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## Amnesty Day in Florence

FLORENCE – Florence Municipal Court will give individuals with outstanding warrants a chance to get them taken care of before the Christmas Holiday.

Judge Chris Smith and Florence Municipal Court declared Tuesday, December 12 and Thursday December 14 as the 2nd Annual Amnesty Day in Florence for anyone with outstanding warrants from that court.

Anyone with an outstanding warrant must sign-in from 8-9:30am on one of those days. If they do, they will not be arrested. They will see the judge, get a new court date, and the current warrants will be recalled.

There are currently over 6,000 warrants. A list of everyone with warrants is posted at [www.florenceal.org/Public\\_Safety/Police](http://www.florenceal.org/Public_Safety/Police).



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## Bronze Star for Clark

TUSCUMBIA - A bronze star was just unveiled Sunday in honor of drummer, Roger Clark. A host of family, friends, and fellow musicians joined him in celebration at the Alabama Music Hall of Fame.

Clark earned his first paying gig at age 14 and quickly earned a reputation as a skilled, dynamic percussionist. Clark is a legendary Muscle Shoals and Nashville studio drummer with over 30 Gold and Platinum records to his credit. He has worked with such artists as Hank Williams, Jr., Amy Grant, Conway Twitty, The Osmonds, Mac Davis, Tom Jones, Roy Orbison, Ronnie Milsap, The Temptations, Eddy Raven, Earl Thomas Conley, B.J. Thomas, Nancy Sinatra, and many more. Clark played on the first chart topping country single to come out of Muscle Shoals, Narvel Felts'

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## Winners All Around

Tickets Recipient Chooses Iron Bowl - His First In Decades  
Generous Donations Provide Funds for St. Jude.



Attending the St. Jude check presentation were, from left: Heath Butler, Listerhill Credit Union; ticket winner, James Averhart; Brian Denton with Alex's Warriors, a local nonprofit that also raises money for St. Jude; and Sandra Miller, and Tonya Moore, also with Listerhill. Courtesy photo

MUSCLE SHOALS — "It's been a long time since I've been to an Alabama game," said James Averhart. "The last time I went they played at Legion Field." Thanks to Listerhill Credit Union's annual St. Jude Fundraiser, Averhart won tickets to this year's much anticipated Iron Bowl game in Auburn.

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## ANIMAL LOVERS AGREE 2017 a Big Year at Memphis Zoo

MEMPHIS— This year has been a milestone year for the Memphis Zoo. From new births to conservation efforts, the Zoo continues to serve as a must-see tourist and educational destination for animal lovers of all ages. Here are the "Top 5 Milestone Events at the Memphis Zoo in 2017." It presents a great opportunity for those who haven't made the trek to the Zoo recently. Plan a family roadtrip



The Memphis Zoo welcomed an adorable Linné's two-toed sloth named Lua on March 7.

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## Grants to Fight Crime, Abuse

MONTGOMERY—Governor Kay Ivey recently awarded twelve grants totaling more than \$4.4 million to help victims of child abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault and families of homicide victims in north Alabama. Five of those grants directly impact people in the Courier Journal's distribution area.

The organizations offer an array of services such as emergency shelter, counseling, forensic exams, court advocacy, community outreach and more.

"When horrible crimes like these

occur, we want the people of Alabama to know that there is help available," Ivey said. "I commend the staffs of these organizations for the deeply meaningful work they do to help victims of crime and abuse in our state. I am pleased that this funding will help continue their important efforts"

The grants are being administered by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs from funds made available by the U.S. Department of Justice.

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## Shorts...

### Bronze Star for Clark

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'Reconsider Me.' Clark has also been a touring drummer with Steve Miller Band and toured extensively with Journey, The Tower of Power, and The Pointer Sisters. He also appeared on *The Tonight Show* with Johnny Carson twice.

### UNA Has 3 All-Americans

AUSTIN, TX – For the second straight season, the University of North Alabama volleyball team had three players receive All-America honors by the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA). Lexie Bradley is a first-team All-American, Jessica Austin was named to the third team, Ashtyn Kapovich was listed as an honorable mention.

Bradley was an AVCA All-America honorable mention a year ago. In addition, she was recently named second team All-American by D2CCA, she was a first team All-South Region selection by both organizations, and she was first team All-Gulf South Conference and the GSC Player of the Year.

### Accepting '18 Nominees

FLORENCE—The City of Florence is currently accepting nominations for the 2018 Walk of Honor Inductees. The public is invited to make nominations. The Walk of Honor is located in the River Heritage Park at the Marriott Complex. It recognizes individuals from Florence and Lauderdale County who have achieved national or international acclaim. "This is a means to give honor and perpetuate the name and achievement of deserving individuals, either current or former citizens, through a form of civic recognition," according to Florence mayor, Steve Holt.

Areas of national or international accomplishment include but are not limited to agriculture, art, athletics, business, education, government, humanities, literature, medical, military, music, public service, religion, or science and technology. Nominations will be received until 5pm on Friday, December 29, 2017 in the mayor's office. Procedures for making a nomination and form to submit your entry may be obtained by:

- 1) Visiting the City's web site, [www.florenceal.org](http://www.florenceal.org), and selecting the "Walk of Honor" listing under the "Happening Now" section;
  - 2) Picking up a copy from the Mayor's Office, 102 South Court Street - Suite 200, Florence, AL 35630; or
  - 3) Calling the mayor's office at 256-760-6400.
- Please include any substantiating data and picture, if possible, with your nomination form.

### UNA's Johnson All-American

WACO, TX - University of North Alabama junior safety **Chris Johnson** of Birmingham has been named to the 2017 America Football Coaches Association (AFCA) NCAA Division II All-America team. Johnson was a first-team AFCA All-American selection, marking the 21st time that UNA has had an AFCA All-American.

Johnson ranked among the NCAA Division II national leaders in interceptions this season with six and was UNA's fourth leading tackler with 50 stops. He was previously selected first-team All-Gulf South Conference and first-team D2CCA All-Super Region 2.

A graduate of Oak Mountain High School, Johnson transferred to UNA from the University of Albany (N.Y.) prior to the 2017 season.

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The North Pole Stroll is open to the public daily until midnight through December 30 for locals and visitors to stroll among the festival of trees and enjoy the lights and holiday decorations.

From 5-7pm, on December 16 Santa makes an appearance for an evening of Letters to Santa where hundreds of children descend onto the park equipped with their Christmas wish list eagerly waiting to hand off to Saint Nicholas. After Santa has met with all of the good boys and girls and each child has their photo opportunity with the jolly old man, Santa rallies everyone together for a reading of "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

The seven-foot beautiful Frasier Fur trees, provided by Lowe's of Athens, are decorated by members of the community, local businesses and civic groups. One of the conditions for the décor is to keep it as green-friendly as possible. Trees can have themes that match the sponsor's mission or they can be uniquely designed.

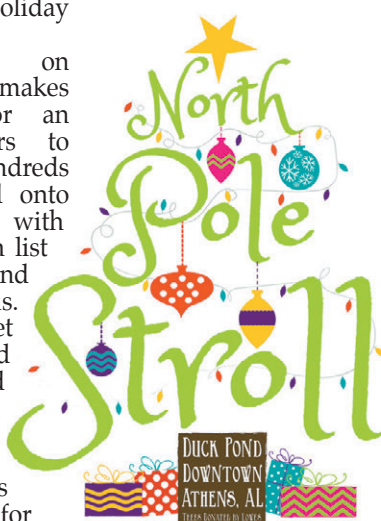
The North Pole Stroll is organized by Athens-Limestone Tourism Association and supported

by Lowes of Athens, City of Athens, Limestone County Commission, City of Athens Parks and Recreation and Keep Athens-Limestone Beautiful. Admission is free.

For more information, call 256-232-5411 or visit <http://www.visitathensal.com/news-blog/2017-north-pole-stroll>.

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Once error is ingrained in our minds, it may take a miracle of God to eliminate it. Let me give you some good advice from the Book. **Isaiah 34:16a** "Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read:" Read it for yourself. You will account for you. Your soul is most precious to God. Don't put your soul in someone else's hand. Famous last words, "I was a stubborn man." Won't the lost world look stupid one day when asked: "Why did you try to pay a debt that Christ paid for you?" What will you say then? Three times these words are recorded in N.T.: **Matthew 24:35** "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." **2 Peter 3:10** "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." Where will you be then?

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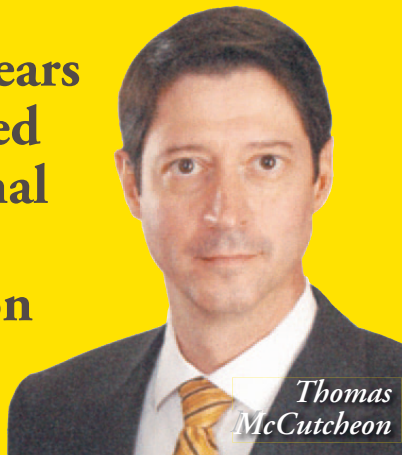
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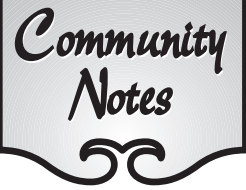
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Thursday, December 14, 9am - 4:30pm, Colbert County Court House, 201 N Main Street, Tuscumbia

Friday, December 15, 11am - 5:30pm, Big Star, 406 4th Street SW, Red Bay

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

Sunday, December 17, 9:30am - 1pm, Cowboy Church, 3440 Hwy 157, Leighton

Monday, December 18, 1-7pm, Anytime Fitness, 1601 Darby Drive, Florence

Tuesday, December 19, 3-8pm, Texas Roadhouse, 307 Cox Creek Pkwy, Florence

Wednesday, December 20, 8am - 5pm, Express Oil Change & Tire Engineers, 327 E Dr Hicks Blvd, Florence

Thursday, December 21, 11am - 5:30pm, 1st Cash Express, 1587 Darby Drive, Florence

Friday, December 22, 12am - 6pm, Walmart, 1706 Military St S, Hamilton

Saturday, December 23, 12-7pm, Walmart, 13675 Hwy 43, Russellville

Sunday, December 24, 8am - 2pm, Lowes, 3415 Woodward Ave, Muscle Shoals

Tuesday, December 26, 10am - 4pm, 318 Cox Creek Parkway, Florence

Wednesday, December 27, Fred's, 4150 Florence Blvd, Florence

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Friday, December 29, Walmart, 3100 Hough Road, Florence

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Natalie

while they're reading from the script. They might refuse to put you through to someone who could help, but at least, you won't waste your time with someone who does not have the authority to do what you ask.

Nate

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Deborah

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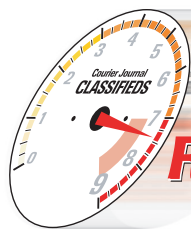
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**Hippopotamus mother, Binti, keeps a close eye on her newborn calf, Winnie.**  
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## Zoo...

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sometime in 2018.  
**Winnie** - The baby hippo, was born March 23 and weighed in at 76 pounds. You can see her on exhibit at the Zambezi River Hippo Camp with her mother Binti.  
**Louisiana Pine Snakes** - Memphis Zoo is one of only four conservation centers in the U.S. to increase the Louisiana pine snake breeding population. They're the rarest snake species in North America, and the Zoo incubated 28 eggs this summer.

**Lua** - The Zoo welcomed an adorable Linné's two-toed sloth named Lua on March 7. It was the Memphis Zoo's first successful birth of this species.

**Ripley's Believe It or Not!** To celebrate the rare birth of a Francois langur named Ripley, the zoo teamed with Believe It or Not! for nine "Ripley's Days" that featured "must see it to believe it" exhibits. The event was so successful that the Zoo and Ripley's will team again next spring to exhibit more than 100 artifacts and other fun activities.

**The Memphis Zoo** hit record-breaking attendance this past fiscal year, drawing more than 1.2 million visitors! There are a lot of contributors to this record, including this year's baby boom and special attractions like Zoo Lights during the holidays.

For more information, visit [MemphisZoo.org](http://MemphisZoo.org).

## St. Jude...

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For each dollar donated to St. Jude during the three-week fundraiser donors received a chance in a random drawing to win a pair of SEC football tickets. "The winner of the drawing could choose between tickets to the Iron Bowl at Jordan Hare Stadium or tickets to the LSU vs. Tennessee game in Knoxville," said Listerhill marketing specialist, Heath Butler. "Listerhill was able to raise over \$7,500 for St. Jude with over \$4,800 from the three-week fundraising drive," he added.

The remaining \$2,675 was donated to St. Jude as a feature of the Good Start savings account for children up to age four. Every time a deposit is made into a Good Start savings account, Listerhill donates \$0.50 at no cost to its members. The account features no service charges, unlimited deposits, and earns quarterly interest.

The total donated from the Good Start account is over \$7,560 since 2014.

A key component to this year's success was a friendly competition between Listerhill branches to win a tailgate party. The Killen and Muscle Shoals drive-thru branches won by exceeding their goal by the largest percentage and by raising the most money respectively.

"Seeing the passion our employees had in raising money for St. Jude was inspiring," said Brad Green, Listerhill CEO/President. "It was a great example of what we are really about, which is people helping people."

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# Ask Dr. Webb

Several common myths related to Palliative Care (PC) and Hospice need to be cleared up.



Dr. Robert Webb

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**2. It's only for people with cancer.** It's also for many other 'Life Limiting Diseases' (LLD) which are as bad or worse than cancer. Life limiting means the disease eventually causes death unless something else happens first: such as Alzheimer's, Congestive Heart Failure, emphysema, Lou Gehrig's Disease, Strokes.

**3. It means I'm close to death.** Hospice requires a certification that the patient will die within six months if the disease runs its usual course; but PC is available to anyone with a chronic or LLD. Many people live longer precisely because they receive PC/hospice: by improving comfort, patients eat better, enjoy life more, and often live months longer than expected.

**4. They dope you up & you sleep until you die.** The main reason both doctors and patients may believe this is that we frequently receive referrals so late that the only option remaining is 'palliative sedation': using continuous morphine and other drugs to induce a state of sleep so that suffering can be relieved, allowing them to die peacefully, with dignity; which also leaves the family with a much better final memory.

**5. If I get morphine, I will stop breathing.** Only if it is given in very large doses will breathing stop. Dosages are just enough to control symptoms and suffering. Studies confirm that there is no relationship between the dose given in PC/hospice programs and causing someone to die prematurely.



Ask Dr. Webb is a bi-weekly article sponsored by Hospice of the Shoals as a community service to answer questions about hospice care and end of life issues. Please submit questions to [ssimpson@hofts.org](mailto:ssimpson@hofts.org) or call 256-767-6699.

Dr. Robert Webb has focused his practice on geriatrics and palliative care since 2003. He is the Medical Director at Hospice of the Shoals. 165172-1

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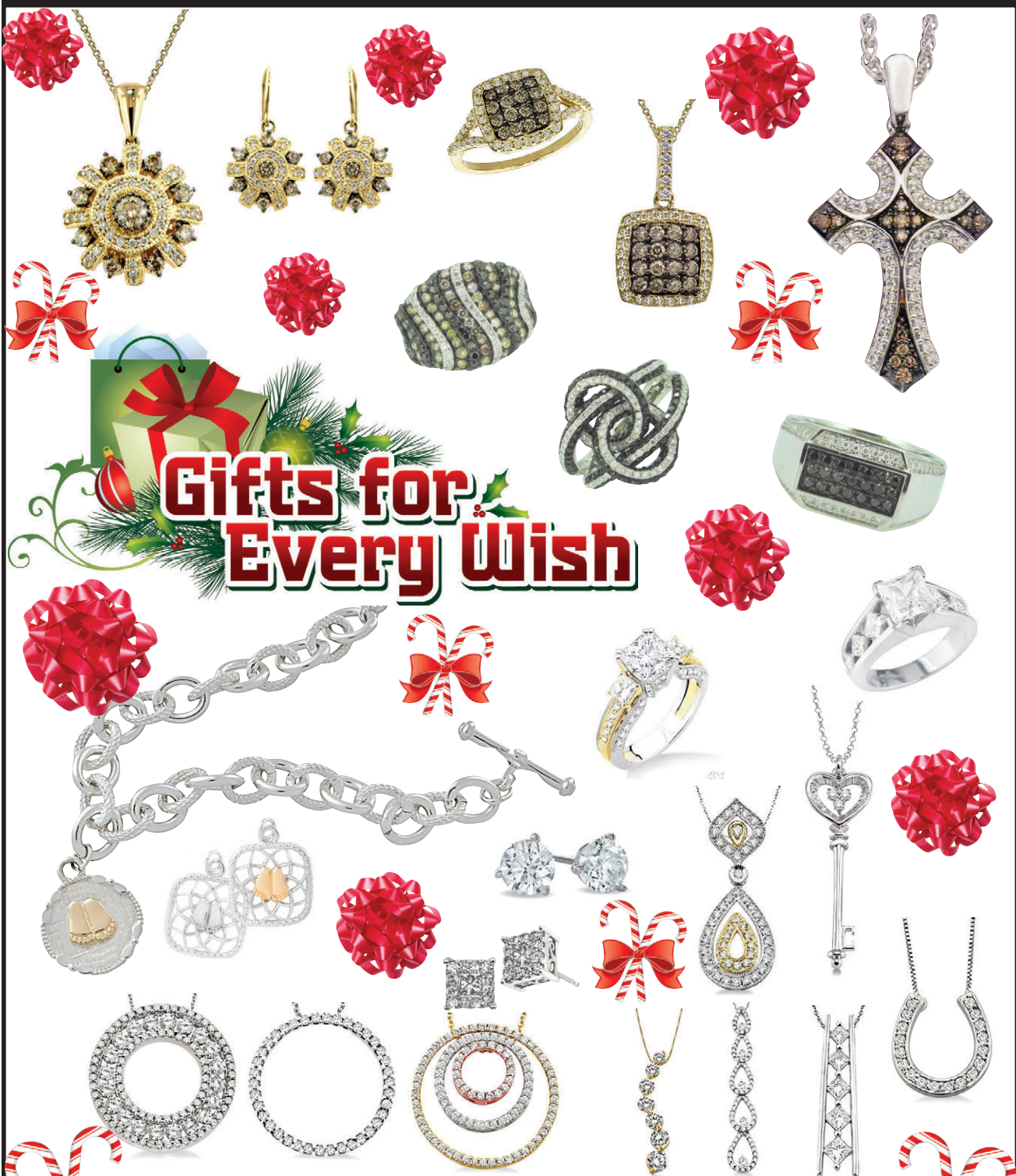
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**WINTER CAR CARE**

If you live up north, you know that your car takes a beating in winter. Ice, snow, and slush can trash your car's carpets. Therefore, each fall, I go to a carpet store and buy a couple of old carpet sample squares to put in my car. They're usually \$1 a square. Sometimes they are even free. When all the snow has melted in the spring, I throw away the squares and have a clean car carpet underneath!  
*Rick*

**MY MOM LOVES FLEECE**

It is the time of year when stores begin to put out the 50" x 60" fleece throws for the holidays. These are usually priced as low as \$1.99 to \$2.50 for each one. These are probably given as stocking stuffers or just bought to curl up under while watching TV.

I have found another use for the throws. My elderly mother chills easily and she likes these to snuggle under while viewing TV, but I had a new idea. She had gone to bed cold and not feeling well with a stomach bug. She was afraid of having an accident while in bed. I slipped one of these throws on top of the fitted sheet on her bed. She got in and covered up. She did have an accident, but the throw contained it and her bed stayed clean. Once I had removed the soiled throw, she requested another due to the fact that she stayed nice and warm with it on her bed. We use these year round now on her bed, and they wash up wonderfully. She now will not sleep without one.

One of the local farm and home stores was offering these throws for \$2.50 each. I bought a baker's dozen. Now she has plenty to use, and I am not having to wash throws every day. I can wait until I have quite a few for a load of laundry. When these are marked down at the end of the season, I am going to really load up. These would be awesome for an elderly patient in a nursing care facility for the same reason I use them for my mother.  
*Lana from Indiana*

**WHEN THE NATURAL FOOD MARKET IS CHEAPER**

I like to buy organic, but often the prices are pretty high. I've found one exception. That's dried herbs and spices. Instead of buying those little bottles, I buy herbs and spices by the pound at the natural food store. Typically I'm only buying an ounce or two, so it's only a few cents. Why pay for a bottle and packaging that you'll only throw away later?  
*Anika*

See DOLLAR... page 13

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- \$193,040 to the Morgan County Child Advocacy Center in Decatur, which serves child abuse victims in Morgan County.
- \$167,268 to the Athens Limestone Children's Advocacy Center in Athens, which serves child abuse victims in Limestone County.
- \$138,000 to the Child Advocacy Center of Marshall County in Guntersville, which serves child abuse victims in Marshall County.
- \$102,527 to the DeKalb County Children's Advocacy Center in Fort Payne, which serves child abuse victims in DeKalb and Jackson counties.
- \$428,852 to the National

Children's Advocacy Center in Huntsville, which serves child abuse victims in DeKalb, Jackson, Madison, Marshall and Morgan counties.

• \$606,760 to Cramer Children's Center in Florence, which serves child abuse victims in Colbert, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Marion and Winston counties.

• \$883,851 to Crisis Services of North Alabama in Huntsville, which serves victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Jackson, Limestone, Madison and Morgan counties.

• \$1,399,251 to Safeplace Inc. in Florence, which serves domestic violence victims in Colbert, Franklin, Lauderdale,

Lawrence, Marion and Winston counties.

• \$243,000 to Domestic Violence Crisis Services in Albertville, which serves domestic violence victims in Cherokee, DeKalb and Marshall counties.

• \$178,000 to Family Services of North Alabama in Albertville, which serves victims of sexual assault in DeKalb and Marshall counties.

• \$100,000 to the Family Services Center in Huntsville, which serves survivors of homicide or vehicular homicide in Colbert, Cullman, DeKalb, Franklin, Jackson, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Morgan and Winston counties.

• \$29,734 to the Marshall County District Attorney's Office for the Victim Services Program that serves victims of violent crime in Marshall County.

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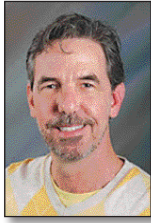
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The "browser." It is at the center of our computing life. It is the software we all use to browse the internet for stuff that really matters such as cute kittens and fake news that matches our political ideology. There are at least 5 major browsers: Chrome, Firefox (Now called "Quantum"), Edge, Internet Explorer, and Safari for you Mac people.



Fisher

Many of us simply use whatever browser we are presented with. Generally, that means Edge on Windows 10, Internet Explorer on Windows 7, and Safari on a Mac. But other browsers offer different approaches to security, improved speed, flexibility through the use of "plugins" and convenience with such things as

# BROWSER WARS

by "The Computer Skeptic"

password keepers.

So which of these browsers are "best"? Will using a different browser make your computing experience more joyful? Will it make you smarter or prettier?

There used to be huge differences between browsers. Years ago, Microsoft was slow to update their browser which allowed competitors to step up their game and dominate. Years ago, Firefox was the best alternative to Internet Explorer. Then Google came out with their Chrome browser which blew away the competition. In recent years, all the major players have

been playing leapfrog in making the fastest, most secure, most convenient browser. So who is the "best"? Short answer: all of them are great. But here are some things to ponder when settling on one.

Chrome - My choice but mainly because I am deeply entrenched in the Google universe. I do all my word processing and spreadsheets on Google Drive (a free online suite of software similar to Office) which is much more friendly with Chrome. Chrome also integrates nicely with my Android phone. I enter a password on my phone and it's "remembered" on my computer and vice versa.

Edge - The browser that comes with Windows 10. Many of you still confuse it with Internet Explorer (IE). IE is actually still on Windows 10 computers, it's just hidden. The problem with Edge is that it's weird. The address bar isn't where it should be. The menu bar is gone and many people just don't like new ways. If you sign-in with a Microsoft account, it will give you similar features to Chrome for password keepers and bookmark synchronization between all your devices.

Mozilla Quantum - the newest browser from the makers of Firefox. It's fast, secure, and looks familiar to those who don't like changes. Again, signing in to a free Mozilla account will allow for synchronization across your devices. For those who use a laptop, Quantum offers significantly extended battery life through more efficient use of

resources.

Mac users should immediately dump Safari and PC users should move away from Internet Explorer. They are both full of security holes and just aren't updated often enough to keep up with the miscreants out there on the Internet.

Switching to another browser is akin to watching TV on a different brand television. You can use all the major browsers at the same time on your computer. So give them a test drive and see if it makes you prettier.

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**CHRISTMAS TOYS**

We don't allow our kids to tear into their gifts on Christmas morning. We purposely make them take their time and open one gift at a time. Not only does this give them a chance to recognize who gave them the gift, but also it gives me a chance to set aside the packaging. In a few years, when they've outgrown the toy, I can get top dollar for

it at my garage sale if I still have the original packaging. It's a win/win!  
*Lexie*

**BEFORE YOU SHOP**

As I watch people start to ramp up their frantic shopping, I remember doing the same thing and worrying over the bills later. I then started to purchase small items all through the year for stocking stuffers and that eased the burden in November and December. Looking back, my grown children speak of Christmas and their remembrances and none of them are about specific gifts. They remember making a gingerbread house the first weekend in

December with their friends at our home, the daily advent calendar, and setting up the nativity scene on the first of December. The creche (crib) was bare, but each evening we sat down in front of it and talked about the day. Each child was able to earn straw for each day depending on their behavior. They always got some regardless of how difficult the day. The idea was to make the softest bed ever. December was usually a quiet month behavior-wise. If you are a parent, keep asking yourself if getting the gift of the year for your child will really matter 10 or 20 years down the road. Give yourself and your budget a break.  
*M.*

**MEASURE AND SAVE**

Most liquid laundry detergents come with opaque bottle caps with nearly invisible fill guidelines. I used to "guess-timate" how much detergent to use and toss it in the washer. One day I looked at the label where the manufacturer states exactly how many ounces to use. I took a Sharpie and wrote those amounts on the side of the bottle for small, medium, and large loads. Then I began measuring the detergent with a small, clear measuring cup instead of estimating in the bottle cap.

My jug of detergent now lasts about 50% longer than it used to and my laundry is as clean as it ever was. "Guess-timating" can cost you!  
*Julie*

**SAVE TIME & MONEY LATER**

With four kids in the house, we get a lot of invites to birthday parties, so I always shop the after-Christmas sales for solid color wrapping paper and bows. I try to buy enough to last me for the entire year. Not only do I save money, but also I don't have to make a special trip to the store to get wrapping paper when a party pops up.  
*Lurlene*

**HELPING ELDERLY PARENTS**

My mom had a stroke, and I'm taking care of her finances. I have power of attorney and am listed as co-trustee of her trust. But there are some things in the trust (which was written 25 years ago) that I think she would change if she could. Now, she's not mentally aware, so no changes can be made. If your parents have a trust that's more than a few years old, you should encourage them to have an attorney specializing in elder law review it. It might cost a couple hundred dollars, but it could avoid some of the problems that I'm dealing with now.  
*Donna*

**FREE THEATRE?**

I live in Seattle, and many of the local professional theatres let you see plays for free if you volunteer to help with the show. This usually consists of selling coffee or taking tickets. We've also found that many of the theatres have a "pay what you can" night. We like to pay as much as we can to support the theatre, but definitely less than a single ticket would usually cost. And if you're not crunched for time, many theatres will sell their tickets at half price 15 minutes before the play starts if it is not sold out. This is usually not a problem on a weeknight or towards the end of a run. We've even gotten last minute tickets on a Saturday night.  
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**Earthly and Heavenly Treasures**

My days have been fuller than usual lately. My mother has gotten to the age where she needed to make some changes in her living arrangements, so she decided to move out of her house. That led her to get rid of some "stuff" for which she no longer had room - which led to an estate sale - which led to a lot of preparation.

My mom is not a hoarder, but it is still amazing what accumulates over the years. As we went through days of cleaning out and trying to decide what to keep and what to let go, there were a few thoughts that kept running through my mind that I would like to share.

The first and most obvious is how blessed we are in this country. For the vast majority of us, we need a lot less than we have and we keep a lot more than we need! Even so, most of us would not consider ourselves rich regardless of what we have amassed over time. But do you realize, comparatively speaking, that even the poorest among us still have far beyond what most people own in our world? Thus, we need to count our blessings! (cf. James 1:17).

The second thought is even though we possess an abundance of material things, we must be careful not to let them possess us! The Bible often warns us about this very danger. Remember the Rich Young Ruler? (Mark 10:17f). He held his temporary possessions in higher esteem than his eternal soul! Also, many are familiar with Paul's statement that "The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil" (1 Timothy 6:10). He further penned, "Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us all things to enjoy" (1 Timothy 6:17). So we must be on guard.

And the last thought is that it is imperative for us to focus on the treasures that last. Regardless of how much we have accumulated of earthly things, one day they will all perish (cf. 2 Peter 3:10). Jesus laid it out plain when He taught, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal" (Matthew 6:19, 20). It has been wisely said, "The only treasures we get to keep are those we send on ahead."

Where are our treasures?

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**Commentary**

# Tax Reform: Are We Better Off?

**W**e will all fare better. We will all be far worse off.

I guess it all depends on to whom you are speaking as to how the new GOP tax plan will impact you and your family. It looks as if most Americans will see a net tax cut under the republican proposed house and senate plans, including most lower, middle, and upper-income earners. At least that is the analysis from Congress' Joint Committee on Taxation.

Both versions offer significant reductions in business tax rates which should lower consumer costs in theory.

However, there are so many confusing variables that could save or cost each of us money in the long run. It all comes down to factors such as income limits, type of income, number of children, tax credits, and assorted deductions and exemptions that impact some may be eliminated.

While it may not be the direct assault on the middle class as some always portray, the middle class seems to always be in the financial vortex. They are not well enough off to easily absorb taxes, fees, and assorted rate increases, yet they are doing too well to receive subsidized, housing, services, food, education, and healthcare. Many times those earning lower wages with assorted perks and benefits that are not considered taxable fare better than those considered middle class. That is the group that needs the most

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**In A Few Words**



**TOM MAGAZZU**  
Editor

# Courier Journal

# THIS WEEK

in the *Shoals*  
December 13, 2017

*Happening*  
**THIS WEEK**

## Last Rush for Toy Share

SHEFFIELD—All locations of Bank Independent are now accepting donations of new, unwrapped toys for Shoals children through December 15 as part of the Bank's seventh annual Toy Share drive.

"Every year our friends and neighbors donate more

toys and help more children in our own communities than the previous year," says Macke M a u l d i n , President of Bank Independent. "I'm confident that this year will be no different, and we'll



**Toy donations at each branch will be distributed to deserving children this year.**

*Bank Independent photo*

make Christmas morning brighter for more families than ever before."

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**A CHRISTMAS CONCERT FEATURING THE NUTONES** takes place Tuesday, December 19 from 6:30-9pm at Marriott Conference Center in Florence. Early seating begins at 5:30pm. Tickets are \$10, children under 10 are admission-free. Tickets are available at Keestone at 201 N. Cedar Street in Florence, 256-767-7676 or any NuTone band member. Special guests include: Kenneth Lovelace, Mallie and Ida Kate Stuts, Hugh Banks, and Avery Frost. For more information: www.keestoneseniorkomunity.com or facebook.com/nutones.

## Tourism Eyes Tackiest Sweater



FLORENCE—Florence/Lauderdale Tourism will celebrate National Ugly Christmas Sweater Day December 15 from 9am-4pm at the Visitor Center located in McFarland Park.

**Dec. 15**

Visitors and locals are encouraged to stop by wearing their ugliest Christmas attire and enjoy refreshments, special treat bags, and register for prizes. Photos will be posted on the Visit Florence, AL

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**THE FLORENCE-LAUDERDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY SERIES.** The Screening Room, will host a second holiday screening with *Christmas in Connecticut* (1945) on Sunday, December 17 at 2pm. The film stars Dennis Morgan, Barbara Stanwyck, and Sydney Greenstreet. The free Screening Room series is sponsored by the library and Pillar of Fire. It is hosted by film historian and Pillar of Fire founder, Terry Pace, and his wife, Anita. Call 256-764-6564 for more information.

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**SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS,** Edward A. O'Neal Camp No. 478 Meeting, the third Thursday of the month - December 21. Program will be "First National Confederate Flag - Misconception" at 6:30pm, Pope's Tavern & Museum at 203 Hermitage Drive, Florence. 256-764-4945. The Program is open to the public - Welcome!

## YOUR Letters

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### Thanks for Bo's Return

Editor:

We want to thank everyone who helped us find our dog, Bo, that was lost north of St. Florian. We did not get the name of the person who picked him up and carried him to the Animal Shelter, but we especially want to thank her. Many thanks as well to Jane and Tom Sibley who went the second mile by putting Bo's picture on Facebook, and all the people who made calls concerning his whereabouts.

Charles and Gloria Snoddy  
St. Florian

### They Did Their Job

Editor:

Project Veritas scandalmonger James O'Keefe, who has a history of

making fake news, has been outed by the diligent investigative work of the *Washington Post* reporters who exposed the alleged lecherous activities of ex-Judge Roy Moore.

O'Keefe dispatched one of his female operatives to meet with *Washington Post* reporters investigating Moore. Her job

*Everyone has a belief system and our government has been supporting the belief system of evolution (Calling it science—it is an unproved scientific theory) in our educational system for many years with not a complaint from the Freedom From Religion Foundation.*



was to plant a bogus story of sexual misbehavior by Moore that later would be revealed to be fake, casting doubt on other reports of Moore's nefarious messing around with teen girls.

It did not work. The *Post* reporters did what good reporters do. They diligently vetted the woman's story and determined that she was a Project Veritas plant. O'Keefe and company were attempting to make Fake News, but they could not peddle their tale to skilled and experienced reporters from a mainstream newspaper that prints Real News and does real fact-checking before publishing it.

A certain critic of the *Washington Post* and *New York Times* who resides at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue should take note of this scenario, since he is severely compromised in his ability to discern between real news and fake news!

John P. Crowder  
Florence

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# Share...

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The Bank's Toy Share drive provided over 3000 toys and more than \$300 in cash donations in 2016 to partner organizations in time for distribution to local families for Christmas.

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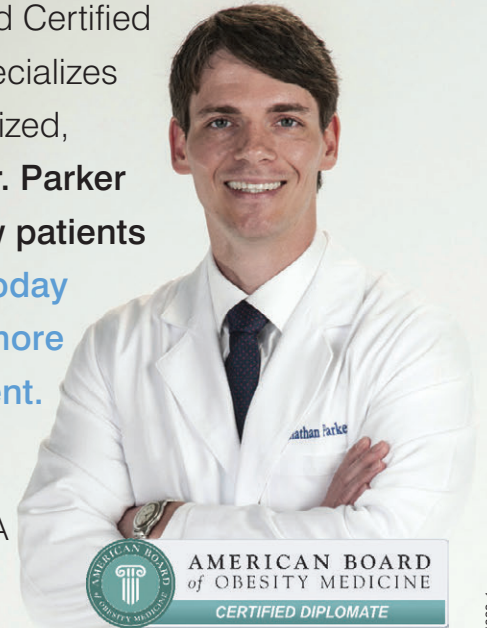
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## Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

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2.		I			R
3.			G		E
4.				W	L
5.				Z	O
6.			Z		R
7.		U			D
8.	P				S

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	E				E		
		I				E	
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- |                          |                               |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Get data from disk.   | 1. To confront boldly.        |
| 2. Animal homes.         | 2. To dispatch.               |
| 3. To eliminate; delete. | 3. Your usual food and drink. |
| 4. To gain from work.    | 4. Just barely avoided.       |

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- Where the gunfighters hide.
  - Modern jazz devotees
  - A quarrel or dispute
  - Without imperfection.
  - Loudly proclaimed
  - North American vultures
  - Awning or billed cap
  - Handy paint holders
- ANAGRAM:**  
sand + bald  
rest + ship  
gram + tune  
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# Tacky...

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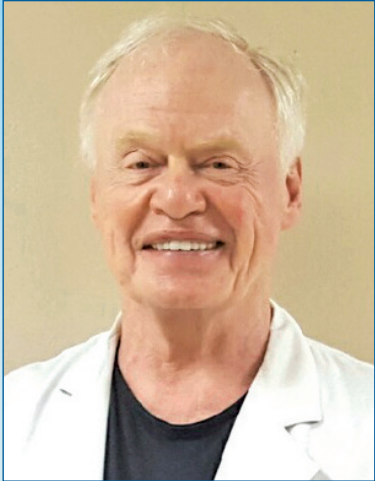
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I got a case last week and the family had family friend who is an attorney. This attorney to my knowledge is a fine lawyer who specializes in a particular field of law other than personal injury.

Those of you who have read my column before know that I do not particularly advertise my services in this column. But you need to know that lawyers have specialized fields of practice just like doctors. The difference is that doctors are more clearly labeled. Certainly, there are very good and very competent general practitioners in the legal field. In the past, a family would have a good lawyer that would take

care of ordinary legal matters and then refer them to the best lawyer for their particular problem if a specialist in the law was required.

The facts of this case arise out of a wreck and serious injury requiring immediate surgery and hospitalization. I'd bet the medical charges to date are around \$125,000.00. Remember that the hospital has a lien. Consider that BC/BS would satisfy these bills for less than \$25,000.00 and the medical providers would normally be pleased to be paid promptly by BC/BS. Medical providers have gross charges that are far in excess of what they expect to receive because some insurance companies just pay a percentage and the higher the charge the higher the reimbursement.

The family friend lawyer suggested, with all good intention, just sending the bills to the at fault insurance company in hopes that they would pay the policy limits. They might do that, but because of the hospital lien the money would go from the insurance company to the hospital without the injured party getting any benefit from the payment. That would be a mistake.

The solution is to represent the injured party and that puts an attorney's lien, by law, in front of the hospital lien. Now, the attorney can negotiate the medical bills down from some wildly unexpected overpayment to an amount about BC/BS would have paid. Now, the attorney's fee could be used in some way to benefit the client and the leverage it provides will benefit the client because if things go well, the bills are paid and the client gets money.

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"Now in its fourth year, Ruby Falls Christmas Underground attendance continues to grow," said Hollie Baranick, tours and special projects manager. "More families are looking for ways to add unique and exciting events to their holiday traditions. New this year, we are introducing a section of Joystone City where guests experience snow inside the cave to add to the magic of their journey."

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## Smart May Not Mean Educated

Editor:

Sometimes the smartest people say and do the dumbest things, and sometimes the dumbest people say and do the smartest things.

Or we can rephrase that to say the most educated and least educated.

It was said that Einstein was brilliant but lacked common sense.

Paul Sabatino  
Florence

## We're Going to the Dogs

To the Editor:

Is Florence going to the dogs? I think so.

I have been attacked by two huge Rottweiler dogs in the last two years.

The first one on Eastwood while by daughter and I were taking our daily walk. It looked like a cross breed bulldog and rottweiler. It bit me and knocked me down. Three trips to ER and loss of work.

The second one was last week. I was in my front yard standing in my driveway talking to my next-door neighbors. A neighborhood dog was in the street with a lady, no leash or any kind of restraint. Totally unexpected he lunged on me knocking my down flat of my back.

My neighbor rushed to my side kneeling down beside me telling me don't move to see if I had broken bones. The dog pounced on me again while I was still on my back. Someway someone got the dog away from me.

Now I am a 76 year old lady, 107 pounds, 4'11" tall, up against a 150-200 pound dog.

I have seen this dog out several times the owners trying to get it. When I see it out I go in my house. I was not this way till I got bit two years ago. I lost it when this dog attacked my last week especially the second time.

I am not blaming the dogs, it's the owner's irresponsibility of not doing what they are supposed to with these dangerous dogs.

I can't walk my grandchildren around my neighborhood anymore for fear of a dog coming after us. Two dogs attacked my daughter on her bike causing her to wreck it.

I've noticed these people let their dogs out on weekends when they know Animal Control is closed. This is pure negligence on these people's part. They have no consideration for others

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Joyce Aaron  
Florence



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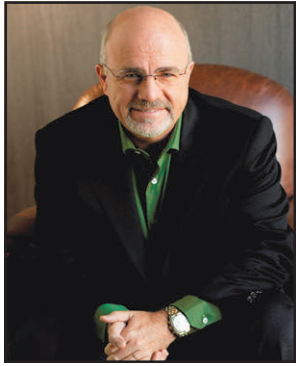
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# DAVE Says

by DAVE RAMSEY



## STAY INTENSE!

Dear Dave,  
I just accepted a new job that will pay me \$30,000 a year more than my old position. I've got about \$55,000 in debt I've been working hard to pay off, and I know now I need to adjust my budget. Do you have any advice?  
Mitch

Dear Mitch,  
The first thing I'd say is don't go crazy on any big-ticket items while you're paying off debt. Keep it simple, and go out to celebrate with a nice dinner after you get your first paycheck. Remember, the more you put toward debt, the faster it goes away.

For the time being, I want you to remain passionate about getting out of debt. Your thought process needs to be, "Wow, I got a new job making more money. I can get out of debt even quicker!"

Again, I'm okay with you adjusting a bit that first month and having a little fun to celebrate your good fortune. But after that, I want you to turn around and attack that debt with even more intensity than before. Then, once you're out of debt, you can celebrate that with something a lot nicer.

Congratulations, Mitch!  
—Dave

## NO ELECTRONIC ACCESS!

Dear Dave,  
You say to never give collectors access to your checking account. Does that include debit cards, too?  
Sue

Dear Sue,  
Yes, it does! Collectors are looking to get as much as they can on a bad, late debt. I've seen numerous situations where collectors have taken more than the agreed-upon amount from someone's account once they gained access. To be fair, the collection business does have a few good people in it. But it also has those who will lie and make threats.

If you're doing something like scheduling utility payments to come through your debit card or out of your personal checking account, that's perfectly fine. But there are much safer ways to handle situations with debt collectors. You can send a money order overnight, or wire the cash to them. You can also send a cashier's check. Some folks have even used pre-paid debit cards that aren't attached to any of their accounts.

The pre-paid debit card isn't my favorite way to handle these things, but it's a lot better than giving a dishonest collector the opportunity to really mess you up!

—Dave

\* Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including *The Total Money Makeover*. The *Dave Ramsey Show* is heard by more than 13 million listeners each week on 585 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at [daveramsey.com](http://daveramsey.com) and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.



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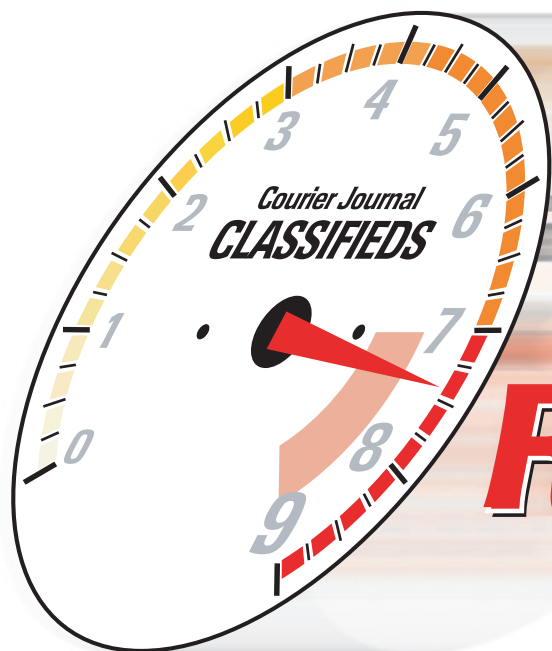
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attention. That is the group that is working the most diligently and getting rewarded the least for those efforts. More money in our pockets will spur economic growth, but continued deficit spending is not a recipe for long-term financial health.

We hear the term "fairness" thrown around like candy in a parade. I don't think a confiscatory tax rate at close to 40% for the top earners because they can afford it is any more fair than the lowest earners not paying any taxes, and often getting what are termed 'refunds' through the earned income tax credit. Everyone should pay into the system to some extent, so they can have a better feel for the country's economics.

Fairness would be a much more level tax system with

fewer exotic deductions. Those who earned more would pay more, period. And everyone would have some skin in the game. After standard federal deductions let's say tax rates range from 25-5% - \$10,000 million wage earners would pay \$2.5 million; \$1 million wage earners would pay \$200,000, \$100,000 wage earners may pay \$15,000, \$10,000 wage earners may pay \$500. That way at least everyone participates, and has the right to have a voice.

It would also require more targeted and scrutinized entitlements, but that would upset the government bureaucrats whose sole existence depends on the continued disbursement of those entitlements.

At the very least, it should be American citizens and needy US seniors and veterans who get assistance, and not those who are of functional working age or in the country illegally. But then again, we have those bureaucrats in the way.

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## Medicare Minute "Prescription Drug Plans 3"

Last week we discussed prescription drug plan premiums, deductibles and coinsurance. This week we will continue to look at Medicare prescription drug plans by looking at copays, formularies and provider networks. When choosing a prescription drug plan these six things are very important to consider.

A copay is a fixed amount you pay for each individual prescription. Copays can vary depending on the tier of your prescription. Typically the lower the tier, the lower the copay. A tier 1 drug usually has a lower copay than a tier 2 drug, tier 2 drugs have a lower copay than tier 3, etc. Because different plans may categorize drugs in different tiers it's a good idea to know how your plan treats your prescriptions.

The prescription drug plan's formulary will tell you two important things. First, it will tell you if the prescription you are taking is covered under the plan. Second, it will tell you the tier of the prescription. Knowing the tier of your prescription is important in determining the copay. For example, Plan A may list your prescription as a tier 2 whereas Plan B may have it as a tier 3. This should tell you that Plan A will have a lower copay on your prescription than Plan B. It will also tell you if your drug will fall in the deductible phase of the plan.

The plan's provider network is a list of pharmacies that accepts the plan. All pharmacies do not accept all plans so if you have a particular pharmacy you would like to use check to make sure they accept your plan. You can do this by simply asking your pharmacist. Also, pharmacies are listed as "preferred" and "standard" under some plans. In this case a "preferred" pharmacy may have lower copays than a "standard" pharmacy.

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).

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# Cat & Kids

by Cathy Turner

## Just Glad to Matter

There are a kazillion Turners! My husband, Kevin, is the oldest of eight. He grew up in a small house in which you slept where you fell asleep - in a chair, on the floor, anywhere and they were fine with it. Funny thing, they had friends that fell asleep there too, and they were fine with it.

On Thanksgiving, I was reminded just how contented Kevin's folks are and always have been. We all met at his sister's small townhouse in Memphis. Six of the siblings were there with their children and their children, and of course, Grandmother Leonia. At one point, I counted 35 people in the compact living room/dining room combination (that means 40% of us were not there). I was standing talking with my five nieces, all daughters of Andre. The oldest niece (and mother of Katelyn) was standing. The other four sisters were sharing two chairs at the table and they were fine with it.

Standing on my other side was my niece who is married to Kevin's sister's son. This beautiful, sweet, soft-spoken woman was feeding her two year old and Katelyn. The two toddlers were standing below her looking up like baby birds waiting their turns as the mom twirled spaghetti onto a plastic fork to feed them. One toddler would watch the other chew and then look up with an open mouth. No fighting, no crying. They didn't mind eating while standing. They were fine with it.

One of my four year old grandnephews was seated at the other end of the table, which was the only eating table in the room. It had four chairs. He was sitting beside the large aluminum pan that held the spaghetti. Every now and then his little fingers would reach under the aluminum foil and sneak a few noodles. He did this until his mom finally made it over to him and fixed him a small plate. He never complained and I just winked at him every time he sneaked a bite.

I glanced over to the loud game of Spades of which

Grandmother Leonia was the center. She was in a chair at the coffee table and so was Andre, but the niece and nephew partners were on their knees. Grandmother had just slammed a card on the table with finesse to win a round, and then I watched her close an eye and figure out who had what. She was counting cards! When she got it, she then ran it out on the table. She won all the rests of the tricks! She never lets up! She sets the tone. She has always made the fun. Whether they had or had not - it was fine. Each child was strengthened. She has always been the cheerleader and the competitor. She taught them how to win. She taught them how to lose. I watched her work that crowded room. She touched everyone.

My favorite holiday scene so far: Lora and Ruby, our daughter and granddaughter, had to go to Memphis early. They had Grandmother all to themselves. They made the sweet potato pies and banana pudding. Ruby was in charge of the wafers. They walked and talked and came back to Grandmother's small house to play Hide and Seek. At one point, Lora found Ruby under the kitchen table, and who was hiding with her, Grandmother Leonia, of course. Lora reported, "My 81 year old grandmother was under the table with Ruby! And they stayed under there talking for half an hour!" When I asked Mom about it, she said with a huge grin, "Ruby just kept pulling the chairs in around us."

Who cares how or where you sit, eat or sleep, when you have a mom/grandmom like Grandmother Leonia? You are just glad to matter - to be one of hers - to be a Turner. Self-value is the foundation of contentment. Knowing that you are important. Knowing what's important. She has taught this well. I am blessed that my husband is one of those Turners.

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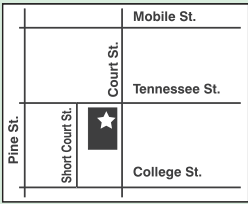


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# Letters...

## Continued from Page 24 FFRF is Itself a Religion

Editor:

There can be agreement with the statement made in the November 29 letter to the editor (Excluding All Others) from Andrew Seidel of the Freedom From Religion Foundation that "There is no such thing as freedom of religion unless our government is free from religion."

Since religion is defined as a quest for the values of the ideal life, a particular system of belief, or recognition of a supernatural controlling power, it is not possible to be free from religion. Everyone has a belief system and our government has been supporting the belief system of evolution (Calling it science—it is an unproved scientific theory) in our educational system for many years with not a complaint from the Freedom From Religion Foundation. Government should not be approving this secular religion!

The 1st amendment of the Bill of Rights began, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or promoting the free exercise thereof."

The Freedom From Religion Foundation is itself a religion, a belief system, and should not be promoted by government either. The support of religions can be a fine line as to the purpose of the establishment. Islam has always been a political organization supported in the practices of its religious organization. So it is very difficult for government to function around these religious and political realities without involving someone's belief system.

Jake Van Dyke  
 Florence

## Accountability Act is a Fraud

Editor:

The title of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 reminds me of the communist nations named Democratic Republics.

The so-called democratic republics are the very opposite of their names and so is the Congressional Accountability Act. This act does not hold members of Congress accountable. Instead, it protects them from accountability for sexual harassment and does it at the expense of taxpayers. Members of Congress from both parties, including Speaker of the House, Paul Ryan, and Senate leader, Mitch McConnell, weighed in on the Roy Moore issue.

Ryan said Roy Moore must bow out of the Alabama Senate race. McConnell threatened to take action to oust Moore if elected. Neither of these so-called leaders have bothered to find out that the allegations against Moore are not supported by evidence. While allowing their fellow congressmen to use taxpayer funds to pay off their victims they self-righteously judge Roy Moore.

Euell White  
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**Letters...**

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**Dems Don't Want the Laws**

Dear Editor:

Once again the liberal Democrats in Congress have demonstrated their dishonesty and hypocrisy. They have claimed that their concern for illegal aliens covered by the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) is motivated by the fact that many of these illegals were brought here as minors by their parents, and were not responsible for the crime of illegal entry. Republicans in Congress responded by offering a deal based on that premise. Those covered by DACA would be allowed to stay, and Congress would empower Homeland Security to increase its efforts to find and deport those who deliberately broke the law.

Democrats have not only rejected this compromise, they have threatened to shut down the Federal government unless DACA is written into law without any provisions for better law enforcement.

It is clear that these advocates of the DACA amnesty have no concern for enforcing the immigration laws. They hope that DACA will simply be the first step toward a general amnesty for millions of lawbreakers.

Republicans should call their bluff. Let's see how long Democrats are willing to keep the government shut down in the name of encouraging violations of Federal law.

*Peter J. Thomas, Chair  
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**Personally to Predators**

Dear Editor:

Predators, you know who you are. You refuse to stop your behavior even if it means job loss and becoming a laughing stock. Grow up.

You enlist people in your obscene game. Friends, relatives, co-workers all cover and lie for you. When the heat of discovery gets too overwhelming you meet and pickup your victim "off site" - on weekends, downtown, on some deserted street or landmark.

You think nobody sees, but they do! You will slip up, you WILL get caught.

Many of you predators have a daughter. If she were treated the way you treat women you would be outraged, ready to murder the guy. Hypocrite!

Your trademark is lies and deceit. You hide your victim, ashamed of her, use her for sex a couple times a week until you are done with her, then move on. You pick women knowing which poor, gullible lady will accept your advances. Clueless again.

Predators, you WILL screw up. You will misjudge a woman and she will finger you. The powers that be will finally figure you out and take action. Co-workers, friends, and relatives who covered and lied for you will wise up and get sick of your games.

Shamefully you predators cannot stop even if faced with losing your job upon discovery. If you know you will lose your job, why are you doing it? What's the purpose? Is it feeding your demented ego? Is it the thrill of the forbidden that drives you to do something stupid? Grow up!

In any case, get your resume polished because you will get caught no matter who covers and lies for you. When you think you have all bases covered, what you least think of will hang you. Remember, hell hath no fury...

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## Do You Know Of A Tree In The City Of Florence That Is 200 Years Old?

The Florence Tree Commission is gathering information from Florence citizens who may know of a tree in the City that could be 200 years old or more. Should you wish to submit a tree and its location for our search, please send us a note with your contact information to the Florence Tree Commission, P.O. Box 98, Florence, AL 35631.

**The Fourth Saturday Breakfasts** at the Zip City Community Center will not be held in December. We look forward to seeing you again in January.

**Zip City Neighborhood Watch Meeting** December 13, 2pm at the Zip City Community Center.

**Shoals Scholar Dollars and the Shoals Theatre** present 9-time CMA musician of the year, Mac McAnally in concert at the Shoals Theatre in Florence Saturday, December 16 at 7:30pm. Appearing with Mac will be former Allman Brothers guitarist, Jack Pearson, and the percussionist for Jimmy Buffet's Coral Reefer Band, Eric Darken.

Doors open at 6:30pm. Orchestra seats are only \$40; balcony seats are \$30. VIP tickets are \$75 which include a meet-and-greet with Mac, hors d'oeuvres, and drinks at the Gold Record Room prior to the show. All seating is reserved, so get your tickets early!

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

**Lunch at Cloverdale Community Center** at 11:30am, Tuesday, December 19. Program following lunch. Merry Christmas!

**The Shoals Piecemakers Quilt Challenge '17** will feature quilts inspired by song titles at Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts. The quilts were specifically created to evoke a visual representation of songs we love. The Quilt Challenge will open and displayed to the public November 15-December 20 in the Annex galleries.

Prizes will be awarded for best use of embellishments, best use of color, best use of the theme, most creative, best hand quilted, best machine quilted, best hand appliqué, best machine appliqué, my favorite quilt, best piecing, and a people's choice.

The Shoals Piecemakers Quilt Guild meets at 7pm on the second Monday of each month at Saint Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Florence. New members are welcome. Quilters of every level of expertise including those interested in promoting the collection and preservation of quilts are part of the Guild.

Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts is located at 217 E. Tuscaloosa St. It is open free of charge from 9am-4pm, Monday-Friday. Call 256-760-6379 for more information or visit [kdartcenter.org](http://kdartcenter.org).

**The Zip City Community Center** will host the **Monthly Luncheon** Thursday, December 14 at 11:30am. A gift exchange will follow. Please bring a dish and a \$5 gift if you wish to join us. Everyone is welcome.

**Knights of Columbus Council 3989** is sponsoring its **51st Annual Turkey & Ham Shoot** on Saturday, December 16 from 7am to dusk at the Knights of Columbus Langer Hall at 4051 County Road 30 (St. Florian Road). Shotgun and 22 rounds of Turkey and Ham will be \$4 and \$6, respectively. Ammunition will be provided. Shotguns and rifles are available, but you can bring your own. Concession stand will be open serving hamburgers, hot dogs, chili and coffee, soft drinks, etc. Everyone welcome.

**Singing River Squares Square Dance Club** meets each Friday 6:30-9pm at The Club, 450 Country Club Drive in Florence. Caller/Instructor: Chuck Bermele. Beginner Classes, Mainstream and Plus Workshops ongoing. First Friday each month we celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries. Florence Parks & Recreation - Alcohol and Drug Free Facility. Please call 256-760-6642 for more information.

**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, December 12 at 7pm at the NAMI Shoals office, 749 Thompson St., Suite A, Florence. Need directions or more information, call 256-765-2081.

**The City of Florence** is accepting nominations for the **2018 Walk of Honor Inductees**. The Walk of Honor, located in the beautiful River Heritage Park, recognizes individuals of Florence and Lauderdale County who have achieved national or international acclaim. This is a means to give honor and achievement of deserving individuals, either current or former citizens, through a form of civic recognition. The are 42 inductees who have already been recognized.

Areas of national or international accomplishment include, but not limited to: agriculture, art, athletics, business, education, government, humanities, literature, medical, military, music, public service, religion, or science and technology. Nominations will be received until 5pm, on Friday, December 29 in the Mayor's Office. Procedures for making a nomination and form to submit your entry may be obtained by:  
 1) Visiting the City's web site, [www.florenceal.org](http://www.florenceal.org), and selecting the "Walk of Honor" listing under the "Happening Now" section; or go to the "City Administration" Section.  
 2) Picking up a copy from the Mayor's Office, 102 South Court Street - Suite 200, Florence, AL 35630; or  
 3) Calling the Mayor's Office at 256-760-6400

**Family of Lloyd and Ethel Michael** will meet December 30 at Sawmill Restaurant in Center Star for lunch.

**REAL Rehomeducate Adopt Love** offers the following pet preventive care assistance for dogs and cats in Lauderdale, Colbert and Franklin Counties:

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- Submit your Pet Wellness application from our Facebook page REAL Rehomeducate Adopt Love or website [www.rehomeducateandlove.webs.com](http://www.rehomeducateandlove.webs.com)

**The Depression and Bipolar Support Group** meets every Monday night at 4:30pm, 749 Thompson St., Suite A, Florence. Info: Jackie, 256-710-4664.

**The Wright Cemetery** is seeking donations for the upkeep of the cemetery. The maintenance is made possible by support for loved ones who are buried there. Thanks for your immediate support in this matter. Please make checks payable to: Wright Cemetery Fund c/o Farmers & Merchants Bank, P.O. Box 128, Waterloo, AL 35677.

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**Florence Parks & Recreation Dept's Senior Center (The Club)** offers a variety of programs for our boomers and seniors to enjoy. We are currently

serving lunch for 25-35 people Monday-Friday. The suggested donation is \$1 and anyone and everyone is invited. Sign in before 9:30am on the day you'd like to eat lunch. For more information about The Club/senior center or any of our special events please call 256-760-6420 Monday-Friday 8am-5pm. Email: [f.davis@florenceal.org](mailto:f.davis@florenceal.org).

**Florence Parks and Recreation Department offers Aerobics and Yoga** at Broadway Recreation Center. Aerobics class is 8:30-9:30am Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat. Yoga is Tues and Thurs 8:30-9:30am. Evening aerobics are at Royal Avenue Recreation Center Mon Tues and Thurs 5:30-6:30pm. Instructor, Linda Clanton. For additional information call 256-760-6418 or 256-760-6425.

**Join the Florence Parks and Recreation Department for a fun time of Line dancing** on the Second Friday night of every month at Broadway Rec Center. \$5 /person. 7-10pm. Call 256-760-6418 for additional information.

**St. Florian Community Center** Activities - Every Wednesday, 9am-2pm - Card games, dominoes. Come meet new friends. Card groups welcome. Potluck lunch served at 11:30am. Bring a dish to share or a donation.

Every Friday, 10:30am-noon - Bingo, \$2 charge. Just bring yourself. New bingo prizes are provided. Coverall prize is a gift card. Lunch at 12noon for a minimal cost. Everyone welcome.

**Colbert County Animal Control** Needs Volunteers at the Colbert shelter to help walk, play with, and love our shelter dogs keeping them acclimated to human love and contact for their eventual adoptions! Please join our team! We are completely full and desperately need more volunteers! We are open Monday - Friday, 10am - noon and 1:30-5pm. Parent required for those under 16 years old. 5010 Missouri Street, Tusculumbia 256-381-4073.

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# Soap Opera Preview

**THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL** Ridge told Steffy how he planned on proposing to Brooke again. He then warned Steffy to stay as far away as possible from Bill, not realizing that the two had recently slept together. Bill was visibly distracted during the business meeting, which made everyone wrongly assume that he was still pining for Brooke. Liam told his father how happy he and Steffy were and how grateful he was that she had forgiven him. Thorne told Eric that in order to prove his value to the family business, he had started his own successful line in Paris called "Aly." Ridge surprised Brooke with a romantic dinner before proposing to her. Thorne later admitted to Eric that he still had feelings for Brooke. *Wait to See: A young couple receives some life-changing news.*

**DAYS OF OUR LIVES** Sami and Rafe got stuck in an awkward situation with Hope. Abe questioned Eli about the investigation into his son's shooting and wanted Eli's personal take on whether JJ was at fault. Doug gave Rafe a stern warning. Eric tried to help JJ cope with his guilt. Sami said goodbye to Marlena, John and Will. Eve made Gabi a surprising offer. Hope and Rafe enjoyed a romantic morning together, but Sami and Rafe's secret was soon uncovered. Brady busted Eve with the information he received from Paul. Sonny urged Will to give their relationship a chance. Chad and Kate brought in a specialist to help Theo. *Wait to See: Steve makes a surprising move.*

**GENERAL HOSPITAL** Patient 6 got a lead on his kidnapper. Sonny placed a call to Dante. Sam learned the truth. Oscar got cold feet. Carly was livid. Sonny filled Anna in on what was going on. Cassandra propositioned Finn. Charlotte was thrilled to see Nelle. Patient 6 offered up a bit of advice. Sam confided in Monica. Michael had some big news to share. Ava mulled over her relationship. Sam ran into Patient 6 at the pier. Oscar was disappointed. Monica rolled out the welcome mat. Cassandra got some good news. Anna took the next step. Alexis delivered a painful truth. Finn couldn't fight the inevitable. *Wait to See: Patient 6 and Jason share a common goal.*

**THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS** Sharon scolded Scott for not helping Nick investigate who was behind the planned demolition of Chancellor Park. Ashley and Dina bonded over ice skating, but things quickly took a sad turn when Dina didn't remember their day together. Mattie still refused to spend time with her father. Nick and Billy realized they had the same goal of saving Chancellor Park. Kevin blew off Michael when he asked him to dig into Victor's accounts. Ashley threatened to sue Victoria if she hired Ravi away from Jabot. Phyllis told Billy that she didn't want to be a kept woman. Hilary revealed to Nick that neither Victor nor Devon won the bid for Chancellor Park. *Wait to See: Jill returns home with an agenda.*



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