Library Lunch Historic Love

SHEFFIELD — The Friends of the Sheffield Public Library will host a luncheon featuring actress and performing storyteller, **Delores Hydock** on February 22 from 11:30am-1pm at the library.

Hydock's program is entitled, "Fools for Love: A Closer Look Into Lovers' Eyes."

She will share true, tender, and sometimes shocking stories from the late 1700s to early 1800s during England's Regency Period, with the central theme being love. She will incorporate letters, diary excerpts, paintings, and photographs to explore the tokens of love and remembrance that were part of this stylish and passionate time in English and American

Tickets include lunch and must be purchased before February 19.

For more information, contact the library at 256-386-

Elliott Return at Shoals

FLORENCE-Alecia Elliott makes her triumphant return to the stage at 7pm February 9 at the Shoals Theatre!

You may remember Elliott from the TV show All About Us (2001) where she was a main character, or from **Tom Sawyer** (2000) as the voice of **Amy Lawrence**. She recorded "If You

Believe" in 2001

for the movie Prancer Returns. her way into mainstream music in 2000 with hits such as

"I'm Digging It" **Elliott** which peaked at #6 on the Billboard Top 10 and "You Wanna What?" which peaked

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Western Literature. The 1602 work is a compelling tale of familial discord, personal ambition, love and revenge, Hamlet has enthralled audiences for 400 years. Mortality and madness are

two of the most pronounced themes of Shakespeare's epic and the characters of Hamlet, Ophelia, Gertrude, and Claudius inhabit a rich landscape replete with deceit, mistrust, and schemes. Four centuries after its premiere, Hamlet continues as

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Another Addition

Medical Office Building is Beside New Hospital

FLORENCE - As construction continues on the new North Alabama Medical Center (NAMC) hospital campus in Florence, RCCH Healthcare Partners and Rendina Healthcare Real Estate have broken ground on a nearly 72,000 square foot medical office building (MOB) that will be attached to the new hospital.

The MOB will house complementary services to those offered in the new 263 bed medical center, which will replace Eliza Coffee Memorial Hospital by the end of 2018. NAMC and North Alabama Bone & Joint Clinic (NABJC) - a leading orthopaedic group serving the tri-state area—will anchor the office building.

NABJC's orthopaedic surgeons, rehabilitation specialists, and physical therapists will offer services such as

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Traveling Museum at UNA for 2 Days

FLORENCE- UNA is set to host a two-day display of the Sankofa African-American Museum on Wheels in the GUC Performance Center on campus.

The museum will be open Monday, February 12 from 3-7pm and again Tuesday, February 13 from 10am-2pm.

The traveling museum is the

brainchild of Angela W. Jennings, the museum's historian and curator.

'Students, faculty, and staff will all be challenged by the museum's authenticity," said Joan Williams, director for the university's Office of Diversity and Institutional Equity.

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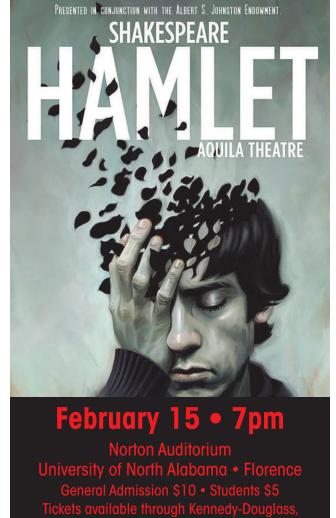
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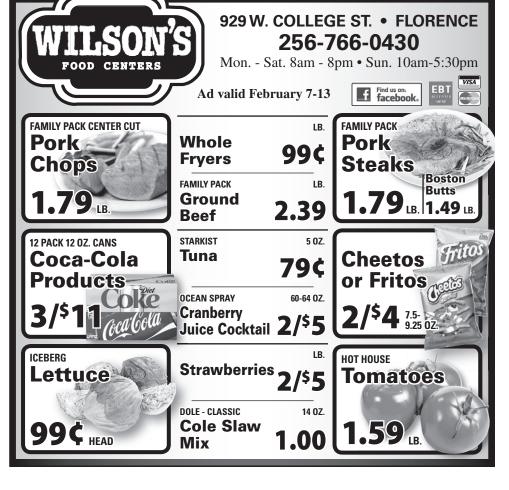
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shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality." 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we (**saved born-again**) which are alive *and* remain shall be "**caught up together**" with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore "comfort" one another with these words."

Christ appears again in **Revelation 1:7** "Behold, he (Christ) cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they *also* which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall "wail" because of him. Even so, Amen." And in Revelation 6:16-17 "And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb (Christ): For the great day of his "wrath" is come; and who shall be able to stand?" Notice the tremendous opposites in these two different ' Notice the tremendous opposites in these two different appearings; "comfort" and "wrath and wail." See above verses. Whether or not you believe the above statements is immaterial as they'll be around long after you're gone. You will meet Christ as Saviour or Judge. Make eternity a reality in your life; because you're headed that way. James 4:4 "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." You're going to die. YOU JUST NEED JESUS. You cannot avoid eternity or meeting God. Choose Christ now.

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"We are excited to launch our third year of the Princess Lacey's Laces campaign in conjunction with Suits and Sneakers week," said **Todd Beurman**, Senior Vice President of Marketing. "At Shoe Carnival, the Princess Lacey's Laces campaign never ends because the fight against pediatric cancer has not come to an end."

These laces honor the memory of Lacey Holsworth, an avid basketball fan who died of cancer at the age of eight in 2014. Fans can purchase Lacey's Laces, a speciallydesigned pair of gold sneaker laces, in stores

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All proceeds from the sale of laces will benefit both Coaches vs. Cancer and Princess Lacey's Legacy to fight pediatric cancer. For more information on Princess Lacey's Laces and Shoe Carnival's efforts

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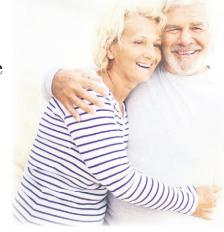
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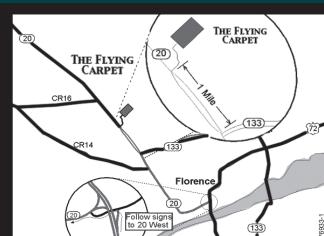
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reconstructive surgery, sports medicine, hand and foot surgery, pediatrics, and fracture care. NAMC lab and imaging functions will also be in the MOB along with obstetrics, gynecology, and cardiology physician offices.

"This outpatient medical office building will be an important addition to our new hospital and will provide a convenient location for patients to visit their physician or obtain services," said Russell Pigg, Chief Executive Officer of NAMC.

Rendina, a full-service developer of healthcare real estate headquartered in Jupiter, Fla., will own and manage the new medical

office building.
Architectural rendering of the new MOB currently under construction in Florence.

"This facility will provide patients with a first-class location to receive the highest quality care in the region," said Steve Barry, Executive Vice President with Rendina. "The direct connection to the new hospital will benefit both healthcare providers and patients."

The replacement hospital broke ground in November 2016 on 25 acres of former residential properties in east Florence between Veterans Drive and Central Avenue, and Helton Drive and Enterprise Street.

During the initial construction phase of the new campus, physicians, nurses, and hospital leaders were able to get a sneak peek of their future space through virtual reality tours setup by the project contractor, Construction. Layton Being virtually immersed in the space allowed hospital staff to recognize potential issues and make the appropriate design changes, ensuring the final product would optimize efficiency and patient flow.

RCCH continues to celebrate milestones during the construction including process, topping out ceremony in July 2017. The topping ceremony commemorated the placement of the highest steel beam which was signed by more than 2,000 people including board members, medical staff, construction crew members, and community leaders. Once completed the hospital will centralize care in the community of Florence, providing a local option for patients seeking state-of-the art comprehensive treatment.

Rendina anticipates that the MOB opening will coincide with completion of the new hospital in late

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The exhibit "Just Maybe..." by Huntsville artist, Eric Bagwell continues at Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts through February 9. The new work is a series of contemplative abstracts centered in spiritual meditations of hope. grace, and longing. As the new year begins, this series of vibrant yet quiet visual relationships challenge the viewer while putting them at ease in consciously designed spaces.

"Using abstract form, color, and texture I try to capture the holy moments found in everyday life. I most often work in oil - occasionally in encaustic, watercolor, or even sculpt in clay or stone. If we are indeed made in the image of the one who created everything, then creating is an elemental part of what we are meant to do. I believe creating art connects us to our elemental human identity, Bagwell said.

Bagwell is a former Methodist minister and graphic designer. He has created several series that have been presented in art festivals across the state, including Arts Alive. To learn more about Eric Bagwell's artwork visit ericbagwellart.

Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts is located at 217 E. Tuscaloosa St. and is open, free of charge, from 9am-4pm Monday-Friday. Call 256-760-6379 for more information.

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

I Am Not Your Negro Documentary Screening - Saturday, February 10 from

I Am Not Your Negro is based on a nonfiction project started in the late 1970s by writer James Baldwin. After having written a 30 page outline for the book, he explained why he simply couldn't bring himself to complete it. Originally titled Remember This House, the book was meant to be a retrospective of the lives and deaths of Medgar Evers, Malcolm X, and Martin Luther King based upon Baldwin's own personal relationships and experiences with all

The film shows the importance of how the three men and the nation they were fighting to improve inspired one man to get off the sidelines and return to the United States after living and writing in Paris, France for many years. The documentary includes the truly moving recollections of how ashamed Baldwin felt by images in the newspaper of black students being verbally abused as they integrated white schools.

Integrated white schools.

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Lyrical Expressions Plus on Sunday, February 18 from 2-4pm

This Jazz and Blues program will include spoken word, music, and dance. Scheduled special guests include: Shelly "Sax Man" Williams and Mary Mason (Vocalist) and Friends

Florence African American Heritage Project Presentation on Saturday, February 24 from 10am-12pm

Join us as we present the results of the three History Harvests that Project Say Something hosted along with the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library and the UNA Public History Program. Project Say Something partnered with the FLPL and UNA to collect documents, photographs, artifacts, and stories from African Americans in the Shoals area We will present some of what we've collected, and unveil the database on the library's website where all of the information will be displayed. The presentation will be followed by a question and answer session

Youth Program: Who We Were Then

and Who We Are Now Saturday, February 24 from 12-2pm This family and youth event will include History Skits, Spoken Word, Storytelling, Rap, Hair Care and Skin Care, Music, and AfroFusion Dance and Drums (featuring music and dance moves from various parts of Mother

How Far? Not Far Enough: The Civil Rights Movement in the Shoals - Sunday,

February 25, 2-4pm FLPL's 2018 African-American history series concludes with a panel discussion remembering and reflecting on the Civil Rights Movement in the Shoals. Scheduled panelists include: Rev. Charlie Burgess, Dr. William Mansel Long, Jr., Anita S. Cobb, Elder Leonard Skipworth, Tori Bailey, Odessa Bailey. There will also be a special audio

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They also failed to stand for prison reform.

Our prisons are crowded with black and brown people who usually have difficulty securing employment after their time is served. Giving those young men and women a second chance with training and jobs to support themselves and their families is huge! I believe specific prison reform will help deter repeat offenders.

If blacks in Congress can't come together on these issues that are so very important to black communities, what good are they?

One might think the **Pro-Life Union** Congressional Black Caucus prefers their constituents stay downtrodden and poor.

One might think Democrat Representatives prefer ILLEGAL alien dreamers over American dreamers. Inner city kids, middle America kids, my kids, and your kids are dreamers too. What about their dreams for jobs, education, success, and safety?

President Trump offered an olive branch, but it was evident the Dems wanted the whole dang

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Basketball Players, Coaches, Staffers, Families Welcome

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basketball men's players, coaches and support staff personnel are invited to the UNA Basketball Men's Reunion at Flowers Hall on Saturday, February 10.

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reunion The will take place in conjunction ' with UNA's home basketball doubleheader against Alabama-Huntsville. Snacks and fellowship begin in the Flowers Hall hospitality

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will be featured at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library from February 1-28. The exhibit is on the second floor of the library. Davis works in the mediums of India ink, watercolors, oils, and clay. He has a degree in Art Education and Fine Arts from Alabama A&M University. Davis acquired his love for art and expression from his grandmother and mother and his ability to create from his father and grandfather. He describes his style as "loose surrealistic abstractions," and his images often reflect the rural environment he grew up in and his African heritage.



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It was a good show for a good cause and a great audience. Everyone wins. Thanks again to all and we will see you next year.

Dennis Odem Florence

Disgusted, with Grief

This past week was very disappointing to many people who are fighting for the lives of our little children. More and more Americans are realizing that abortion is wrong and hideous and cruel and torturous to unborn babies.

We are thankful to have a pro-life president, but we must not sit back and expect him to do it for us. We have to call our Senators and Congressmen and let them know that we want this to change. Science has shown that unborn babies feel pain at 20 weeks! We must not allow this evil to continue!

The U.S. is joined by seven other nations with these barbaric acts, including North Korea. Dr. James

Dobson wrote about his disappointment this week.

Please read and weep with him and neip ao sometning about it.

Perry Taylor

I am profoundly saddened by today's news that the Senate has failed to even hold a floor vote on the 'Pain-Capable Act' which would have outlawed abortion at 20-weeks, when science confirms an unborn child can feel pain. The cowardice exhibited by some in the U.S. Senate flies in the face of logic, public opinion, and human decency. Indeed, even a majority of Americans who are in favor of abortion support banning the practice after

Today, our political leaders decided that rather than acknowledge what any parent so easily understands – that a moving and kicking 20-week-old baby can feel pain and therefore should not be subjected to the mortal assault of a surgeon – is the height of cultural insanity. This is indeed a sad and

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be so stupid? I won't go into the facts of the case and won't even bother preaching to the choir concerning the evilness of the act of corrupting Fisher



our most innocent citizens. You all know all that. But I will go into why this is so stupid and how easy it is to get caught.

Let's start with some basics. The router in your home is the device that connects all your devices (computer, tablet,

DON'T BE STUPID

by "The Computer Skeptic"

TV) to the internet. Each router has a specific Internet Protocol (IP) address that is connected to your billing account information. If you have someone's IP address, you can generally tell what geographic area they occupy but to obtain their account information requires a court order that compels the service provider to give up the account information belonging to said IP address.

This guy was probably using a peer-to-peer file sharing program to obtain the illegal images. He also could have

been simply visiting websites or secret forums where this stuff is shared. Whatever the case, all that online activity is stored in a secure database deep inside the internet provider's network.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has a program in place to find the people who download and share this stuff. They have the capability of analyzing these images and videos to create a signature (called a "hash") that is as unique as a fingerprint. So every illegal image out there has a unique code attached to

it. DHS can monitor what IP addresses access these images.

Once authorities have an IP address of a suspect, they can file for a court order forcing the internet service provider (such as Comcast or AT&T) to turn over the identity of the account holder. After that, they will contact the local law enforcement agency with the information and the next thing you know, some pervert is getting a loud knock on his door.

DHS also wants to identify the victims wherever possible. So they often analyze the images to find clues to the identity of the victim. They look for logos, products, and personalized items, certificates from schools and trophies, or a Boy Scout uniform. As a result, since the inception of the DHS program, the agency has arrested more than 8,000

sexual predators nationwide. That averages out to about 800 arrests per year and more than 2 arrests per day.

So don't be stupid, perverts. Get help. You will get caught. Consider yourself warned.

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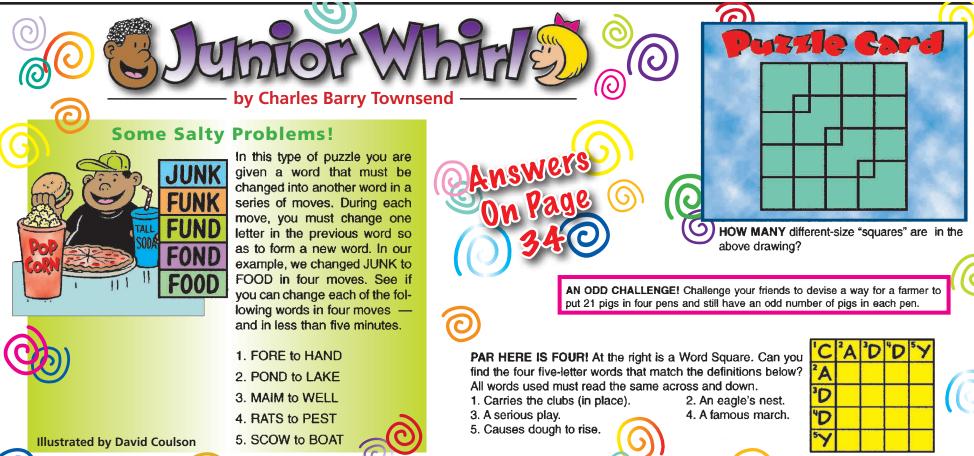
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Medicare Part A has a deductible of \$1,340 per benefit period. Notice two things here. First is the deductible of \$1,340. If you are admitted into the hospital and had Original Medicare only, you would owe the first \$1,340 of your stay. This deductible covers hospital services, including semi-private rooms, meals, general nursing, drugs as part of your inpatient treatment, and other hospital services and supplies.

The second thing to notice is the term "benefit period". This tells you the deductible is not an annual deductible but could hit you more than once in a calendar year. A "benefit period" begins when you are discharged from a hospital or skilled nursing facility and ends when you haven't received any inpatient care for 60 consecutive days. If you are admitted as an inpatient after the 60 days of no inpatient care a new benefit period begins, meaning another \$1,340 deductible. Also if you are confined to the hospital for 60 consecutive days your deductible will cover you but on the 61st day you will begin paying a coinsurance.

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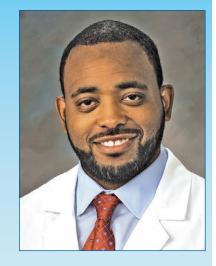
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tree. By sitting on their hands, the Democrats proved that they really don't care about America or her people - it's all politics with

In one way – and one way only – Democrats remind me of Tyrannosaurus rex they just can't seem to reach across the aisle with such tiny little arms.

The National Black Pro-Life Union is an organization founded to serve as a clearing house to coordinate the flow of communications among all African American pro-life organizations and individuals in order to better network and combine resources.

by DAVE RAMSEY

RENT TO OWN OKAY?

Dear Dave, Is it okay to buy something using a rent-to-own plan?

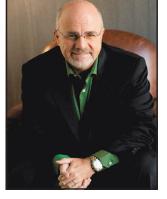
Dear Josh,

I advise against rent-to-own deals. Rent-to-own places get people in the door with promises of low monthly or weekly payments. But when it comes to rent-to-own furniture, washer and dryer sets, and that kind of thing, you'll end up paying much, much more than if you saved up and bought item outright. The amount you'll pay out of pocket is even more ridiculous if you compare it to buying the same item, slightly used, somewhere else.

I don't recommend rentto-own scenarios when it comes to buying a home, either. Most of those offerings are listed at full retail price and then some. Plus, the contracts are tilted toward the seller's side of the equation. And very few people who sign a rent-to-own home deal follow through and become homeowners.

When it comes to real estate deals, the only thing I would consider — other than an outright cash purchase — is leasing with an option to buy. That's different than rentto-own, because in a rentto-own situation you've committed to purchase. On a lease with an option to buy deal, you have the right to purchase, but not the obligation.

Josh, most of the people who use rent-to-own deals are not in good financial



They're deeply shape. in debt, and they have no money. Rent-to-own ensures they'll stay there.

DISABILITY INSURANCE ELIMINATION PERIOD?

Dear Dave, I'm looking at long-term disability insurance policies. What does the term 'elimination period" mean?

Dear Glen,

The elimination period is, by definition, the time from the point you're declared disabled by a doctor until you begin receiving payments from the insurance company.

If you have a 90-day elimination period, it will be about that long from the time you're officially declared disabled until you see your first check.

I recommend 90- to 180day elimination periods, depending on what kind of financial shape you're in, and how much money you have stashed away in savings, investments, and your emergency fund. If you have a fully-loaded emergency fund of three to six months of expenses — and you have little or no debt, plus other money stashed away — you should be able to carry a policy with a longer elimination period.

remember, longer the elimination period, the lower your premiums will be. Hope this helps, Glen!

–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 and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.

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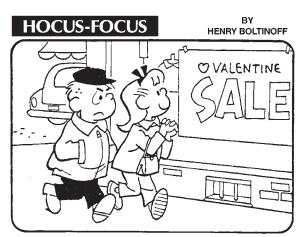
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Chloe's Fund was started in March of 2017 after Shelter volunteers, Glen and Debby Nelson, lost their beloved dog of 16 years, Chloe. After Chloe's passing, Debby set out on a mission to help as many sick and injured Florence-

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My Buddy



This morning I was peeling an apple with my Kitchen-aide paring knife. And I guess that I was going too fast (which is my usual speed), because the peel broke at several places in the process. It made me think of my granddad, Claude Coleman. He always peeled an apple in one full accordion twirl. He had a calm soul, and it showed in the way he

peeled an apple.

I called him, "Daddy Buddy." My grandmother called him, "Claude." The community called him, "Mr Coleman," "Bro. "Mr. Coleman," "Bro. Claude," and friend. He was respected at the gates. He was a member of the Pullman-Porter's Association for the railroad. I don't think that the he was ever a porter. When I knew what he was doing, he was a technician. He worked the switches and made sure that the rails

hard-working man. He and my grandmother lived on the good side of the tracks near the depot. I remember running down the street to wave at him as he passed by, hanging off the caboose of the moving trains.

My granddad was not my mom's dad, but he was the granddad that was there all my life. Daddy Buddy was a big, tall, black man. I saw him often in suits with dent-topped hats with the front brim pointed downward. He kept time by a silver pocket watch on a chain that he got upon his retirement. And he had a bell-shaped curved, chiming cherry mantle clock that he wound up on Sundays. Daddy Buddy was married to my "Mulla". He had his hands full. He was the quiet side of that couple. But when Bro. Coleman spoke, everyone listened - including my grandmother. I can hear him now. He'd say, "Now Louise...," and then he would forthrightly and calmly share the truth of the matter with my grandmother.

Honestly, think that I ever had a conversation with Buddy. The closest I ever came to him was to pick slices were clear and connected. of apple off of his Swiss

Claude Coleman was a army knife. During those moments, I would get sweet, loving looks that told me that he was proud of me and that we were family. But I watched the way that he kindly interacted with adults. On many occasions, he hosted the Men's Club in his home. He was a girder in the structure of the black community - a trustee of Union Grove Baptist Church - a cornerstone. They trusted him. A servant. Well into his 80s, he was still driving "the little old ladies" to the doctor. He took his time with people. He listened.

After my mom was 21, Daddy Buddy and Mulla raised four children to be strong, impactful adults. He had high expectations and sometimes used a belt, but he also showed love and kindness which they/we have emulated. Buddy was born in 1904 and he died in 1992. Wow, the changes he saw! Daddy Buddy was an accomplished man during a struggling time. In my granddaughter eyes, he was a gentle giant. He had a calm soul. He knew who he was. I am still trying to I don't learn from him. Yes. Keep calm and peel slowly.

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disgraceful day for America as we join only seven other nations in the world, including China and North Korea, which allow such inhumane treatment of the unborn.

Rest assured, this is only the beginning of this battle and those who opposed this completely sensible legislation should ready themselves for a fight. I invite you to join with Shirley and me as we first pray, and then advocate loudly on behalf of the unborn. Let's call, email and write our Senators, demanding an immediate revote in favor of this critical piece of legislation."

- James Dobson, Ph.D.

You Can Laugh **If You Want**

Dear Editor:

I want to pose a question to readers. What can be done if there is a possible sexual predator in their midst and no one cares or will do anything about it?

The women are of consensual age, so yes, it's as much their fault as his. This man is obviously targeting women who are needy and vulnerable. It does not help that he does

have people who seem to be enabling and covering for him. This man is older, arrogant, thinks he can go and do as he pleases. He will not stop his heinous behavior.

What if it were your daughter, sister, maybe even your mother or wife this clueless jerk is taking advantage of? This guy goes to all ages from middle-aged women to college coeds. He has a job in which he has a lot of potential victims to choose from, and new selections constantly.

Laugh if you are ignorant, but keep in mind: predators only get worse.

People better because it's only a matter of time before someone you know will probably be affected by this guy, or someone like him.

Sherry Gordon Florence

Don't Like it? Don't Do it...

Editor:

children who These people call dreamers to me are children of some brave parent who cared enough to take them to a place where they would be safe and have a chance for a better life! If you love your children, you would do the same, even if it cost you your life.

Moses' mother had him in a basket and put him in a river so he would be safe. The children of Israel put blood over the door post to keep them from being killed. Joseph and Mary took Jesus and left Egypt by night so he would be safe. I hope we all would do the same for our children.

For these children's life and future to depend on a wall, that we need (like I need another hole in the head) is the most stupid thing I have heard of! If you care so much for the veterans, use the billions of dollars it would take to build a wall and do something for them.

There was a man, Sunday School teacher in a local church, said the republicans are Christians

and the democrats are not. That is a bold face lie. I am a democrat and a Christian. Not because I am a democrat, but because I trusted Jesus as my Savior and Guide.

I am against abortions, same sex marriage, and anything else that the Bible says plainly is wrong. I hear all the time about these two things, but let me tell you, it took republicans and democrats to pass a stupid law like that, not just one side. Don't blame our situations on just the democrats. Generals don't blame the soldiers if the battle is lost, but they take most of the credit if it's won. (After all is said and done, there is a lot more said than done) So I wish everyone would stop blaming others and fix the problem!

We all have our teachings and the Bible to live by, and each person will give an account for the things that we have done in life.

If you don't believe in abortions, don't have one, and if you don't believe in same sex marriage, don't do

Teach your children and let everyone else teach theirs, then let us all give an account to God!

Stella Hallmark Sheffield

Need a Return to U.S. Laws

Editor:

What has happened to the America I knew?

As a young man in school learned in history class that America is a country of laws. However, today we have country that ignores the laws written and passed by Congress and signed by a president and allows states to pass laws that are contradictory to federal law. The United States government Immigration Laws, our elected officials seem to want to do that which they see is right in their own eyes! Then we see the issue of Federal Courts trying to legislate from the bench regardless of the way government has operated for many years; I am referring to DACA. President Trump wants that executive order regarding DACA which President Obama issued to be done away with allowing DACA to expire at the end of March. History would show that in the past an incoming president could do away with executive orders issued

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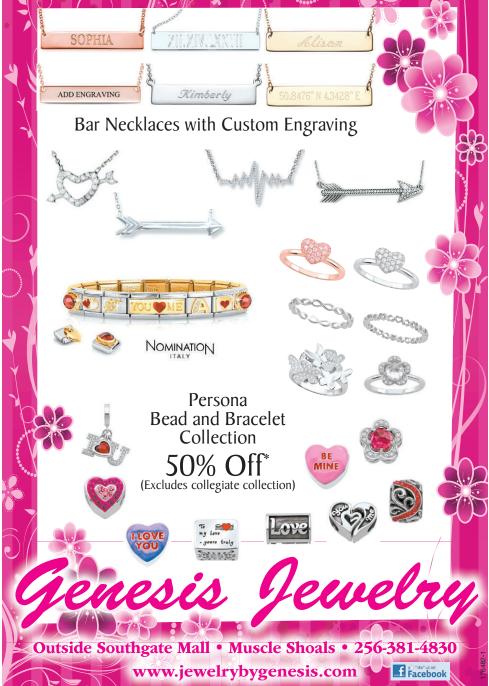
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President Trump asked

Congress for \$20 billion dollars for a partial border wall and additional means of securing our US border. We need to protect our country against the flow of drugs into our country and reduce the flow of illegal immigrants. How much could that \$116 billion dollars be reduced if we would simply increase border security? In a recent traffic stop in the Dallas an RV was stopped for a traffic violation during which police found almost 770 lbs. of marijuana. Where do vou think those drugs came from? How many others are missed on a daily basis? In December 2017 the Border Patrol took custody of over 40,000 illegal immigrants, a big increase over most months in 2017.

America needs to get back to being a country of laws. I am tired of Congress fighting over our laws, and wanting to change them so one political party could gain control of the country by changing our laws for the purpose of adding voters who came into our country ILLEGALLY! Stop the partisan politics and do what is right for all legal Americans first, and then have a party affiliation. President Trump is certainly a different kind of president, but I truly believe for a change we have a president who wants to put all Americans first. God Bless America!

Philip Goodale Florence

CA Secession Makes Sense

Editor:

While the New California movement or the California secession movement is being made fun of, it makes a lot of sense when you consider all the craziness associated with the state of California. According to the *San Diego Tribune*, the movement seeks to become the fifty-first state by divorcing a majority of the state territory from the liberal coastal counties that dominate the state's political landscape.

Here are two of many good reasons for separating from the liberals.

A new California law provides for punishment from fines to jail time for healthcare workers who willfully and repeatedly decline to use a senior transgender patient's preferred name or pronouns.

preferred name or pronouns. Recently, a California assemblyman a bill that would make it a criminal offense for restaurant employees to provide patrons with singleuse plastic straws unless specifically requested. Each such action would constitute a misdemeanor punishable by up to six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine. Proponents of the straw prohibitions claim the straws end up harming fragile ecosystems. It is amazing that this same state protects illegal immigrant criminals.

Euell White Florence

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Sign-up for Lands Program

Editor

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Last year we interviewed farmers who have used the program. We heard CSP is a great way to try conservation methods.

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nation's Jones Sides lands program, with Schumer

Editor:

It did not take long for new Alabama Senator Doug Jones to fall in step with the Democratic leadership!

Not only did he follow orders not to applaud anything in the State of the Union, but he recently voted with 46 Democrats not to advance the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. This bill sought to ban late-term abortions based on scientific data showing fetuses can feel pain beginning at 20 weeks of gestation.

By rejecting this bill, the U.S. remains one of only seven nations in the world, including China and North Korea, which continue to allow the barbaric practice of elective late-term abortions.

While demanding rights and protections for children brought into this nation illegally, Democrats, including Alabama Senator Jones, have no room in their hearts to stand up for lives, rights, and protections for the unborn. We now know where Senator Jones stands.

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Dear Searching,

Unfortunately, for many years the high cost of hearing aids has kept millions of Americans with hearing loss from getting hearing aids because they can't afford them.

Hearing aids - typically sold through audiologists' offices – are expensive, usually ranging between \$1,000 and \$4,000 per ear, and are not typically covered by private insurance or traditional Medicare.

But there's good news on the horizon. Last summer President Trump signed the Over-the-Counter Hearing Aid Act of 2017 into law. This will allow people with mild to moderate hearing loss to buy hearing aids without consulting an audiologist, and the devices could sell for between \$250 and \$300 at drugstores and other retailers.

The only problem is that it will be a couple more years before these OTC hearing aids are available to consumers. So in the meantime, here are some tips that can help you find some affordable options.

Check Your Insurance

While most private health insurance companies do not cover hearing aids, there are some that do. For example, Aetna members can purchase aids at a discount through certain suppliers, and United Healthcare offers hearing aids to their beneficiaries through HealthInnovations for \$799 to

You should also know that some federal workers, as well as residents of Arkansas, Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island can get their hearing aids covered by health insurance, as can eligible veterans through the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Or, if your husband is a Medicare recipient, about half of all Medicare Advantage plans offer at least partial coverage or discounts on hearing exams and devices. So, be sure you check your husband's insurance coverage to see if it offers any type of hearing aid benefit.

Shop Around

To help you save money, consider shopping at Costco, which offers no-cost screenings at certain locations, as well as very competitive prices. Hearing aids there range between \$500 and \$1,500 each. You can also shop online at websites like *EmbraceHearing.com* and *Audicus.com*, which can save you up to \$2,000 per pair. Then visit a local specialist to make any necessary adjustments.

Another option worth a look is over-the-counter personal sound amplification products (or PSAPs). Unlike hearing aids, the Food and Drug Administration does not regulate PSAPs. And PSAP manufacturers are not allowed to call these products hearing aids or claim that they help hearing. But these devices are very effective for people with mild to moderate hearing impairment, and typically cost between \$350 and \$450 each. To find a wide variety of PSAPs see assistive listening sites like Harris Communications (Harris Comm.com. or call 866-476-9579).

Look For Assistance

If your income is low, there is a number of national, state and independent groups that can help you pay for hearing aids or offer discounts. To find them, visit the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association website at ASHA.org/public/coverage/audfundingresources. Or, call the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders at 800-241-1044, and ask them to mail you their list of financial resources for hearing aids.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443 Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.



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For details on the class call Jan Ownby at 256-627-0052. Broadway Recreation Center is located at 300 N. Broadway St. in Florence.

Cloverdale Community Center Breakfast will be held on Saturday, February 10 from 6:30-9am. The cost of the breakfast is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Profits from the breakfast will go toward the upkeep of the center.

Monthly Covered Dish Lunch and **Program** at the Zip City Community Center, 10511 Hwy 17, Florence, on Thursday, February 15 at 11:30am. Please bring a covered dish. Everyone

Underwood-Petersville Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be February 11 at 2pm in the basement of the Underwood-Petersville Community Center. Zip City Neighborhood Watch **Meeting** February 18, 2pm at the Zip City Community Center. Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church is celebrating its 200th Anniversary this year. The February The Department of Entertainment event honors all the couples who have Industry UNA Theatre will present Katori Hall's, "The Mountaintop", February 23 been married in our church. You and your spouse are invited to attend and

will be seated at tables of honor.

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The 18th Annual Krewe of Columbus Jaguar Ball -- The Knights of Columbus

are sponsoring their annual Mardi Gras

dance February 10 from 7-11pm in St. Joseph's Gym. This year's event will benefit St. Joseph Regional School

and St. Joseph School Foundation

Entertainment will feature music by "The

Tickets will be \$25 per person at the door and \$20 in advance. Reserved

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They may be pre-purchased for \$190 by contacting Chris Tant wchristant@

The Knights of Columbus will provide a main dish of fried turkey and gumbo.

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own table. Set ups will be provided for your favorite beverage. For those who

would like to participate, we will have a table decorating contest with a prize

Tickets will be available at St. Joseph School and Church offices as well as St. Michael Church office and Our Lady

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Tickets can be purchased at the George S. Lindsey Box Office (Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 11am-5:30pm, online at www.una.edu/theatre/ productionsor at the door.

For more information: the Department of Entertainment Industry at 256-765-4342

Fourth Saturday Breakfast at the Zin City Community Center, 10511 Hwy 17, Florence, February 24 from 6:30-9am. Menu includes eggs, sausage, bacon, biscuits, gravies, grits, juice and coffee. Adults \$6, children under 10, \$3.

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Once In A Blue Moon

I hope you got to see the "Super Blue-Blood Moon" last week. It was an interesting phenomenon that had not occurred in over 150 years. To be honest, I had never heard of a "Super Blue-Blood Moon" until it became so highly publicized through the media. Of course, that made me not want to feel left out, so I put watching it high on my

All this hoopla about the moon got me thinking about different expressions we use that include the moon. Here are

we claim to "love them to the moon and back." When we have a deep appreciation for someone "we think they hung the moon." Politicians in their campaign speeches are accused of "promising the moon." And the list goes on and on, but the one I would like to consider here for a moment is "Once in a blue moon."

Technically, a "Blue Moon" is most commonly defined as two full-moons occurring within the same month. That does not happen often, in fact, there will only be two this year. Hence the expression "once in a blue moon" is used as "something that happens very seldom or on rare occasions." There may be some things we do "once in a blue moon" that ought to happen more frequently.

For some folks, attending church services is something they do "once in a blue moon." Unfortunately, this is not a new problem, but one that dates all the way back to the first century church. Hence we find the Hebrews writer warning Christians to "Not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some..." (Hebrews 10:25). "Once in a blue moon" worship shows a serious deficiency of spiritual priorities and lack of commitment to the Lordship of Christ. Worship should be a frequent and vital part of our lives!

Thinking about some other "once in a blue moon" infractions, here are some thoughts we ought to consider. Husbands, how often do you tell your wife you love her and all the ways she makes your house a home? Wives, how often do you tell your husband how much you love him and that you appreciate what he does in supporting the family? Parents, when is the last time you told your child how proud you are of them? Child, when is the last time you told your parents you appreciate all they do for you?

If "once in a blue moon" is your answer, it is time to make some changes. And these changes are sure to send them (and you) "over the moon!"

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THE BOLD AND THE **BEAUTIFUL** Hope offered Liam some comfort and a place to vent his emotions. Katie and Wyatt both were conflicted about the wedding Ridge and Brooke extremely grateful. Franco confided in Kevin. Curtis remained hopeful that they would serve as an example to Liam that forgiveness was always the answer. Eric and Quinn were surprised but supportive of what was in store for the wedding guests. Steffy called Liam to see if he would escort her to the wedding. Hope and Maya gifted the bride with something old. Later, Steffy and Hope made a pact while Wyatt and Liam discussed their relationships. Carter officiated Brooke Ridge's nuptials. Wyatt had a romantic surprise for Katie when she returned home. Wait to See: An Peter's unexpected breakup leaves two lovers in distress.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES Chad and Abigail walked in on a heated moment between Vivian and Stefan. about Andre's murder. II pursued a new line of work. Valerie gave Lani booked on murder charges. Brady and Eve went on their first real date together. Lani made a confession to Eli. Claire was intrigued Ciara and Tripp were keeping a secret. Will and Paul spied on John and discovered his disturbing plans. Steve's condition worsened as he and Kayla raced against time to find out what was wrong with him. Eli was faced with a difficult decision. Claire tried to get the truth out of about his deadly secret. Wait to See: Kate discovers a Mausoleum.

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Sam made a confession. Ava couldn't help herself. Carly warned Jason not to give up. Michael was and Jordan teamed up. Alexis and Finn bonded. pestered. Julian felt Anna continued investigation. Robin read between the lines. Peter bumped into Lulu. Alexis turned to Sam for help. Ned's words were very impactful. Julian declined an offer. Jim Harvey continued to make waves. Anna was in denial. Drew pushed back. Sam asked for a favor. Carly vented and her frustrations. Drew was troubled. Valentin stayed by Nina's side. Franco had a moment with Obrecht. curiosity was piqued. Wait to See: Anna Felicia commiserate together.
THE YOUNG AND THE

RESTLESS Devon realized that Hilary misunderstood Rafe questioned a suspect his offer to buy GC Buzz and thought she would still have a creative position Hamilton-Winters. with an ultimatum. Gabi was Mariah arrived at the office but was quickly left alone with Tessa. Devon followed Hilary, who admitted to him that she started her fertility when she realized that treatments earlier that day. Traci was devastated when Dina didn't recognize her during a video call from Paris. Victor met with Noah after his drunk and disorderly incident at the tower. J.T. attempted to surprise Victoria with a big dinner party, but Chelsea and Phyllis soon found themselves at odds while Tripp. Will confronted John breaking bread. Cane and Lily planned to renew their vows on Valentine's Day. shocking scene at the DiMera Wait to See: J.T. and Traci reminisce about Colleen.

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