reading by Shannon Milliman, will be at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24 at Southall House at the Kennedy-Douglas Art Center, 209 E Tuscaloosa St., Florence. This program is free and is sponsored by Florence Arts & Museums.

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## Promotions

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excellence across our organization."

Suggs has been promoted to Senior Vice President – Customer Experience. She joined Bank Independent in November 2000 as a part-time teller at the Pine Street office, launching a 25-year career marked by steady growth and expanding leadership responsibility.

Throughout her tenure, the UNA graduate has developed broad expertise across the bank's products and services, gaining both operational and project-based experience.

"Selena has a unique ability to see the full picture – from our internal processes to the customer's perspective – and turn that insight into meaningful improvements," said Penny Camp, Chief Administrative Officer.

Turner has been promoted to Senior Vice President – Financial Advisor Program Manager.

Turner joined Bank Independent in January 2020 as a Financial Advisor and Program Manager, playing a key role in launching Independent Investments Group (IIG) through the bank's partnership with Ameriprise. Since that time, she has been instrumental in the growth and success of the program and is a trusted advisor to clients across the region.

Turner began her financial services career in 1985 as an accountant with a local bank and became a licensed financial advisor in 1996. With more than 30 years of industry experience, she has consistently ranked in the top 10% of her field and has earned numerous Top Producer Awards. Most recently, Ameriprise recognized her as one of the Top Women Financial Advisors in the banking channel for two consecutive years.

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## App... Continued from Page 1

to make the app our new hub for Patriots Athletics." The app offers a unique web experience, which can also be viewed at nwscc.edu/athletics, for those who do not have access to their phone or tablet.

## Health... Continued from Page 1

mass), blood lipid panel results (total cholesterol, LDL, HDL), and glucose testing. Participants will also receive free yerba mate capsules and be entered into a \$100 raffle.

Researchers emphasize that this is an opportunity for residents to contribute to university-led health research while gaining access to valuable personal health data at no cost.

The study is actively enrolling participants now, and researchers are encouraging community members, caregivers, and families to help spread the word.

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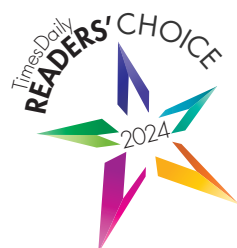
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## Commentary

# That's Fine, Dude, I'm Not Mad at You

Allowing several days to pass after a startling event often allows our emotions to subside and more facts to surface. However, rarely does it soften the edges.

Such is the case with the senseless death of 37-year-old Renee Nicole Good on the morning of January 7 in Minneapolis.

Good was neither a "domestic terrorist," as some have claimed, nor was she an innocent bystander and martyr for freedom, deserving of sainthood and a two-story memorial statue.

She was a 37-year-old mother of three who had dropped her six-year-old son at school about an hour earlier. She apparently didn't assess the possible risks with which she would soon be aligning.

Yelling at agents, carrying/swinging signs, and recording actions from a sidewalk are considered protesting, a protected right. However, actively impeding law enforcement operations, regardless of how subtle, surpasses protesting and is illegal.

See **THAT'S FINE, DUDE...** on Page 18

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## In A Few Words



**TOM MAGAZZU**  
Editor

## Courier Journal

# THIS WEEK

## Art Programs Everywhere

### Two Major Organizations Cross Promoting Art Education

FLORENCE / TUSCUMBIA—Florence Arts and Museums and the Tennessee Valley Museum of Art are proud to announce a new partnership, the Shoals Art and Education Collaborative. Through this collaboration, both organizations will cross-promote programming to expand access to high-quality arts education throughout the Shoals community.

This spring, from January through May 2026, KD Art Lab will offer a variety of classes in painting, sculpture, photography, ceramics/pottery, and more. An adult program, Nature Journaling, is also being offered. Programs are \$75 per participant. Registration is open and participants may register online at [www.florencealmuseums.com/kdartlab](http://www.florencealmuseums.com/kdartlab).

At TVAA, adults may select from ceramics and photography classes, while students can enroll in photography, general art, ceramics, musical theater dance class and more. Information

See **ARTS...** on Page 14

### Shoals Arts and Education Collaborative Spring 2026 Classes



#### ADULTS

Photography  
Ceramics

#### ADULTS

Nature Journaling

#### KIDS

General Art  
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January 21, 2026

## Happening THIS WEEK

### RIVERTOWN SOUP

**KITCHEN** is open to anyone who wants a hot meal on Sunday, January 25 from 11am-2pm, 117 N. Seminary St. in Florence. Serving Red Beans & Rice with Drip Coffee. Donations Accepted on Venmo@rivertowncoffee

### THE JENNIFER MOORMAN

Author Event takes place Wednesday, January 21, from 5-7pm at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library. Join us as we host Jennifer Moorman on her book tour for "The Charmed Library"

### FLORENCE CAMERATA

**RESUMES** rehearsals on Thursday, January 22 and each Thursday thereafter at the UNA chorus room on campus. This popular volunteer community chorus is always looking for new singers. Their spring concert will be on Tuesday, March 17, and will feature songs from Broadway and other popular musical selections. For more information, please call 256-810-9512.

### THE "GET OUT OF TOWN"

**SERIES** at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library concludes Sunday, January 25 from 2pm-3pm. Jeff and Katie Dow will help attendees explore New England. The event is free.

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## Funding Education

Editor,

States are going to have to fully fund their schools. The U.S. Dept. of Education crackdown coincides with the defunding of many other federally funded agencies. Although WE the taxpayers have already funded these defunded agencies.

Which means WE the taxpayers are going to have to fully fund the schools, but not with taxes you already paid to the federal government. But new taxes. Yeah, I know but you might not have paid attention.

I was 15 when I graduated from Bradshaw high school. My family was poor. Every student was required to pay school fees; buy their own

These two men are from different political parties and vastly different in so many ways, but they share one thing in common: they're elected officials  
Christians are exhorted to pray for . . .

”

books for class, fees for typing, fees for PE. Fees-Fees-Fees - in addition to Kleenex or markers. No lunch vouchers.

Alabama has no lottery which every state around us has. As a matter of fact, Alabama is only one of five states without one. Hawaii, Alaska, Utah, and Nevada are the others.

We must be too unqualified or incompetent to copy another state's lottery program. Every state's lottery

puts big bucks into their educational system. Tennessee, Mississippi, Georgia, and Florida's lotteries are boosted by Alabama's citizens and aid in their schools being funded, including colleges.

I don't remember ever having a vote on the lottery. A lottery bill can't even get out of committee to Alabama's legislature or the governor's office. Not this year either. But those people

See **LETTERS...** on Page 22



# BETTER HEARING

WITH DR. HOLLIE GREEN



## Why Addressing Hearing Loss Early Is So Important

One of the most common things I hear from patients in Florence and The Shoals is, "I wish I had done this sooner." On average, adults wait seven to ten years before addressing hearing loss. That delay can impact much more than just the ability to hear clearly.

Untreated hearing loss places extra strain on the brain. When the brain has to work harder to understand speech, fewer resources are available for memory and cognitive processing. Research has shown that treating hearing loss may help slow cognitive decline by keeping the brain more engaged and stimulated.

Hearing also plays an important role in balance and safety. Reduced awareness of environmental sounds — such as approaching footsteps, alarms, or traffic — can increase fall risk, particularly as we age. Improving access to these sounds helps individuals feel more confident and aware in their surroundings.

Despite these risks, many people hesitate to seek help because they associate hearing aids with outdated stereotypes. The reality is that modern hearing solutions are discreet, comfortable, and highly effective. Today's technology is designed to

greatly improve speech clarity, especially in noisy environments, while remaining subtle and easy to wear.

When patients begin treatment, the changes they experience often go far beyond improved hearing. They feel more connected to their families, more confident in social situations, and more independent in their daily lives. These improvements can have a powerful ripple effect on overall health and happiness.

If you've noticed signs like difficulty understanding speech, ringing in the ears, or frequent listening fatigue, now is the time to take action. Alabama Hearing Associates is here to provide expert, compassionate care for Florence, Muscle Shoals, and surrounding communities. Schedule a hearing evaluation and take an important step toward better hearing and a better quality of life.

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As I sit here with a flashing cursor on my blank screen I'm contemplating what gems or pearls of wisdom I should be sharing with you, my dear readers. Instead of being wise or offering expensive oyster balls to you, I think I want to rant, get on my soap box and whine a little bit about social media.

Many of us have some form of social media, the ubiquitous Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, even Youtube is considered social media. I'm not going to deal with the horror that is the video content media today, I'm going to focus on the printed word.

**THIS JUST IN!** I did this and it



Martin Dean

## 2026 is here! Welcome to the future.

by "The Computer Skeptic"

changed everything! Last night on the news an attorney reported that Facebook is going to start being traded publicly tomorrow. This will allow all of your information to be seen and used by anybody. If you CUT and PASTE this text into your own post you will send a legal notice to Facebook that they cannot use your information. The attorney on channel 3 News said so.

**OR**

*I tried this AND IT WORKS!* All I've been seeing are ads and stuff I

don't care about. If you copy and paste this as your status you will break out of the cycle. Goodbye advertisers, hello old friends! I tried it and it works!

**No. No it doesn't.**

Facebook, and the rest use formulas referred to as algorithms. These fancy formulas track everything about how you interact with their content. How long you look at an article, which ads cause you to pause, the posts you like, the posts you skim by, literally everything you do on

their page is quantified and it all goes into a big formula. They know what colors you like, what music you are interested in, these faceless companies know you better than your best friend. Their entire goal is to show you material that will make you stop and react or interact, either by commenting or "liking" or sharing that information. When you like or share false information the algorithm will feed you MORE fake information. You see it even knows how gullible you are.

Now don't feel bad, this is all very scientific. Imagine if all the ads you ever saw were for things you were currently shopping for don't you agree that that would be helpful? If you love pictures of animals, it would know this and show you more pictures of animals, neat right? But the

machine turned ugly.

The posts I referenced above send a clear signal to the algorithm: "Engagement bait detected." When you copy and paste that hoax, you're training the machine to show you more fake, click-bait content. You see it from a friend and think they know something; they see it from you and think the same.

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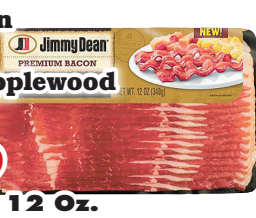
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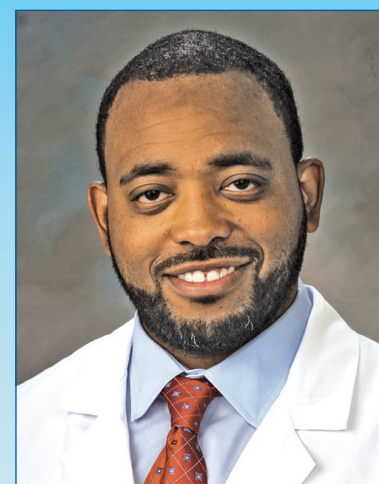
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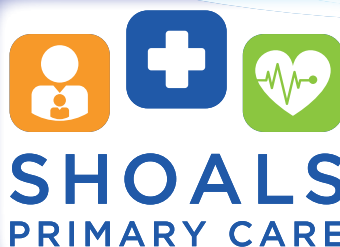
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**Kahoot! - Tuesday, January 27, 3:30pm-4pm** Calling all knowledge seekers! Join us for some fun as we test your skills on animals, music, movies, and more using Kahoot! at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library  
Additional Dates:  
Tuesday, February 24, Tuesday, March 24, Tuesday, April 28

**The Spring Bridal Show will be noon to 4 p.m. Feb. 1** at Florence Lauderdale Coliseum, 701 Veterans Drive. There will be vendors, fashion show, prizes and more. Tickets are available at the "TimesDaily," 219 W. Tennessee St., Florence, or at the door on day of show. Brides ticket is free, all other attendees \$8. Proceeds benefit Shoals Scholar Dollars and Kruzn' 4 A Kure Foundation. 256-740-5815.

**A Black History Educational Luncheon takes place at noon January 31** at the Harvest Mitchell Gym at Burrell Slater.

Three local residents will speak at the event, including Ansley Quiros, a professor of African American studies at UNA and the chair of the Department of History; Roderick Sheppard, deputy superintendent of the Florence City Schools; and Thaddeus E. Rowell, a local activist and entrepreneur.

Luncheon tickets are \$10 for students and \$20 for adults and can be purchased at Something EleGant Florals and Gifts or by contacting Diane C. Rowell at 256-764-7780.

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## Arts...

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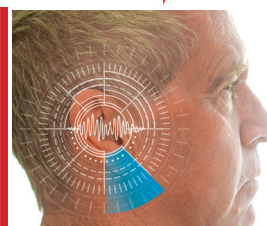
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If your vehicle is a total loss, make sure you have the title to the vehicle. If you still owe for the vehicle, make sure you have the lien holder's information as well as the amount of the payoff.

I think we all see people driving as if they are alone on the road. The best tip is to drive defensively.

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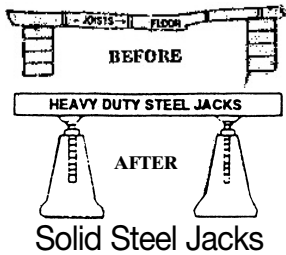
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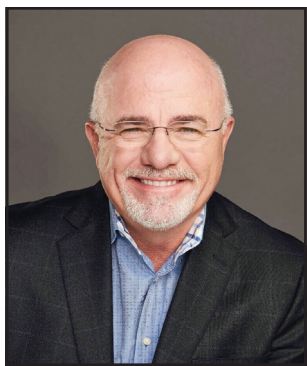


# DAVE Says

by DAVE RAMSEY

## IT'S STILL A MOUNTAIN OF DEBT

Dear Dave,  
My wife and I own three commercial properties. They are all leased out long-term. Currently, we owe about \$400,000 each on two of the buildings, and a little over \$500,000 on the other. The only other debt we have is our home mortgage, and we should have that paid off in two or three years. I know you hate debt, but how do you feel



about owing on commercial properties that are consistently making good money?

Dean  
Dear Dean,  
From what you've told me, it doesn't sound like you two need to shift into panic mode and start selling everything in sight. But I do 100% believe you and your wife should sit down together, and formulate a sensible plan that will

enable you to systematically work your way out from under all that debt.

I own several commercial buildings. And guess what? I don't owe a dime on any of them. Never have. So, based on that—and the other principles I teach teach—I can't tell you I think it's okay to have debt on commercial buildings. I believe the best plan for building wealth is to become completely debt-free.

If I were in your situation, Dean, I'd focus my energy on getting my home paid off first. Then, I'd take a look at the commercial properties and begin working the debt snowball on them. Start with throwing as much money as you can at the smallest debt, while making minimum payments on the other two. When you get the first one paid off, roll that amount over—along with every penny you can scrape together—and attack the second largest one. Continue following these steps until you've paid off all your commercial property.

In your case, it might take several years to get this accomplished. I mean, no matter what these properties bring in, we're still talking about well over a million dollars in debt. And debt equals risk. If you have a bunch of equity in one you don't particularly like, you might consider selling it and throwing the cash at the other two. But whatever the timeline, I'd develop a serious game plan to get rid of this debt as fast as possible.

— Dave

*\* Dave Ramsey is a nine-time national bestselling 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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## Commentary

### That's Fine, Dude... Continued from Page 8

Renee and her wife, Rebecca, were active "legal observers" briefed with disruptive tactics by ICE Watch, a group dedicated to impeding the progress of immigration enforcement.

Ploys include honking and blowing on whistles when sighting or following ICE vehicles and hoping to create "traffic jams and slowdowns," thus making roundups of illegals more difficult. They also hope to provoke recordable confrontations that can discredit law enforcement.

An Instagram page, "MN ICE Watch," includes advice for agitators on how to prevent law enforcement officers from taking someone into custody. Some of those tactics were also promoted by the leftist-funded organizing group, "Defend the 612," which is the area code for the Minneapolis area.

The Goods learned about ICE Watch through Southside Family Charter School where their son attends; a school that promotes itself as "unabashedly dedicated to social justice education."

Does the school bear some culpability in this? Does the city or state for defying federal law, thus creating the antagonistic atmosphere and the proliferation of the protests. What about the social media account operators for putting the Goods in this situation?

I don't agree with ransacking communities and automatically deporting every assimilating, 'law-abiding' illegal in this country. That creates the kind of emotional pain, family/community chaos, and social and social dependency that we allegedly try at all costs to avoid.

If otherwise responsible people are working, paying taxes, going to school, learning English, and contributing in a positive way, aggressive deportation is not the answer. There should be a monetary penalty, followed by a probationary period that includes a pathway to U.S. citizenship. Those efforts would be a lot more that we are getting from millions of U.S. born Americans.

As for the obvious criminal element, that is a

different story.

That said, people who are in the United States without visas or other authorization are here illegally. They are breaking the law. The Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency (ICE) has the right to arrest and ultimately deport them. It has not been exerting that authority in recent years. Now it is, and everybody is aware of it. We can't interfere with that process just because we disagree with the law.

There are so many video angles of the Minneapolis incident, at so many speeds, which show differing perspectives and possible intent.

From most angles, I don't see where the federal agent's life was in danger. He may have been struck by the vehicle and could easily have had his foot run over. Then again, I was not in his position on the street at that point or in the minutes before.

Video shows Renee was having fun blocking traffic on a public thoroughfare, bouncing her Honda Pilot to music and whistles, and honking her horn while her Rebecca was outside the vehicle recording and badgering other federal agents. Both were ignored for a few minutes, but eventually one of the officers decided to arrest Rebecca for not moving her vehicle while he was reaching for her door handle. As he yelled at her to get out of the car, Rebecca, reaching for the passenger door handle, yelled, "Drive, baby, drive."

Several of the angles appeared to show Renee turning the wheels enough to avoid people. Unfortunately, the officer walking in front of her car at the same time had been dragged by another moving vehicle only a few months before.

A significant point is

that the officer's weapon was still holstered when she accelerated and tires started spinning. Even though he was only knocked off balance, the dangers of a 4,000 lb vehicle suddenly lurching toward him with two other people holding onto door handles became all too vivid, and he reacted in self-defense. He had every legal right to do so.

Renee may have heard the years of misinformation about racism deaths, and police, and incorrectly assumed that being a woman and white would make this little more than a memorable midday joyride. It's one of several costly mistakes she made that morning.

Family and friends later described Renee as caring, loving, kind, and compassionate. Those attributes seem genuine based on her last words, spoken seconds before her death, as an officer walks past the driver's side window: "That's fine, dude, I'm not mad at you."

A GoFundMe page set up to support Renee's children and Rebecca in this transition had raised nearly \$1.5 million as of this writing. That won't last long and won't replace her. That organized resistance is allegedly funded in large part by sources outside the U.S. to create a chaotic environment our country. And well-meaning white progressives are taking the bait.

Those who are walking in the organized Report-Resist-Obstruct movement are playing a dangerous game. This probably won't be the last death or serious injury.

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If you're under 65 and have ALS your Medicare benefits should begin the first month you start receiving your Social Security or RRB benefits. Again contact Social Security or RRB for a list of the benefits.

Whether it's SSI or RRB disability, ESRD or ALS, I would encourage you to NEVER voluntarily leave your current health plan until you have covered all your bases with your current plan and Medicare. In most cases once you leave you cannot go back!! If you are faced with any of these 3 situations and need additional assistance feel free to contact our office.

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



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Makes you wonder.

But for your kids or grandkids, a quality, fully funded education by a state lottery might matter. It hasn't so far in Alabama's education system. Nor will it, because now you will have to fund your schools by having to pay more taxes. That \$7.25 isn't looking so good now, is it?

Linda Johnson  
Florence

## Praying for Our Leaders

Editor,

The Roman god Janus was the god of two faces: A mature face that looked back with reflection, and a youthful face that looked forward with anticipation. How fitting the first month of the year is named after him in the sense that we do both things.

I looked back at 2025 in my inaugural sermon this year suggesting we'll remember January 2025 with the images of two U.S. presidents.

Former president Jimmy Carter died shortly after Christmas in 2024 after celebrating his 100th birthday the previous Oct. 1. His funeral was conducted at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 9 last year. The simple gravesite for him and first lady Rosalynn Carter opened to the public last July in Plains, Georgia.

Jimmy Carter was a humble Baptist deacon and Bible teacher. He taught adults at the Maranatha Baptist Church in Plains about 70% of the time in his retirement years before Covid-19. Andrew Greer published an anthology of these lessons last fall in his book, "More Than a President—Sundays with Jimmy Carter."

Maranatha has a simple church chores sign-up list

as many rural churches do. For many years the Carters were on the volunteer list. Mrs. Carter would come on her assigned Saturday and clean the building, and President Carter would take his turn mowing the grass. I'd imagine he's the only president in history who mowed grass with Secret Service protection!

A few days after Carter's funeral, a new president was inaugurated on Jan. 20. Grover Cleveland had been the only president to serve two non-consecutive terms as our 22nd and 24th chief executive, but Trump became our 45th and 47th president.

How might one describe President Trump? With respect, I don't think we'd call him humble, but would choose adjectives like "proud," "brash" and "unfiltered."

These two men are from different political parties and vastly different in so many ways, but they share one thing in common: they're elected officials. Christians are exhorted to pray for.

During the early months of the Watergate crisis, televangelist Oral Roberts said, "No Christian has a right to criticize the president until he first prays for the president."

I think Roberts was correct.

Scripture doesn't tell us all we'd like to know about political engagement. Jesus didn't conduct a voter registration drive or sponsor a march on Jerusalem or Rome. It fell to the Apostle Paul to speak three simple principles: we obey civil authority, we pay taxes and we pray for all those in authority over us (Romans 13, 1 Timothy 2).

Modern church leaders do well to offer public prayers for our president and other leaders with frequency, reminding us all to do the same in daily devotion. -30-

"Reflections" is a weekly faith column written by Michael J. Brooks, pastor of the Siluria Baptist Church, Alabaster, Alabama. The church's website is siluriabaptist.com.

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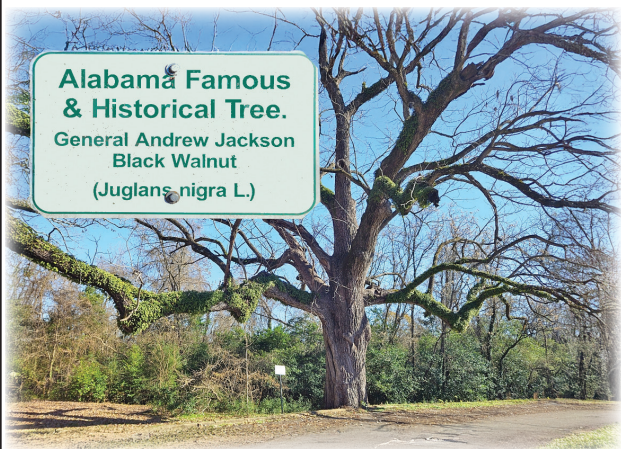
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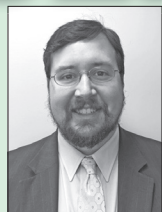
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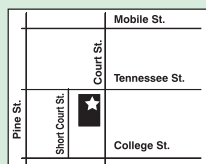
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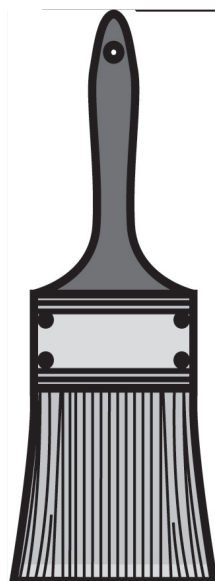
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