

FORECAST

TODAY SAT SUN
88°/73° 90°/72° 90°/72°
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LIFE



Shoals Symphony is on the upswing
David McCullough, chairman of the University of North Alabama Department of Music, said he's seeing positive trends with the Shoals Symphony at UNA. C1

NATION/WORLD

Trump has record of siding with Putin
Donald Trump has refused to condemn Russia's military takeover of Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula, saying if elected he would consider recognizing it as Russian territory, in the latest of a series of statements that have raised eyebrows about the Republican candidate's intentions toward the Kremlin.
'We'll be looking at that. Yeah, we'll be looking.' Trump told reporters on Wednesday. A5
Top commander in Turkey keeps post
Turkey's top military commander, who was held hostage during an attempted coup, kept his post Thursday, while the general who served as acting chief of staff was promoted following a purge in the military following the failed putsch. A5

WEIRD NEWS

GPS tells driver to turn around; car ends up almost vertical
MENDON, Vt. — Police in Vermont said a car ended up almost vertical when the driver swerved quickly in response to her GPS ordering her to "turn around."
The car was suspended almost vertically on guy wires attached to a utility pole in Mendon on Wednesday night.
Police said Nabila Altahan, 30, of Dorchester, Massachusetts, was headed west on U.S. Route 4 when she passed her intended destination and the GPS gave sudden directions to turn around.
Police said Altahan reacted quickly to the instructions, leaving the road at a significant enough speed to propel the vehicle up the wires.
Neither Altahan nor her passenger was injured.
— The Associated Press

ONLINE

More photos of W.C. Handy Festival events at TimesDaily.com.

YOUR OPINION

Thursday's question: How would you rate your concern after Donald Trump's comments that appear to invite Russia to hack Hillary Clinton's emails?
High: 31.4%
Moderate: 4.2%
Low: 7.8%
Not concerned at all: 56.6%
Today's question: Are you satisfied with Donald Trump's explanation that he was being sarcastic when he prodded Russia to hack into Hillary Clinton's emails?
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Golf: Jimmy Walker leads after the first round of the PGA Championship. D1



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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION DAY 4

Clinton: 'This is the moment'



Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton takes the stage during the final day of the Democratic National Convention Thursday in Philadelphia. PAUL SANCYA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

First woman to accept party nod promises a steady hand

By Julie Pace and Robert Furlow
The Associated Press
PHILADELPHIA — Promising Americans a steady hand, Hillary Clinton cast herself Thursday night as a unifier for divided times, an experienced leader steered for a volatile world. She aggressively challenged Republican Donald Trump's ability to do the same.
"Imagine him in the Oval Office facing a real crisis," Clinton said as she accepted the Democratic nomination for president. "A man you can bait with a tweet is not a man we can trust with nuclear weapons."
Clinton took the stage to roaring applause from flag-waving delegates on the final night of the Democratic convention, relishing

her nomination as the first woman to lead a major U.S. political party. But her real audience was the millions of voters watching at home, many of whom may welcome her experience as secretary of state senator and first lady, but question her character.
She acknowledged those concerns briefly, saying "I get it that some people just don't know what to make of me." But her primary focus was persuading Americans to not be seduced by Trump's vague promises to restore economic security and fend off threats from abroad.
Clinton's four-day convention began with efforts to shore up liberals who backed Bernie Sanders in the Democratic primary and it ended with an outstretched hand to Republicans and

independents unnerved by Trump. A parade of military leaders, law enforcement officials and Republicans took the stage ahead of Clinton to endorse her in the general election contest with Trump.
"This is the moment, this is the opportunity for our future," said retired Marine Gen. John R. Allen, a former commander in Afghanistan. "We must seize this moment to elect Hillary Clinton as president of the United States of America."
American flags waved in the stands of the packed convention hall. There were persistent but scattered calls of "No more war," but the crowd drowned them out with chants of "Hill-a-ry" and "U-S-A!"

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VETERANS PARK
Tennis complex on target for bids

By Lisa Singleton-Rickman
Staff Writer
FLORENCE — Florence-Lauderdale Tourism board member Larry McCoy said the proposal for a tennis complex at Veterans Park should be ready to present to city officials and go out for bid next month.
McCoy said the bid packages are 90 percent complete and should be ready by late August.
"TVA has completed the onsite visits and I don't foresee any hangups," he said. "The committee is ready to move on with this."
The Huntsville architectural firm of Goowin, Mills and Kaywood is in charge of the plan for 31 courts, a main building with dressing rooms and pro shop, as well as restroom facilities.
"Everything is on target and looking good at this point," McCoy said.
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
SIDC fund now at \$37.6M

By Bernie Delinski
Staff Writer
FLORENCE — Just days from the ninth anniversary of its implementation, the fund that was established for economic development in the Shoals has more than \$37 million in it.
Members of the Shoals Industrial Development Committee received a report Thursday on the Shoals Economic Development Fund.
That fund, which was established in 2007, is paid through a half-cent sales tax in Colbert and Lauderdale counties.
The Legislature approved a bill in 2007 that allowed the commissions in Colbert and Lauderdale counties to vote on the tax increase. Both commissions approved it, and the tax went into effect on Aug. 1 of that year.
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LANDFILL SERVICE

County hoping to include all municipalities in area

County landfill can only accept construction and demolition debris



Hackworth

By Tom Smith
Senior Staff Writer
FLORENCE — The Lauderdale County Commission has started the process to expand the service area of the landfill to accept construction and demolition debris from anywhere in the county.
"We have to publish the proposed change for 30 days, then have a public hearing," said

Robert Bevis, the county's solid waste manager.
He said the county has already started advertising the change to the county's solid waste plan, which outlines the service area, and at a recent meeting, the commission approved a resolution to submit an application to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management to expand the service area.
Commissioner Joe Hackworth

said the county's landfill, which is off Alabama 157 in the Underwood community, does not accept household garbage, and the application to ADEM will not change that.
"If approved, this will allow us to take construction and demolition debris from anywhere in the county," Hackworth said.
"No (household) garbage, other than what we are already taking in, will go to the landfill," Commission Chairman Dewey Mitchell said.
The county collects household garbage but it is shipped through

a transfer station at the landfill to a ADEM approved Subtitle D landfill in Lawrence County.
Hackworth said the discussion of expanding the service area came up after the county was approached about taking debris from the demolition of the old Coffee High School, which is within Florence city limits.
The Florence Board of Education will tear down the old school, which housed seventh and eighth grades, and build a new middle school on the site.
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