#### **CLEAN-UP** March 24

FLORENCE – The rescheduled Florence City-Wide Clean-up Event is this Saturday, March 24 from 8am-12. This was originally set for March 10 but was postponed due to weather.

Everyone will meet at the McFarland



Park at 8am for gloves, littergrabbers, vests, trash bags, and breakfast in preparation to

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Sponsors include the mayor's office, Waste Connections, Inc, PALS, Florence Gas & Water, Rosie's Cantina, McDonald's, Lamar Outdoor, Courier Journal, Charter Media, and 102.7 KISS FM.

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- 4 Rinse well
- 5 Dry well with a paper towel When to wash your hands:
- After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- Before and after preparing
- food and eating

   After using the restroom

   After touching a pet or handling its food
- Before and after caring for a sick person and treating a wound
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Dr. Ajit Naidu is surrounded by a few of his staff people-from left: Lorie McBrayer, RN; Sheena Fellie, Medical Asst; Sarah Ellis, Ultra Sound Tech; Kim Hunt, RN; Peggy Daniel,

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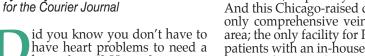
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SHOALS-Last week's Annual Meeting and Celebration for the Shoals Chamber of Commerce featured NBC's Today show correspondent and a bestselling author, Jenna Bush Hager. The daughter of former President, George W. Bush, is not into politics. Her passion is working with and teaching inner city and impoverished youth and their parents. Her presentation spoke to that. It was entitled, "Making

a Difference: How the Power of Compassion Changes

Additionally, there were some words from outgoing Chamber Chairman, Greg Carnes, and Chair-Elect,

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Naidu's Breakthrough Work Relieves Leg Pain

have heart problems to need a heart doctor? Heart doctors are also trained to treat problem veins and arteries of the legs. That's one of the important things you learn when Dr. Ajit Naidu of Shoals Cardiovascular Center becomes your cardiologist.

It makes sense, too. Most vein and artery leg problems are related to blood

circulation, a specialty of cardiologists. And this Chicago-raised doctor has the only comprehensive vein clinic in the area; the only facility for PAD and PVD patients with an in-house Cath Lab.

Two of Dr. Naidu's patients recently talked about his amazing treatment of their leg problems. Jannett Mathis of Loretto, Tennessee is proud to share that she's 79 and has reared five children. Her leg pain had reached the

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by Patsy Glenn

## Goodman is Blue Ribbon **Art Finalist**

CHEROKEE-Ysabella Goodman, an 8th grade student at Cherokee High School, was honored as a Youth Art Achievement Blue Ribbon Finalist during a March 11 ceremony at the Huntsville Museum of Art. The Youth Art Achievement exhibit is sponsored by the Alabama State Council on the Arts. Over 300 art works from middle

and high schools in Blount, Cherokee, Cleburne, Colbert, Cullman, DeKalb, Etowah, Franklin, Jackson, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Morgan, St. Clair and Winston counties were submitted for judging.

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## Continued from Page 1 Shoals Spark Winners

FLORENCE - Ten presenters recently vied for almost \$3,000 in prize money at the Shoals Spark competition on the UNA campus. The participants were gleaned from thirty who submitted ideas and divided into two categories – Elementary / Middle School students and High School students. The presenters were introduced by Dr. Carmen Burkhalter, Dean of UNA's College of Arts and Sciences.

Shoals Spark is an idea competition for students living in the Shoals. It was created to foster innovation and entrepreneurship in our community's young people to generate unique ideas about how to make the Shoals a very cool place to live and work.

In the High School category, first place went to Red Bay High School Robotics team. Second place went to Red Bay High School Wee Care team, and third place went to **Tamia Jackson** of the Muscle Shoals Career Academy. Runners up were **Gage Isbell** from Colbert County High School and **Nathan Pegram** from the Muscle Shoals Career Academy.

In the Elementary / Middle School category, first place went to the team

of Josh Banister, Will Phillips, Riley Davis, and Whit Martens. Second place went to Lindsey Conner and third place to the team of Joe Don Anderson and Anthony Rutherford, all from Muscle Shoals Middle School. Runners up were McKenna Crisler of Leighton Elementary and the team of Gage Sherrill and Dillon Edwards of Muscle Shoals Middle School.

The annual competition is sponsored by Listerhill Credit Union, the University of North Alabama, Shoals Shift, and the Shoals Chamber of Commerce. The event was partially funded by a grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission. This event was created to identify those in our area who are on the path to becoming leaders in digital technology.

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#### 17 Phi Theta Kappa Awards

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- Distinguished Chapter Member Award - Cyntonia Carroll
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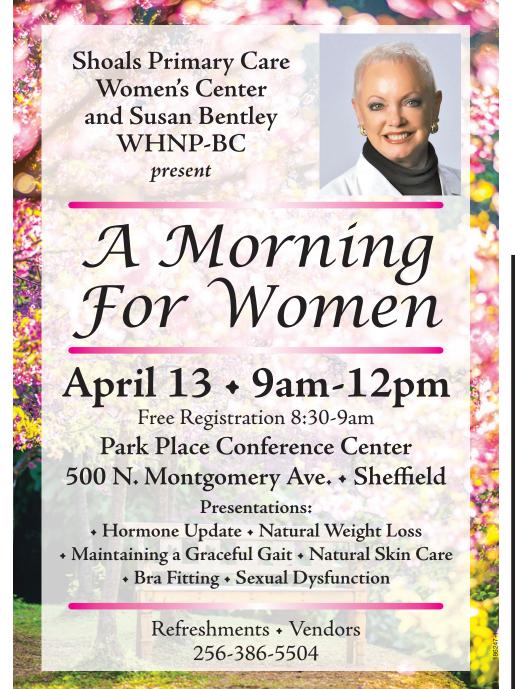
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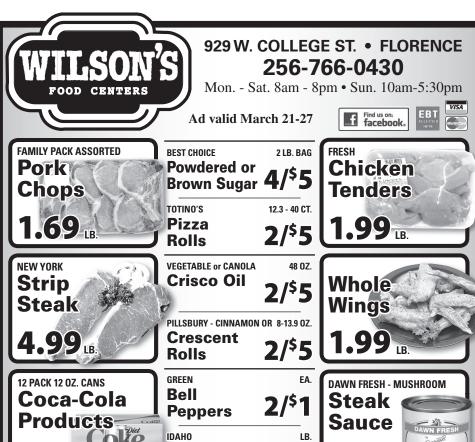
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1998 Ford Taurus	1FAFP52U3WG133148	20AS447	Green	River Rd.
2007 Chevrolet HHR	3GNDA13D77S579632	N4TIG	Gray	Avalon & Cox. Blvd.
1990 Chevrolet 1500 Pickup	1GCDC14K3LZ141087	V6562C	Maroon	Jackson Hwy.
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2003 Ford Focus	3FAFP373X3R192206		Gray	Wilson Dam Rd.
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Korean War Veterans Assoc., NW AL Chapter #2, will meet for breakfast and business at Hampton Inn and Suite on South Court St. in Florence, Wednesday, March 21 at 8:30am. The move from Saturday meetings to Wednesday meetings is a permanent change of meeting dates at least for 2018. The March 21 meeting is a one-time change from second Wednesday to the third Wednesday. Come earlier and eat a free breakfast before we move to the meeting room. All Korean War and Korean Service vets (1950 to present) are invited. Direct any questions to Commander Robert "Bob" Hill at 256-443-6336.

Florence/Lauderdale 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.

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

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Friday, March 23, 10am - 5pm, Shoals Outdoor Sports, 1605 Hwy 72, Tuscumbia Saturday, March 24, 10am – 4pm, H&R Block, 233 Avalon Ave, Muscle Shoals

Sunday, March 25, 11am – 5pm, Dollar '06 Woodward Ava

Shoals Monday, March 26, 11am – 7pm, Walmart, 3100 Hough Road, Florence Tuesday, March 27, 5am – Noon,

Firestone, 393 Denton Circle, Tuscumbia Wednesday, March 28, 2-8pm, Firestone, 393 Denton Circle, Tuscumbia

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

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

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#### **TVA Opens** Comments

KNOXVILLE - The Tennessee Valley Authority kicked off a public comment period last week, seeking input on a draft Environmental Assessment that explores potential environmental and economic impacts of its proposed rate change.

The rate change would revise the structure of wholesale electric power rates to better align wholesale rates with the underlying costs to serve the 154 local power companies who serve TVA's service territory. As proposed, the standard service energy rate would be reduced. A grid access charge would be established to recover the same amount. The result would be revenue neutral for TVA.

To ensure a full range of issues are addressed, TVA invites members of the public, businesses, employees, environmental organizations, community leaders, as well as federal, state and local agencies, to comment on the proposed rate change EA, which can be viewed online at TVA's

The public comment period will close on April 9.

TVA welcomes the public's comments on the draft EA. Comments must be received or postmarked no later than April 9, 2018. Comments may be submitted by email or mail to Matthew Higdon at mshigdon@tva.gov or 400 West Summit Hill Drive, WT 11D, Knoxville, TN, 37902. Please note that any comments received, including names and addresses,

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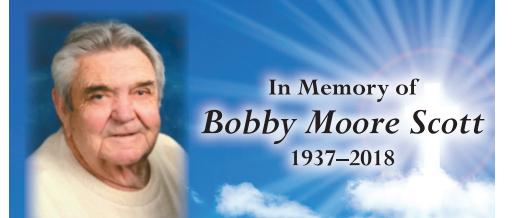
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Bob was born on June 16th, 1937 in the Murphy Chapel community in West Lauderdale County to Robert and Eula Young Scott. Bob was the oldest of 9 kids. He passed away on February 19th, 2018 at the age of 80 years in Omaha, Nebraska. Bob was laid to rest in Manley, Nebraska. Bob served 8 years with the U.S. Air Force. Station duties included Texas, Nebraska, Florida, Michigan, and Newfoundland, Canada. After his military duties, Bob worked for Bryon and Bill Baker's construction company as a carpenter. He then worked for Peter Kiewitt of Omaha, Nebraska until he retired. Bob attended school at Kendall School, Threets, Central, and Waterloo Schools. Bob owned and restored several antique cars over the years.

Bob is survived by his wife Mary of Manley, Nebraska, son Larry and wife Brenda of Manley, daughter Trish and husband Larry Schliefert of Murdock, Nebraska, and two grandsons Greg and Josh Schliefert of Manley. Bob leaves behind four brothers: Gary Scott, David (Patsy) Scott, and Jim Scott, all of the Waterloo/Central area, and Jack Scott of Indiana. He leaves behind one sister Peggy Benson (Raymond) of Waterloo, sister-in-law Jewel Scott of Waterloo, and brother-in-law Freddie McFall of Cloverdale.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Eula Scott, two brothers Daniel and Steve "Yogi" Scott, sister Earline McFall, and two sisters-in-law Bobbie Scott and Joyce Scott.



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#### A Leg to Stand On

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point where she couldn't walk. "I told my primary care doctor, Patsy Burks, MD of Lawrenceburg, that I couldn't stand the pain anymore. I'd been dealing with it ten years and I fell a lot. That's when she sent me to Dr. Naidu.

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Mrs. Mathis acknowledges that she had become confined to a wheelchair for mobility outside her home, but now she's able to walk. "I had five very deep clots in my legs that no one else had been able to find. But Dr. Naidu doesn't give up.

According to Naidu, "There's just so much undue suffering. Statistically 30%-40% of the general population has leg issues." Blood flows against gravity in the legs, so there's potential for leg problems. Diabetics need to be especially aware.

Dr. Naidu is sharing his skills and knowledge with other doctors and medical personnel. He has been asked to speak at the International Vein Conference in Miami later this year. In the meantime, his 80-year-old mother, who is also an M.D., is lecturing in Belgium. She's taking a little time off from her teaching at Johns Hopkins. This is clearly a talented family.

Lucky for the Shoals Dr.

Naidu trained at the world renowned Cardiovascular Institute of the South in Homa, Louisiana. It was his experience there that led him to this area. "There's no reason a smaller area can't offer world class cardiovascular and care.'

Patient Pat Staley, 82, arrived at the clinic angry. He suffered with restless legs that interrupted his sleep at night. His feet felt like he was walking on gel. He'd even gone to another doctor to have his veins sealed and it didn't work. "I was almost suicidal." he admits. "I was unable to walk, and I've always been active and had jobs that required a lot of walking."

Dr. Naidu placed stints in Staley's legs. That was in 2012. "I apologized to the staff," he admits. "They were all so nice." Now he said he recommends Dr. Naidu and the staff to anyone having to deal with leg pain, cramping, stinging, swelling, varicose veins, or a myriad of other problems.

The Cardiovascular Institute of the Shoals is located at 2095 Florence Blvd in Florence across from Bentley Chevrolet. They can be reached at 256-766-2310 or by going to their website www.shoalsheart.com. You'll also find additional information on Facebook page, drnaidu@ cardiovascularshoals.com

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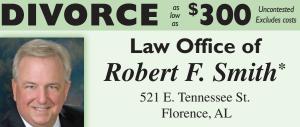
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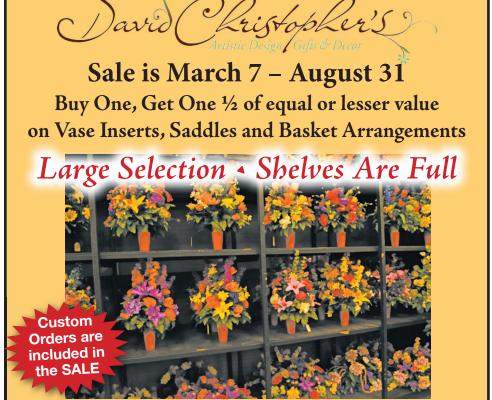




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Many of us have seen scary "Virus alert!" notifications on our phones. Those are scams. Your phone is not infected. You

## PHONE AND TABLET ANTIVIRUS?

by "The Computer Skeptic"

simply hit on a website that tried to trick you into buying something you don't need. Pushing the "back" button as few times or restarting your phone usually puts and end to those annoyances.

The main reason phones are not as susceptible is that phones manufacturers make it difficult for users to download apps from sources outside of Google's Play Store or Apple's App Store. If you want to download an app from outside their "sandbox," you have to dig deep into your phone's settings to disable the setting that disallows apps from

third parties.

However, phones are not perfect. Not by a long shot. All of us are aware of the pesky updates we receive from time to time on our phones. Many of you avoid installing those as long as possible because they disconnect us from the universe for a few minutes. I know how disconcerting that is but they are very important. Don't ignore them. These updates patch-up vulnerabilities that have been found.

There are some times when you do need to be careful using WiFi networks. This goes for

phones, tablets and regular computers. Doing your banking or online purchasing on a phone over your phone company's cellular network is about as secure as you can get. That data is scrambled from end to end making it nearly impossible for intruders to capture your data. Your home's WiFi is generally pretty safe, too.

However, if you are on a public WiFi network such as one at an airport or perhaps a coffee shop, you need to be careful. Sometimes these free hotspots are actually created by a scammer on his laptop sitting in an airport or coffee shop. He wants you to connect to his own wireless network to capture whatever you have on your computing device.

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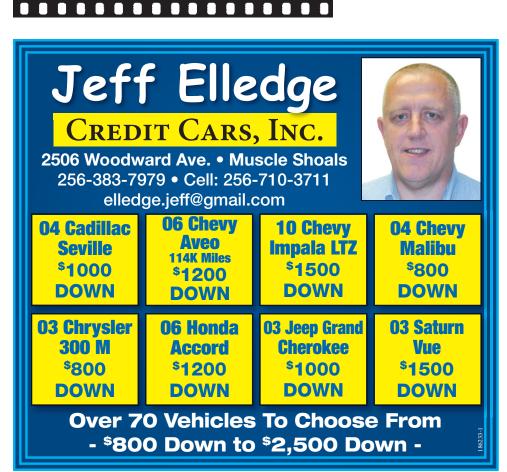
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Ysabella's work was among 17 middle and school students selected as Blue Ribbon finalists. Huntsville mayor, Tommy Battle, presented Artists Gallery a the awards. The works in Montgomery.

from the 17 Blue Ribbon Finalists will displayed alongside other regionalwinning pieces in the Georgine Clarke Alabama Artists Gallery at the ASCA

#### Citizen...

**Continued from Page 1** 

Jan Ingles, whose term begins April 1.

The Shoals Citizen of the Year was also announced. Lisa Patterson has been

serving her community since she graduated from UNA in the early 80's.

She was named UNA's Alumna of the year in 1993. The partner at Patterson, & Associates accounting firm chaired the Shoals Chamber Board of Directors in 2001-2002, was a founding member of the Shoals Scholar Dollars Foundation, and was a key in the formation of a new Women in Business group that mentors female professionals through the chamber.

Lisa serves on the UNA President's Cabinet, the UNA College of Business Advisory Council, and is a current board member for the Shoals Entrepreneurial Center and Northwest Alabama Fellowship of Christian Athletes.



#### **Every Home Every Week**







#### **Commentary**

## A Constitutional Misstep at Hand

ttorney General Jeff Sessions is finally taking steps to nullify California's self-described sanctuary status. The recentlyfiled Department of Justice lawsuit, United States v. State of California, is supposed to mandate enforcement

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**TOM MAGAZZU** 

**Editor** 

of immigration laws that are blatantly being flipped off by government officials and illegal alien sympathizers in the state. It still sounds like a simple immigration issue with the federal government on one side and the state of California on the other.

As badly as I hate it, I am afraid it is deeper than that. It is about the federal government trying to strong-arm state and local governments to enforce federal law. That is in direct violation of the Constitution and 1997 Supreme Court precedent. In that case the court ruled that the federal government could not force local law officers to conduct background checks

on gun purchasers in support of the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act. There is no difference in that case and the fact that California officers no longer detain or investigate people for suspected immigration violations. In 1997 the court held that federal law can't compel local participation, nor can congress force state bodies to pass laws requiring participation. "The Federal

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#### Lovell's Southern Visions

TUSCUMBIA-The Tennessee Valley Museum of Art opens the exhibition H. R. Lovell: Southern Visions at 1pm on Sunday, March 25. The museum is located on 511 N. Water St. in Tuscumbia and admission to

the opening is free.
Southern Visions will be on display through May 4.
Hours are 9am-5pm, Monday-Friday and 1-3pm on Sundays. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students during the week and free on Sundays.

The exhibition will feature works on loan from the collection of Quinton Horner and the Horner family and from the artist, H. R. Lovell. Horner, who inherited his late father's collection, said much of the work has been out of the public eye for several years.

"It needs to be viewed by somebody other than just me, Horner said.

Lovell named was Tennessee's Artist-in-Residence for 2001-2003 by March 25 the Tennessee

State Senate. He is a self-taught painter who uses a photorealistic style, often depicting the South and its people with strong composition and late afternoon light with deep shadows.

"I've always been an advocate of Lovell's art," said Horner. "There were times when I would sit for an hour and stare at one painting and look at the brushstrokes and think: how does someone do this? How does he pick just the right color

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Reprint from 1925

## Historical **Society's New Book**

SHOALS- The Tennessee Valley Historical Society has just released its latest publication. It is a handsome reprint of the 1925 book entitled America's Greatest Dam by W. Benjamin West. The book is loaded with great photos and interesting details about Wilson Dam, Wilson Steam Plant, Nitrate Plant No. 2, Nitrate Plant No. 1, and Village One.

The book's author, Ben West, was a native of



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March 22. It will be a 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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**EASTER EGG HUNT** takes place 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.

The church is located at 219

Simpson Street in Florence.

**NAMI SHOALS PRESENTS** ITS BI-MONTHLY education meeting Tuesday, March 27 at 7pm at the NAMI Shoals office, 749 Thompson Street, Suite A, in Florence. The speaker will be John Harris of Harris Elder Law. John Harris will discuss details and advantages of a Supplemental Needs Trust and will answer whether this trust could be right for your family's needs. The public is invited to attend. For directions or more information, call 256-765-2081





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On behalf of United Cerebral Palsy of Northwest Alabama, thank you to everyone who so generously supported our recent telethon on the Valley's CW. We are so thankful to God and to this community for pledging to-date around \$79,000 to help us provide services for another year to children who are developmentally disabled. We are overwhelmed by the support we've received. Thank you to the many individuals who helped with our telethon this year. This endeavor would not be possible without the help of so

Most of all, thanks to all of you who opened your hearts and wallets to give to the telethon again this year. Thank you for caring enough to reach out and help your friends and neighbors by giving your hard-earned money to UCP of Northwest Alabama so that we can continue to provide FREE therapy

## At these protests do any of these people have to go to work?

and services to families again this year. THANK YOU!

**Alison Isbell,** Executive Director United Cerebral Palsy of NW Alabama Tuscumbia

#### **Bullies at Any Age**

Dear Editor:

We all know these people. Men (most bullies ARE male) in their 40's or 50's, old enough to know better, who get off on making fun or laughing at people they deem in their arrogant mind to be unworthy. For example, a person gets on an elevator and two guys old enough to know better look at each other, smirk, and snicker. A smart

person knows these jerks are laughing at him/her, sharing some stupid private joke! Bullies of any age apparently have not been raised right, or they have some mental or emotional defect, so they should be treated accordingly. Turning the other cheek is hard, but must be done. The one who is bullied is obviously the better person anyway, so they should take the high road. Some men never outgrow stupid, so pity for such guys is appropriate. They have

A variation of the bullying theme are these guys who stand around, give woman a numerical value 1-10, then treat woman accordingly. The women they judge on the upper end of the scale are treated nicely, given respect and

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#### Tips and Resources for **Older Job Seekers**

Dear Savvy Senior,

What resources can you recommend to help older job seekers? I'm 60 and have been out of work for nearly a year now and need some help.

Seeking Employment

Dear Seeking,

While the U.S. job market has improved dramatically over the past few years, challenges still persist for many older workers. To help you find employment, there are job resource centers and a wide variety of online tools specifically created for older job seekers. Here's where you can find help.

Depending on where you live, there are career service centers located throughout the U.S. that can help you find a job. One of the best is the American Job Center (AJC) that has around 2,500 centers nationwide. Funded by the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration, AJCs are free-to-use resource centers that can help you explore your career options, search for jobs, find training, write a resume, prepare for an interview and much more. To find a center near you, call 877-872-5627 or go to CareerOneStop.org.

Some other good programs for older workers include the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), and AARP's Back To Work 50+ program.

The SCSEP – sponsored by the Department of Labor - helps place income-eligible workers over age 55 in parttime, temporary community service positions where they can learn job skills. To learn more or locate a program in your area visit *DOLETA.gov/seniors* or call 877-872-5627.

AARP's Back To Work 50+ program currently offers workshops in 19 locations around the U.S. that provide career counseling, job coaching and skills development for 50-plus job seekers. Or, if you can't attend their workshop, they also offer an excellent guide called "7 Smart Strategies for 50+ Jobseekers." To get a free copy, or see if there's a workshop in your area call 855-850-2525.

If none of the above programs are available in your area, check with your local public library or nearby community college to see if they provide career services.

#### **Job Search Sites**

There are also a number of online job search sites that can help you connect with companies that are looking for mature, experienced workers.

Some good sites for 50 and older job seekers include: WhatsNext.com, which offers a job search site and has online assessment tools, calculators, career guides and career coaches to help you; RetiredBrains.com that provides information on finding temporary or seasonal jobs, as well as starting your own business, working from home, writing your resume, finding full-time work, and continuing your education; RetirementJobs.com that lets you post your resume and search for full-time or part-time jobs online; and Workforce50.com, which has job search functions and a list of favorite age-friendly employers by industry. It also gives you the ability to sign up for job

#### Work at Home

If you're interested in working at home, there are many opportunities depending on your skills, but be careful of work-at-home scams that offer big paydays without much

Some popular work-at-home jobs include sales and marketing, customer service, teaching and tutoring, writing and editing, Web development and design, consulting, interpreting and medical coding just to name

To find these types of jobs, a good place to start is FlexIobs.com, which filters out the job scams and lists thousands of legitimate work-at-home jobs in dozens of categories. You can gain access to their listings for \$15 for one month, \$30 for three months or \$50 for a year.

#### Start a Business

If you're interested in starting a small business but could use some help getting started, the U.S. Small Business Administration offers tips, tools and free online courses that you can access at SBA.gov.

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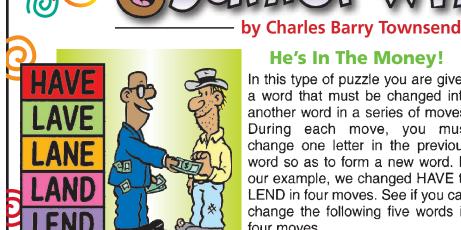
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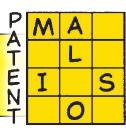
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Richard Sheridan wrote the two-page foreword for the reprint. Dr. David Curott prepared the like Wyeth painted the index. Other members subject matters familiar to the committee were Mize and Bill Clemmons. His nostalgic paintings are West's daughter gave permission for the reprint and provided pictures of her father which have been included in the new edition.

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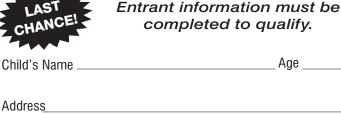
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match, but I was wondering if instead I should open a highyield CD. Kris

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-Dave

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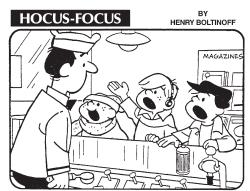
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**By Haley Walden** for the Courier Journal

Sarah Gillis is passionate about empowering women in all stages of life.

A personal trainer and labor doula through her business, Gentle Movements, Gillis dedicates her time outside work to volunteering with both local and international organizations.

"I've been lucky enough to be surrounded by an amazing community of humans who fiercely support me and my family," Gillis says. "It's my calling and role to give back as much as possible."

Gillis volunteers on the board of *Conquering Life*, a nonprofit for women's empowerment she helped co-found in 2014, alongside Ashley Anderson, Andrea Hunt, Jessica Mangum and Brandice Senecal.

Conquering Life was centered around a weekendlong women's conference in Florence in 2015 and 2016.

Conquering Life participants volunteer in the Shoals area. Their recent focus has been on their two branch organizations, *C4 Shoals* and the *Help Us Help Her* Foundation.

C4 Shoals is a girls' empowerment organization for girls from rising fifth through seventh grade. The organization's tenets are community, character, confidence and compassion, Gillis says. C4 is run by a volunteer board, including Gillis and co-founders Anderson and Hunt.

Each semester the girls involved in C4 choose a major community service project as their focus. They also help serve Monday night community meals at Trinity Episcopal Church in Florence.

"We're in the process of finding a way to get involved with the women's prison system," Gillis says.

C4's board wants student participants to assist with packing purses for women being released from prison,

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according to Gillis.

Additionally, local volunteers like Gillis facilitate weekly activities with the girls in the program.

"We do different things every semester," Gillis says. The girls put together scrapbooks containing takeaways from each meeting. For one project, they created a vision board of women who are powerful

so these girls can look back as a reminder of who they are, what they're doing, and why they're doing it. Making sure they're being leaders themselves.

"The next project is called Mirror, Mirror, and it's on your body image and knowing you're strong."

knowing you're strong."
Gillis plans to share her story of struggling with an eating disorder as part of Mirror, Mirror.

"We focus on things these girls are going to deal with," she said. "We have a respect pledge: respect each other, follow our rules, be committed to one another, and talk well with one another. Women deal with insecurities and often aren't able to be vulnerable with one another. We want to instill in these girls at a young age that this is important."

While the weekend conference is no longer the

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#### Letters...

#### **Bullies at Any Age**

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kindness, even more. The women they judge on the lower end are treated like crap, or at least ignored and shunned.

Yes, this type of behavior can be labeled as bullying because these bullies are elevating themselves to the level of judging another human through their own perception.

There is a saying, "Never judge or make fun of anyone. You don't know what this person has been through or what their journey in life

Life is funny, though. Sooner or later, most bullies of any age eventually become bullied themselves by someone. It always pays to be polite. You never know. The one you bully or make fun of may be the one person placed to save your life one day.

People who are bullied usually do forgive, but they never forget!

**Sherry Gordon** Florence

#### Do Some Good

Editor:

Here we go again. Trump wants to have a parade for our soldiers who put their lives on the line for the American people. You can always tell who's going to have a fit about it. They act like they do and say they hate America. They don't want anything good for American people.

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If they hate it so bad over here, there are plenty of other places they can go and live like they want. I bet all these people who are dying to get into our land would trade places with them.

If Joe Biden had set up a parade, no one would have complained. They would have been right

At these protests do any of these people have to go to work? Or do they specialize in standing out on the street starting trouble all the time?

There are better ways to use your time. Why not do good things for society? I would thank you for showing us there is some good in you.

**Betty Balentine** Lexington

#### **Disjointed Discrimination**

Editor:

We should not be surprised to hear of members of the military and civilian government employees committing immoral acts such as theft and misappropriation of funds. The basis for our law is God's law. When our courts rule that what is forbidden by God and was against the law in all our states is to be celebrated, it is only reasonable for young men and women to conclude that any forbidden behavior is all right.

Sodomy is forbidden by God and was a crime in all states and punishable under on the Uniform Code of Military Justice until just a few years ago when the article was changed.

Eric Fanning, the secretary of the Army under Obama, issued Army Directive 2016–25 (Civilian Employment Redress for Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Discrimination). In the directive he cites the various Department of Army and Department of Defense regulations and directives on protecting the homosexuals.

However, you won't find any directives concerning discrimination against Christians in the Army. In fact, it has been acceptable in the Army and other armed forces to harass Christians and force them to hide any symbols of their faith (Bibles, posters, etc.), while sodomites must be respected. Soldiers, sailors, and airmen were not even allowed to express their disagreement with the so-called gay marriage.

There are so many holdovers from the Obama administration that this situation has not changed very much.

In his election campaign president Trump made several references to Christianity being under siege. Christianity is still under siege in our Armed Forces and will be until the holdovers from the Obama administration, which includes civilians as well as some generals and admirals, are removed.

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## **A Pinnacle Moment**

f families are the foundation of our society, then weddings are the pinnacle. This past weekend, I attended a Jewish wedding ceremony, and oh, was it beautiful and momentous. There were many things that were different, and there were many things that were the same. Familiar – a beautiful wedding party of young girls with their hair swirled into oval-shaped buns accessorized with pearls and young men friends in suits with boutonnieres. Two Doctors of Honor (well-educated matrons) and two Best men (one of whom was my son). And a bride and groom who were smiling, obviously in love, comfortable, and relishing each moment.

The bride was accompanied by her mother and father as she came down the aisle. The bride and groom circled each other representing the completion of the search for each other and the creation of a new family. (I will not attempt to explain every step and tradition of the ceremony for fear that I will not be able to convey the depth of the sweetness and purity of the occasion. But any explanations here come from the wedding booklet which gave full descriptions of the essence and symbolism of the Jewish wedding since the groom, his family and some of his friends were not of Jewish heritage.) Then the couple stepped into the chuppah canopy where they stood under the bride's grandfather's prayer shawl. The groom's grandfather had built the structure. In this sacred space, the erusin, the heart of the wedding ceremony took place. God joined them as husband and wife. They each then stomped a glass, reminding the couple of their commitment even in hard times, and that like glass, marriage should be handled with care.

The Cantor, who guided us through the erusin, blessings and prayers was the bride's cousin. She explained everything. She had a beautiful voice, and she also, at times, had a soft sway. There were moments when the bride instinctively joined in this gentle movement as she peered over her shoulder to a room filled with family and friends, who couldn't help but to smile back at her. She was soft and radiant. She was the bride. There were lots of Jewish words that I did not understand, but I felt all of it. Marriage. Family. Tradition. Love.

And the sit-down dinner at the Callanwolde Fine Arts Center in Atlanta was amazing! Dripping chandeliers and glass balls, and white linen designs flowing from the ceiling. And the dancing! It began with the Horah, you know, "Hava Nagila", raising the husband and wife and their parents in chairs, weaving in concentric circles, and honoring the new couple in the center. And after that we partied the night away to some great oldies and pop songs. My favorite party moment was doing the twist with all the grandmas and the grand aunts. Great time. Two fabulous families joining. The next day, I had a Jewish wedding hangover and I never drank a thing!

On the mantle at the center, there were wedding and 50th anniversary pictures of all of the bride's and groom's parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents. Those pictures brought tears to my eyes as I said to one of the grandmothers, "Those children 'come from a long line of love." The country song says, "You come from a long line of love/When times get hard we don't give up/Forever is in your heart and in your blood/We come from a long line of love." (Lyrics by Paul Longstreet)

Marriage and family are the strength and core of us. I love weddings. They remind me of how blessed I am to still be in love with my groom after all these decades. My prayer for this couple, and all couples, is that we create stable, long-lasting homes where children thrive, God reigns, and where the world is made a better place.

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#### Commentary

#### Misstep...

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Government's power would be augmented immeasurably and impermissibly if it were able to impress into its service -- and at no cost to itself -- the police officers of the 50 States.

One would think that national immigration laws would be supported by respective levels of society just as they have been for 200 years. more endearing about this generation of immigrants compared to those of the past. As an overall asset they don't Though they to society, compare. may want to argue, this generation of citizens is no more enlightened than those of previous centuries, either. Immigration laws should be willingly enforced by all rationally-thinking law enforcement agencies. However, we are still talking about California. Very little is rational along the border or within 50 miles of the coast. The feds can cover the cost and conduct the operation within the state's borders. They can even be able to get some state assistance for ICE agents, but they cannot constitutionally force it. And it's not the state's job to go further into debt doing ICE's job for it.

The proper call is for the federal court to support the state's right over the unfunded mandate of the federal government matter how irrational.



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worried about Brooke Ridge's underlying anger toward Bill. Det. Sanchez questioned Wyatt and Justin about Bill's shooting. Hope revealed a secret to Liam about Steffy and Bill. Wyatt's hatred of his father was palpable. Steffy and Brooke told Ridge about Bill's marriage proposal. The detective received an important clue about his case. Steffy lashed out at Hope and demanded to know her true intentions Carter Liam. toward got called in to help the Forresters. Sheila kept a close eye on Maya and Pam at Il Giardino. Justin wasn't pleased when Jarrett returned to Spencer with a request. After carefully analyzing each suspect, Det. Sanchez made an arrest. Wait to See: A family pulls together to help exonerate one of their own.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES

After her heartbreak, Hope sought refuge with her son, Shawn, in Hong Kong. Rafe and Kate opened up to one another. Chloe returned home to Lucas unaware that a mysterious person had followed her to Salem. Sonny had a bitter encounter with Paul and Will. Vivian gave Sonny a warning. Gabby did her best to hide herself in front of Kate. Eli supported Gabi as they mentally prepared for her trial. JJ received positive news about his new career. Stefan and Gabby arrived in Hong Kong. Hope sought legal assistance from Bollo assistance from Belle. Gabi's trial began with Lani taking the stand, which led to major fireworks. Hope spied Stefan with a mysterious woman, not realizing it was Abigail/ Gabby. Wait to See: Chad is arrested in Hong Kong.

THE RESTLESS J.T. tried to persuade Paul to keep the faith during the investigation. Nick Phyllis discussed Nikki's fling with Arturo. worried Nick about Victor finding out, so he asked Phyllis to please keep it a secret. Later, Nick confronted Nikki, who confessed that she and Victor had an open marriage. Mariah accused Sharon of having feelings for Nick again, but she denied it. Lily made an emotional pitch to Hilary, asking her not to coparent with Devon. Hilary remained unmoved and told Lily that she and Devon were moving forward with their plans. Paul was swayed by J.T.'s determination and agreed to let him continue his investigation of Victor. Wait to See: Paul and Christine close in on a suspect.

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GENERAL HOSPITAL Elizabeth looked for some answers and turned to Jordan for help. Franco made a confession. Jason met with Anna. Griffin took a huge risk. Kiki was grateful. Drew's instincts kicked in. Jordan made a startling discovery. Ava wondered if Nelle was taking things too far. Griffin accepted an offer from Ava. Michael was let down. Franco was uncertain of his future. Nelle grew frustrated. Carly was pleasantly surprised. Alexis rose to Finn's defense. Andre encouraged Anna to live her life. Sam wrestled with her feelings. Nelle made a bold move. Jason met with Spinelli. Andre got an earful from Sonny. Julian bumped into Alexis. Wait to See: Sam has a moment with THE YOUNG AND



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an emotional issue and we are all saddened and disturbed by these incidences that are becoming more and more frequent. This discussion was not a "think tank" for solutions, but

**Getting To The Real Issue** 

Recently I had the opportunity to listen in on a conversation

about gun violence in our schools. Without question, this is

more of an everyday conversation of concerned citizens and parents. One person gave his support to teachers being armed to better protect the students and themselves. Yet another spokesman said that we should have stricter laws for those who purchase guns. Still another argued for outlawing

guns altogether. This is not the first conversation I have heard about school security and similar issues. And there is no doubt that we would all like to see these and all acts of violence come to

As far as the value of the above suggestions, you can make your own judgment. However, it appears to me that most of the proposals offered deal only with the symptoms and do not reach to the real problem.

So what is the real problem? From my perspective, it is a morality issue. Where in this discussion are we considering the breakdown of home and family and its effects on our young people? And should there not be considerable thought given to progressively removing God from our school system over the years? (For example, the Supreme Court decisions of Engle v. Vitale and Abington School District v. Schempp).

Think with me for a moment. I remember well turning on the TV on April 20, 1999 and learning of the school massacre of Columbine High School. It was not the first school shooting, but the one that brought this problem to the fore. I also recall that during the chaos the President of the United States on national television calling on all Americans to pray for the people of the Columbine tragedy, which was a good thing.

However, the irony struck me then- - as still does today- - that America was asked to do what effectively could not be done inside the school a few hours before! One fact is certain from Bible and secular history, which is, you cannot take God out of anything without paying a price. Solomon penned, "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 18:34).

Of course, it is easier to deal with symptoms by imposing new regulations and laws. But if we want to tackle the real issue then we will go to the Prince of Peace and follow His regulations and laws.

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centerpiece of Conquering Life, it may return in the future. The organization is focused on growing C4 and establishing Help Us Help

"We're in the process of launching and executing Help Us Help Her," Gillis says. "We're hoping to partner with therapist groups and send women to therapy through a scholarship program."

Gillis also serves as a volunteer on the board of One Place of the Shoals. According to the One Place website, the nonprofit organization is collaborative family service center that provides crisis care services to victims of domestic violence, adult rape and sexual assault, child sexual and physical abuse and elder abuse.

In addition to her vocational work as a doula, Gillis will be spending three weeks in Cap-Haïtien, Haiti, with MamaBaby Haiti, a nonprofit birth center and health clinic. She leaves for Haiti this month.

"I will be helping local midwives deliver babies, Gillis says. These women come from all over. They have mobile clinics, but they'll come from all over Haiti. Some of them could have to travel ten hours to make sure they have healthy deliveries."

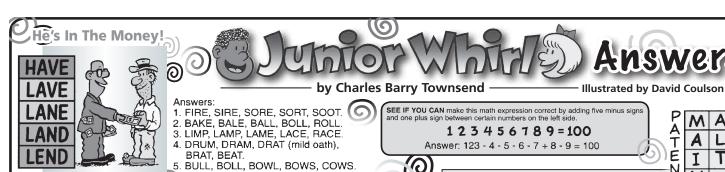
MamaBaby is supported through volunteers and donors. The organization brings awareness to poverty through meal and nutrition programs, as well as providing prenatal vitamins for expecting mothers.

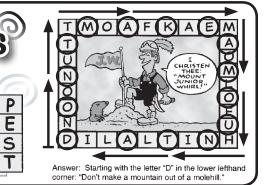
The Haitian mortality rate for laboring and postpartum mothers and small children is very high. According to MamaBaby, "One in 263 women who have a live birth die in childbirth or the immediate postpartum period, and one out of fourteen Haitian children die before the age of five. Ninety-eight percent of these deaths are preventable.

Gillis says, "We're trying to lower that mortality rate and give these women options for feeling supported" through birth and breastfeeding. The goal is to create healthy and happy environments for these mothers' babies to be born in.

Gillis is determined to inspire women inside and outside our area to do life together--the motto of Conquering Life.

"People have made my load so much lighter throughout my life," she said. "If I can make someone else's load a little lighter and be there for them, that's the reason I've been put here on this earth."





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Phone calls - Supplement companies are well known for making out bound calls to people turning 65. Once they have you on the line, they're only objective is to sell you a Medicare plan. It's perfectly ok to sign up over the phone but, if you have a problem with the plan you enrolled in, your agent may be in Florida or California and unwilling to help you. Also, if you ever fill out a request for information online, that request is immediately sent out to several agents and the phone calls will double.

Door knocking - I've never understood why anyone would buy something as important as their Medicare health plan from someone who showed up unannounced at their door. People who market door to door are usually out of town agents. They will buy the same list that direct mail companies buy and literally find your house and knock on your door. It is not a good idea to buy this way for a couple of reasons. First, are you willing to trust someone who shows up at your door with your personal information, such as Social Security number and checking account information. Secondly, it can be dangerous!! Any law enforcement person would advise you to never allow someone you don't know into your house.

The solution to this is to find a local agent that can help you. They will make sure you get the right plan and you'll be able to find them if you need them.

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