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**POSTAL PATRON**

**SCS Names Jones Head**

FLORENCE — Shoals Christian School recently announced that **Felicia Jones** has been named Head of School. Jones has served as Interim Head of School since **Jim Koan** vacated the position in October of 2016.

"Mrs. Jones has shown her love and devotion to the school by going above and beyond what some might consider normal for an interim position," stated School Board Chairman, **Jim Spinks**. "Her passion for SCS and her desire for our school to grow and thrive have been evident. When Mrs. Jones has faced a new situation, she has met each with the same steadfastness and resolve as in the classroom for the last fifteen years."

Jones earned her bachelor's degree from the University of North Alabama and a master's in English from Middle Tennessee State University. She was a professor at MTSU and an adjunct instructor at Northwest Shoals Community College. Her teaching experience includes 17 years in the secondary and postsecondary education sector. Fifteen of those were at Shoals Christian, serving as English department chair for two years.



**Jones**

"I am honored and humbled to serve Shoals Christian as the next Head of School," Jones said. "It is truly a blessing to work at a school that not only values the importance of a quality education, but also supports a culture that inspires students to boldly use their knowledge and God-given talents to impact the world for Jesus Christ."

Jones is married to former UNA football standout and Hall of Famer, **Kenyatta Jones**. They have two children who are SCS students, **Kenan**, age 11, and **Mikayla**, age 8.

**More Service Dept. Awards**

FLORENCE-The city of Florence recently recognized employees with Service Awards at five year increments with the Solid Waste, Street, and Recycle Departments and the Parks & Recreation Department.

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**The Students' Vision**

**Taylor Vance, left, winner of the Jerry Foster Avant-garde Award 2016 with Jerry Foster.** K-D photo



Artistic Renderings of Youth Celebrates Twenty-Five Years

FLORENCE—*Artistic Renderings of Youth*, a juried exhibit of work by 7-12th grade artists from Colbert, Franklin, and Lauderdale counties is celebrating its 25th year! Initiated by art educator, Jerry Foster, *Artistic Renderings of Youth* not only created one of the largest student art shows in the region, but a community for art educators and young artists alike. The show rings in the recognition of Youth Art Month in March.

This year a reception for *Artistic Renderings of Youth* will take place on Thursday, March 2 at the Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts from 5:30-8pm.

The reception is open to the public. Past participants and winners of the show are encouraged to attend.

The show will include a silent auction of artwork from local art educators, live music,

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**A Few Sets of Pajamas**

FLORENCE—The Eliza Coffee Memorial Hospital Volunteer Auxiliary and the Helping Hands Foundation recently launched 'Pajamas for Patients'. The program is designed to provide comfort and dignity for ECM's adult patients who find themselves unexpectedly admitted to the hospital or without the resources for sleepwear.



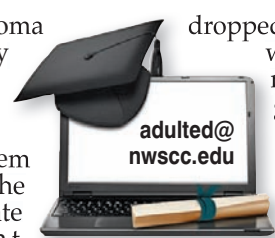
"During an emergency or an extended hospital stay, pajamas are not the first thing that may come to mind. People are focused on getting well. However, having something to sleep in besides a hospital gown

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**Earn a Non-Traditional Diploma**

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dropped out of high school without earning the necessary credits to graduate, or did not pass one or all parts of the Alabama High School Graduation Exam (which is no longer given).

The new diploma helps students who either See **DIPLOMA...** on Page 6

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**Romans 2:2** "But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things." **Hebrews 4:12** "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." **Isaiah 47:3** "Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen: I will take vengeance, and I will not meet thee as a man." Yes, everything that you thought was hidden and done in the dark will one day be open unto the whole world. **Romans 2:16** "In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel." **Yes, God is paying close attention. Acts 17:31** "Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead." **Friend, your only way out is to receive Christ now before it's eternally too late.** Then only will you escape this awful judgment.

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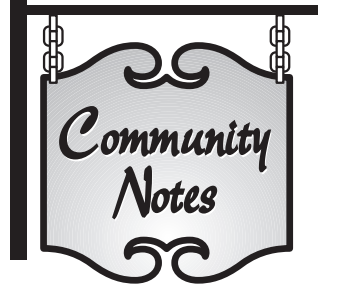
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 ECM Center - Monday thru Friday 9am - 5pm, 205 Marengo St., Florence, 256-765-7038  
 Wednesday, February 15, 10am - 5pm, Sunshine Mills, 500 6th Street SW, Red Bay  
 Thursday, February 16, Noon - 7pm, Mangas Tool and Die, 2721 Avalon Avenue, Muscle Shoals  
 Friday, February 17, 10am - 5pm, Covenant Christian School, 1900 Covenant Drive, Tuscumbia  
 Saturday, February 18, 7:30am - 4pm, Shoals Flea Market, 65 Sportsplex Drive, Muscle Shoals  
 Sunday, February 19, 11:30am - 5:30pm, Tuscumbia Church of Christ, 102 East 4th Street, Tuscumbia  
 Monday, February 20, 10am - 4:30pm, Generations of Red Bay, 106 10th Avenue NW, Red Bay  
 Tuesday, February 21, 2-10pm, SCA Tissue North America LLC, 1834-B Haley Drive, Cherokee  
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**Tennessee Valley Museum of Art hosts a Contemporary Textile and Mixed Media Exhibit** by Herb Reith will be on display January 22-March 10. The museum is at 511 N. Water St., Tuscumbia, and is open 9am-5pm Monday-Friday, and 1-3pm on Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students. Admission is free on Sundays and for Tennessee Valley Art Association members. For more information, call 256-383-0533 or [tvaa.net](http://tvaa.net).

**Florence Parks & Recreations Department will be conducting registration for:**

- Youth Baseball for boys and girls ages 3-12. Registration fee is \$35 per player.
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## Do Very Low Calorie Diets Work and Are They Safe?

This week I'm going to start a several-part series on questions I commonly hear regarding weight management, a topic that is extremely important to me and is emphasized in my medical practice. Very low calorie diets (also called VLCDs) are diets that involve restricting your calories to less than 800 kilocalories per day. As part of the diet, the individual must incorporate a significant amount of high-quality protein into their diet to keep their muscles from shrinking and to preserve normal body functions. These diets do work. Men can expect to lose about 5 pounds per week, while women can expect weight loss of 3-3.5 pounds per week if they are faithful to the diet. While theoretically somebody can plan to make home-cooked meals and keep them under 800 calories, most people combine meal planning with meal replacement protein bars and shakes. In my own clinic, where we offer a Weight Management Program, this is one of the diet choices that patients can use to meet their weight loss needs.

Here is the catch with VLCDs: these diets MUST be medically supervised. The main reason is that certain changes can happen to the body during the rapid weight loss process that must be watched for by a medical professional. For starters, one will usually notice that they urinate more. This is especially noticed early on, so drinking plenty of water and monitoring for dehydration is very important. When you are urinating more, you may also lose sodium and potassium in your urine, so this too must be monitored by a physician. Rapid weight loss from any diet or bariatric surgery procedure also leads to a higher risk of gallstones, so the physician may want

to put you on a medicine to help prevent stones from occurring. If you suffer from gout, your physician would also want to make sure you are on a medicine to keep your uric acid levels down, since uric acid levels will sometimes rise with these diets. The rapid weight loss also often requires adjustment of certain medications, such as blood pressure or diabetes medicines. These adjustments should be left to your medical provider to make.

One other reason why these diets must be medically supervised is that not everyone is a good candidate for this type of diet. For example, children, the elderly, type 1 diabetics, those with cardiac rhythm problems and cancer patients among others should avoid this diet. Always consult with your doctor as to whether you have any health conditions that would prevent you from starting this type of diet.

While this is a diet that produces significant weight loss, I do not recommend it as a permanent lifestyle change. When I have prescribed these diets, once the patient is at their goal weight, I will typically transition patients to a higher calorie, balanced diet in combination with physical activity that helps prevent weight regain.

Always consult your healthcare provider before implementing any advice given in this column.

*Dr. Roy Barco welcomes your questions concerning health and wellness. Please facebook him at [www.facebook.com/roy.barco.5](http://www.facebook.com/roy.barco.5) where you can submit questions for the column, or write to:*

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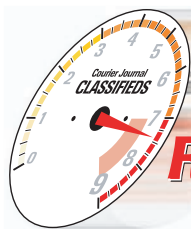
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can help people feel more comfortable," said Amy Stanfield, ECM Volunteer Services manager.

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After an initial donation by Helping Hands, the supply of pajamas is low. The Volunteer Auxiliary is asking for donations from members of the community to replenish the supply. Since the start of the program in October 2016, nearly 120 sets of

pajamas have been given to patients. Pajama sets can be dropped off at the ECM Patient Information Desk in the lobby.

"Right now we have just two sets of pajamas left. We don't want to run out because our nurses have come to rely on this program for their patients. When they notice a need, they let our department know," said Stanfield.

Donations should be new pajamas. The Volunteer Auxiliary will accept all sizes for men and women. Pajama tops and bottoms or sweat outfits are recommended.

## Diplomas...

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According to NW-SCC Adult Education Director, Tara Branscome, the new nontraditional high school diploma is already sparking a tremendous amount of interest in the community.

"We are getting inquiries on the new diploma from our area schools and people throughout the community constantly," said Branscome. "I believe this is a great initiative by the state and can be a tremendous opportunity for so many people to make a better life for them and their family."

The new diploma was rolled out by the state at the end of 2016. The NW-SCC Adult Education Department currently has 50 students actively seeking the diploma and has had thirteen students complete the new diploma requirements.

Students must be 17 years old to be eligible for the nontraditional diploma and must have attended an Alabama public high school. Students can take

advantage of two different pathways to the new diploma. The diploma is available to students who earned all 24 credits but failed one or more portions of the high school exit exam, OR to students who earned at least ten credits, but not all 24.

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**"Frequently Asked Questions 5"**

Some of the most frequently asked questions we get from people under the age of 65 concerns the relationship between the Marketplace (Obamacare) and Medicare. There seems to be a great deal of confusion about how these two insurance programs work. Here are this week's questions:

**Will my Marketplace insurance end automatically when I become eligible at age 65 for Medicare?** The short answer to this question is "no". You must go to [healthcare.gov](http://healthcare.gov) or contact your Marketplace insurance carrier to cancel your plan.

**Can I keep my Marketplace plan after I become eligible for Medicare?** Yes, you can keep your Marketplace plan after becoming eligible for Medicare. This will not, however, exempt you from enrolling into Medicare Part A and Part B during your initial enrollment period. If you delay your enrollment into Part B, or Part A if you must pay a premium for it, you may be assessed a late enrollment penalty if you decide to sign up after the initial enrollment period.

**I am receiving a tax credit to help pay for my Marketplace plan. Will I continue to receive this tax credit once I become Medicare eligible?** This is a tricky one. Once your Medicare Part A coverage starts, you won't be eligible for a premium tax credit for a Marketplace plan. If you kept your Marketplace plan, you'd have to pay full price.

**Can you give me an example of losing my tax credit?** Let's say you are on a Marketplace plan that has a premium of \$1,100 per month. You have a tax credit of \$1,000 per month which means you would pay a monthly premium of \$100 per month for your plan. Once your Medicare Part A begins the \$1,000 tax credit goes away and you would have to pay the full premium of \$1,100 per month.

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 879 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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To register, visit [www.runninarounddowntown.com](http://www.runninarounddowntown.com) or stop by any First Metro Bank location. For more information, please contact **Jerra Burden** at 256-314-1621 or [jdover@firstmetro.net](mailto:jdover@firstmetro.net).

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In our city, the public works department will give you free sand and rock salt mix for your sidewalks. You just need to pick it up. I take a couple of five-gallon buckets and fill them up. It's cheaper than anything the store has to offer.

Jeremy

**EASY SHOWER CLEAN**

One way to make shower cleaning easier is to wipe down the walls and doors when through with a shower. I use a chamois cloth I found in the auto parts store. They soak up the water and leave it dry, so mold doesn't form.

Jeanne

**DIGITIZING PHOTOS**

We're digitizing our family photos. We have some that are over 100 years old! My sister noticed that any flaw seemed to be magnified in the digital image. Fingerprints were the worst. Then we started wiping the picture with a felt cloth. It was soft enough to protect the photo but still removed fingerprints.

Carrie

**LOOKING FOR A JOB?**

I worked in the HR department of a large company. There are two pieces of advice that I give anyone who's looking for a job. First, research the company before the interview. Read about what they're doing, so you can ask the interviewer some questions about the company. That immediately separates you from most of the people who will be interviewed. Secondly, don't ask about salary or perks until they make an offer. You're trying to impress them with what you can do for the company, not what the company can do for you.

Holly

**KEEPING COPIES**

If you've ever lost your wallet, you'll understand this. Don't keep important papers where you can lose them and make sure that you have copies somewhere safe. You should never carry your Social Security card in your wallet. You do need to carry credit cards but have a copy saved at home. The same thing is true with your car. Don't keep the only copy of your insurance card in the console. If your car is stolen, you'll need it.

Tiffany

**WINTER STATIC**

My long hair can be hard to manage in the winter. The winter air dries it out and makes it hard to control. The heater also dries out my skin. I found a solution to both. After my shower, I put some lotion on my skin. After I finish, I run my fingers through my hair with whatever lotion is left on my hands. My skin feels softer and my hair doesn't fly away any more.

Jody

**DINNER PARTY**

We wanted to host a fancy dinner for our son's wedding but didn't have a lot of money, so a restaurant was out. I'm not a great cook and didn't want to spend all my time cooking and serving. Then I had a brainstorm. Our community college has a couple of culinary classes. I called the professor and asked if she had any students that could act as chef for the night. She suggested a student who was near graduation. We got an excellent professional dinner for a fraction of what it should have cost. The student was able to

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Erica

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Russ, Sheffield, AL

This guest passenger statute came about as a result of insurance companies trying to not pay claims. The statute was purportedly enacted to protect drivers who picked up a hitchhiker from being sued by the hitchhiker if they had an accident and the hitchhiker was injured.

In 30 years of handling car wreck cases, I have never heard of or read about a case where a hitchhiker tried to sue a driver for having an accident where they were injured.

The "Guest Passenger Statute" states as follows: "The owner, operator or person responsible for the operation of a motor vehicle shall not be liable for loss or damage arising from injuries to or death of a guest while being transported without payment thereof, unless such injuries or death are caused by the willful or wanton misconduct of such operator, owner, or person responsible for the operation of said motor vehicle."

On February 3, 2017, the Supreme Court of Alabama rendered a decision in *Hurst v. Sneed* that addressed the Guest Passenger Statute. The Court restated the rule that if furnishing a ride promotes both the benefit of the rider and driver, or if the rider accompanies the driver at the request of the driver, for the purpose of having the rider render a benefit or service on a trip that is primarily for the objective of the driver then the rider is a passenger for hire and not a guest.

The Supreme Court stated that at one end of the spectrum is the hitchhiker and at the other end is someone who pays the driver for transportation. A person who pays is not a guest. Between these two extremes you have to look at the present and former relationships between the driver and passenger, to bring into proper focus the true status of the parties at the time of the accident.

If the ride is to benefit both parties, they are probably a passenger. I think that carpooling where rides are swapped rather than gas money is outside of the guest statute. Minor children aren't subject to the guest statute as they have no right to decline the ride. So the question becomes, did your mother pay for gas, was she going to buy lunch, or did she help buy the car in exchange for you providing transportation? Be sure and talk to a lawyer before you talk to the insurance company.

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Can you believe it's February already? Before you know it, it will be April and you'll be scrambling to meet the income tax filing deadline.

That's why there's no time like right now to get ready for tax season. The IRS is already accepting individual electronic tax returns, so why not go ahead and file your return and mark that chore done for the year?

If you haven't already received tax forms from your employer and your mortgage company, those documents should show up in the mail, or by email, any day. Don't forget to gather other documentation like childcare and medical expense receipts.

As you plan to file your taxes, you'll also need to decide if you'll do your own taxes or hire a tax professional this year. Here are a couple of scenarios to help you figure out which could work for you.

### When it Makes Sense to Use Tax Software

Seeking out a professional's assistance on important financial matters is generally a wise choice. But there are instances where online tax preparation services can be a practical choice. For example, single people who have one source of earned income and don't own any property probably won't need a tax pro to find hidden credits or deductions.

If you fall into that category and plan to take the standard income tax deduction, online tax prep sites do a good job of walking you through that process. However, you'll still need to schedule plenty of time to gather your paperwork and fill out your forms. Depending on the value you place on your time, the potential savings

may not be enough to justify the time it will take to tackle all those tasks on your own.

### When it Makes Sense to Use a Tax Pro

The IRS is in charge of income taxes, so it shouldn't surprise you that your taxes could go from simple to complicated in the blink of an eye. You could be eligible for a slew of additional deductions and credits when:

- You're married
- You have kids
- You plan to itemize your deductions
- You own a small business
- You make donations to churches or charities
- You have multiple sources of income
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Unfortunately, however, many taxpayers miss out on important deductions by choosing the quicker, easier option of taking the standard deduction instead of itemizing their tax returns. According to the U.S. Government Accountability Office, those

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**Commentary**

**Where Truth Lies- Trump vs. Media**

**I**t is easy to understand why a lightly adversarial relationship between the media and those serving in a taxpayer-funded role may be desirable.

It keeps those in the media from getting too cozy after months and years of association, and it keeps the public servants on their toes - knowing that information won't be blindly accepted at face value.

An interesting dynamic has developed with President Donald Trump who disrespects the media and a set of national media representatives who loathe the tempestuous politician.

When two warring factions are throwing out divergent facts, the truth is usually found in the middle. We can't necessarily say that here.

Between the president and the media we have an array of issues, the narratives of which are being outlined by two largely unreliable messengers. The public is forced into ascertaining some semblance of the truth on its own.

Donald Trump does not handle criticism well, a fact we detailed in this column a year ago leading up to the primaries. Trump was used to getting his own way on his own terms for decades. Trump often lashes out when challenged now in short snippets or on Twitter

**See WHERE TRUTH LIES... on Page 27**

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**In A Few Words**



**TOM MAGAZZU**  
Editor

**Courier Journal**

in the *Shoals*  
February 15, 2017

**THIS WEEK**

**It's a History of Tradition**

*Happening*  
**THIS WEEK**

FLORENCE - Harvey Thompson and Harvey Thompson Jr. will host the Thompson Family Tradition at the Florence/Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau in a free Black History Month performance at 11am on Saturday, February 18 in the Visitors Center Gallery. The Thompson father/son duo will hold an interview and share stories from their music experiences and family traditions.



Thompson Sr.



Thompson Jr.

**Feb. 18**

Thompson Sr. received his formal education from Tennessee State University which led him to FAME Recording Studios in Muscle Shoals.

He joined Harrison Callaway and Ronnie Eades in the FAME Gang, and is a founding member of the Muscle Shoals Horns. Thompson has played with Elton John, B.B. King, Bob Segar, and many others. He is a 2016 Alabama Music Hall of Fame inductee,

Thompson Jr. has performed or recorded with artists such as Percy Sledge and Denise LaSelle. He also teaches piano and performs with the Harvey Thompson Trio that also features his dad, Harvey Thompson Sr., tenor saxophonist of the Muscle Shoals Horns.

For more information, please call 265-740-4141.

**THE HEALING PLACE WILL HOST ITS ANNUAL WINTER WORKSHOP** on Friday, February 17 at Cross Point Church of Christ located at 1350 Cox Creek Parkway in Florence. No lunch will be provided. Registration will begin at 7am and the workshop will be conducted from 8am-4pm. The workshop is for counselors, social workers, and others in the community who deal with grief-related issues. An assortment of topics will be presented including an overview of equine assisted psychotherapy, mindfulness, depression and grief, compassion fatigue, and couples counseling. Counselors can receive six Continuing Education hours and Social Workers can receive six Contact Hours. The cost of the workshop is \$70. Students are \$35. A special group rate is offered for groups of five or more. For more information or to register, please visit <http://www.thehealingplaceinfo.org/winter-workshop> or call the Healing Place at 256-383-7133.

**CHHS Hosts My School Color Run**

TUSCUMBIA-The students of Colbert Heights High School will host the inaugural community wide My School Color Run on February 20 at 10am to raise money for their school. The *My School Color Run* is an untimed fun run/walk for all ages and fitness abilities. Along the route participants pass through vibrant color zones, making it a "colorful experience." Additionally, each pre-registered participant is provided with a single powder color packet that will

be thrown in the air at the final color celebration at the finish line. "Rather than sell goods, we want to engage the entire student body in a fitness initiative that aims to encourage a life-long healthy way of living," said Sammi McConnell. Participants that registered by February 6 received a t-shirt, race bib, and individual color packet. Sign up now for the run by visiting [www.colbertMSCR.eventbrite.com](http://www.colbertMSCR.eventbrite.com) or by completing a paper registration form.

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**YOUR Letters**

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**Champions Hailed**

Editor Courier Journal:

After over twenty years of letters, broken promises from boosters, coaches, athletic directors, etc. the Deshler Wrestlers finally have their championships honored.

A very well-deserved ceremony and reunion for some of the champions was held recently. I would have loved to have been invited.

Thanks, Courier Journal, for printing my letters over the years leading up to this. Thank you for your interest in our community.

Larry Lewis  
Tuscumbia

**A More Critical Issue**

An open letter to Secretary Betsy Devoss

Dear Mrs. Secretary:

I am delighted that you have been confirmed as Secretary of Education and regret that you had to endure all of the humiliation from those who do not want what is best for our children.

While the confirmation process focused on school choice, charter schools, and private versus public schools, I believe there is another issue that is more critical - the indoctrination of students concerning homosexuality and transgenderism.

I urge you to root out from your department those employees who

have promoted or allowed this evil to prevail. It is detrimental to the physical, psychological and moral well-being of our children. It is much more important than test scores.

**Euell White**  
Florence

**A Shelter, Not Excuses**

Editor:

Yes, dear animal lovers and readers, it looks as if we are under attack again by our own city and county. Shame on you. If the situation were reversed and you humans were under our care, we could grant you the same kind of treatment.

We would just see how well you like living in a very worn-out location that is in a very sad state of repair. You would

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# Online or Tax Pro:

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taxpayers may overpay their taxes by nearly \$1 billion each year. With that kind of money at stake, it's clear that a tax professional's ability to spot deductions and credits you qualify for can more than pay for their services.

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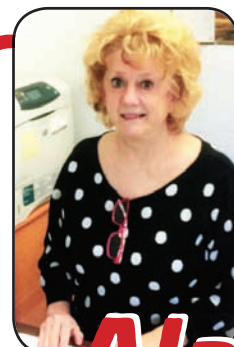
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2.	TEE			
3.		TEE		
4.		TEE		
5.			TEE	
6.			TEE	
7.			TEE	
8.		TEE		
9.			TEE	

1. A type of drum.
2. A spirited horse.
3. A type of beard.
4. A military snack bar.
5. He didn't ask to go.
6. A large aquatic mammal.
7. Witty conversation.
8. Found in the mouth.
9. A string puller.

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4. What letters are in-visible, but never out of sight?
5. When do your teeth sound just like your tongue?

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**LINK-UPS!** Here's a list of 12 short words divided into two columns. Turn them into six longer words by linking them together. To do this, draw a line from one word in the left column to one word in the right.

1. ACT	USES
2. DUE	OWED
3. WALL	AND
4. BAN	LED
5. ERR	ION
6. CALL	ALLY

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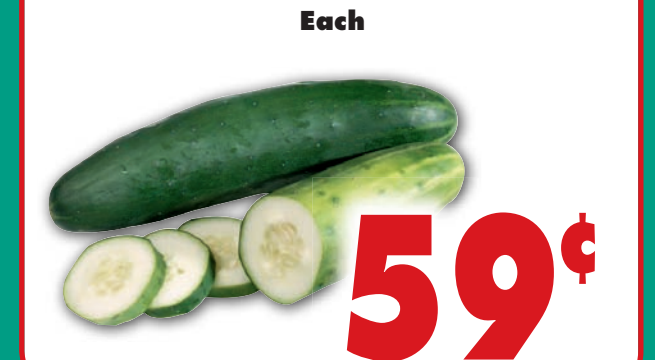
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There were ten inductees that went into the Lauderdale County Sports Hall of Fame in 2016. Arlee Snoddy came from Lauderdale County High School and Danny Hendrix represented Coffee High School. Snoddy was an all-everything performer for the Tigers. He started for the junior varsity as a sixth grader in 1941 and played for the varsity from 1942-1948.

He played quarterback, halfback and fullback and was a punter on the football team. One of his punts traveled 85 yards against Vina in 1947. Snoddy averaged nearly 50 yards per punt in his career. In basketball, he played forward and was a natural leader on the team.

He signed a football scholarship with Alabama, spending one year with the Crimson Tide before transferring to Florence State Teachers College. Lions head coach Hal Self called Snoddy "the best kicker he had ever seen." He went on to play semi-pro football in Huntsville. In the 70's, wrestling was not offered at most area schools. But Danny Hendrix helped put Coffee High School's wrestling program on the map. Hendrix won a State Championship during his senior season in 1972-73. He produced a 20-1 season record during the year in the 105-pound class.

He was voted Most Outstanding Wrestler in the TVC tournament. During his four-year career, Hendrix posted a 37-5 dual record and a 69-20 overall record. Hendrix was voted honorable mention All-American in 1973 by Scholastic Wrestling News magazine.

Congratulations to Arlee Snoddy and Danny Hendrix on their induction into the Lauderdale County Sports Hall of Fame.

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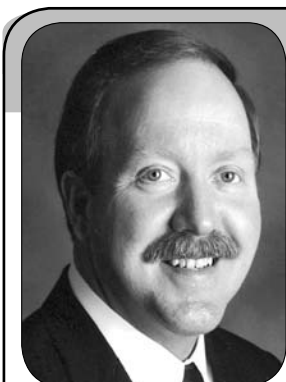


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Some time ago I read of struggles a family was experiencing out in the Midwest. The main problem seemed to revolve around a rebellious teenage son. Weeping, the parents spoke of the great love they had for their child and how they had always tried to provide the best for him. But, in spite of their efforts, the son had gone against practically all their wishes and hopes for him. Along with choosing the wrong friends, he was living a life which he had been taught not to and involved in activities of which his parents would never approve.

One night the father came home after working late and discovered the mother in the son's room. She was sitting on the side of his bed while the young man was asleep. He watched as she lovingly brushed the hair away from his forehead and gently kissed his cheek. She turned to her husband with tears in her eyes and said, "He won't let me love him when he is awake."

This story touched me more than usual I suppose, because it typifies the families of my acquaintance that have experienced similar difficulties. Yet, even more, it reminds me of the relationship that often exists between God and man.

Our Heavenly Father loves us and gives us blessings without end (James 1:17). He has also provided instructions through His word to protect us and lead us to even greater blessings (2 Timothy 3:16, 17). Yet, too often His love is spurned. Many choose to fall in love with the world which means abandoning the love of the Heavenly Father (cf. 1 John 2:15-17).

Even now, God desires to give us forgiveness from the guilt and burden of sin. He wants to protect us from the evils that ensnare us and destroy our lives. In other words- - He wants to love us! Yet, we decide whether or not we will accept His love.

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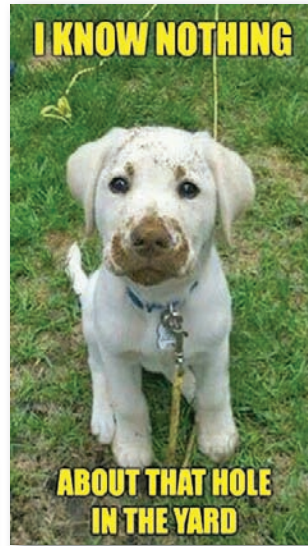


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### Quips & Quotes

#### FROM THE 'NET

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I KNOW NOTHING

ABOUT THAT HOLE IN THE YARD

#### Forget About It

An elderly husband and wife visit their doctor when they begin forgetting little things. Their doctor tells them that many people find it useful to write themselves little notes.

When they get home, the wife says, "Dear, will you please go to the kitchen and get me a dish of ice cream? And maybe write that down so you won't forget?"

"Nonsense," says the husband, "I can remember a dish of ice cream."

"Well," says the wife, "I'd also like some strawberries and whipped cream on it."

"My memory's not all that bad," says the husband. "No problem -- a dish of ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream. I don't need to write it down."

He goes into the kitchen; his wife hears pots and pans banging around. The husband finally emerges from the kitchen and presents his wife with a plate of bacon and eggs.

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- I am neither for nor against apathy.
- All I ask is a chance to prove that money can't make me happy.
- If the world were a logical place, men would be the ones who ride horses sidesaddle.
- They told me I was gullible and I believed them.
- Experience is the thing you have left when everything else is gone.
- One nice thing about egotists ... they don't talk about other people.
- I used to be indecisive. Now, I'm not sure.
- The cost of living hasn't affected its popularity.
- How can there be self-help groups?



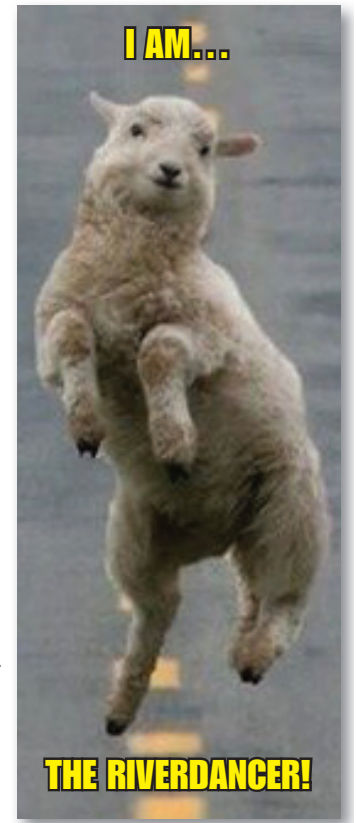
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#### What's Black & White and Read All Over?

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2. The Washington Post is read by people who think they run the country.
3. The New York Times is read by people who think they should run the country, and who are very good at crossword puzzles.
4. USA Today is read by people who think they ought to run the country but don't really understand The New York Times.
5. The Los Angeles Times is read by people who wouldn't mind running the country, if they could find the time and if they didn't have to leave Southern California to do so.
6. The Boston Globe is read by people whose parents used to run the country.
7. The New York Daily News is read by people who aren't too sure who's running the country and don't really care as long as they can get a seat on the train.
8. The New York Post is read by people who don't care who is running the country as long as they do something really scandalous, preferably while intoxicated.
9. The Chicago Tribune is read by people who are in prison and who used to run the state & would like to do so again.
10. The Miami Herald is read by people who are running another country but need the baseball scores.
11. The San Francisco Chronicle is read by people who aren't sure that anyone is running the country; but if so, they oppose all that those leaders stand for - provided of course, that they are not Republicans.
12. The National Enquirer is read by people trapped in line at the grocery store.
13. The Seattle Times is read by people who have recently caught a fish and need something to wrap it in.





# Cat & Kids

by Cathy Turner

## Love Hopes

"Love is acting in the best interest of another imperfect person." David Sain

I have had a lot of training on how to love and I think that the above definition of love is one of the best. Love is having unceasing care for the other person in the relationship. Love is sacrificial. Love is selfless. Recently I have had conversations that have reminded me of what I have had to say to our children about certain relationships that they were in - "Love shouldn't be that hard."

Whether it's relationships between friends, spouses or mankind, real love happens when each person is striving for the other. Real care, concern, love does not focus on self, does not manipulate to win and does not make you feel beat down. Real love does not have to act that way. But many of us have not seen examples of perfect (e.g. whole, complete), healthy love. Perfect love happens when each person believes in the other and is committed to doing the best for the other person. There's no fear when you mess up in real love, because you know that it's not going to be used against you. Real love works to move through behaviors, habits, problems and whatever causes them. Perfect love works hard together; it doesn't work to hurt the individual. Real love is uplifting.

How are your love relationships? How are your love habits? Are you building up or tearing down? Is your friend or spouse building you up or tearing you down? Love respects. Love listens. Are you in a relationship where

you are treated rudely - as if you don't exist or your opinion doesn't matter or are you treating you loved one this way? Love doesn't act like that. Is your spouse always jealous, thinking you are doing bad or watching for you to fail? Love wants the best. Do you have a short fuse or are you easily provoked by most people? When was the last time you did something really kind for someone else or do you most often think of kindnesses that should have been done for you? Love needs your help. Do you quit on people or do you suffer with them until they grow or until you grow? Have you ever suffered a loss on someone else's behalf or is the whole thing about you? Do you believe in the people that you love? Love will only survive if you fortify it.

Kindness and commitment are the foundation of love. Humility. These are big words.

"Love is acting in the best interest of another imperfect person." This Valentine's Day, let's all re-commit to acting in our love ones' best interests. When we focus on ourselves, love does not grow. When we focus on ourselves, love is hard. Maybe we need to get help to figure out how to focus on others. Let's do whatever it takes to get outside of ourselves and do right by the people we love. The reward, most likely, will be the return of real love and then love will be whole, complete - perfect - and without fear. Love hopes.

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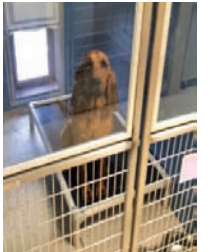
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James

Dear James,  
Yes, I would have a "girlfriend debt" account.

That way when she becomes your wife, you two can write a check the moment you get back from the honeymoon and be debt-free — or at least knock out a huge portion of the debt. After that, the two of you — as in WE — resume saving for retirement, a house and so on.

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Kevin

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—Dave

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Commentary

Where Truth Lies...

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with a barb or some effort at justification that is not totally accurate.

The media is the same way. They have been used to dictating ground rules based on a sliding scale of which public official is at issue. If they object to a position, they fly into progressive justifications that often attach more emotion and comparisons than fact or merit.

The media is in full scale attack-mode on Trump.

It is fueling this insane impeachment rhetoric, wanting to find fault with every aspect of Trump as President, as a U.S. citizen, and as a human being. To some the fact that he is even alive is a hateful, unconstitutional abuse of power.

The media's credibility was debatable long before Trump came on the scene. In large part, that questionable credibility during the Obama years is what fueled Trump's path to the Oval Office. They never questioned Obama's blatant overstep of authority, his late-night signatures, all his failed challenges before the Supreme Court-including a few stunning 9-0 rebukes, his 100+ meetings with IRS officials while the agency was openly targeting conservative groups, his searing hatred for Israel, his whereabouts the night of Benghazi, and so on.

We know Trump tends to be provocative and hyperbolic whenever possible. He loves the attention. And the media calls him on every point, giving him even more attention. But who calls them out? Other media outlets? Hardly ever, if at all.

Bogus left-leaning stories began surfacing the night of the election with a report that several transgendered teens

committed suicide when faced with the election results. No bodies and no evidence ever surfaced.

Hysteria ensued when a November 22 report in *New York Magazine* claimed that a group of prominent computer scientists and election lawyers had evidence that election results in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and Michigan could have been hacked. Even though the piece was found to be patently false, the mission was accomplished. The viral nature of social media carried it to millions, immediately discrediting Trump's election win in the minds of many.

On the day of Trump's inauguration CNN claimed Nancy Sinatra was not happy that the President and first lady's inaugural dance would be to Frank Sinatra's, "My Way." Nancy Sinatra had never said anything. CNN later updated the article without explaining the mistake.

Many major media outlets ran a story about Trump turning off his tape recorder when he spoke to Putin recently. It was a blatant lie. *Buzzfeed* was the organization that blew the whistle on that.

*Time* reporter Zeke Miller wrote that a bust of Martin Luther King Jr. had been removed from the White House on inauguration day. However, Miller never asked anyone at the White House for confirmation. He just assumed it had been removed because he didn't see it. It had not been.

A Fox affiliate in Detroit on January 31 reported, "A local business owner who flew to Iraq to bring his mother back home to the US for medical treatment said she was blocked from returning home under President Trump's ban on immigration and travel from seven predominately

Muslim nations. He said that while she was waiting for approval to fly home, she died from an illness." The original article was published, shared, reshared and so on over a million times. However, the man had lied about when his mother died and the Fox affiliate never attempted to confirm or disprove the man's account. They just ran with it.

On February 2, the Associated Press tweeted: "BREAKING: House votes to roll back Obama rule on background checks for gun ownership." That was retweeted initially 12,000 times. Major outlets ran with it further sensationalized as a lead story. However, all of it was a baseless quagmire that needlessly dragged in a frenzied host of mental health and civil rights organizations before it was debunked.

These and at least a dozen more have since been described as unconfirmed, over-hyped, or altered.

No, they were lies that were spread through social media and news avenues without confirmation or substantiation. Hysterics prevailed and opinions were cemented with misleading information.

We have entered a new realm with Trump where the national media is now at the precipice of complete intellectual dishonesty. In any other professional field, such gross negligence would lead to massive termination.

Celebrities and high profile athletes are hurling presidential insults like candy tossed on a parade route. So many of the major outlets like the *New York Times*, *CNN*, *Time Magazine* and others employ writers who live on social media and throw out distastefully-partisan distortions about Trump, his wife, or his intentions on their feeds. Those often mirror what appears on air, in print, and online as part of what is supposed to be fact-based news.

That said, Trump needs to put a lid on his Twitter

account for a while. He's not a kid killing time between classes. He also needs to work from fact-based, specific figures when he is trying to make a point or establish a position.

The media meanwhile needs to accurately report what is happening in our world, not what is trending on social media. They seem to admire European trends in philosophy and fashion. Why are we not

hearing about how almost all of Europe is fed up with the societal decline associated unfettered Muslim immigration and the growing momentum to curtail it?

It's growing more and

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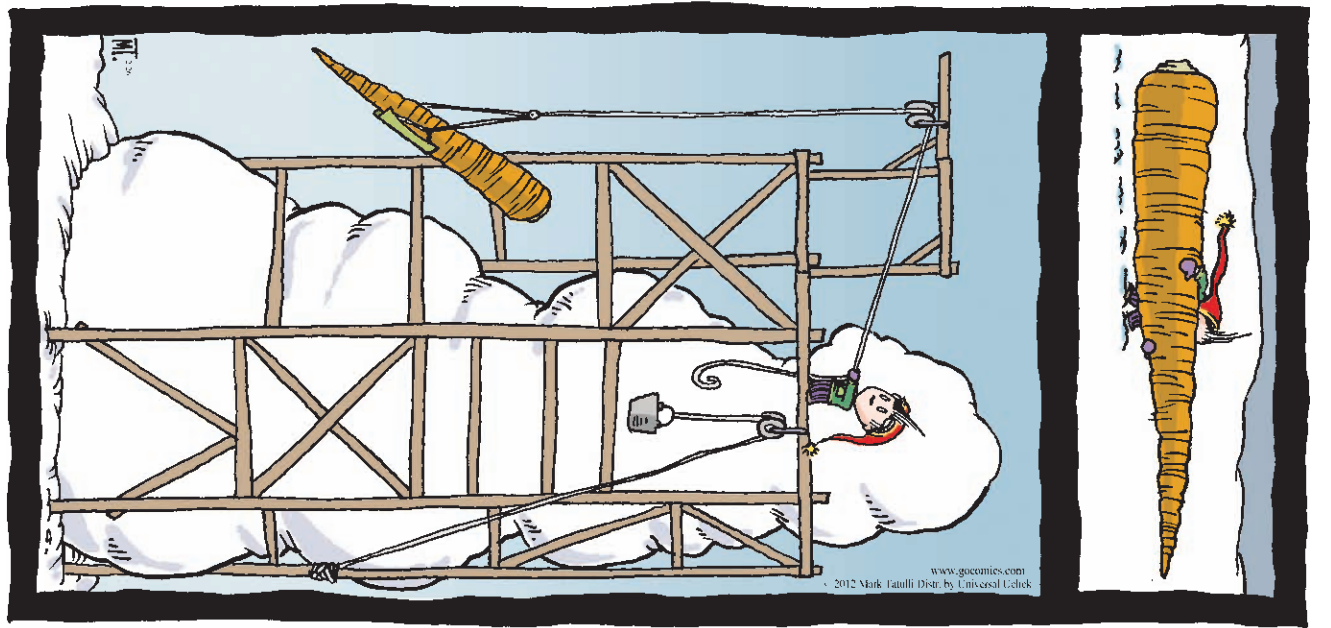
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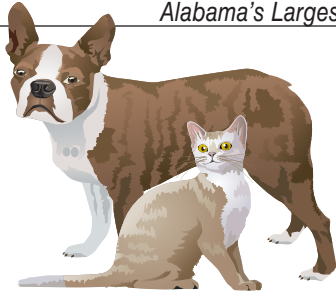
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## How to Put the Brakes on Pet Car Sickness



With winter travel in high gear many of us plan on hitting the road with our pooches for a little winter fun. However, for some four-legged family members, road trips can mean upset tummies.

Queasiness in the car is not just a human problem. Dogs and puppies do sometimes experience motion sickness on car rides. Unfortunately, car sickness can make any kind of pet travel a distressing ordeal for both dogs and their families.

Car sickness doesn't have to be a serious or lasting problem for your pet. With the right treatment, it can be mitigated, or even stopped altogether.

There are several causes of car sickness in dogs and puppies. The most common include:

### IMMATURE EARS.

In puppies, the ear structures that regulate balance aren't fully developed, which can cause them to be extra sensitive to motion sickness. Many dogs will outgrow car sickness as they age.

### STRESS.

If traveling in the car has only led to unpleasant experiences for your dog -- to vet exams, for example -- he may literally be worried sick about the journey.

### SELF-CONDITIONING.

If your dog experienced nausea on his first car rides as a puppy, he may associate car rides with illness, and expect to get sick in the car.

Car sickness doesn't look like you might expect it to in dogs, and you might not even realize that this is the challenge you're dealing with. Here are some symptoms to look out for:

- Inactivity/lethargy
- Restlessness
- Excessive/repetitive yawning
- Whining/crying
- Hyper-salivation (drooling)
- Vomiting

If your dog is suffering from car sickness, symptoms will typically disappear within a few minutes after the car comes to a stop.

Fortunately, there are a number of different methods available to help prevent and/or treat canine car sickness.

### 1. INCREASE ITS COMFORT LEVEL

- Turn your dog so that he faces forward. Motion sickness is related to the brain's

ability to process movement. The less blurring movement he sees out the window, the better he might feel.

- Keep your dog as close to the front seat as possible (but not in the front seat). The farther back in the car you go, the more you sense motion.
- Opening the windows a crack. This brings in fresh air, which is soothing, and helps reduce air pressure.
- Avoid feeding your dog for a few hours before a car trip.
- Transport him in a travel crate. A crate will limit his view to the outside, and will help to keep any sickness he may have confined to a small space.
- Keep the temperature low. Heat, humidity and stuffiness can exacerbate car sickness.
- Distract him. Toys, soothing music, or just hearing you speak may help calm and distract a high-strung dog.
- Take frequent breaks. Getting out for fresh air or to stretch your legs can help him feel better periodically.
- Exercise before your car ride.

### 2. RECONDITIONING

For dogs who have negative associations with riding in cars, reconditioning could be the answer. Reconditioning does take time and patience, but it really can help relax your dog.

- Drive in a different vehicle. Your dog might associate a specific vehicle with unpleasant memories.
- Take short car trips to places your dog enjoys. This will replace negative associations with positive ones.
- Gradually acclimate your dog to the car. Start by sitting with your dog in the car while the engine is off each day for a few days. When he seems comfortable, let it idle. Once he is used to that, drive slowly around the block. Gradually progress to longer and longer trips until your dog seems comfortable driving anywhere.
- Offer your dog treats, or offer him a special toy that's just for car rides. This will make the car a fun and rewarding place to be.

### 3. MEDICATION

While motion sickness can be helped in natural

ways for some dogs, there are cases in which medications is the only option. There are both over-the-counter and prescription medications available, including:

Anti-nausea drugs: reduce nausea and vomiting.

Antihistamines: lessen motion sickness, reduce drooling, and calm nerves.

Phenothiazine: reduces vomiting and helps sedate the dog.

Caution: Always discuss any medications you plan to give your pet with your veterinarian to ensure that your dog is healthy enough to take them, will be given the correct dosage, and won't suffer any adverse effects.

### 4. HOLISTIC APPROACH

Holistic treatments are another way to go for dog parents. They really can be effective, and are worth trying. Some common holistic choices include:

- Ginger. Ginger is used to treat nausea. Try giving your dog ginger snap cookies or ginger pills at least 30 minutes before travel.
- Peppermint, chamomile and horehound naturally help calm the stomach and nerves of your dog. These are available in pills and teas.
- Massage can help soothe and relax your pet before you travel.

As with other medications, always discuss any holistic remedies you plan to give your pet with your vet to ensure that it's appropriate and the dosage is correct.

In short, with some patience, training, or the right medications or holistic treatments, you and your dog will be able to ride safely and happily together anywhere you need to go!

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**AND HERE'S WHY...**

When marketing a home, my job as a REALTOR is to point out all of the reasons why a potential buyer should buy the home. Maybe it has a private screened porch, a magnificent kitchen or a stunning front entry door. Whatever the greatest features are, it is a lot of fun to walk through a home and find it's best characteristics.

But even the greatest features of a home can't overshadow deferred maintenance items or numerous unattended details of repair. Something weird happens when a buyer actually shows up to tour a home. Most people believe a buyer looks at a property to see if they would buy it, but that's not the case. You see, the buyer decided long before they got there that it is a home they would buy. They were sold on the style, the features and the benefits from what they saw online or in the newspaper ad. The truth about the showing is this: They are looking for a reason NOT to buy the home.

This is what makes a home stay on the list or get nixed the minute the buyer steps foot out of the car. Some sellers simply make this too easy by giving the buyer plenty of reasons not to buy their home.

Here is a scenario: Potential buyer sees home online. Falls in love with all of the photos. The pool. The kitchen. The master bedroom suite. The fenced back yard. It sounds like the perfect fit.

Buyer calls REALTOR and schedules appointment.

Fast forward to the showing. They walk up the sidewalk to the front door and immediately it begins. The door needs painting. The gutters and trim need pressure washing and are running over with leaves and sticks. They notice that there are some shingles missing. All of a sudden, this once excited buyer is not feeling so warm and fuzzy about the home. This once great prospect has now began the mental checklist of why this home won't work.

It may be that the bedrooms are too small. Or maybe the buyers furniture won't fit the den and dining room. "Where will we put the piano?"

Whether it is being disappointed with the overall condition or just a matter of the floor plan not being a match, the truth is that when a buyer schedules an appointment to see a home it is to find a reason NOT to buy it. They had already found enough reasons to buy it or they wouldn't be there in the first place. -mr

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**MY PAYMENT PLAN**  
 This year, I don't want to worry about the big bills, so I'm setting up an account and adding money each month to the account. I totaled up my property taxes and home and auto insurance for the year. Each month, I put 1/12th into the account. Then when the bill comes due, I won't have to panic looking for ways to pay it. I know that my monthly budget will be tighter, but it's not like I can avoid those bills whether I have the money saved or not.

Debbie

**SPECIAL FRENCH TOAST**

Want to make French toast special? Try this trick. Instead of using regular milk in your egg mix, use flavored liquid coffee creamer instead. Just that little bit of flavor makes a big difference.

Pamela

**CLASS RINGS**

Most high schools invite a company in to sell class rings, but they don't usually mention that you can buy a class ring in other (less expensive) places. The best place to check is your local jewelry shop. You can call around and ask about prices. You'll be surprised at how much you could save.

Lindsay

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If you received any electronics for Christmas, they probably came with accessories and power cords. Now is the time to label all the extra accessories, so you know what goes with what. It doesn't need to be anything fancy. By doing this, if they get separated two years from now, you'll be able to re-unite them!

Daniel

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Anthony

**DIY SAVINGS**

When we were just married and bought our first house, we had very little money for repairs. Therefore, I was forced to do as many projects as I could. After 15 years of home ownership, I've learned some skills. I also learned that there's a video for almost anything that needs to be done around the house. Even if you're not handy, before you call for a pro, look for a video. You might decide to give it a shot. If it looks too hard or you don't have the needed tools, at least you'll understand what the

pro says when he tells you what's required and how much it'll cost.

Sean

**DIRTY SHIRT COLLARS**

My work requires professional dress, so I usually wear a tailored suit and blouse. To keep things simple, most of my blouses are white. No matter what I do, they always end up stained around the collar. I found an easy way to keep them clean. I bought a cheap bottle of shampoo for oily hair. I mixed it 50/50 with water and put it into a spray bottle. When I come home from work, I spray it generously onto my collar. Then I use a brush with stiff bristles and give it a quick scrub. After that, it goes in the wash like usual. Now if I could just figure out how to avoid touch-up ironing, I would be set!

Daniela

**WINTER WOES?**

It's not uncommon for people to get a little depressed in the winter. Doctors say that a lack of sunlight can be the cause. I make a point of opening the blinds and shades that face the sun. I also bought a small sun lamp that I put in the kitchen (since I spend a lot of time there!). I've also read that lighter colors in the room help, so I'm making some light colored slip covers for our sofa in the family room.

Tisha

**END OF MONTH CLEAN-OUT**

About the 20th of each month, I take an inventory of the food in our fridge, freezer, and pantry. I pay special attention to anything that's likely to go bad soon. Then I search for recipes that use those items. I've found that I save money on my last shopping trip for the month, and we waste less food. Also, my family gets to try some new dishes. It's a win, win, win!

Tracie

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Laura

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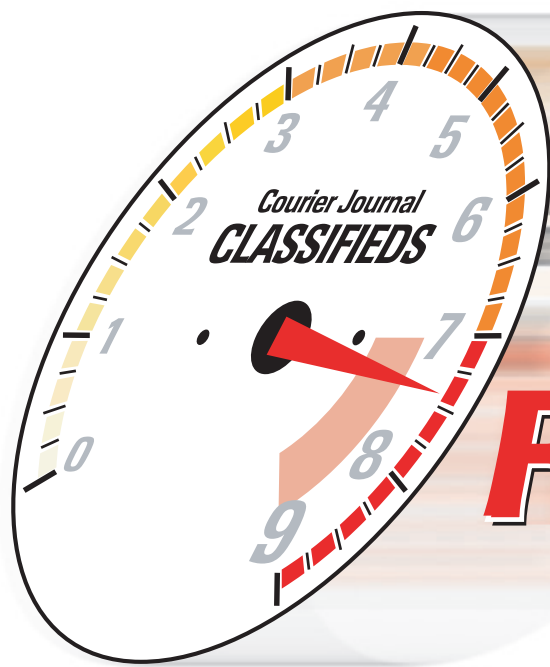
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**THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL** Zende's parents, Kristen and Tony, flew in for his wedding. Carter gave a beautiful speech as justice of the peace. Not at the wedding, Bill and Wyatt commiserated on their failed relationships. Bill refused to accept Brooke and Ridge's engagement and became emotional thinking about his previous weddings with Brooke. Family members made heartfelt speeches before Zende and Nicole began reciting their vows. Before the reception was even over, Quinn had Nicole's portrait taken down and her own put back up. Ridge returned to the mansion, where the chemistry was palpable be-

tween him and Quinn. Bill checked in on Brooke, who wasn't feeling well, and questioned where Ridge might be. Zende and Nicole planned to leave for their exotic honeymoon. *Wait to See: A plan is hatched to destroy a family's reputation.*

**DAYS OF OUR LIVES** Chad and Gabi's dire situation went from bad to worse. Victor learned of Deimos's actions and warned him that he needed to clean it all up quickly. Adrienne, Jennifer and Anne worked together to destroy the Orwell device. Steve and Kayla's Valentine's Day wedding approached, which included a surprise visit from Stephanie. Hope received news about her fate.

Austin and Carrie reunited with Kate. Valerie informed a disappointed Abe that she was leaving town. Julie received some devastating news. Anna confronted Andre. Chloe and Nicole's custody hearing for Holly began. *Wait to See: A furious Nicole breaks up with Deimos.*

**GENERAL HOSPITAL** Anna was being watched. Felicia got closer to the truth. Julian feared that the PCPD was onto him. Lulu was at the mercy of Valentin, but Olivia was one step ahead. Franco continued to struggle with his dark side. Nelle pushed her luck. Finn's behavior grew more erratic. Michael was tasked with a tough decision. Julian felt powerless. Anna demanded answers, but her symptoms grew increasingly worse. Curtis flirted with danger. Scott tried to calm Ava. Nina grew more suspicious. Kiki and Dillon made a connection. Liz looked to Sam for support. Ned defended Olivia. Julian made

a deal with the devil. Griffin grew suspicious of Finn. Anna got some help from an unlikely source. *Wait to See: Laura becomes a pawn in Julian's game.*

**THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS** Jill offered to buy Jack's stake in Fenmore's. Nick assured Chelsea that he was never getting back together with Sharon despite Faith's wishes. Billy hired Jordan, a photographer for Brash & Sassy's ad campaigns. Meanwhile, Cane was surprised to learn that Lily and Jordan knew each other already. Jill was shocked by Jack's counteroffer. Sharon asked Victor to help her find Dylan. Lauren was determined to find out what Gloria used against Jack in order to get a job at Jabot. Ashley discovered Ravi's Valentine's Day gift for her. Jill told David that she was willing to do anything to buy Jack's stake in Fenmore's. *Wait to See: Reed is thrown into the spotlight.*

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00 BUICK CENTURY	2G4WY55J4Y1359347	HYQ687	BLACK	HWY 20
98 BMW 528i	WBADD6321WBW36748	41AU779	BLACK	FLORENCE BLVD
03 BMW 325i	WBAEY33453KR25712	3C33A9	BLACK	COUNTY RD 7
07 CADILLAC STS	1G6DW677660107457		SILVER	RICKWOOD RD
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02 CHEVY MALIBU	1G1NE52J32M603779	41AR634	BLACK	OLD CHISHOLM RD
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98 FORD EXPLORER	1FMZU34X9WZB32596	9676AB2	BLUE	HWY 101
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# NOTICE

Pursuant to the Alabama Self-Service Facility Act, Alabama Code 8-15-30 to 8-15-38, it is hereby given that on **February 25th at 10am**, contents of the following units will be sold at **Climate Guard Self Storage, 2803 Florence Blvd., Florence, AL 35630**. Tenants may satisfy their balance prior to the time of sale. The auction will be inside our facility at **Climate Guard Self Storage**.

Name	Unit #	Stored Items
NATHAN BISSONNETTE	B-40	Twin Size Bed, Misc. Toys, Small Desk, Shoes
CYNTHIA KILPATRICK	B-29	Clothes, Boxes
JASON SHANEYFELT	B-36	Furniture, TV, Clothes, Bed
DAKOTA STEBER	B-32	Clothes Rack, Tricycle, 6 Totes, Small Rocking Horse
TERRY KRISTAN	341	Bed, Clothes, Furniture, Washer & Dryer, Toys

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# Community Notes...

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**Monthly Covered Dish Lunch and Program** at the Zip City Community Center, 10511 Hwy 17, Florence on Thursday, February 16 at 11:30am. Please bring a covered dish.

**Swamp John's** at the Lexington Senior Center, Thursday, February 16, 4-7pm. Fish, chicken, and shrimp with slaw, hushpuppies, fries, drink and homemade desserts. \$11 plate.

**Black History Month events at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library**

- The Screening Room: Selma - Sunday, February 19, 2pm.

This film is the story of a movement. It chronicles the tumultuous three-month period in 1965, when Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. led a dangerous campaign to secure equal voting rights in the face of violent opposition. The epic march from Selma to Montgomery culminated in President Johnson signing the Voting Rights Act of 1965, one of the most significant victories for the civil rights movement. This film tells the real story of how the revered leader and visionary Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his brothers and sisters in the movement prompted change that forever altered history.

- For 5th-12th grade students Tuesday evenings, 5-7pm, now through April 24, our Teen Program is hosting a special set of events. We are partnering with UNA to offer an 18-week Relationship Smarts series that will help your kids with topics such as attraction, communication, healthy relationships, parental relationships, dating abuse, and ending relationships. The students will be separated into groups of 5th-8th grade and 9th-12th grade, so each group will participate in the Relationship Smarts class for one hour and will also get to attend a fun Teen Program activity. Plus, we'll provide dinner for all students attending Relationship Smarts (Thanks to Edgemont Methodist Church for providing meals!).

For more information, call 256-764-6564, ext. 24.

**Sheffield Career Center will present a FREE job shop, "Intro to Job Seeking"** at 10am. on February 14. Topics discussed will be interview skills, resume writing, how to dress and social media. For more information call the Career Center at 256-383-5610.

**NAMI Shoals Family Support Group** for families with adults and/or children who have brain disorders (mental illnesses) and NAMI Connection Recovery Support Group for people who have been diagnosed with a brain disorder and are in recovery meets Tuesday, February 14 at 7pm at the NAMI Shoals office, 749 Thompson St., Suite A, Florence. Need directions or more information, call 256-765-2081. You are not alone.

**Voices of Victory Singers** will be at Community Baptist Church, County Road 24, Florence on February 18 at 6pm.

**Florence Park & Rec Spring Registration** - Baseball: Ages 3-12, Register from Now - February 26. Fee \$35

Girls Softball: Ages 5-12. Register from Now - February 26. Fee \$35  
Soccer: Ages 4-14. Register from Now - March 5. Fee \$45  
Register online at [www.fpard.com](http://www.fpard.com)  
For more information, contact the Florence Park and Recreation Department at 256-760-6628.

**The State Department of Education will destroy certain special education records** on February 14. Those include special education state complaints, mediations, and due process hearing requests filed between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2011. Any parent of a child 19 or older, or a former student in that age range with records maintained at the state Department of Education, may request those records pertaining to the child by mailing or faxing a signed, written authorization to release the records. The request must be sent to Bernice Rush Harrison or Clark Waggoner, Alabama Department of Education, Special Education Services, P.O. Box 302101, Montgomery, AL 36130-2101, or faxed to 334-242-9192. All requests must be received by February 13 at 4pm. The written request should include the student's name, current mailing address and telephone number.

**Shoals Christian School Open House** for prospective students and families, K3-12th grade, on Thursday, February 16, 5:30-7pm, at 301 Heathrow Drive, Florence.  
Come meet our dedicated teachers. Tour our facilities. Children are welcome. Drop in at your convenience.  
SCS is accredited by AdvandED and ACSI. For more information, or to register, email [d.vardaman@shoalschristian.org](mailto:d.vardaman@shoalschristian.org). 256-767-7070, [www.shoalschristian.org](http://www.shoalschristian.org).

**Sons of Confederate Veterans, E. A. O'Neal Camp No. 478 Meeting** at 6:30pm February 16 at Pope's Tavern & Museum, 203 Hermitage Drive, Florence. Guest Speaker will be Dr. David Gregg with his program on the "War Along the Tennessee: January to April 1862". 256-764-4945

**Florence High School senior, Kaitlyn Fennell, is collecting soda can tabs** for her National Honor Society community project. The tabs will be donated to the Northwest Alabama Cancer Center's Sharing and Caring Fund. This fund is used to help patients undergoing chemo treatment with unexpected expenses. Soda can tabs can be dropped off at either of the Northwest Alabama Cancer Center offices. The Florence office is located at 302 W. Dr. Hicks Drive. The Muscle Shoals office is located at 101 Dr. W. H. Blake Jr. Drive behind the Shoals Hospital. Last year Kaitlyn collected 101 pounds and she is hoping to double this amount this year.

Any donations will be appreciated. Jars can be provided for your business as well. Questions may be directed to 256-764-4200.

**Free Event: Sheffield Career Center will host SunTrust Bank** on Tuesday, February 21 at 10am at their center on 500 S. Montgomery Ave, Sheffield, AL. Topics to be discussed will be steps to repairing bad credit, budgeting and money management. For more information call the Career Center at 256-383-5610.

**Cloverdale Neighborhood Watch Meeting** Monday, February 20 at 7pm at the Community Center.

**Gospel and Grace** Sunday, February 19, 3pm in the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library

Celebrate and learn about the gospel tradition with a joyful concert at FLPL! Performers include Detrius Malone, Carrine Thompson, Gailee Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. C.B. Scott, and Kerri Washington. For more information, call 256-764-6564, ext. 15.

**The students of Colbert Heights High School will host the inaugural community wide My School Color Run** on at 10am Monday, February 20 to raise money for their school. The My School Color Run is an untimed, fun run/walk for all ages and fitness abilities. Along the route, participants pass through vibrant color zones, making it a colorful experience. Additionally, each pre-registered participant is provided with a single powder color packet that will be thrown in the air at the final color celebration at the finish line. Participants who register by February 6 will receive a t-shirt, race bib, and individual color packet. Sign up for the run by visiting [www.colbertMSCR.eventbrite.com](http://www.colbertMSCR.eventbrite.com) or by completing a paper registration form. Business sponsorship opportunities are also available. Please contact the event organizer for more information. Sammi McConnell-256-383-7875

**Fourth Saturday Breakfast** at the Zip City Community Center on February 25 from 6:30-9am. Menu includes eggs, sausage, bacon, biscuits, gravies, grits, juice and coffee. Adults \$6, children under 10, \$3. Proceeds used for Center expenses. Everyone is invited.

**The Healing Place will be Conducting its Annual Winter Workshop** on Friday, February 17 at Cross Point Church of Christ, 1350 Cox Creek Pkwy in Florence. Lunch will not be provided. Registration will begin at 7am and the workshop will be conducted from 8am-4pm.

The workshop is for counselors, social workers, and others in the community who deal with grief related issues. An assortment of topics will be presented, including an overview of equine assisted psychotherapy, mindfulness, depression and grief, compassion fatigue, and couples counseling.

Counselors can receive 6 CE hours and Social Workers can receive 6 Contact Hours. The cost of the workshop is \$65 for those who pre-register by February 10, \$70 for those who register after February 10. The cost for students is \$35. For groups of 5 or more, a special group rate is offered.

For more information about this workshop and to register, please visit <http://www.thehealingplaceinfo.org/winter-workshop> or call The Healing Place at 256-383-7133.

**St. Bartholomew's Annual Soup and Bake Sale** takes place Saturday, February 18, 9am-1pm. St. Bartholomew's is located at 1900 Darby Drive at the corner of Berry Avenue in Florence.

The Episcopal Church Women's Organization will sponsor the sale of homemade gourmet items.

The sale will be in the Community Hall of the Church and the proceeds from the sale will be divided among various church charities and community help organizations.

All are invited to enjoy the home-cooked foods being offered for sale.

## PUBLIC NOTICE OF VEHICLE AUCTION

The Lauderdale County Commission will be holding a vehicle auction open to the public on **Wednesday, February 15, 2017** at the **Lauderdale County Road Department, 1630 State Street, Florence, AL 35630**. Gates will open at 11:00 a.m. for vehicle inspection and auction will begin at 12:00 p.m. Items for auction are listed below and some items will have a minimum bid price. Payment will be accepted in the form of cash or local check only. Auction items must be removed promptly after auction ends. Any questions may be made to Brenda Bryant via email at [bbryant@lauderdalecounty.gov](mailto:bbryant@lauderdalecounty.gov).

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- 2006 Ford F150 PU
- 2001 Ford Crown Victoria
- 1998 Kobelco Hydraulic Track Excavator
- 2017 Mack GU713 Dump Chassis
- 16' Steel Dump Body (21yard Stampede)
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- 1995 Polaris ATV - Trail Boss 250
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Year/Make/Model	Color	Vin#	Tow Date	Location
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2008 Chevrolet Impala	Black	2G1WB58K181364038	11/1/2016	
2002 Chevrolet Trailblazer	Black	1GNDS13S822448449	11/23/2016	County line Rd/Jarmon Lane
2000 Chevrolet GO Tracker	Blue	2CNBE13C5Y6934353	12/7/2016	2ND Street/RR Tracks
1997 Ford Thunderbird	Green	1FALP62WXVH135336	12/16/2016	Joe Wheeler Drive
1996 Ford Ranger	Green	1FTCR14U2TTA11901	10/2/2016	Hwy 72 Meadow Circle
1999 Ford Ranger	Black	1FTYR14X7XPA63684	11/30/2016	Plum ST/6th Street
2000 Ford Taurus	Green	1FAPF5521YA190514	12/10/2016	Hwy 72
1998 Honda Civic	Black	1HGEJ8242WL000141	11/7/2016	Gann Blvd
1995 Jeep Cherokee	Black	1J4GZ58Y1SC5270309	1/12/2017	Hwy 72
1997 Jeep Cherokee	White	1J4FX58S4VC673916	11/25/2016	2ND Street/County Line Rd
1992 Nissan Sentra	White	JN1EB31PXNU106066	12/9/2016	Natchez Trace Parkway
2002 Nissan Altima	Green	1N4AL11D52C154410	11/4/2016	
1998 Pontiac Grand AM	Red	1G2NW12E0XM762321	11/22/2016	Old Lee Highway
1993 Toyota Corolla	Silver	1NXAE09E7PZ044113	12/19/2016	

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# Junior Whirl Answers

by Charles Barry Townsend

Illustrated by David Coulson

Answers: Action, dueled, wallowed, banally, errand, calluses,

1. ACT	USES
2. DUE	OWED
3. WALL	AND
4. BAN	LED
5. ERR	ION
6. CALL	ALLY

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- When is corn like a question?
- What is the center of gravity?
- When is a rope like a child at school?
- What letters are in-visible, but never out of sight?
- When do your teeth sound just like your tongue?



Answers: 1. When you are popping it. 2. The letter V. 3. When it is taught (taut). 4. I and S. 5. When they chatter.



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