

**Sports HoF
Induction**

FLORENCE—The 19th Annual Lauderdale County Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony takes place Saturday, March 17 at 6:30pm, at the Marriott Shoals Conference Center. The special event bring old friends and athletic peers back together to share memories, and recognize the athletic accomplishments of talented and dedicated Lauderdale County individuals.

Inductees for 2018 are Dan Beavers, Rita Beckwith Smith, Luke Copeland, Harrison Humes, Ande Jones, Freddie Roach, David Smith, Jimmy Ray Stanfield, Kristal Turpen Kizer, and Johnny Waddell.

Contact Steve Harrison at 256-810-3460, or Dennis Hargett at 256-762-9056 or any committee member for tickets. Tickets are also available at local high schools.

Garners Earn Awards at St. Andrews

RIDGELAND, MS— John and Joseph Garner, seniors at St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Ridgeland, MS, recently were recognized at the St. Andrew's Football Awards Banquet. John and Joseph have played football at St. Andrew's since the fourth grade. John was awarded the St. Andrew's MVP Defensive Lineman and MVP District 6-3A Offensive Lineman. Joseph was awarded the St. Andrew's prestigious Saints Award and First Team All-District 6-3A.

John and Joseph are the sons of Joey and James Garner of Ridgeland and the grandsons of Sarah and John Garner of Tusculumbia.

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Special Touch Tour

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FLORENCE - Florence Indian Mound Museum is opening its doors and exhibit cases for a special Touch Tour for the visually impaired on Monday, March 19 at 2pm. The Woodland Experience will introduce visually impaired visitors to the culture of the Woodland people. The Woodland period was a time of transition between Archaic period hunter-gatherer bands and the complex, agrarian Mississippian Culture. An audio presentation and hands-on exploration of artifacts will reveal clues to the ways of life of the mound-builders. Museum guides will facilitate the care and story of selected artifacts as visitors feel their way through the Woodland period. All ages



Front of the Florence Indian Mound Museum and a Ceremonial Pipe
Courtesy photos

are invited to participate in this free program.

Florence Indian Mound Museum is located at 1028 S. Court St. Florence, AL 35630. The museum is open from 10am-4pm Tuesday through Saturday and from 1pm-4pm on Sundays. Call 256-760-6427 for more

information. Florence Indian Mound Museum is owned and operated by the City of Florence Department of Arts and Museums.

Egg Hunt is Back

SHOALS - The Courier Journal Egg Hunt is underway inside this issue and again in the March 21 issue. Eggs will appear in different sizes. However, they will all be the adorable brown bunny holding the blue egg that reads Courier Journal Egg Hunt. No other egg designs are included in the contest. Count EVERY egg of that description, including any in this article. The eggs can be found anywhere in the pages of the Courier Journal, including inside ads, so look VERY CLOSELY before you send in your totals.

You may enter your total count from the link on our

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I Want That Big Bad Breakfast

FLORENCE - Last week award-winning chef, John Currence, officially opened the Florence location of his popular from-scratch breakfast concept, Big Bad Breakfast.

The new Florence location on North Court Street is the third Big Bad Breakfast in Alabama and fifth nationwide. Other locations include Oxford, Mississippi; Birmingham,

Homewood, and Inlet Beach, Florida. The growing restaurant group is designed to bring Currence's take on high-quality, expertly-crafted breakfast and lunch meals to the growing Shoals community.

Known for its elevated take on breakfast, Big Bad Breakfast



delivers a casual atmosphere to accompany their top-notch cuisine.

Patrons will experience a fresh take on breakfast with BBB favorites like the house-cured Tabasco/Brown Sugar Bacon, alongside a

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Lions Meet at Wheeler

ROGERSVILLE – The Lions Clubs of Multiple District 34-A from the State of Alabama will meet at Joe Wheeler State Park March 16-17 for their annual District Convention.

The keynote speaker at the event will be International Director, Joyce Middleton. Middleton is from Bridgewater, Massachusetts and was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International in 2016. Middleton is a computer engineer. In addition to her Lions activities, Director Middleton has been active in numerous professional and community organizations including the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts and the National Braille Press.

The Lions Club has various clubs throughout the state including Athens, Killen, and Lexington that meet at various times throughout the month. Lions clubs are groups of men and women that identify needs within their communities and work together to fulfill those needs.

For more information about Lions Clubs International, visit lionsclubs.org.

White to Lead UNA Volleyball

FLORENCE – After winning more than 82% of his games as a collegiate head coach, Bob White has been selected to lead the volleyball program at the University of North Alabama.

White will oversee the Lions' indoor as well as its beach program which debuts next spring.

"We are tremendously excited to have Bob White join our staff here at UNA," said Director of Athletics, Mark Linder. "He is a person of great character and possesses great knowledge about the game of volleyball. I also believe he is a perfect fit for us as we transition into Division I."

White has a career coaching record of 443-90. He becomes the program's ninth head coach, but only the fourth in the last 40 years. He spent the previous 13 seasons at Palm Beach Atlantic where he led the Sailfish to six straight NCAA Division II regional tournaments, including two trips to the Final Four. He also spent several years as the school's Athletic Director.

White also led the Sailfish to seven NCCAA



White

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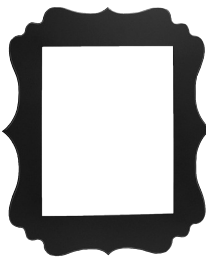
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- Bring in person.

All properly submitted Community Notes which are dated will be posted weekly at www.courierjournal.net. Visit our website for a complete list.

Colbert County Schools Department of Early Childhood Development Pre-K Registration from Now until March 15 the Colbert County School System will be having Pre-Kindergarten Registration for children who will be 4 years of age by September 1, 2018.

For more information please contact Brooke Cunningham at 256-386-8565 or bcunningham@colbert.k12.al.us

Keller Hospice is looking for Volunteers and donations for Hospice Promise Foundation. Contact Barbie Johnson, Volunteer Coordinator, 256-314-1204.

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Sponsored by Community Action Northwest Alabama, TVA Retirees, BVI, and Southwire.

A grief support group entitled, "Getting Well Together" will meet at Shoney's in Muscle Shoals at 10am on the second Thursday of each month. This free support group is for anyone who would like to attend. This event is provided by Kindred Hospice of Florence. For more information, call 256-764-0873.

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, March 13 at 7pm at the NAMI Shoals office, 749 Thompson St., Suite A, Florence. Need directions or more information, call 256-765-2081.

Hazelwood Head Start Program at 334 Hazelwood St., Town Creek, is now taking applications for children ages 3-4 for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year. Registration will take place from 9am-1:30pm each Tuesday.

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The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary Empty Bowls Luncheon - Wednesday, March 14 from 11am-1pm at the Marriott Conference Center in Florence. Tickets \$15 in advance or at the door.

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All funds go to the Salvation Army of the Shoals. Salvation Army Headquarters 256-764-4432

Kids and Kin will meet March 22 at 10am at the Sherrod Avenue Church of Christ in Room 103 for "Ways Babies Learn When You Sing to Them." Alisha Albright from the Family Guidance Center of Alabama will discuss how music supports early learning. Kids & Kin is a free statewide program funded through DHR providing education and support to parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles raising children. For more information call Alisha Albright, Kids and Kin Program, at 334-465-9205.

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Winners will be announced in the March 28 issue.

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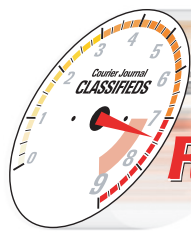
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Eggs...

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Please indicate which week you are counting eggs from. Week 1 is the March 14 issue. Week 2 is the March 21 issue. Please include your name, address, and phone number as well. You may enter one time for each week, whether it is online or by separate mailings. Or you may enter for both

weeks at once online or in one mailing. However, we MUST have all entries in hand by close of business on Thursday, March 22. Therefore, we would advise against mailing an entry after Tuesday, March 20 because we may not receive it until Friday. That would be too late for this contest.

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If no one has the exact number, closest guesses will be used in drawings. Winners will be announced in the March 28 issue. Start counting this week.

HAPPY HUNTING!

Big Bad Breakfast...

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few surprises like the famed John Currence Shrimp and Grits.

Located just off the UNA campus by the corner of Court and East Tuscaloosa Streets, the brand new Big Bad Breakfast houses the fuselage of a 1946 Cessna 120/40 rescued from a barn in Ohio. This unique design element is showcased on the feature wall of the new space.

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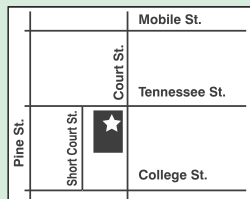


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McKala, Florence, AL

A Sure it is legal. The deputy had a gun and a badge and those guys are going to win arguments every time. The real problem is that your boyfriend's day was interrupted and he had to be bailed out of jail when all he had to do was be a gentleman and be patient.

Certainly no law dictates who gets to pump gas when two people pull up at the same time, but if the police officer perceived an argument as a breach of the peace then he was obligated to solve the problem. If he ordered your boyfriend to move his truck and he refused, the outcome of that refusal is disobeying a police officer's order and that results in an arrest and a trip to jail. Not much fun there.

Certainly police officers can and do make mistakes but those mistakes are best corrected in the courtroom. An apology would probably go a long way by the time you get to court. Resisting arrest is never a good idea because police officers are trained to win physical confrontations. They prosecute people who engage in such conduct so they don't do it again.

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We are at the beginning of March so you have 10 months to fix and thus avoid this problem from happening again next year. The amount of taxes you withhold is a personal choice, so you can adjust the amount at any time.

One way to do it is through the IRS form titled, Form W-4 also known as the Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate. You can complete the form and submit it to your employer. Your employer then uses the form to calculate the amount of federal income tax to be withheld from your pay. Let them do the hard math.

Typically, if you follow the instructions on the Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate (Form W-4), you will come out in great shape. It will keep you from owing a tax debt each year. On the flipside, if you are getting a large refund each year, then it will adjust your paycheck and you will pay less taxes and put \$400 more in your pocket each month.

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White to Lead UNA Volleyball

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regional titles and a national championship in 2014. He amassed a 398-84 record while winning two South Region championships, and achieving eight seasons of 30 or more victories.

In 2015, he led PBA to a 31-5 record and the highest ranking in program history at No. 2, while finishing as the South Region champions and NCAA runner-up.

White began his coaching career at Tennessee Temple University, leading them to a 69-10 record in two seasons.

White holds a bachelor's degree from Pensacola Christian College and master's degree in organizational leadership from PBA. White was inducted into the NCCAA Hall of Fame in 2008 and became the first coach to be inducted into the PBA Sports Hall of Fame.

White and his wife, **Robin**, have two children, **Robbe** and **Lauryn**, and one grandson, **Mac**.

Linaberry at Swampers

FLORENCE—Known for his moody blend of garage-influenced soul, blues, roots, and Americana, singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist, **Jonathon Linaberry**, began a national tour last week in support of his new solo project entitled, *The Bones of J.R.*



Linaberry

Jones and his third studio album, *Ones To Keep Close*, set for release on May 11. The 25-date tour will make a stop on March 19 in Swampers Grill at the Marriott Hotel in Florence. There is no admission charge.

Linaberry hails from Upstate New York and has a unique brand of vintage blues, folk, and Appalachian sounds. He has garnered acclaim for his one-man band style, stomping out rhythm, and racking up over ten million streams to date.

We last heard from *The Bones of J.R. Jones* in 2016 upon the release of the critically acclaimed album *Spirit's Furnace*. Tracks like "The Heat" and "Bless Your Soul" found Linaberry expanding the scope of his musical vision. On "Ones To Keep Close", Linaberry emerges pushing his artistic boundaries while remaining true to his roots.

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While I was away, I received a call from a friend who said there was a John Smith (not his real name) that had stopped by the building looking for me and asked if I knew him. I told him I remembered someone by that name from college days, but had not seen him in years. He said, "Well, he is waiting for you in the church parking lot."

When I arrived and walked onto the parking lot he got out of his car and I recognized him as the guy I knew from college. As we met there was a cordial greeting and the usual conversation that followed. He said he and his family lived in another state, etc., but had intentionally come here to see me.

His countenance then changed and he blurted, "I owe you some money." He asked, "Do you remember getting your wallet stolen from your dorm room while in college?" A little taken aback by his question, I answered, "Well, yes I do." He then confessed, "I did it - - and I am here to pay you back."

Trying to find the right words to say, I finally responded, "I appreciate you wanting to make it right, but I do not remember how much money was in my wallet. I was a college student, so it couldn't have been that much!" He handed me two hundred dollar bills and said, "This should cover it and I want you to know that I am very sorry!" I, in turn, hugged him and gladly told him he as forgiven.

I walked away from that encounter feeling quite happy. Not so much about the return of the money, but by knowing John's burden of guilt had been lifted. He had carried with him for over 35 years!

That experience reminds me of a couple of valuable truths. One, as long as we are living, we have opportunity to do what we can to right the wrongs of our past (Luke 15:11-24). And two, when it comes to getting things right with God, He is as eager to forgive us as we are to be forgiven (1 John 1:9, et al).

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Guest Opinion Editorial

We Can Do More for Military Families

According to a recent survey, a majority of military family members do not feel that they belong in their local civilian communities. This means that less than half of military families who live in our neighborhoods, shop at our malls, and attend our places of worship feel at home with us.

Why is this the case? Perhaps it is because of one of the staples of military life—regular mandated relocation. Members of our military often have little to no say in where they live or how often they move, something they do an estimated ten times more than civilian families. Nevertheless, they choose to sacrifice their desires and expectations for the good of our country.

Anyone who has moved will readily admit that it is rarely an easy task. Along with the logistics of relocating from one area of the country to another, families grapple with leaving friends, schools, and communities they are familiar with for the unknown.

Additionally, even though military families move, on average, once every three years, the effects of compulsory relocation are felt yearly. Morgan Kistler, a mother of three and wife to a member of the Coast Guard, quickly learned that during those three to four years when your family is planted, everyone else around you is

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Solve Those Dilemmas

FLORENCE: The 2018 Spring Building & Remodeling Show will be presented by the Shoals Home Builders Association on March 17 and 18. The show takes place at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center on Hatch Boulevard in Sheffield next to the Woodward Ave. / Second St. intersection. Home show times will be from 10am-5pm each day.

SHBA members and other vendors will be on hand to display the latest in residential building, home décor, closet systems, windows, doors, landscaping, cabinets, countertops, waterproofing, flooring, roofing, home lending, concrete design, home insurance, and much more. Bring your house plans or design dilemmas for the experts in their respective fields to



at the Radisson in Sheffield

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Bringing It

Phillips and Band, Deliverance, Launch for *The Mane Reason*

FLORENCE—David Phillips and his praise band Deliverance will be launching an outreach worship experience called “The Mane Reason” for University of North Alabama (UNA) students and others at 7pm on Sunday, March 18 at the Z Theatre, (formerly Zodiac) located at 416 N. Court Street in Florence. Every second and third Sunday evening of the month, Phillips and Deliverance will inspire audiences at the

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David Phillips plays piano at several local Sunday worship services each week. Photo, courtesy of Charles Butler

Happening
THIS WEEK

THE 23RD ANNUAL URBAN FORESTRY AND HORTICULTURE CONFERENCE takes place Friday, March 16 from 8am-3pm at Cross Point Church of Christ at 1350 Cox Creek Parkway in Florence. THEME: “Spruce Up Your Spring” The public is invited. The cost is \$45 and includes lunch. Registration at www.florenceal.org. For more information, call the mayor’s office at 256-760-6400

POET, MEMOIRIST, AND PERFORMANCE ARTIST Joy Harjo will be the guest of the 34th annual UNA Writer’s Series. She will read and perform from her works on March 15 at 11am in the Performance Center of the GUC at the UNA campus. A reception and book-signing will follow in the Loft of the GUC. For more information, please contact the UNA English Department at 256-765-4890.

WALT MADDOX WILL BE THE GUEST SPEAKER at the March meeting of the Shoals Democratic Club Monday, March 19 at 6:30pm at IUOE Local Union 320 - Union Hall 405 Dr. Hicks Blvd in Florence. Maddox is a candidate for Governor of Alabama. He has served as a Field Director with the AEA, personnel director for the Tuscaloosa City Schools, elected at a city councilman was elected mayor of Tuscaloosa in 2005. It is a position he has held ever since, being sworn in for his fourth term last year. A light meal is served at 6pm prior to the meeting and the public is always invited to attend. For more information, email shoalsdemocrats@gmail.com

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Dear Editor:

Please allow me to pass along something that some of your younger readers might not be aware of. As your life progresses, young people, be sure to keep your important records. In light of what’s happening to our country, you may one day need to prove who and what you are! Keep copies of your school and college records, and I don’t mean just your diplomas.

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Thomas Ponder
Killen

Wayne LaPierre emitted a high-decibel “GULP,” and the pro-gun folks are tearing their hair out!...



Upholding PC Insanity

Editor:

According to Bradford Richardson in the March 5 issue of the *Washington Times*, Skeptics are yelling “stop” as a new study shows sex-reassignment surgeries are on the rise. According to Joseph Backholm, president of the Family Policy Institute of Washington, there is no conclusive evidence that these procedures lead to beneficial outcomes for transgender patients. Mr. Backholm points out that you can’t really change your gender and those who go through gender-masking surgery experience disproportionate levels of stress, anxiety, and suicidality.

Ryan T. Anderson, a senior research fellow at the Heritage Foundation and author of the just-released, “When Harry Became Sally: Responding to the Transgender Movement,” said there is no robust science to support

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Show..

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TECH Talks Schedule
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Saturday, March 17
• 10:30-11:30am Smart Home Security, Theater & More (Daniel Clemons, Danmark Communications)
• 12-1pm High Performance Building (Will King, High Cotton Homes)
1:30-2:30pm Choosing the Right Builder (John Froman, CHG Building Components, Mike Stockton, Stockton Construction)
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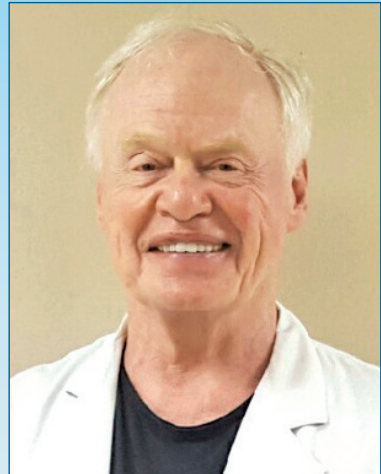
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The first thing to know is, **you only receive one "Wellness" visit per year.** If you go to a specialist, and they code your visit as a "Wellness" visit, you cannot go to your primary care physician and receive another "Wellness" visit. It is your responsibility to know how your visit is coded. If you do not want a visit to a specialist or primary care physician coded as a "Wellness" visit you must speak up.

The second, and maybe the most important, thing to know is; for a visit to be coded as a "Wellness" visit it must be for **preventive services only.** Your "Medicare and You Handbook" states; **"If your doctor or other health care provider performs additional tests or services during the same visit that aren't covered under this preventive benefit, you may have to pay coinsurance, and the Part B deductible may apply."** In other words, if you are having a medical issue and go to your doctor and discuss this issue, you probably will not be able to use your "Wellness" visit and must pay your copay or coinsurance. **"Wellness" visits are for preventive screenings and tests only!!**

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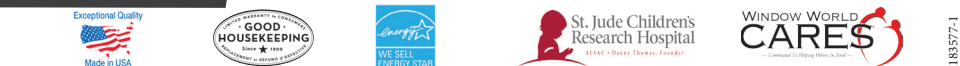
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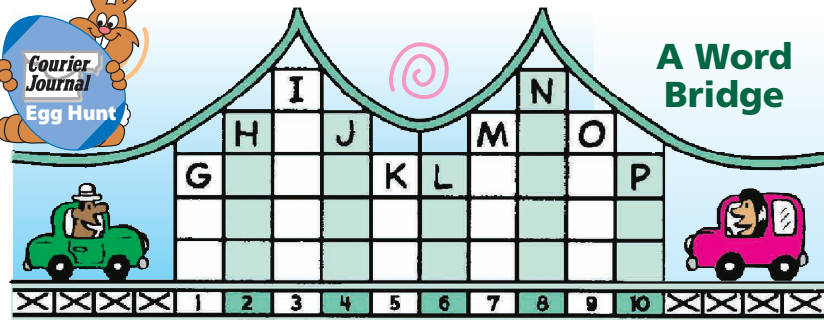
1. A portion of.
2. Moved across ice.
3. Something you eat.
4. Depend on for help.

GRID A			GRID B		
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1. Found under sink.
2. Found on boxes.
3. A bad excuse.
4. Greek harp.

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A Word Bridge

The bridge on the left contains 10 supporting words. We give you the first letter of each word, plus plenty of hints below.

1. An African antelope.
2. A saintly sign.
3. A lazy person.
4. Part of a window frame.
5. A means of access.
6. Disappears when you get up.
7. A magician.
8. Lacking in worldliness.
9. A formal promise to do something.
10. More than one picture.

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Guest Op-Ed

Families...

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not. Every family repeats the painful season of goodbyes, regardless of whether they are the ones leaving.

Clearly, military families face struggles that many families do not. Here in Alabama, we host roughly 8,700 active duty members of our nation's military and their families.

In a state that rightfully respects and reveres our military, one would expect our laws to reflect an intentional attempt to ease the burden of relocation on these families. Unfortunately, there are sections of our code in which that is not true.

If we want to ease the burden of relocation on military families, Alabama should reform its occupational licensing laws.

In the survey cited previously, 77% of military spouses said that having two incomes is vitally important to their family's well-being. However, 52% of those same spouses did not earn any income. A good portion of the blame for this disparity lies in the difficulties of getting state-sanctioned licenses to work.

When military families move, the occupational licenses of spouses do not always transfer. Many states require spouses with licenses from other states to jump through a variety of hoops and pay a collection of fees. This is a process that takes a considerable amount of time and discourages entry into the workforce.

Alabama lawmakers are considering legislation this session that would require licensing boards to recognize professional licenses of military spouses from other states, assuming the licensing criteria is similar or greater than Alabama requirements.

For military spouses whose state license does not meet Alabama requirements, boards would be required to provide temporary licenses and allow spouses to work while they complete the requirements for full licensure.

Furthermore, military families would not bear the burden of licensing fees.

As entering the workforce inherently increases connection and interaction with the community, these are meaningful changes that should be supported by all who back our military.

Although we cannot remove every challenge military families face, we must eradicate the state's contribution to these challenges. Eliminating barriers and making it less complicated for spouses to enter the civilian Alabama workforce will promote greater integration. This will help military families feel like they belong to their communities, even if for only a short time.

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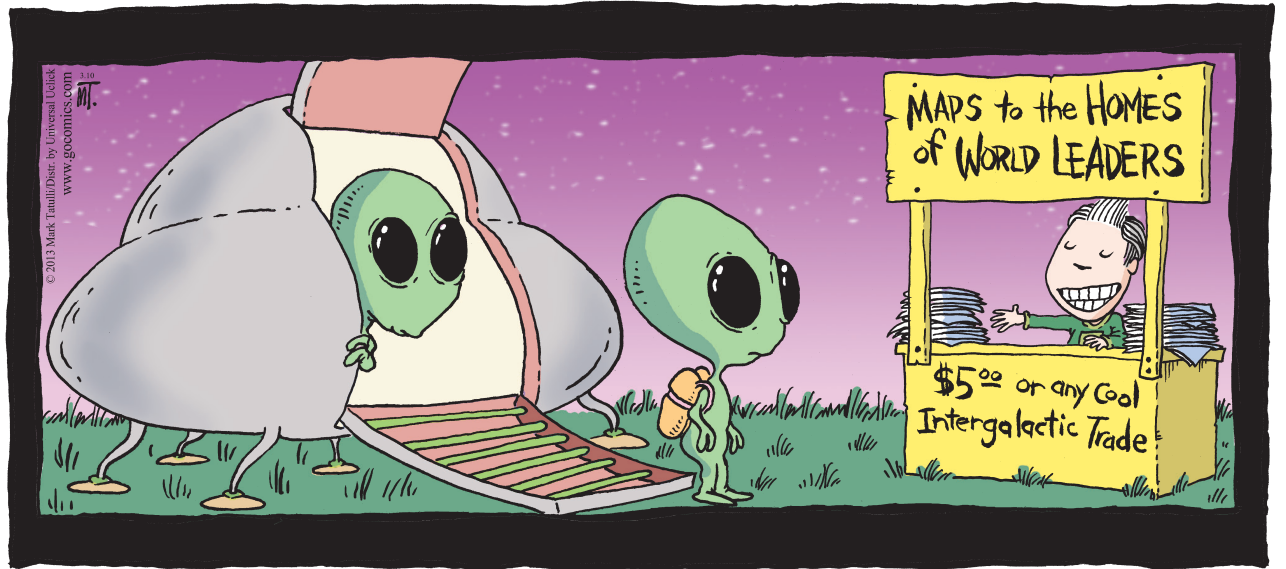
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Davis has become one of the most recognizable sports figures in the nation. After graduation from Muscle Shoals in 1984, Davis enrolled at Alabama and graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in news and public affairs in the school of Communication.

He won the Best Sports award given by Cable Fax in 2008 and was named the University of Alabama School of Communication Broadcast Department's Outstanding Alumnus of 2001. Before joining ESPN in 1995, Davis served stints at WJRT-TV in Flint, Michigan and was sports anchor and sports director at WRBL-TV in Columbus, Georgia.

At ESPN, Davis was named the host of ESPN's College Game Day, the network's flagship football program in 2015. He's also the prime host of the network's on-site coverage for both the College Football Playoff and the

NCAA Men's Final Four. Previously, Davis was the host of the network's Saturday college football pregame, halftime and postgame studio coverage with analysts Lou Holtz and Mark May.

He also called ESPN's College Football's primetime game on Thursday nights with Jesse Palmer, David Pollack and Samantha Ponders until 2014. He remains the host of the network's College Game Day basketball road show and often calls a Thursday night basketball game following the completion of the football season.

Davis has come a long way since his days as a Trojans quarterback and shooting guard in basketball. He knew what he wanted to be at age 16. That was to study sports broadcasting in college and become a successful sports broadcaster. I would say: mission accomplished. He certainly is fulfilling a teenage dream.

Rece and his wife Leigh live in Connecticut and have two children, Chris and Elizabeth. Rece Davis is without a doubt one of Muscle Shoals High School's most celebrated alumni.

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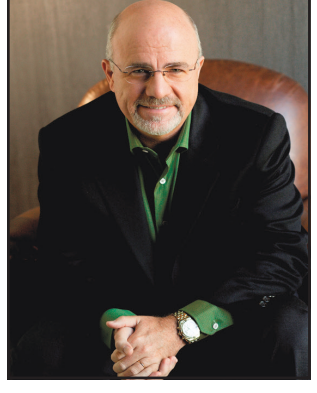
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DAVE Says

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DON'T LET IT HANG AROUND

Dear Dave,
I have \$100,000 in student loan debt. Since the amount is so large, is there a special place in your Baby Steps plan for it?
Julie

Dear Julie,
The fact that it's a large amount of student loan debt doesn't change anything. Baby Step 2 is where you pay off all debt except for your home.

I hope you have a nice, large income with which to fight that big, nasty pile of student loan debt. Believe it or not, I've seen even worse situations. I've talked to people who went \$200,000 into debt for a four-year degree in a field where they'll make \$50,000. That kind of thinking and behavior is ridiculous, but it's out there.

Whatever you do, don't let this student loan debt hang around for years and years. You've got to get focused and intense about getting control of your money. That means living on a strict, basics-only monthly budget. After that, start throwing every nickel and dime you can scrape together and save toward those student loans as fast as possible.

Your income is your largest wealth-building tool, Julie. You can't save, and plan for the future, when all your money is flying out the door to pay back debt!
—Dave

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

Dear Dave,
I have a credit card that I haven't made a payment on in almost two years. The debt has been sold a couple of times,

and now a collector is saying I owe \$1,200. The original amount was \$500. I'd like to work something out, but I can't afford \$1,200. What should I do?
Luanne

Dear Luanne,
They're asking for \$1,200 because they've added things like interest and late fees. They want to make as much money as possible on an old debt they bought for pennies on the dollar.

If you can afford \$500 right now, ask if they'll accept a one-time payment to settle the account. Get it in writing if they accept the offer, and don't give them a penny until after you get a copy of the written agreement. Once you have the agreement in hand, send them a money order or cashier's check for \$500. Do not, under any circumstances, give them electronic access to your bank accounts.

You waited too long to take of your obligation, Luanne. That made things more difficult and more stressful than necessary. I'm glad you decided to do the right thing, and clean up your mess, though. Better late than never!
—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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Recertification Classes for Green Industry Professionals Thursday, March 15 from noon-4:30pm, Florence-Lauderdale Tourism Office, McFarland Park, Florence Cost: \$45 (includes attending the Conference on March 16 at no additional cost)

Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church History Committee is currently selling their 200th Anniversary History Publication. Please contact a History Committee member (Faye Abramson, Allison Delbert, Patricia Haddock, Melinda Hargett, Joe Riddle, Milly Wright and Doris Whisenant) or call the church office 256-767-0017. Publications are \$10. All proceeds will benefit the activities and complication of our church history.

Florence/Lauderdale Tourism and the Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area will host the "Women of Muscle Shoals" speakers panel on March 17 at 2pm in the Florence/Lauderdale Tourism Visitor Center located in McFarland Park. Carla Russell, Marie Lewey, and Donna Jean Godchaux-McKay will be interviewed by Crazy Chester Music owner Andrea Werner to explore the ladies extensive experiences while performing and recording in Muscle Shoals.

The event will be held in the Gallery of the Visitor Center and seating is limited. Please call the Florence/Lauderdale Tourism office for additional information at 256-740-4141

Happenings during March at Florence Lauderdale Public Library - For more information, call 256-764-6564, ext. 128

This Woman's World: Saints, Educators, and Activists--A Snapshot of Local Women's Work - Tuesday, March 13, 6pm

In celebration of Women's History Month, "This Woman's World: Saints, Educators, and Activists--A Snapshot of Local Women's Work" offers an inspiring portrait of some of the diverse work done by local women, from community activism to prison literacy to writing a life of female saints.

Get Dirty at the Library: Garden and Landscape Pest Management - Thursday, March 22, 11:30am

Taylor Reeder of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System will help you troubleshoot any pest problems you have in your garden or lawn.

Get Dirty at the Library: Urban Forestry/Tree Maintenance - Thursday, March 29, 11:30 am.

Even seasoned gardeners are often unprepared when it comes to caring for their trees. For the final event in our Spring 2018 gardening series, Taylor Reeder of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System will talk about Urban Forestry/Tree Maintenance.

LifeSouth Community Blood Drives for March - Keller Center - Monday thru Friday 9am - 5pm, 1208 South Jackson Highway, Sheffield - 256-383-3535

ECM Center - Monday thru Friday 9am - 5pm, 205 Marengo St., Florence, 256-765-7038

Wednesday, March 14, 9am - 4pm, Wrangler, 35615 U.S. Hwy 43, Hackleburg

Thursday, March 15, 7:30am - 3:30pm, Red Bay High School, 800 8th Street, Red Bay

Friday, March 16, 11am - 7pm, Walmart, 517 Avalon Avenue, Muscle Shoals

Saturday, March 17, 10am - 5pm, North Alabama Flea Market, 65 Sportsplex Drive, Muscle Shoals

Sunday, March 18, Noon - 6pm, Bargain Hunt, 149 Cox Creek Parkway, Florence

Monday, March 19, Noon - 6pm, Goody's, 15485 Hwy 43, Russellville

Tuesday, March 20, 7:30am - 2pm, Department of Transportation, 295 Hwy 20 E, Tuscumbia

Wednesday, March 21, 7:30am - 4pm, Hackleburg High School, 189 Panther Road, Hackleburg

Ladies' Day at Waterloo church of Christ, County Road 14, Waterloo, Saturday, March 17. Registration and refreshments begin at 9:30am and the program will begin at 10am.

Guest speaker is Mrs. Linda Green. Her topic is "Thou Art the Potter and I am the Clay." Lunch will be provided. All area ladies are invited to attend this special event.

Osborn Hill Cemetery Board will meet on Thursday, March 15 at the Littleville Town Hall at 6pm for its yearly meeting. Donations are needed to help maintain the perpetual care now and in the future. Please make check payable to the Osborn Hill Cemetery Fund, c/o Mrs. Lana Duncan 2330 Colburn Mtn. Road Tuscumbia, AL 35674.

Florence Kiwanis Club Meets Fridays noon at Marriott Shoals Conference Center, 10 Hightower Place, Florence

March Speakers
March 16 - Dr. Ken Kitts, President, University of North Alabama - Discussion about activities on the campus.

March 23 - Tim Melson, Alabama State Senator - Discussion on events in Montgomery and new Ag Center.

March 30 - Matt Pezzata, Manager, Publix Grocery Store - Discussion on changes in the Grocery Industry.

Faith Church will host a Church Security Conference March 17 from 9am-5pm with instruction from Lighthouse Tactical. The seminar is \$20 per person and includes lunch. For more info contact the church office at 256-767-4124 or matt@igotofaith.com

For online registration go to www.igotofaith.com/events/ and choose Protecting the Flock.

H&R Block at 161 Cox Creek Parkway will have its Community Give Back Day Saturday, March 17 from 11am-4pm.

During the day, the business accepts donations of gift cards and items from local businesses that are then sold in a silent auction. Proceeds go to buy school lunches for local children affected by medical disabilities or if their parents are traveling for medical treatment. This event is nonprofit. Last year, enough was raised to buy breakfast and lunch for twelve children for about 60 days on each child.

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Letters...

Upholding This PC Insanity

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the transgender movement's claims. On Fox News *Tucker Carlson Tonight*, Mr. Anderson said, "The best science shows that 80-95% of children with a gender-identity conflict will grow out of it. The best science shows that 41% of people who identify as transgender will attempt suicide at some point in their lives, and that people after they have sex-reassignment surgery and are 19 times more likely to die by suicide."

Many who are "educated" uphold this politically correct insanity. Trying to change the gender is against the law of God and the law of nature. It is idiotic to believe that anyone has the wrong body parts. The surgeons that perform these surgeries are no better than abortionists. Their only motive is money. The same liberals who support transgender surgery would want to imprison these doctors if they recommended that their young patients smoke cigarettes.

Euell White
Florence



They Get Too Much Honor

Editor:

Sadly, a lot of parental relationships with adult children are in a word: crappie.

- 1). The kids do not visit.
- 2). The kids visit rarely.
- 3). The kids are still adult kids, and refuse to accept age appropriate responsibility for their decisions.
- 4). The kids are substance abusers and steal from their parents.
- 5). The kids cut the parent off when the parent stops supporting them.
- 6). Parents are raising their kid's kids, no kidding!

What's wrong with this picture?
There is no honor for the parent.

Perhaps too much honor has gone to children and they have become "king-kids," where the kids are worshipped instead of God.

If you think that I am making this up, spend a few days working in the legal system.

Lousy parental relationships are epidemic because kids of all ages feel that parents have no right to say a word to them about anything they don't want to do. This is the result of failed-family values, which are almost impossible to establish in the parent/adult children relationships, unless both the child and the parent become followers of the teachings of Christ.

As long as there is life, there is hope.

Nurturing family relationships are priceless. Dysfunctional family relationships are draining.

Don't be a parental drainer; be a family-value sustainer.

Family is everything when it functions in the roles it was designed for: love, respect and honor.

It's never too late to start improving, but it takes effort, work and patience.

If it is to be, it's up to us. We are family.

Joy Willow
Florence

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Z Theater. The talents of David Phillips are very familiar to Linda Young, owner of a Florence music studio. She has known the contemporary Christian musician and his entire musically-inclined family for several years. She has this to say about her former student, "David Phillips is one of the most musically gifted students I have had the privilege of teaching in my forty-five years as a music instructor."

The Florence musician has also gained the attention of other members of the music industry. Local musician, Tony Robertson, owner of 101 Crossroads Sound Studio in Elgin, AL, met Phillips when they both performed last year at the late artist Tommy Thompson's memorial service.

Robertson, a Muscle Shoals area mandolinist, vocalist for CMH Records, and artist with Iron Horse Bluegrass, has had a long music career. "After 40 years of traveling around this country playing music, I have met many talented and inspiring people," said Robertson. "But, honestly, very few of them have impressed me the way that David has. He has the very rare ability of bringing his talent and passion for music into every song."

Phillips and his band, Deliverance, recorded their latest CD, "Bless You Lord," at Robertson's recording studio in December. It is a compilation of contemporary Christian music with a heavy pull from Phillips' gospel roots.

"David's conviction and reverence for God's handiwork in our lives becomes evident just a few seconds into each track," Robertson added.

One of Phillips' closest friends and confidants, renowned Shoals musician Harvey Thompson, Jr., has known the musician for several years, "You will not find a more passionate, faith-based musician," Thompson said. "He is very knowledgeable regarding choral arrangements and he is a great choir director."

Every Sunday the vocalist, pianist, and songwriter inspires congregations across the area--at the early worship service of Florence's First United Methodist Church; Oak Grove AME Church, and Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church. Phillips said, "I see the keys on the piano when I hear it; I can see the music

happening." The talented pianist who plays by ear said, "I play what I think I hear. My favorite thing in this life is to bring joy to others through music," Phillips added.

Besides Phillips -- lead vocalist, keyboardist, pianist, and organist -- and his vocalist wife Ashley, other Muscle Shoals Area musicians on the CD include Ernie Fite, electric upright bass player; Braxton Linder, drummer; Steven Butler, electric guitarist; Brian Bates, acoustic guitarist; Harvey Thompson, Jr., organist; Quinterious Hall and Yonni Johnson, drummers; Tony Robertson, mandolinist (on the song, "Good Enough"); Arnez Thomas, electric bass; and Brian Robertson, electric bass and sound engineer for the CD.

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Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated, Muscle Shoals Area Alumnae Chapter, present Founders Day Celebration "A Walk Down Memory Lane" on Saturday, March 17, 3pm at Sheffield High School Auditorium, 2800 East 19th Ave., Sheffield. Event is free to the public.

Special performances by CORE Drummers, RENEWED, and the DELTA Choir.

Zip City Neighborhood Watch Meeting - March 18, 2pm at Zip City Community Center.

Florence Parks & Recreation - The Club (Florence Senior Center) would like wish everyone a happy new year!

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The Natchez Trace Parkway Association meeting takes place on Thursday, March 22 at 6pm, Florence Lauderdale Visitor's Center, 200 Jim Spain Drive in Florence.

Program: Wildflowers presented by Charles Rose, a member of Muscle Shoals Horns, the Nature Committee chair, and environmentalist.

For more information call: 256-415-0700. The public is invited.

Cloverdale Neighborhood Watch Meeting Monday, March 19, 7pm at the Community Center.

The town of Littleville is host its 1st Annual Chili Cook-off on March 24. Everyone who wants to join in, please contact Diana Young at 256-810-6861 for details.

Cha Cha Workshop Thursday, March 22 - CHA CHA WORKSHOP - dance opportunity!! Cha Cha is one of the most popular Rhythm dances and a lot of fun. Join us and learn basic great popular steps and more!!

Instructors: Suzy Robbins & Larry Crowell. Price: Free for members. Guests \$8. Casual - Fun - Affordable. 6-7:30pm workshop.

FREE to all 2018 NADC Members. May pay at the door. Yearly dues are \$25. Members are provided 2 Free workshops (we had 3 in 2017), and a dance every month PLUS lots of "dance opportunities" emailed to members. Do not want to be a member? (No problem, pay \$8 fee & Join us for all - especially the Fun).

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Questions? Call 256-740-1661 or email Suzy suzyfromal@comcast.net or Larry larrycrowell2012@yahoo.com

5th Saturday Night Singing at 2nd Baptist Church Sheffield, Corner of 5th and Frankfort, on Saturday, March 31, 6pm. Featuring The Christianaire Trio. Roger Lovelady, Pastor. Everyone welcome.

Florence/Lauderdale Tourism is encouraging local residents to plan family reunions in Florence and the Shoals by offering Family Reunion Planning 101 on Wednesday, March 21. The free seminar will take place from 11:30am-1pm at the Visitor Center located in McFarland Park. Light refreshments will be served. Seminar attendees will learn to plan fun family reunions and how the Visit Florence, AL team can help every step of the way. In addition to event-planning services, Visit Florence, AL can also provide families with materials to encourage reunion attendance, plan special tours and other area resources needed for a successful event.

The free seminar is open to the public. Seating is limited and if you need additional information or want to attend please email alison@visitflorenceal.com or call 256-740-4141.

Easter Egg Hunt at Nitrate City Baptist Church, 6175 Second St, Muscle Shoals, on Saturday, March 24 from 2-4pm. There will be free food and fun activities before we begin the Easter Egg Hunt for babies to 6th grand. Come join us.

Highland Baptist Church invites you to CONCERT AT THE CROSS on March 22 at 6:30pm. It will be night of worship and reflection led by the Highland Baptist Church Ministry of Praise Choir and Orchestra featuring the artwork of Scott Erickson and the songs of Elevation Worship, Kari Jobe, Bethel Music, Hillsong Worship, and more.

Concert at the Cross is a FREE event for the community. The service will include live music, communion, and a time of prayer and giving for world missions. Attendees will receive an Easter devotional guide. Childcare will be available for children 5 and under.

For more information email info@highlandbaptist.com or call the church at 256-764-1392. www.highlandbaptist.com or https://www.facebook.com/events/574888752858613/

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Valley Grove Baptist Church Easter Celebration March 31 from 10am-noon. 3040 Old Highway 20 in Tuscumbia

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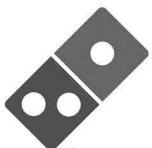


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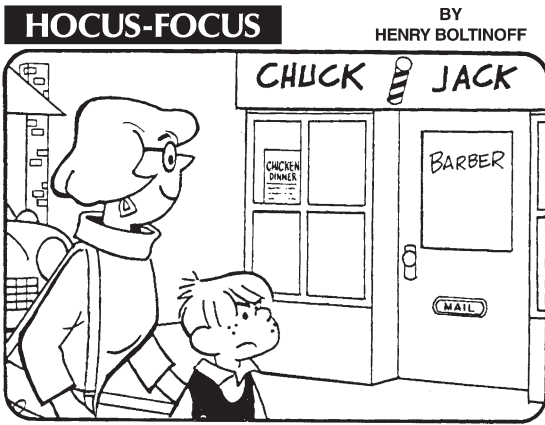
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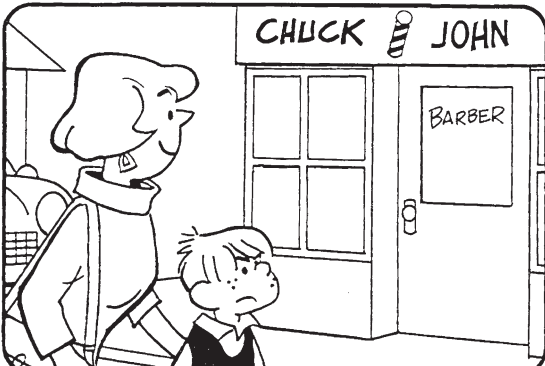
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Inarguably Un-constitutional

Editor:

Throughout the years of the Obama administration, pro-gun enthusiasts propagated the absurd notion that Obama wanted to take away their guns. But in no way did that president attempt to do so. The resultant paranoia, however, catalyzed gun sales, as the fearful rushed out to beef up their arsenals before the black helicopters landed and the dreaded confiscation took place.

Ironically, we now have a president who has proposed an astonishing version of gun confiscation that has raised high the hackles of the pro-gun sector from the cervical to the sacral! The same Donald Trump who, at the Republican National Convention, pledged to the NRA that "I will never let you down," has now proposed an aggressive gun confiscation policy that is inarguably both unconstitutional and more far-reaching than any gun control measures ever promoted by President Obama. "Take the guns first, go through due process second," Mr. Trump blurted, arguing that police officers, without a court order, should be given the power to seize guns from anyone who, in their opinion, could pose a threat. Wayne LaPierre emitted a high-decibel "GULP," and the pro-gun folks are tearing their hair out! Imagine! Leaving it to the discretion of the police to decide without due process whether someone is fit to have a gun!

George Will has characterized the president as a "bloviating ignoramus." How often and thoroughly has that descriptor been exemplified in the first year of the Trump maladministration! But now the president has committed something beyond mere ignorance, something close to an unpardonable sin insofar as the NRA (which--as far as I have been able to tell--has not yet commented on this latest astonishingly ignorant Trump eructation) and its allies are concerned. By the time you have read this, someone at the White House might have cranked up the spin machine and crafted an "explanation" of what the president really meant. But he said what he said and once more demonstrated his ignorance of Constitutional due process and his failure, through abject ignorance, to resonate even with his strongest base. How will Sarah Huckabee Sanders handle this mess?

The clown car did not retire to the circus garage following the election; it is now securely domiciled at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue!

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Think about these things. We are all motivated by someone or something. For instance, higher learning; is it really education or indoctrination? Usually behind the programs fostered by either one are individuals with preset notions that are very difficult to change. Everyone listens to someone and has a mentor. Every world leader has an unseen force behind them for good or evil. See Daniel Chapter 10. Notice in Revelation 2:13, where Satan dwells and his seat is. I've met some folks that believe in God and some don't. Some believe the bible and some don't. Some that believe in the resurrection and some don't. Behind this world system is another unseen world influence that is out to get your soul and been trying for centuries to destroy this nation and world. See 2 Corinthians 4:4. Today, truth is persecuted. Look at the life of Jesus Christ and Christians today. Saved folk are made fun of like there is no eternity. Christ was spit on, had his beard pulled out, whipped, crowned with thorns, nailed to a cross and died for me and you, and what had He done wrong? Nothing. Even Pilate, his judge, The Bible states Isaiah 5:20a "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil;" but that is what's been taking place in our country for decades. This nation has not really seen the judgment of God yet, but it's coming. Today we have lawbreakers and life takers with no prosecution. Frantically this world searches for the one perfect person that has the answers to all the world's troubles, while ignoring the one true God, Jesus Christ, who can meet that need in an instant. That's pure insanity. In short, this nation has developed so many new avenues of sin, "truth is fallen in the street" Isaiah 59:14 "And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter." Notice Ecclesiastes 8:11 "Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil." No matter who you are or where or what you are, how can you be hurt by asking the Lord Jesus Christ to forgive your sin and save your soul? God's longsuffering and patience is running out. See Isaiah 42:14& Isaiah 65:6.

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Soap Opera Preview

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL Eric shared a secret about Quinn with Wyatt. Seething over being manipulated by Bill, Thomas and Sally reminisced about how he split them apart. Hope and Steffy attempted to help the man they both loved -- Liam. Sally defended herself against several accusations. Hope revealed to Steffy that she knew about Bill's marriage proposal. A mysterious woman returned to town with a serious score to settle. Wait to See: The fallout is downright criminal when a treacherous manipulation is revealed.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES Abigail sought help from Kayla. Chad found some incriminating evidence in Stefan's office. Gabi confronted Lani about her one-night stand with Eli. Valerie tried to talk JJ out of marrying Lani until the baby arrived. Abigail's other personality, Gabby, opened up to Stefan. Chad confided in Kate about his concern for Abigail. JJ called out Valerie on her negativity toward him and Lani. Eli laid down the law with Julie. Chad confronted Stefan about Andre's phone.

Wait to See: Chad doesn't approve of Abigail traveling to Hong Kong with Stefan.

GENERAL HOSPITAL Finn called Alexis. Curtis was taken aback. Drew forged an unlikely partnership. Spinelli got a hot lead. Nina was put off by Peter's interest in Maxie. Ned was getting in over his head. Julian and Kim commiserated together. Drew grew frustrated with Franco. Ned lost his temper. Griffin had some tough questions for Peter. Anna vented to Andre. Michael confided in Carly. Wait to See: Ava wonders if Nelle is taking her plan too far.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS Victor arrived and sweetly played along, pretending to be Dina's date for the evening. Hilary was impressed when she saw how natural Devon was with baby Sam. Abby warned Victoria that she and Ashley soon would take over Newman Enterprises. Nick was suspicious of his mother's behavior. Victoria tried to make amends with J.T., but it was clear she didn't trust him. Wait to See: Billy receives an intriguing invitation.

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