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## IMMIGRATION BECOMES HOT TOPIC FOR ALL AMERICANS!




### What to do with the Children?

*President requests 3.5 Billion to care for recent influx of illegal children into the US. Should they be housed on military bases? Should state be responsible for housing, care and safety? What about the emotional trauma of leaving the families and homeland? Children are still children, and need love from the families they know - not strangers. Money is not the answer to this dilemma! Where do we go from here? Where does the money come from? How much more can hard working Americans have taken from their paycheck?*

With the stroke of pen could President Obama declare amnesty for 5-6 million illegal immigrants?  
Senator Jeff Sessions, (R-Ala) stated, "The Obama Administration has openly declared its plan to implement a unilateral executive amnesty for 5-6 million more illegal immigrants". The proposed immigration amnesty would benefit the 12 to 20 million undocumented aliens (illegal immigrants) currently living in the United States. *Related story on page 8*

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## Crazy Ants



According to Ed Lebrun, an associate researcher of the Texas Invasive Species research program in the college of natural science in the Breckenridge field laboratory, these invaders are much harder to control. They are not easily killed by poison used to control fire ants and they destroy electrical appliances. They are also omnivores which eats other ants and arthropods. The ants were given the official name "Tawny ants" because of their erotic behavior.

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*See story on page 18*

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*David Oyelowo as Martin Luther King, Jr. crosses the stage with Alabama State Troopers standing guard.*



## The Movie

Film crews arrived at the Capitol recently to shoot the closing scenes from the highly acclaimed movie "Selma" to be released next year.

Under sweltering heat, hundreds of extras, along with the stars, listened to Martin Luther King, Jr. inspire the crowd to pursue freedom for all, "Soon, very soon". These exclusive photographs show some of the principle characters and events that inspired the movie. Ava DuVernay, director, was present during the twelve hour long filming.

*Extras dressed as National Guard soldiers, guarded King and his entourage.*



*Period vehicles like the WBRC-TV news van were used throughout the scenes.*



*Niecy Nash, as Richie Jean Jackson, and Carmen Ejogo, as Coretta Scott King, share a humorous moment during a filming break.*



## "SummerEyes" A review of the season's headlines...

- Prattville sees financial rating upgrade.
- Alabama State University turmoil reflects poorly on leadership.
- Wetumpka police chief files complaint after being placed on administrative leave.
- Wiggins and Dean ousted from ASU Board for conflict of interest.
- World Horseshoe Tournament coming to Montgomery.
- Illegal immigrant children to be housed at Maxwell, Roby opposes, Sewell supports.
- New technology installed at west side Probate judge's office.
- Gov Bentley signs Carley's law to permit marijuana extract oil for medical purposes.
- AUM names new baseball coach, Marty Lovrich.
- Court ruling strikes down critical piece of Obamacare as tax credits only available to some.
- The Montgomery American ponytail All-Stars win Dixie youth softball state championship.
- Lanier alums celebrate 60th reunion, includes Ed Godbold and John Bowman.
- Southern squad wins football match in All Star Sports week.
- Woman pleads guilty to tax fraud of \$20 million.
- River and Blues music festival attracts 10,000 visitors to Wetumpka.
- Gas prices continue to fall.
- Alabama's unemployment rate at 6.8%.
- Brian Morgan will challenge Clyde Chambliss for the district 30 Senate seat.
- Airliner blown out of the sky over Ukraine, is Russia to blame?
- Merrill defeats McKinney and Zeigler beats Peterson in state wide elections.
- Store owner Patel killed at package store.
- Middle East explodes as Israel bombards Gaza to stop Hamas tunnels and shelling.
- Alabama Senate chambers to get major overhaul.
- The Montgomery VA scandal continues to grow as files are "doctored".
- Locals kick back as Germany defeats Brazil in the World Cup.
- City of Uniontown fails to pay payroll taxes for its employees.
- Local author Judy Oliver dies.
- LeBron James returns to Cleveland.
- Montgomery policeman drowns while trying to save niece.
- MPS wrongly pays thousands in unemployment compensation.
- Ella Bell chosen to lead the Alabama Board of Education.
- Biscuits celebrate their 3 millionth fan.
- AEA prohibited from making mandatory payroll deductions.
- MAAFA holds walk at Court Square.
- One Court Square purchased by New York company.
- Fourth of July celebrations abound in the River Region.
- Three minors are accused of the murder of Nathan Dasher.
- Aronov Realty receives approval to build 800 acre subdivision in East Montgomery.
- Lutzenkirchen remembered as one of the best players ever to put on an Auburn jersey.
- Mary Poppins set to debut at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival.
- Will Artur Davis run for mayor Montgomery?
- Bentley chooses John Richardson as state's Public Safety Director.
- Stock market on the role as it hits new highs as the economy stagnates.



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## OFFICE OF SHERIFF

A past issue of "SHERIFF" magazine had an article titled "Roots", a historical perspective of the OFFICE OF SHERIFF. This article was one that gave a good perspective of the History of the Office of Sheriff. I would like to pass on parts of this article to you this month.

The first of two important characteristics that distinguish the Office of Sheriff from other law enforcement units is its historical roots. In England, the sheriff came into existence around the 9th century. This makes the sheriff the oldest continuing, non-military, law enforcement entity in history. In early England the land was divided into geographic areas between a few individual kings-these geographic areas were called shires. Within each shire there was an individual called a reeve, which meant guardian. This individual was originally selected by the serfs to be their informal social and governmental leader. The kings observed how influential this individual was within the serf community and soon incorporated that position into the governmental structure. The reeve soon became the Kings appointed representative to protect the King's interest and act a mediator with people of his particular shire. Through time and usage the words shire and reeve came together to be shire-reeve, guardian of the shire and eventually the word sheriff, as we know it today.

The Office of Sheriff grew in importance with increasing responsibilities up to and through the Norman invasion of England in 1066. The duties of the sheriff included keeping the peace, collecting taxes, maintaining jails, arresting fugitives, maintaining a list of wanted criminals, and serving orders and writs for the Kings Court. Most of those duties are still the foundation of the sheriff's responsibilities in the United States. The responsibilities of the Office of Sheriff in England ebbed and flowed depending on the mood and needs of kings and government. In 1215 the great document of freedom, the Magna Carta, was reluctantly signed by King John. This document

had 63 clauses, 27 of which are related to the restrictions upon, as well as, the responsibilities of the sheriff. Through the passage of time, the English sheriff began to lose responsibility and power, and by the early 1800's it became largely ceremonial.

The concept of sheriff, because of the vast British Empire, was exported to places such as Canada, Australia, India, and of course, the American Colonies. In America, the office was modified over a period of time to fit democratic ideals. The Dutch settled the area called New Amsterdam (New York City) in 1626. The Dutch version of the sheriff was called a "schout." When the English claimed the land, the schout became the sheriff. In the other American colonies, following the pattern of English government, sheriffs were appointed.

The first sheriff in America is believed to be Captain William Stone, appointed in 1634 for the Shire of Northampton in the colony of Virginia. The first elected sheriff was William Waters in 1652 in the same shire (shire was used in many of the colonies, before the word county replaced it.) The sheriff's office in America was much less social, had less judicial influence, and was much more responsive to individuals than the English Sheriff. The duties of the early American Sheriff were similar in many ways to its English fore-runner, centering on court related duties such as security and warrants, protection of citizens, maintaining the jail, and collecting taxes. As the nation expanded westward, the Office of Sheriff continued to be a significant part of law enforcement. The elected sheriff is part of America's democratic fabric. In 1776 Pennsylvania and New Jersey adopted the Office of Sheriff in their Constitution. The Ohio Constitution called for the election of the county sheriff in 1802, and then state-by-state, the democratic election of sheriff became not only a tradition, but in most states a constitutional requirement. In the United States today, of the 3083 sheriffs, approximately 98

percent are elected by the citizens of the counties or parishes.

The early American Sheriff was important to the security of the people, and was granted much power. There were many sheriffs in the early west and a few did not live up to the standards of the badge they wore. The vast majority served with courage and distinction. The author of this article believes the longest serving Sheriff in the United States thus far has been Bernard Shackleton, Lunenburg County, Virginia who served for a total of 51 years. Possibly the longest serving sheriff in Montgomery County, Alabama, has been Mac Sim Butler who served for over 36 years. I have had the honor of being your sheriff for almost 16 years.

A second characteristic that sets the sheriff's office apart from other law enforcement agencies is its direct accountability to citizens through the election of the Sheriff. The Office of Sheriff is not a department of county government, it is the independent office through which the Sheriff exercises the powers of the public trust. No individual or small group hires or fires the Sheriff, or has the authority to interfere with the operations of the office. Elected sheriffs are accountable directly to the constitution of their state, the United States Constitution, statutes, and the citizens of their county. The sheriff should naturally do his best to work with all entities because it is important in a democratic society. The sheriff must work with all segments of government to serve and protect the citizens of the county.

The preservation of the Office of Sheriff is vital in our republic. Outside a few elected town marshals, the Sheriff is the only head of a law enforcement agency in the nation that is accountable directly to the people of his jurisdiction.

*The views of this editorial may not express the views of The Alabama Gazette.*

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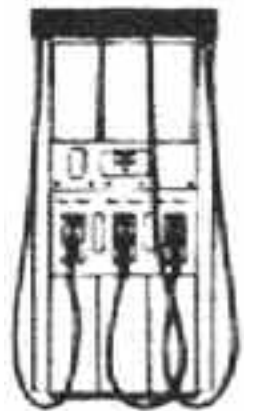
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## MAXWELL-GUNTER, MILITARY BASES NO SOLUTION TO ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

The influx of immigrant children from Central America across the Mexican border has brought an already strained immigration situation to a full blown crisis. But, this problem is not isolated to border states. It could affect Alabama in a major way.

I recently became aware of talks between the Department of Defense, the Department of Homeland Security, and the Department of Health and Human Services assessing the potential for Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base in Montgomery to house detained immigrants. Although the discussions are preliminary and no actions have been taken, I felt it was important to act immediately to prevent such an arrangement.

Under no circumstances should these children be sent to Maxwell-Gunter, or to any other military installation for that matter. Our military bases are built to support the critical needs of our defense efforts across the globe, not to house, feed, and care for illegal immigrant children.

I along with my colleague **Rep. Mike Rogers**, who also represents a portion of Montgomery, wrote the Secretaries of Defense, Homeland Security, and Health and Human Services outlining our opposition to the placement of detained children at Maxwell-Gunter. As a member of the Appropriations Committee, I am actively working to include

conditions within any supplemental appropriations legislation to expressly prohibit the government from housing detained immigrants on military bases.

The truth is these children must be sent back to their home countries. We will do it with the utmost compassion and care, but it has to be done. Some say sending the children back would be cruel and calloused, but we have to look at the bigger picture. These children did not arrive by accident. There is an organized trafficking scheme that is preying on families in Central America, selling promises of a life in the United States to poor parents and children.

These children endure horrendous conditions as they make the long journey, in most cases with no ability to communicate with their families, no guardian to protect them and no financial resources to provide for them. By the time they finally reach the border, many will have suffered severe physical and sexual abuse.

Allowing the detainees to stay in the United States is actually the least compassionate option because it invites even more children to endure the brutality of this organized trafficking scheme.

The only way this tragic situation will end is if parents in Central America become convinced that the plan human smugglers are tricking them into

won't work. They need to see American planes landing in their countries bringing the children back home.

The border crisis is a uniquely challenging problem for our country, and one that won't be solved overnight. As your representative, I remain engaged on this important issue and will be sure to share any significant developments publicly. You can stay up to date on the latest information by visiting my Facebook page or [www.Roby.House.gov](http://www.Roby.House.gov).



## Bench-Bar & Beyond By Judge Dale Segrest

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE BLACK BELT

In the past several columns we have discussed problems with the criminal justice system and incarceration. Our exploration of problems concerning the corrections system concluded with a discussion of the fact that 400 years of slavery and segregation created a cultural system that understandably put distance between itself and the legal system. We pointed out that a self-help system evolved and that street justice in a self-help cultural system may be one of the causes for disproportionate incarceration of black citizens and pointed out that a program called "Probation Sponsorship" might help bridge the cultural divide. The division between the black culture and the legal system also has implication for economic development in predominantly black areas, such as Alabama's Black Belt. These implications have not been carefully considered and it is time that we take a look.

First we should underscore the fact that slavery and segregation created a strong cultural barrier between the black population and the white culture and its legal system. The separation was reinforced by laws and the legal system itself. Inevitably a separate black cultural system evolved. The black cultural system has its own customs and ways of dealing with life. Cultural differences are reflected in church life, family life, musical taste, art, language and in numerous other ways. The removal of the legal barriers by the Civil Rights movement did not erase the cultural differences. Although it is important to recognize and preserve many aspects of black culture, it is also important that the cultural system itself not stand in the way of full participation in the mainstream of society, including the economic system.

The events of the 1960's did not erase a way of life that had evolved over 400 years. The black culture has been understandably slow to turn to the mainstream of law for the solution to problems. The different cultural attitudes toward law are not limited to the criminal law. Remedies that have been adopted to create equal rights took the form of creation of individual rights and little, if any, attention given to the cultural aspects of the problem. Any factors related to the culture that would have adversely affected progress for that group before the Civil Rights movement may still be in place. The system simply continued to evolve under the influence of changes wrought by the Civil Rights Movement.

Any textbook for any introductory course to economics will clearly indicate that a prerequisite for an economy to function and create wealth is a legal

system. The legal system must recognize and enforce property rights. The legal system must recognize and enforce contracts. It is important to distinguish between the function of the judiciary, and the actual function of law in society. The difference in legal results between predominately black counties and predominately white counties is quite obvious, but differences in the actual function of law in society are much more difficult to assess. The high verdicts in civil cases in Macon, Bullock, Lowndes and other Black Belt counties as opposed to low verdicts Elmore and Lee counties, is obvious. In fact that is just the problem. Statistically, the "run-away" verdicts that transformed the Alabama legal system and brought an extreme right wing reaction in the entire state occurred mainly in the areas of predominantly black populations. These results and the more subtle differences in the role of law in everyday activities tend to perpetuate the cultural distance between the black subculture and the mainstream.

Blaise Pascal, a French philosopher in the early ages of enlightenment, pointed out that it is a strange justice that changes with the crossing of a river. The different expectations that exist based on whether an automobile accident happens in Macon County or in Lee or Elmore County cannot be justified. That is not to say that the extremely conservative position taken by juries in the predominantly white counties is ideal. Unfortunately the difference, and the attitudes that reinforce the difference, are strongly charged with emotions and feeling. Verdicts everywhere should be fair.

The point is that the function of law, both in the actions of courts and in the behavior of society, significantly impacts economic development. The attitude toward law that currently predominates in Alabama's Black Belt counties adversely impacts on economic development in those counties. This column is written in the belief that honest, open discussions of cultural differences can help to alleviate the obstacles to progress created by those differences. The open discussion is an important step toward economic progress for everyone.



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**We the People – “The Little Platoons”**

Americans should stop “super-sizing” their food portions to solve our nation’s obesity and health problems. Unfortunately, few in Washington D.C. have any similar determination to stop “super-sizing” our government to save our liberties.

We understand the overreach of government threatens our individual liberties, but could it possibly be a reason for a diminished love for America?

That perspective had not occurred to me until a friend shared Jim DeMint’s latest book, *Falling in Love with America Again*, in which DeMint details the myriad ways that Big Government (“The Mother of Big”) fosters Big Banks, Big Business, Big Unions, and inevitably Big Taxes. As he relates in the introduction of the book, the Bigs of America lead to the most frustration and even animosity among our citizens. How many of us rant about the red tape of bureaucracies, long holds on the phone while trying to correct a billing error from a large bank or company, or the lack of decent customer service from our government services?

Or as he so succinctly states: **“When Big is all there is, people are unlikely to hold genuine affection for the whole. Even when people are dependent on the services of Big – whether government or private organizations – they are likely to resent their dependency and lack of choices while disdaining the people who control them.”**<sup>1</sup>

As a nation, have we become so entrenched with Big that we have permanently lost the concept of federalism that allowed so many freedoms and led to our exceptionalism? Federalism as intended by our Founders and defined by James Madison in *Federalist No. 45* gave limited powers to the federal government – “few and defined” – while those of the States were “numerous and indefinite.” The original intent led to the design of the system of checks and balances to prevent an over-bearing centralized government which ultimately limits personal liberties. As DeMint explains, the framers of our Constitution were not trying design an efficient central government because they understood that the preservation of liberty was the essential goal.

Throughout the book, DeMint refers to the writings of British philosopher Edmund Burke and French author Alexis de Tocqueville, and their belief that great countries, and societies, are comprised of many “little platoons” (churches, charitable organizations, and

civic groups) that connect us to our communities and to our fellow man. Burke wrote that love for the little platoon to which we belong “is the first link in the series by which we proceed towards a love to our country, and to mankind.”<sup>2</sup> During Tocqueville’s visit to America in the 1830s, he noted these “platoons” of “associations” that supported the efforts of communities to self-govern in a de-centralized local manner, and creating an American spirit of believing we can accomplish great things.

Progressive federalism, or increasing the power of the central government thereby eroding the powers of the States, making them little more than administrators of federal programs and enabled by both political parties, poses a bigger threat than ever to our liberty.

Yet DeMint cautions us in thinking the answer lies in bigger state and local governments because bad government occurs at all levels.

Whether federal, state, or local, big government diminishes the control we have over our lives, so is it any wonder that politicians in both political parties are willing to expand its role? Big government holds the power – not the people.

But rather than despair about the Bigs of America, DeMint provides encouragement for all, regardless of political philosophy, gender, race, or economic standing because of the success stories he shares of the little platoons across America.

What intrigued me about DeMint’s book was the emphasis on the “little platoons”, and what different people and organizations are accomplishing within our own local communities.

We simply cannot depend on the federal government because the larger it becomes, the greater the number of people who fall through the cracks. But our local platoons can still make a difference – one community at a time.

Many ask “what can I do?” Jim DeMint’s book gives us a blueprint and I encourage you to read it – then find your own platoon and help others fall in love with America again.

<sup>1</sup>DeMint, James, *Falling in Love with America Again*

<sup>2</sup>Burke, Edmund, *Reflections on the Revolution in France*

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Sept. 13	Southern Miss
Sept. 20	Florida*
Oct. 4 @	Ole Miss*
Oct. 11 @	Arkansas*
Oct. 18	Texas A&M*
Oct. 25	Tennessee
Nov. 8 @	LSU*
Nov. 15	Miss. State*
Nov. 22	Western Carolina
Nov. 29	Auburn

\* Game played at neutral location.

## AUBURN UNIVERSITY

Aug. 30	Arkansas
Sept. 6	San Jose State
Sept. 18 @	Kansas State
Sept. 27	Louisiana Tech
Oct. 4	LSU
Oct. 11 @	Miss. State
Oct. 25	South Carolina
Nov. 1 @	Ole Miss.
Nov. 8	Texas A&M
Nov. 15 @	Georgia
Nov. 22	Samford
Nov. 29 @	Alabama

## TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY

Sept. 6	Alabama A&M
Sept. 13 @	Albany State
Sept. 20 @	Winston Salem State
Sept. 27	Lane College
Oct. 4	Fort Valley State
Oct. 11 @	Morehouse College
Oct. 18	Stillman College
Oct. 25 @	Kentucky State
Nov. 2 @	Central State
Nov. 9	Miles College

## TROY UNIVERSITY

Aug. 30 @	UAB
Sept. 6	Duke
Sept. 13	Abilene Christian
Sept. 20 @	Georgia
Sept. 27 @	ULM
Oct. 11	New Mexico State
Oct. 18	Appalachian State
Oct. 24 @	South Alabama
Oct. 30 @	Georgia Southern
Nov. 8	Georgia State
Nov. 15 @	Idaho
Nov. 29	UL Lafayette

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Aug. 30 @	Sam Houston State
Sept. 6	Tennessee State
Sept. 13	Miss. Valley State
Sept. 18	Arkansas - Pine Bluff
Sept. 27	Texas Southern
Oct. 2 @	Alcorn State
Oct. 11 @	Prairie View A&M
Oct. 25 @	Alabama A&M
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Nov. 8	Jackson State
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Nov. 22	Stillman

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Sept. 27 @	Maryville (Tenn.)*
Oct. 4	Greensboro *
Oct. 11	Chris Newport *
Oct. 18 @	Ferrum *
Oct. 25	LaGrange *
Nov. 8	Averett *
Nov. 15 @	N.C. Wesleyan *

\* Conference Game

## FAULKNER UNIVERSITY

Aug. 30 @	Webber International
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# MALZAHN THE MAGICIAN - ACT II



**Sports Editor,  
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Tigers. Shazam! The undeniable leader of the Auburn offense was found to have 1/2 ounce of marijuana in his possession. How did that get there? You know that



*Nick Marshall  
Auburn Senior QB*

with only a few days notice. He struck Marshall's name from the players he would take to Media Days. He was replaced by senior tight end **C. J. Uzomah**, who represented Auburn in a way that all Auburn people would be proud of. So, the first step in Nick Marshall's campaign for the Heisman was to be banned, deservedly so, from SEC Media Days. How does that look to the people who decide on the Heisman? They are definitely not looking for a dope smoking trouble maker. What other punishment Coach Malzahn has in store for Marshall may never be known. There will be more punishment. Malzahn's sudden rise to the top of the college football world was built on attention to detail and disciplined players.

Prior to this selfish and self centered action by Nick Marshall, I had predicted that if he had as good a season as last year, he would be a candidate for the Heisman no matter what Auburn's record was. I must retract that prediction. How many times can a person be rehabilitated? It depends on the person and the rehabilitator. Marshall must have a year better than last year, and he must lead the Tigers to the four team play-off if he is to be mentioned in Heisman Trophy discussion. I like him. I hope he has a fantastic year. I hope that he has learned more than this; if you gonna' smoke dope in your car, don't have anything wrong with you car!

The key to Auburn's season is the performance in a leadership role of Nick Marshall and the ability of center **Reese Dismukes** to get the offensive line into the right blocking schemes before the snap of the ball. That is difficult as fast as Auburn runs their offense. The offensive line is solid. There should be little drop off despite losing the best offensive lineman in American, left tackle **Greg Robinson** to the NFL. Despite losing **Tre Mason** early to the NFL, Auburn is deep in running backs with more speed than Mason. The wide receivers are the best in years.



*Reese Dismukes  
Auburn Senior Center*

Now, for the defense. It was bad enough to get Auburn into the national championship game last year. **Coach Ellis Johnson** has better players this year with more depth at each position. Johnson got away with having no linebackers last year. He has about three this year. That is good. The secondary will be better

even though losing **Chris Davis** to the NFL will hurt. The defensive front is much better. The kicking game is again solid.

How will the Tigers take on the 2nd toughest schedule in the country? Here is the way I see it in August...

**AUGUST 30** - The Razorbacks from Arkansas will try to root up Pat Dye Field with a heavy ground game. **Coach Bret Bielema** likes to outmuscle everybody like he did at Wisconsin. It didn't work so well last year. He suffered through a 3-9 season. They may "beat on" Auburn for a half, but they can't match the speed of the Tigers.

**SEPTEMBER 6** - The San Jose State Spartans come to the Plains with no chance to win but will go home with a good paycheck.

**SEPTEMBER 13** - Auburn has an open date and should have two wins under its belt. This is a great time for a break. Depending on how the first two games go, Malzahn can make any change he may deem necessary to take on the meat of the schedule.

**SEPTEMBER 18** - Auburn goes on the road for the first time to Manhattan, Kansas. **Coach Bill Snyder** will have his Kansas State Wildcats ready to claw the blood out of the Tigers. They have some weapons and could give Auburn a tough go of it. It's a Thursday night nationally televised game. That usually favors the home team. Thursday presents an unnatural travel schedule. Auburn is better but, watch out! Bill Snyder is a solid football coach.

**SEPTEMBER 27** - Louisiana Tech will come through Mississippi for Auburn's homecoming game, but they won't go through the Tigers as easily. They can score, but it will be a happy homecoming. Auburn should be 4-0 by sunset.

**OCTOBER 4** - LSU at Auburn is better than LSU in Baton Rouge, but not much. If Auburn can pick up where they left off in the fourth quarter of last year's game, Auburn can win this one. LSU will be favored and they should be. One group of Tigers will be happy. I just don't know which one. Had you rather have Guz Malzahn coaching your team or **Les Miles**?

**OCTOBER 11** - Auburn's second road trip is to Stark-Vegas, Mississippi. **Coach Dan Mullens** has his best team waiting for the Tigers. He will remember having Auburn defeated last year except for a last minute clutch pass from Nick Marshall to C. J. Uzomah with seconds left on the clock. That's when Marshall became a quarterback. Whether the Bulldogs win or not, they will beat you up. Auburn will be a slight favorite, but after LSU, this could be a trap game.

**OCTOBER 18** - Another great time in the season for an open date... Auburn needs to heal from LSU and Mississippi State. With some injury luck, Auburn will be facing a gauntlet of games the rest of the season with enough players to make a play for a top bowl game, if they miss out on the SEC play-off.

**OCTOBER 25** - South Carolina comes to the Plains with a full load of cannon balls. **Steve Spurrier** is a great game coach. If this game was in Columbia, I would definitely pick the Gamecocks. But it is in Jordan-Hare Stadium and that gives the Tigers a chance to win. The defense will have to stand tall in this one. Spurrier will have a good offensive plan. It's a toss-up in August.

**NOVEMBER 1** - Oxford, Mississippi is the site of Auburn's third road show. Ole Miss could have only one loss by the time the Tigers arrive. They could even be undefeated as so many experts have predicted. **Coach Hugh Freeze** has had two excellent recruiting years and a lot is expected out of the Rebels this year. After 7-6 and 8-5 seasons, I am prepared to give Ole Miss a 9-4 season in 2014. Freeze and Malzahn are very good friends. Unless Auburn is badly beaten up, I don't see Freeze beating Malzahn any time soon.

**NOVEMBER 8** - **Coach Kevin Sumlin** brings his Texas A&M Aggies to Jordan-Hare without **Johnny Manziel** (QB) and **Mike Evans** (WR). Auburn is better. A&M is not.

**NOVEMBER 15** - Auburn people everywhere will have Georgia on their minds. This shapes up to be one of the best games of the year. It could also determine who plays in the SEC championship. Georgia is loaded, offensively and defensively. They have great skills at running back. They have a quarterback named **Hutson Mason**. Mason has been sitting behind **Aaron Murray** for three years. He had a great spring. The 6-3, 205 lb. senior is ready to prove that he is better than Murray. Georgia should win, Auburn could win.

**NOVEMBER 29** - When Auburn arrives in Tuscaloosa, I fully expect Alabama to be 11-0. Auburn should be in that neighborhood as well. This will determine the SEC championship just as last year. Auburn may not be in it, but they can say who is. Malzahn's Tigers can score on anyone. But, can they keep Kansas State, LSU, Mississippi State, South Carolina, Old Miss, Texas A&M, Georgia and Alabama from scoring more?

If Auburn is to duplicate last year's success and play for a championship, they must have schedule luck and injury luck. I don't see Auburn going through this schedule unscathed. But, I picked them 8-4 last year. That's how much I know!



**Ronald A. Holtsford**



## WHAT IS NATIONAL MAKE A WILL MONTH?

August to roll around each year to think about it.

I have never looked at the Legal Zoom products but I have had internet Wills come my way and they usually are flawed because the maker didn't understand the statutory requirements. Preparing a Will takes a lot of thought, it's not just a matter of which assets of yours should go to someone. If you are well off and give your spouse all of your assets you could incur an estate tax penalty upon their death. If you give assets to a child that is on SSI and/ or Medicaid you can disqualify them while the money is spent down. If you give assets outright to a child that is a minor (under nineteen years of age) it must be in a Trust and if you give assets to an adult child that has money woes or is a spendthrift then you may watch from the hereafter while your hard earned money goes to a child's creditors or as the wind blows.

I mentioned above that a minor in Alabama is under nineteen. To make a Last Will and Testament, the disabilities of minority are removed for eighteen year olds so that they can make a Will. So many people say they have "nothing" only to realize they do have "something" that will need to be transferred to others.

Do you have a house (even if with a mortgage), or a vehicle (even with a loan) or a bank account or boat or investments or collectibles or antiques, etc? Then you probably need a Last Will and Testament.

There are several items needed in a properly signed Last Will and Testament and if it does not meet the statutory requirements, the Last Will and Testament may be deemed unusable after a person dies and the estate probated as if there was never a Will. That would defeat the direction that the decedent was trying to take.

Just because you sign a Will once in your life does not mean that the Will can still accomplish your desires at your death. I reviewed the Will of a decedent whose Will was forty years old. Names had been changed but even worse the law had changed significantly during that time period. The witnesses to the Will were dead and the current self proving language in Wills was not a part of the law then.

Fortunately I was able to find either professional partners or friends of one witness and the decedent who could swear by Affidavit that the signatures on the documents were the signatures of the witness and the decedent. If that particular Will was not usable the assets of the decedent would have still gone to the two children but with a twist. The named Executor in the Will would have had to Petition the Probate Court for Letters of Administration and purchased a bond based on the assets of the estate, so that is a cost that otherwise is generally stated in the Will as not being required. Once the Letters of Administration are received by the Administrator/ Administratrix/ Personal Representative then an inventory of the decedents estate as well as debts will have to be filed with the Probate Court. That

Apparently the National Make A Will Month runs during August of each year. I have no idea who made it up and didn't know it existed until I heard a Legal Zoom advertisement. Certainly any month is a good month to have a new Last Will and Testament prepared or rewritten; don't wait for

of course means that you have to index all items along with the fair market value of each and it is subject to being public record. What if the decedent was something of a hoarder? That could be a nightmare. A Last Will and Testament generally removes the requirement of an inventory. So far just a few pluses for preparing a Last Will and Testament. Based on the assets, the bond amount can easily exceed the cost of preparing a Last Will and Testament.

Finally if you have no Will your estate will end up following the Alabama Rules of Intestacy. Looking at just a couple of examples can help you to see why that Will is so important. Let's say you die having a spouse and no children and at least one parent is alive. By the Rules of Intestacy, the spouse gets the first one hundred thousand dollars and half of everything else. Really? WOW! That can be tough on a much beloved spouse who finds themselves with not enough to live on or get them through the bad events. But how about if you die leaving a spouse and children, all of which belonged to you and your spouse? Now your spouse gets \$50,000.00 and one half of everything else. The children get the other half. That's even worse for the spouse isn't it? Finally what if you die and leave a spouse and say the kids were only your natural

children? Now your spouse only gets one half of everything and the kids the other half. How is that relationship between your spouse and the step kids? Really good I hope.

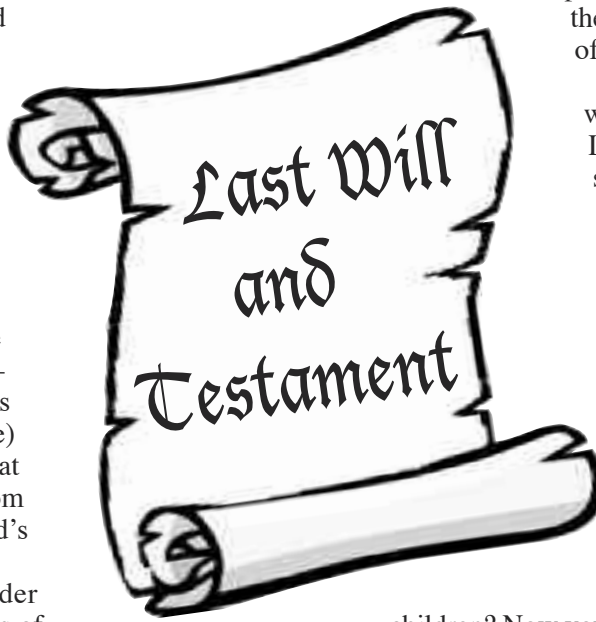
Don't wait until August to make your Will, do it whenever it needs to be done or updated. If you have a Will you need to have it reviewed every time you have a big life event change or otherwise every five years or so. If you don't have much in the way of income call Legal Aid, the Montgomery Area Council on Aging (or equivalent), maybe the Jones School of Law Elder Law clinic or the Alabama State Bar. If you have means to pay and don't know a lawyer ask a trusted friend or family member or call the Alabama State Bar Lawyer Referral Service.

Finally, when you make the appointment consider the other documents that are a part of an estate plan to include a Durable or Springing Power of Attorney and an Advance Directive (Living Will).

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## JEFF SESSIONS

United States Senator for Alabama



WASHINGTON - U.S. Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-AL), a senior member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, issued the following statement today

regarding the House leaders' border supplemental:

"The Obama Administration has openly declared its plan to implement a unilateral executive amnesty for 5-6 million more illegal immigrants. This unlawful amnesty—urged on by congressional Democrats—would include work permits, taking jobs directly from millions of struggling American citizens.

Any action Congress might consider to address the current border crisis would be futile should the President go forward with these lawless actions. Congress must speak out and fight against them. It must use its spending power to stop the President's executive amnesty.

That the House leaders' border package includes no language on executive actions is surrender to a lawless President. And it is a submission to the subordination of congressional power.

After years of falling wages and rising joblessness, American workers are pleading for someone to

hear them. How can it be that our President is brazenly advertising that he will nullify and strip away American workers' immigration protections, and their own elected leaders will not rise to their defense? Or to the defense of our laws and our Constitutional order?

There are other grave concerns with the Granger package as well: because it does not fix our asylum rules and loopholes, the end result of the additional judges and hearings will be more illegal immigrants gaining asylum and access to U.S. welfare. It is a plan for expedited asylum, not expedited removal.

Nor will this package make our rogue President actively enforce anything, coming nowhere close to the kinds of reasonable enforcement activities needed to restore the interior application of our immigration laws.

And finally, a package that is silent on blocking executive amnesty creates an opportunity for Senate Democrats to add elements of their party's open borders and mass immigration agenda.

This legislation is unworthy of support."

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# Robservations...by Robert Tate

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## WHAT A WORLD!!

The other day, my wife and I were minding our own business taking down wallpaper in our kitchen when we heard on Fox News that a Malaysian Airlines 777 had just been shot down in the Ukraine. A couple of hours

later we heard of the Israeli ground offensive into Gaza. What a day! Days like this are exactly why our pastor reminded us last week that if we dwell on the world news instead of looking to God as our source, one can go mad through depression, worry and anger.

### MALAYSIA FLIGHT 17

Didn't we just go through this four months ago? Back on 8 March, Malaysia Flight 370 took off from Kuala Lumpur en route to Beijing but as everybody knows, did not make it. On that flight, 239 people and one beautiful Boeing 777-200ER went missing. Now, 298 people and another beautiful Malaysia Airlines Boeing 777-200ER are part of an international scandal. This time, however, the end results are known; twisted wreckage and broken bodies litter the Ukrainian countryside.

"Whodunit," is the operative word these days and the requisite finger pointing has begun in earnest. Did the Ukrainian military down the passenger jet? Was it the pro-Russian separatist operating inside Ukraine? Was it intentional? Did Russia, i.e. Vladimir Putin, give the orders to down the airliner? For what it is worth, I do not believe Putin had anything directly to do with the downing. Granted his regime has equipped the separatist with weapons, including surface-to-air missiles (SAMs), but I cannot see anything he would have to gain from such a huge international debacle. This kind of publicity is exactly what he doesn't need while he attempts to take over the Ukraine.

I heard one pundit on television say that maybe the Ukrainian military shot it down in the hopes of gaining international support for their cause and possibly bringing the US and NATO into the conflict. Although this tactic is not completely unheard of, in this case I do not see it. Remember in WWI, the US was steadfastly isolationist and wanted nothing to do with the war in Europe. All attempts to bring us into the war had failed miserably and the Allies desperately needed our intervention. Enter the passenger ship Lusitania. In the book, *Lusitania: An Epic Tragedy*, author Diana Preston, expertly and convincingly constructs the lead up to the sacrificial sinking of the ship and the eventual loss of 1,198 lives to include 128 Americans. I am not saying this tactic will never be used again but I do not believe it is the case here in the Ukraine.

This leaves us with the Russian separatists. Within 30 minutes of the downing, intercepted telephone calls clearly had two separatist officers discussing the shoot down and being surprised that it was not a Ukrainian transport plane. Likewise, the self-proclaimed minister of defense, Igor Girkin, a.k.a. Strelkov, similarly posted on VKontakte, a Russian social media site, "In the vicinity of Torez, we just downed a plane, an AN-26. It is lying somewhere in the Progress Mine. We have issued warnings not to fly in our airspace. We have video confirming. The bird fell on a waste heap. Residential areas were not hit. Civilians were not injured." This post was quickly removed. Pretty damning stuff.

Regardless, almost 300 people are dead, needlessly, and as of today, the world community is no closer to getting any real answers or restitution. It is a sad situation all around that in 2014, Russians (even if separatists under the protective hand of Moscow) still think it is acceptable to shoot down airliners, pitch the blame elsewhere and go about their business. I remember back when they shot down Korean Air Flight 007 and basically got away with it. By the way, at the crash site, independent investigators, at the time I am writing this, are being kept out of the area, bodies have been lying in fields for over 48 hours, widespread looting of the wreckage has been reported and the separatists are reportedly removing and destroying evidence that may point to them. More to come. . .

### ISRAEL AND GAZA

Israel has finally had enough. Who can blame them? Since Israel withdrew from the Gaza Strip in 2005, terrorists have fired more than 11,000 rockets into Israel; 1,600 since 8 July alone. Really? Let's say that some 11,000 rockets had been fired into the US from Mexico over the same period of time, do you think we have shown as much restraint? I would hope not. But after the murder of the three Jewish teenagers, the ridiculous surge in rocket attacks within the past two weeks and the increased use of tunnels leading from Gaza into Israel where Hamas fighters bring weapons and base their attacks, Israel has finally said enough is enough. And now true to form, most of the world is outraged at the "evil" Israelis.

I always find it interesting how people are always so fast to condemn Israel in terms of loss of life. "Hey, you killed 200 of our people and we only got to kill 2 of yours." This mentality is not only stupid but flies in the face of military strategies, objectives, effects based operations and the like. Israel's stated objectives in this conflict are to close the tunnels leading into Israel and stop the rocket attacks; simple. Hamas meanwhile is placing civilians around legitimate military targets in the hopes that Israel will not attack and if they do, enough civilians will die that world opinion will turn against Israel. In other words, Israel tries to minimize civilian casualties by using smart weapons to attack specific military targets (fully understanding that collateral damage may be inevitable) while Hamas, by lobbing rockets indiscriminately into Israel clearly hopes to do

nothing but kill Jewish civilians and increase terror. If one cannot see the difference between the two, I cannot help you.

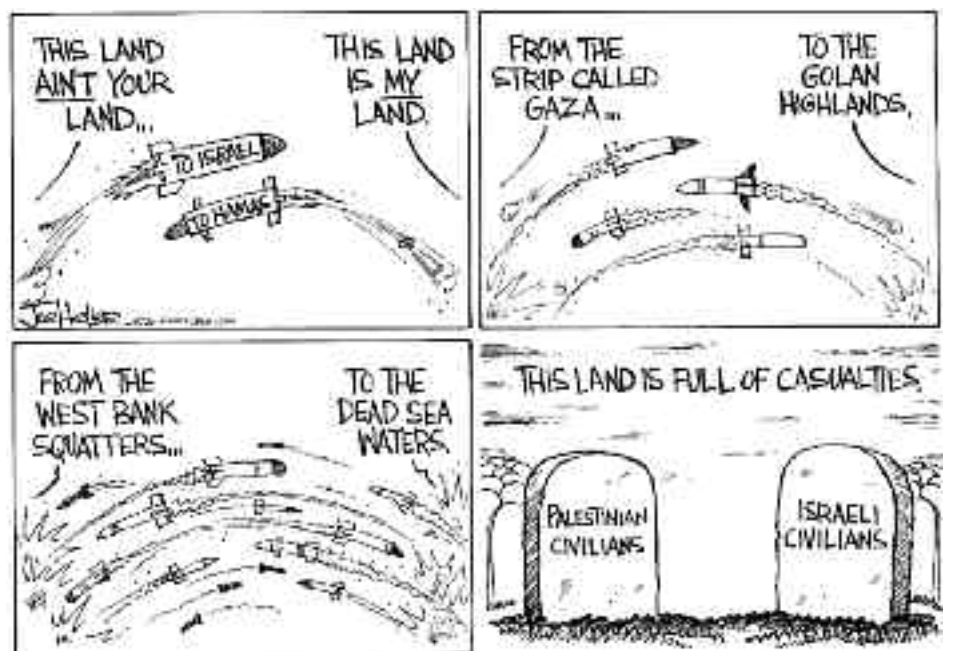
Unfortunately, in many parts of the world, opinion against Israel is growing although I believe many of the anti-Israel protests are just an excuse for Jew haters to exercise their pathetic anti-Semitic sentiments. Cries from pro-Palestinian protestors in the streets of Berlin of, "Jew, Jew, cowardly pig, come on out and fight," and slogans of "Hitler was right" and "Death to Jews" in Paris are clear indications of this.

Look, Hamas can stop this anytime they want: Just quit lobbing rockets into Israel. Duh!! "Hello, McFly." And stop being mad at the fact that Israel is better at war than you are. Don't you think if Hamas had Israel's capabilities, they would exploit them offensively against the Jewish state? Sure they would. It reminds me of WWII when the US Strategic Air Forces and RAF Bomber Command took it hard to German cities and factories. So efficient were Allied bombing attacks that by the end of February 1945, after Dresden, even we were shocked at what we could do. But the reality is that had the Germans possessed similar capabilities, they would have done the same thing to all British cities like they had done to Coventry in November 1940. And certainly, if they had developed a nuclear device, and they were working on it, they would have used it. Don't hate me because I am a better, more efficient and strategically sound killer than you. The same is true with Hamas. They are angry because Israel is able to do what they wish they could do.

In the end, this ground offensive will end, there will be a period of peace and in a couple of months or years the rockets will begin to fall again and Israel, after again showing much restraint, will once again be forced to put the thump on Hamas. Sad but true. I love science fiction and shows like Star Trek. It is so sad that at a time in human history where we collectively should be trying to expand our horizons and starting to explore the depths of our universe, there are those whose only goals in life is to kill as many people as they can. Because those crazies do exist, it is up to all others to do what is necessary to prevent them from achieving their goals and Israel has EVERY RIGHT to defend themselves. What a world we live in.

### RECIPE FOR ISRAELI WAR

1. Endure rocket attacks from crazy neighbors.
2. Ask neighbors to stop.
3. Endure more rocket attacks from crazy neighbors.
4. Ask neighbors to stop. Seek help from international community. None comes.
5. Endure more rocket attacks and murders of civilians by crazy neighbors.
6. Launch air attacks to stop crazy neighbors.
7. Crazy neighbors scream, "Helter Skelter." Ask for cease fire.
8. Cease fire granted. Crazy neighbors regroup and resume rocket attacks.
9. Repeat steps six through eight.
10. Launch decisive air and ground attacks to stop crazy neighbors.
11. Crazy neighbors stop being crazy. For now at least.
12. Sign peace treaty with crazy neighbors who still want you dead.
13. Repeat steps 1 through 12 every four to five years or as necessary.



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## BALKANIZATION HITS AMERICA

On the third Monday of most months a group of proud Americans meet at the Crump Center in Montgomery, stand and face our nation's banner and pledge their allegiance to a nation that many of them defended, but now can hardly recognize.

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands," they proudly proclaim, "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." And so begins the monthly AARP meeting.

As youngsters they recited this pledge in school—it's probably forbidden in that domain today—and it was almost a given at any assemblage of loyal Americans—until lately.

We pledged our allegiance to our country and to its flag, and went on to qualify our allegiance even further by explaining that we Americans lived in "one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

But around the middle of the last century a rather unpleasant and dangerous change in the course of our nation began to take place. We became "divisible," as was first witnessed by the anti-Vietnam War demonstrations that took place across our land.

At about the same time, we also had the integration effort, with all its liberal fanfare and promise, that separated our nation into black, or to use the newly-coined term: African-American—and white.

Then the Asian immigration began to further divide our country, and then the fences that separated

our borders to the South became meaningless, and as we go into our second decade of the 21st Century, America is no longer the nation we pledged our allegiance to as youngsters; it has become Balkanized into five distinct segments, all of which seem to want to go their own way, speak their own language, and align themselves with a plethora of supreme beings—or none at all.

The term Balkanization is a geopolitical term that came into vogue sometime in the early 1900's and was generally used to describe the process of dividing a nation into a group of smaller states that were often hostile to one another.

Some of our older Americans were beginning to see their first light at about the time the term was aborning. It referred to the situation occurring in eastern Europe as the Ottoman Empire was crumbling and new states were emerging. And Balkanization continues to plague Europe and the Middle East. But now its coming home to roost.

The America to which we pledged our allegiance as youngsters, and fought to defend as adults, we must now watch fade from view. In America it began in the 1950's, first as the Black minority assumed a new identity as, what they like to be called, "African Americans."

Then came the Asian Americans, followed by the Arab-Americans, and now the Hispanics, who view our border signs as a welcome mat.

To add another ingredient to the mix: many of these hyphenated Americans are here illegally—yet they want to enjoy the same treatment and benefits as do legal Americans.

And who do we have to thank for this? Mostly comfortable, well-to-do European Americans whose liberal education accompanied by a comfortable distance from their countrymen, equipped them with a lot of theory, but with little intimate knowledge or appreciation of the real world in which the remainder of their racial cohort lived and worked. They operated in a theoretical world where social issues are solved on paper, but seldom worked out in real life. Their theoretical solution to the segregation problem, for example, looked good on paper, but in reality, it was another story.

Now we have much the same problem at our border with Mexico. When migrant workers became a solution to the labor problem a few years ago, few, if any, of the theorists behind the effort, looked into the future. But now the future is today—and it isn't a pretty picture.

By the year 2050, it is estimated that the U.S. population will number about 400 million souls, few of whom will either know or care anything about "one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." The only "Americans" for whom this phrase will have any meaning are those attending their AARP meeting, and others huddled in the nursing homes, veterans' halls, or other places where the Greatest Generation go to remember: "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

For the rest, it's "every hyphenated American for himself—or herself."

### Quick Facts - Who's Looking Out For YOU!



More than 5 million Americans are living with the disease.



There are approximately 500,000 people dying each year because they have Alzheimer's.



Every 67 seconds someone in the United States develops Alzheimer's.



1 in 3 seniors dies with Alzheimer's or another dementia.



Alzheimer's disease is the 6th leading cause of death in the United States.



In 2013, 15.5 million caregivers provided an estimated 17.7 billion hours of unpaid care valued at more than \$220 billion.

### WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Apparently the latest semantic idiocy that's taken over the headlines must have been aborned during a slow spell in the dark dimensions where do gooders and shysters go to conjure up mischief to beleaguer otherwise sane society.

It's not sufficient that trouble making isn't enough. Ignorance enters into the picture to complicated matters.

The nonsense in question concerns the recent decision by the federal trademark board that the Washington Redskins football team name is "disparaging of Native Americans."

Now isn't that a hoot? Washington bureaucrats have now compounded stupidity with ignorance. Who in the labyrinthian halls of federal judicialdom came up with the lame brained notion that American Indians were indigenous to this country?

They got here earlier than the rest of us, but they're not natives. In actual fact, the mighty red man migrated here from somewhere in the Soviet domain, via Alaska and into what we now call the United States of America.

On top of that, their skin isn't really red, nor is the white man's really white; and not all blacks are black. So what's all the fuss about?

Either it's ignorance or stupidity that prompts these misguided efforts; but for sure, it's mischief. Some people just have to create trouble where no trouble exists.



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Women's Equality Day is August 26, and this is the perfect time to remind you how much Social Security values and appreciates women. Even though men and women with identical earnings histories receive the same benefits, there are things women in particular should know about Social Security. There are trends and differences in lifestyle and patterns of earnings that can affect benefits.

For example, some women may be caregivers for many people: spouses, children, and parents.

your future Social Security benefits.

Also, despite significant strides through the years, women are more likely to earn less over a lifetime than men. In addition, women are less likely than men to be covered by private retirement plans, so they are more dependent on Social Security in their retirement years.

Did you know that women tend to live on average about five years longer than men? This means more years depending on Social Security and whatever other retirement income or savings they accumulate.

## WOMEN AND SOCIAL SECURITY

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**Judge  
Peggy Givhan**

# SOUTHERN GARDENING

## AUGUST POTPOURRI - by Peggy Givhan

I heard some neighborhood children talking about school books and school uniforms and thought, "where has the summer gone"? Really. When the school bells ring, the summer is technically over and so early. And what do our flower beds tell us about their state of affairs? Most are mature with tall zinnias, cleome, phlox, cosmos and salvias in large drifts, just begging to be cut for flower arrangements. If there have been any deaths, all we need to do is re-sow the zinnia, cosmos and cleome; fill in with new annuals such as begonias, ageratum, and petunias. You may also want to leave a few areas for chrysanthemums which should be coming onto the market the end of this month. It goes without saying that the new plants need extra water and fertilizer. Because of the heat, I would apply a timed released fertilizer or use a liquid fertilizer. It would be very easy to burn the roots if the fertilizer is a commercial grade or is not watered in really well.

One of the tasks that needs to be completed this month is trimming or pruning hydrangeas which have just finished blooming. If the shrub had gotten over sized, prune back by no more than one third. Any dead stalks or diseased plant materials should be removed from the site in order to keep the plants healthy. Pruning can rejuvenate the garden by helping straggly and leggy plants with a new burst of growth. Flowers such as geraniums, petunias, impatiens, begonias, marigolds, blue salvia, coleus, and most summer annuals and perennials need this summer hair cut. The benefits will be seen within a couple of weeks with new growth, and more blooms. All these plants should receive a good dose of fertilizer as set out in the first paragraph and they will march onto the Fall stage with vim and vigor.

All gardens can benefit from a regular spraying program. Aphids on canna lilies and crape myrtles are easily controlled with insecticidal soap which can be bought through nurseries, and other garden centers. If one controls aphids, then one controls sooty mildew which is a filmy thick black substance found on the front and back of leaves. Also mealy bugs and whiteflies cause this sooty mildew. If the soap does not do the trick, there are insecticides, such as Neem, for this purpose. Spider mites are another pest which plague some gardens and wreck havoc with ornamentals, the foliage on plants and on vegetables. The tell tale signs are yellowing leaves, tiny yellow or red spots and fatigued lack luster plants. Also an indication of an infestation is a light webbing on the underside of the leaves. To rid your garden of these, one can purchase a miticide, but with continued use, the spider mites frequently become resistant. To thwart their resistance, use different agents at intervals, and use a hard spray of cold water to help control the infestation. Roses are particularly vulnerable

to spider mites. Bulbs can be infected with bulb mites and leave the bulb stunted, deformed with sickly and disfigured flowers. Unfortunately, all diseased bulbs must be destroyed along with the soil surrounding the infected bulb. Do not plant new healthy bulbs in soil that was infested with bulb mites.



**PLANT OF THE MONTH--COREOPSIS**

Coreopsis is a great example of a native American wildflower that has been brought off the streets and highways into the home gardens for years. The daisy like blooms have been cherished by gardeners with their blooms of many colors. The most common bear yellow flower heads, which is a perennial with a long bloom cycle. After one wave of bloom, shear it back and a new flush of blooms spring forward. They bloom from early June through July or later and require full sun. Once established, coreopsis is extremely drought resistant and will not thrive if the soil is constantly moist. Another maintenance plus is that they do not need constant fertilizer and one application in the spring will be enough for the year. Bring a bunch of coreopsis into the home for a cheerful flower arrangement.

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## The Education Station... By Bobbie Ames

# EDUCATION TODAY: RESTORING A CHRISTIAN REPUBLIC

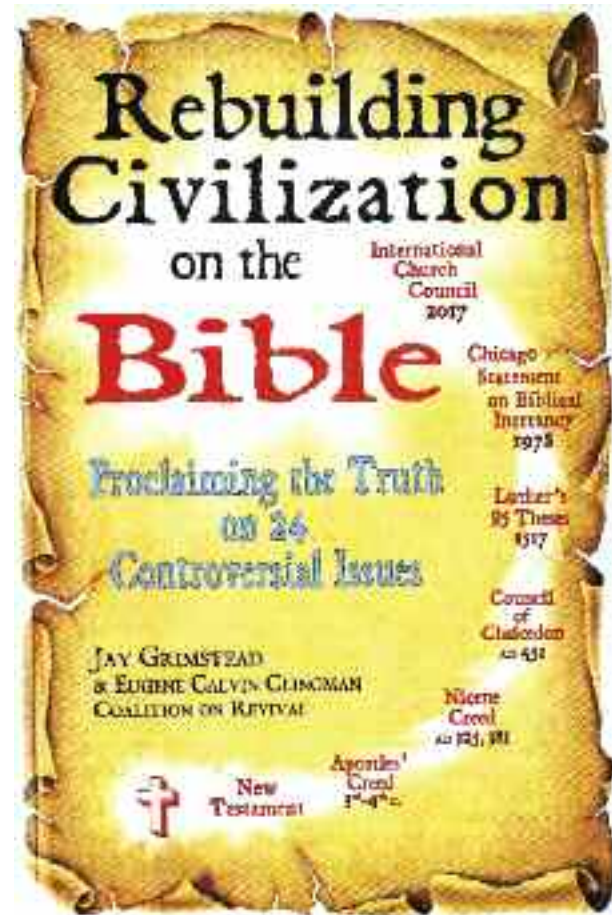
Primary Sources of American History document beyond contradiction, that these United States were established as a Christian Republic by Colonial State Constitutions and by our United States Constitution.

By removing these primary sources of our true history from America's classrooms, recent generations have been taught, yes, EDUCATED to question our historic, orthodox, evangelical Christian roots. This brought about the frenzy of separation of church and state.

The roles of the church and state were discussed at the Constitutional

Convention. Many of the states had their own established churches and feared a national government might overreach with increasing power. The First Amendment settled that issue. The States were free to continue their established churches, at least for a long time.

The first time that we encounter the separation of church and state came through the influence of the French Revolution, and it was not widespread. All colonies were Christian republics. When the colonists landed on our shores, they were Englishmen, but the colonists did not consider themselves part of England any longer, although they were under a feudal monarch. They were self-governed, with their own colonial governments.



After the French and Indian War, the English Parliament tried to usurp power from the American Legislatures, and Americans declared their Declaration of Independence, and fought a war to settle the matter.

Requirement for holding office in all colonies was restricted to people of faith in Trinitarian Christianity, and the infallible nature of the Bible. There are court records across the colonies to testify that atheists were barred from giving testimony in courts.

Alexis De Tocqueville, in his American travels, reported that a New York judge in 1831 disqualified an atheist witness, declaring, "that he had not before been aware that there was a man living who did not believe in the existence of God; that this belief constituted the sanction of all testimony without such a belief." *Democracy in America*, Vol.1, 1841 ed. p.344

The Constitution reflects Christian moral laws. The framers provided checks and balances because of the sinful nature of man and the distrust of power. It reframed from any regulation or control of religion. America has never been without problems, because her citizens are sinners. However, Biblical Christianity was in the hearts of the vast majority of her citizens for a long, long time. This was clearly reflected in the laws of communities, states, and the national government. The Northwest Ordinance provided free land for Christian schools. For many decades Christian schooling was the norm in colonial America. The Unitarians were the first to establish state boards of education and state controlled education.

For Christians, and others committed to the moral absolutes of the Bible, there is the challenge today to restore America's Constitutional Republic, and a culture that reflects this worldview. From the earliest, most ancient times, there has been destruction of cultures, and rebuilding. Isaiah 58:12 reminds us that there will always be a remnant. "Those from among you will rebuild the ancient ruins, you will raise up the old foundations and you will be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of the old paths in which to dwell."

As painful as it is to face today's reality, we must, for the sake our children and their future:

"Out of an average of 30 high school students, 15 are sexually active <sup>1</sup>  
23 believe that homosexuality is an acceptable lifestyle <sup>2</sup>  
14 don't see a great risk in heavy daily drinking <sup>3</sup>  
12 of them have used marijuana <sup>3</sup>  
9 admitted stealing from a store in the last 12 months  
24 admitted lying to their parents about something significant  
18 admitted cheating on a test in the last school year and even though they had done these things,  
28 out of 30 are satisfied with their personal choices and character. <sup>4</sup>"

Between 70% and 80% walk away from church by the end of their freshman year in college <sup>5</sup>. That means that 7 out of 10 of our children will not be reared in the discipline and instruction of the Christian faith. Another research group has found that half of those leaving the church have actually lost interest by middle school <sup>6</sup>. Keep in mind that 89% of Christian parents have their children in public schools.

<sup>1</sup> Center for Disease Control, 2009

Gallop's National Values and Beliefs Survey, 2007

<sup>2</sup> Partnership of Drug Free.Org and Met Life Found, 2011

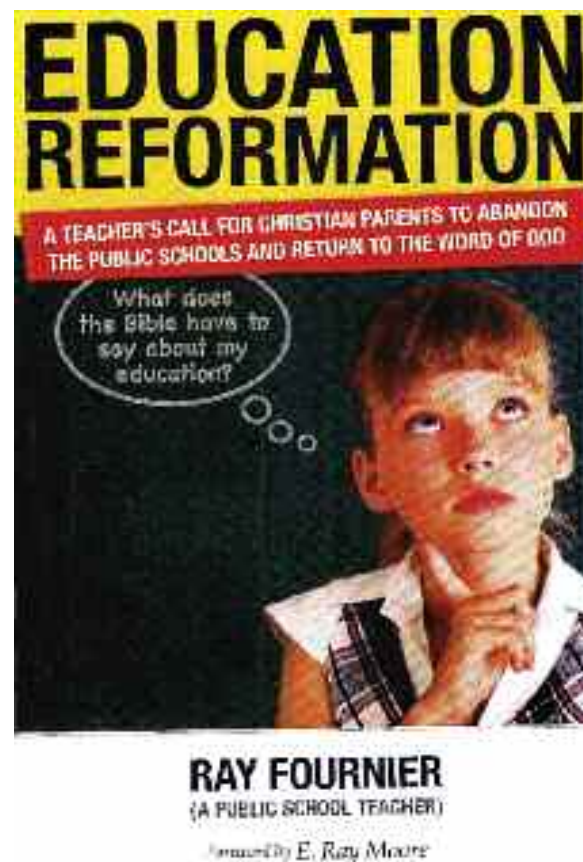
<sup>3</sup> Josephson Institute of Ethics, 2010

<sup>4</sup> LifeWay Research Survey, 2007

<sup>5</sup> Southern Baptist Council of the Family, 2002

<sup>6</sup> Britt Beemer's America's Research Group, 2006

Through the centuries, when false teachings have corrupted a culture, church leaders have joined together calling God's covenant people back to Scriptural Truth. Church leaders or numerous denominations, and many from across the world, have united their efforts forming an organization for such a time as this. The International Church Council Project. Their recent publication, *Rebuilding Civilization on the Bible*, is a weapon targeting 24 areas of false doctrine which to a large degree have infiltrated the modern church, and certainly the culture. The authors advise the readers that the book does not represent ALL that the church should believe, but rather the "24 battle lines on which the enemy is currently attacking the church." It will be obvious to the reader that the same false teachings have long been primary in the secular education institutions of elementary, secondary and higher education. Poison has permeated today's culture, and the family structure, as well as the church, all have been the targets.



Just as the principles of the Bible have provided the foundation for civil government in the Constitution, these same principles are the foundation for history, law, arts, economics, science, and in all of life's faith and practice.

The book, *Rebuilding Civilization on the Bible*, is the work of many theologians across denominational lines, and compiled and edited by Dr. Jay Grimstead and Dr. Eugene Calvin Clingman. Meant to be a very personal call to action, it provides the tool we need to be equipped for spiritual warfare. The goal is to join forces, to identify those of like mind, to enlist others, to be bold in proclaiming the Truth.

The twenty-four documents are available to download free at the International Church Council

Project website: [www.ChurchCouncil.org](http://www.ChurchCouncil.org) The documents clarify the clear teaching of Scripture on the issues bringing confusion and deconstruction of our Christian culture. Published in 2014, the 300+ page book, published by Nordskog Publishing Company in Ventura, California, is available through our ministry, and can also be ordered from the publisher, or through Amazon. To review the book, anyone may contact me through Emerald Mountain Christian School at 567-0555.

Jude's admonition has never been more relevant than today: "Contend earnestly for the faith which was once delivered to the saints....for certain men have crept in unnoticed.....who turn the grace of the our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ." Jude 1:3-4

<sup>1</sup> *Rebuilding Civilization on the Bible: Proclaiming the Truth on 24 Controversial Issues* Nordskog Publishing, Ventura, Cal.

<sup>2</sup> *Education Reformation*, by Ray Fournier [www.EducationalReformation.org](http://www.EducationalReformation.org) Treasure Line Books and Publ.

<sup>3</sup> *This Independent Republic* R.J. Rushdoony Thoburn Press, Fairfax, Va.



# Inside the Statehouse

## with Steve Flowers



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If race was a major issue in 1958, being the racist candidate in 1962 was the only way to be elected governor. With this issue in hand and Wallace's love for campaigning and remembering names, he would have beaten anybody that year.

Big Jim was really no match for Wallace because Big Jim had always been soft on the race issue. He was a true progressive liberal who would not succumb to racial demagoging, but Big Jim had succumbed to alcohol. Leading up to the Governor's race in 1962, while Wallace had been campaigning 12-16 hours a day, 7 days a week for four years, Big Jim sat home. Wallace would have won even if Big Jim had not embarrassed himself on live TV the night before the election.

A secondary story developed during the 1962 campaign. A star was born. Ryan De Graffenreid was a smart, handsome, articulate, Tuscaloosa State Senator and lawyer. His family had been a prominent Tuscaloosa political family for generations but young Ryan De Graffenreid truly had the makings of an Alabama governor. However, when he entered the 1962 Governor's race the pundits wrote him off as an also ran. They said it was a Folsom versus Wallace race, but De Graffenreid had charisma and captivated all the silk stocking voters who would be Republicans today. He was quietly moving up in popularity leading up to the May Democratic Primary.

The night before the election, De Graffenreid, Wallace, and Folsom each had 30 minute television shows. Wallace appeared first and did alright but he was used to the stump and country campaigning so the new medium of television felt uncomfortable to him but he did not hurt himself. Ryan De Graffenreid came on next and he was a sensation. He took to the camera like a duck to water. He was the new kind of candidate. He had John Kennedy like appeal and he mastered the new medium of television. He helped himself a lot. Alabamians saw a candidate that they liked. Then Big Jim came on obviously inebriated and sunk himself, although it was a very colorful show.

Wallace won, but the surprise of the election was that Big Jim finished third. Ryan De Graffenreid came in second and would face Wallace in the runoff.

Wallace was elected governor, but De Graffenreid had run a brilliant get acquainted race and a star had been born.

The 1966 Governor's race had two stories: the Ryan De Graffenreid story and the Lurleen Wallace story. Ryan De Graffenreid had become the man to beat in 1966. He took a page from the George Wallace playbook and copied Wallace's work habits from four years earlier. He worked the state nonstop from one end to the other. He worked as hard as Wallace but was even more organized. Old timers say he had a precinct and box captain lined up in every box and hamlet in Alabama. It was an unbelievable organization for that era.

During the summer of 1965 one of the most titanic sessions in state senate history occurred. Wallace called a special session to get the Legislature to change the Constitution and do away with the one term limit to allow him to succeed himself. It was called the Succession Session. It passed the House easily, but some strong willed state senators withstood the most powerful pressure ever put on legislators. They refused to buckle in to the brazen and strong armed Wallace power play. Wallace could not get the majority he needed in the Senate. Many of those senators were committed to De Graffenreid. They had served with him and were loyal to him. It cost many of them their political careers. Wallace went after them with a vengeance. He was at the height of his popularity. The race issue was at its peak and at a fever pitch and Wallace owned the race issue.

With Wallace out of the race De Graffenreid appeared invincible. He campaigned tirelessly even though he had only token opposition. It was a cold windy night in February of 1966 and he was to make a speech up around Sand Mountain. He had a campaign plane and he and his pilot were advised not to try to make the flight to the event. De Graffenreid refused to stop. He boarded his plane at Ft. Payne and within minutes after takeoff he and his pilot crashed into a mountain and were killed instantly. De Graffenreid would have been governor. The state was in shock. The Governor's race was wide open with less than three months before the primary, which was tantamount to the election.

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# THINK

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## SOME POST PRIMARY OBSERVATIONS... WHAT DOES IT PROFIT A CANDIDATE TO WIN AN ELECTION AND LOSE THEIR SOUL?

With another \$3 million spent on our 2014 primary run-offs last month, I remain a steadfast advocate of abolishing further waste of our taxpayer dollars on all primary elections. Political parties can pay for their own primaries which have evolved into another money mill for the Republicrat duopoly as they continue to 'progress' into increasingly extremist results. Until poor jurists like Myron Thompson are finally out of the mix or we elect more legislators who support Sen. Cam Newton's legislative attempts to bring more competitive ballots to Alabama it will take much more time and effort to remove extremists who've put us in the mess we currently suffer. An open general election ballot where candidates (regardless of affiliation) pay the marginal cost to be listed in their races will provide competitive results likely to increase participation and defray costs of providing elections; one of the few legitimate functions authorized to governments. No one has yet provided me a cogent explanation why parties receive 2% of the pay for the office a candidate is seeking to be placed on a primary ballot provided by Alabama taxpayers. Don't expect this to change (except for the fee to increase from 2%) with big govt. conservatives like Mr. Hubbard in control of reforming this despicable practice in our State.

Some outcomes and skirmishes I found of interest may be worthy of readers' time and consideration. One of the biggest 'macro' fights was headed by former Sen. John Rice's (AFLG) Alabama Foundation for Limited Government. The Rice campaign to expose the folly of current Republicrat 'ethics reform' (so effective at protecting politburo incumbents in promoting the explosion of dark and now 'double dark' money) was unaddressed by the mainstream/extremist media. It reached fever pitch when Hubbard/Riley insider minions started to feel the heat from Rice's anti-corruption efforts. This compelled the Hubbard machine to exert even more effort gaming the system than they're accustomed. The funniest exchange was when Hubbard minions pressed Rice to disclose where AFLG money originated claiming it was just another 'Obama liberal' front. Rice replied, "I gotta rich Momma." The more important and illuminating response came about a month later when the insiders were getting increasingly rabid and threatening. Rice promised to disclose his AFLG donors when the Hubbard/Riley machine disclosed theirs. This made the point clear enough to shut them down and sadly no effort to remove these extremist reforms has assembled and it appears Mr. Rice is out of money at this time. With govt. schools as the dominant provider of education, voter ability to think critically and understand how our representative republic is designed to operate has decayed to where citizens can not understand political combat even at the most fundamental levels. In the end, AFLG brought the Hubbard/Marsh (BCA) big govt. machine push for Common Core to fore using all the crony contracts tied to it as an example of one of the biggest nexus of corrupt wealth transfers looming on the horizon. It'll be a little more difficult for Republicrats to slip it through even with election fears attenuating after November.

Moving from 'macro' to more 'micro' results of actual races it is time for the AFLG to make some sense on term limits - esp. at the Congressional level. There is a reason the framers did NOT put term limits in the document. If TEA party types want to impose term limits, amend federal and state constitutions. It will only serve to address the symptom. Congress approval ratings are in single digits because the body has become increasingly less representative after Hoover and the Republicans gave us the 435 limit in 1929 (also patently unconstitutional) decreasing real representation. If we had a more representative body this past century it is unlikely much of the big govt. programs imposed upon us could have been log-rolled and railroaded through the HoR. A more rational response would be to set congressional pay at median income and take away most of their \$1.2 mil. per member staffing allowance to provide more representatives and get out of the hyper-gerrymandered, oligarchic result we've 'progressed' into; not that I sincerely think the Bush, Clinton, Dole, Gore, et al types really want representative government. Most incumbents deserve to be removed, term limits are not the answer; a more competitive, representative process is...

Irrational, anti-incumbent/term-limit fever backfired here in Lee County when aimed at Sen. Tom Whatley. Once again, those with short memories sabotage efforts to remove big govt. Republicrats. Seems some had forgotten how hard TEA party types worked to remove Sen. Ted Little, one on the worst on Goat Hill esp. on understanding the economy, property rights and tax policy. Little aided and abetted some of the most corrupt 'public servants' at Auburn. Sen. Whatley has been a breath of fresh air these past four years shaking up Lee County cronyism, most notably making a stand against Gov. Bentley's attempt to reinstall Mr. Lowder on AU's Board as all the decent/honest folks held their breath hoping his term would expire before more headlines of TARP fraud and malfeasance may surface. This immediately unleashed the Hubbard attack machine on Whatley inducing others to stand with him and work all the harder to remove those trying to destroy this newly minted State Senator. No doubt the Gazette having the courage to print the truth on this childish attack upon Sen. Whatley helped decrease the effectiveness of Speaker Hubbard's big govt. thugs. Mr. Hubbard is beginning to witness his usual attack & destroy tactics are less effective as more non-Republicrat voters see through his venomous rhetoric.

Grass roots voters had vested interest in Tom's reelection in spite of the Hubbard/Riley attack machine as he's promised to work on civil rights legislation to prevent eminent domain abuse. Sen. Whatley is learning well and connecting with others on Goat Hill of similar good Spirit to possibly move positive legislation of this sort forward. Courage to stand against further waste of taxpayer dollars and deleterious land management from continuing Forever Wild is what convinced me Sen. Whatley is NOT another 'business as usual' member of our Senate. He also steered clear of the Hubbard special election theft of our trust fund claiming we were broke a few weeks before a general election vote to spend even more on Hubbard's 'socialized hunting' via Forever Wild. Little surprise it wouldn't take long for the big govt. modern Democrats to also attack Whatley and the AEA plowed almost \$200,000 to stand up an opponent (Andy Carter) against him in the primary. Sadly, many in the Sandy Toomer campaign aligned with Carter (some claiming because Whatley was an incumbent tied to Hubbard) and hurt Toomer's efforts with non-Republicrat voters who'd planned to vote Toomer who arguably was NOT funded by big govt. AEA thugs like the Carter campaign. Furthermore when the AEA minions descended upon the Hubbard v. Toomer race on June 3rd with pro-Carter signs, it was even more difficult to convince voters that Toomer wasn't also a shill for the AEA. Those in the know and have wise memories understood Whatley is not a corrupt Hubbard crony and had just been elected to remove one of the worst on Goat Hill. The AEA deserved to lose both races, but now we're stuck with more Hubbard corruption unless disciplined in the courts since voters couldn't/didn't do their job in the poor turn-out primary.

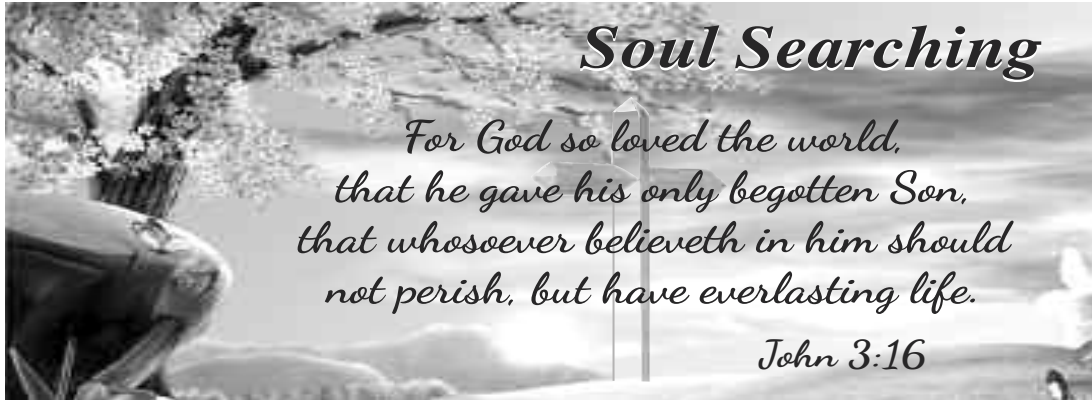
Sen. Whatley is one of the few on Goat Hill who earned being reelected to another term. He has a positive 'soldier's attitude' about political combat and will continue attempts to move us forward out of the mess we've 'progressed' into. I was proud to attend LTC Whatley's change of command ceremony for the Special Troops Battalion, 167th Theater Sustainment Command; many thanks for serving our State so well in the Alabama Guard these past 26 years! He seems happy with his new assignment to the 122nd. If he can continue to steer clear of being an AEA, BCA, type sycophant Sen. Whatley is one to watch as a potential gubernatorial candidate with focus on legislation non-Republicrat/independent voters will reward. Furthermore, I find it admirable Sen. Whatley remains open to talk with everyone, even the AEA when he knows it will be unpleasant and they'll dislike hearing the hard fiscal reality our State must face.

Another 'micro' observation in Lee County on a statewide campaign was the Merrill v. McKinney Secretary of State run-off. It seemed close until the end when McKinney (who I think a decent/honest man) ads tried to paint Merrill as a 'liberal.' I could see McKinney support beginning to melt away - certainly one can make a case Merrill is a big govt. conservative and a BCA minion, but calling him a liberal turned away non-Republicrats who often determine the margin victory, esp. in low turnout run-offs of this sort. It was over when McKinney further painted himself as an establishment Republican reminding voters he's been a life-long Party member. Enough voters are tired of the rah-rah Reagan rhetoric - mostly those who remember Reagan amnesty, raising the debt ceiling 18 times with his crony Tip O'Neil, exploding debt per capita threefold, etc. McKinney was indeed part of that naive group who brought the corrupt Republican Party back into our State instead of removing/replacing the modern big govt. Democrats. McKinney would've been better served by saying he's appalled at those who've taken control of the Party and wants to bring more competitive elections, contracting and business to our State and undo the damage done by the BCA Hubbard/Marsh/Riley machine. The last straw was touting our probate judge who's been a poor 'public servant' on property rights/pro-Agenda 21, a Hubbard minion and despised by many businesspeople who've suffered his impediments to get things accomplished in our county. Merrill quickly became the easy choice for this non-Republicrat group looking for relief at the State level. This was a match up between two hard working, intelligent candidates which led one to think they had/exercised little input into their own ads, deferring to lauded pundits and Carl Rove types who are out of touch with the median voter trying to be productive under increasing federal, State and local govt. tyranny. I wonder if they realize how loud we laugh at the Hubbard "Storming the Statehouse" hype which drove all those insufferable 'for the last 136 years' childish campaign ads. When you hear the owner of your local body shop saying ENOUGH of that baloney, it may be time to put something of substance in campaign ads on your behalf.

On the subject of campaign TV advertisements, Clyde Chambliss wins the Lucifer Award with his negative ad about negative ads in the Dist. 30 Senate race. Perhaps along with the '136 years' ad it was designed to reduce non-Republicrat turn-out so the big govt. minions could carry the day. It appeared the Chambliss 'double negative' ad was so bad it was pulled at the end to rerun the sappy 'daddy won't let me date' ad. After the Garner ad showed video of Chambliss in his own words, the attack machine when into overdrive... sad the 'turn-off' strategy seemed to also work in this race. Harris Garner appeared to be genuine in not seeking power and money (a huge fear to Republicrat minions)

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## Soul Searching

*For God so loved the world,  
that he gave his only begotten Son,  
that whosoever believeth in him should  
not perish, but have everlasting life.*

*John 3:16*

## THE MARSHALL MOMENT

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# THE CHRISTIAN AND CRISIS

To say the least, we live in uncertain times. Some might even call this a time of crisis. There seems to be no national consensus about what to do with the serious immigration issues where large numbers of children and families are streaming across our southern border. Likewise, there seems to be deep national division on almost every subject of significance from health care to monetary policy to national defense. We watch as conflict goes on between Israel and terrorists groups occupying Palestinian areas of that land. This battle goes on as Ukraine faces its own struggles with Russia. Longer-term troubles still loom on the horizon from several sources of religious terrorism across the mid-east threatening even our own land. These are just some of the reasons we might well call this a day of crisis. In times like these, partisan answers drawn from secular minds rarely offer wise and long-term solutions.

If we are a nation whose founding was based on a belief in God, and we were, and if we live in a day when still the majority of our people claim to have faith in God, there has never been a more important time for God's people to stand up for what they believe. There are those who would ignore the faith of God's people, but we need to be reminded God doesn't need their help. All of us need his help.

It reminds me of the story about a man working on a tall building into the evening. In the dark he slipped and fell. His hands caught the edge of the building and he was able to hang on for a period of time. His cries for help were drowned out by street noise far below and the sound of other machinery. After a while, his hands grew weaker and his fingers began to slip. He cried out to God for help but seemed to get no answer. Then his hands gave way and he fell. Just as he was beginning to scream, his feet landed on a beam just inches below which he had not seen in the dark.

In a time of crisis, remember that God's people do not face their crisis alone; they have divine help. The little story above illustrates the situations we sometimes find ourselves in when we face various crises in life. "Sometimes we feel that we are all alone, desperately doing all we can to save ourselves, crying out for help but feeling unheard, until finally we lose all our own strength and let go. It is then that we discover that we were never in any real danger to begin with. Oftentimes we give in to fear and discouragement in times of crises because we do not know or see that we are safe in God's hands. We do not see because of the darkness that surrounds us, not literal darkness but the darkness of unbelief."

If you are at all a student of Bible history, you will recognize that almost every generation and every leader in the Bible faced times of crisis, many times of national proportions as well as intensely personal experiences. This would be true of both of those in the Old Testament like Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Joshua and the prophets as well as the apostles and leaders of the early church in the New Testament. The same God who cared for them has not forgotten His people. We must reclaim our belief that no problem is too big for God. The problem we face is that too many people think they are too big to humble themselves before God and to seek His face.

I would also observe that in a time of crisis it is necessary to keep your eyes on God because things may get worse before they get better. Who would have envisioned some of the issues we faced just a few years ago? We thought maybe there would be the beginnings of democracy in places where terrorists had reigned. But little of that hope remains. We may have faced some difficulties with illegal immigration previously, yet none could have imagined just a few months ago the problems we face on our southern border.

The Bible says "His ways are not our ways." God does not act according to what we think will please us humanly. He is not our cosmic problem solver to make life easier. When God's people are in crisis things did not usually get immediately better, whether the crisis is a health problem, financial problem, relational problem, or ministerial problem. Things tend to grow worse, so that we come completely to the end of our rope. When things get worse, we should not give in to fear or discouragement, but keep our faith in God. In fact, God's people often choose to act like Peter when he started to walk on the water to Jesus. "He focused on the problem instead of on the person and presence of God."

Therefore, the solutions to our national as well as personal crisis must first be sought out spiritually, not politically or socially. I am convinced when God's people have their spiritual priorities right, they can bring influence upon a nation beyond anyone's imagination.

Where do we begin? Let me suggest three things God's people should do in a time of crisis. First, we must learn to pray the promises of God. "The point of our praying the promises of God is not to remind God of what he has promised, but to remind us of God's faithfulness to his promises, so that our faith is strengthened in a time of crisis. Praying the promises reminds us of what God has already done, and what he is sure to do in the future. God's people should pray when there in trouble, not take matters into their own hands.

A sign seen in a textile mill read, "When your thread becomes tangled,

call the foreman." So this young woman, who was new on the job, found herself with her thread being tangled up and she thought, "I'll just straighten this out myself." She tried, but the situation only worsened. So finally she called the foreman. When the foreman arrived, she said, "I did the best I could." The foreman said, "No, you didn't. To have done your best, you should have called me."

The best thing we can do in a time of crisis is not try to handle it ourselves, but to call on God for help." We talk more about it than we do something about it. Every Christian family should spend time every day in earnest prayer for God to heal our land. How many of us who read this article do so? I'm afraid it would not be very many. Jesus taught us to pray so boldly as to ask that His Kingdom might come and that His will would prevail "on earth as it is in Heaven." I urge you to pray specifically, humbly and urgently about each of the crisis mentioned at the beginning of this article. It will make a difference.

Second, we must restrain ourselves from attitudes and words which do not reflect our faith. It is ever so easy to join in criticism just like secular pagans. Christ died for the sins of the terrorist or the illegal alien just as much as the leaders of our government and our own souls. The goal of every Christian must be to win the world to faith in Jesus Christ. In no way do I wish to be understood as saying that hard decisions do not have to be made or that there is not a time for defending our nation. But I would remind all of us that we must guard our hearts against hatred and bitterness. That is the pagan's response to crisis. The Bible tells us that followers of Jesus must resist the temptation to lash out. The Bible tells us to leave room for God's wrath. It's hard to do in the heat of our grief and outrage, but these teachings of the Bible are given for times just like these. We must be the people of God who believe that God's offer of grace is open to anyone who finds faith in Jesus Christ.

Third, God's people must persevere. We must press forward, even in the midst of our frustration about events both at home and internationally. As followers of Jesus we persevere, knowing that the Bible is true when it promises ultimate vindication on the other side of perseverance. Whether in personal crisis or in the larger context discussed here, we find the true extend of our faith. Do we give in to lesser instincts or do we trust our Lord? The world takes note when God's people act like God's people, not pitiful creatures who seem to have a helpless religion. Paul reminded us that infirmities, reproaches, persecution or distress have the opposite effect upon a Christian than the world expects. He said, "When I am weak, then I am strong." It is when we realize our own limitations and His unlimited power that we find our true strength.

We want to believe we're self-sufficient, autonomous and self-reliant people who have life by the throat. We meticulously build around us an illusion of security, lulling us into the delusion our lives are untouchable. We plan months and even years in advance, believing that we are the captains of our own fate, the masters of our own destiny. We enjoy our life of illusion because it makes us feel safe and secure. Yet life experience teaches us we are not. The events we call crisis today will be replaced by others in years to come.

Perhaps we could conclude that God allows the events we face in our world to remind us of our need for Him and the feeble solutions people and governments offer who do not come to God for help. Our only hope in this life and that one to come is in our God. God breaks his people of self-reliance, so that they will recognize that he alone is the source of blessings.



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# Woods & Waters with Zack

## BASS FISHING DURING THE "DOG DAYS" OF AUGUST

Bass fishing during the "dog days" of August can be tough, but it's not impossible. Some of the biggest bass of the year can be caught in the summer. Because a bass's metabolism speeds up as the temperature climbs, they are more active and must feed regularly. But when and where you fish are key, because bass develop particular habits in hot weather. Let's look at some different approaches to hot weather fishing.

If pond fishing is your thing, it can be very productive during the early morning and late afternoon hours. Summer bass are scattered and as the water temperature rises into the 80's hot weather fishing can get tough. The bass are still there and if you can find them you can catch them. And as I stated in the opening paragraph, largemouth bass don't stop feeding when it's hot. They feed continuously. Some bass will remain shallow or close to shallow water while others retreat to deeper water structure. This month, you'll likely find summer bass in shallow grass and other vegetation, on ledges, on deep structure or suspended over structure. I like to start out with a lipless crankbait, like a Bill Lewis Rat-L-Trap in chrome. I prefer the 1/8 ounce size for pond fishing. As the sun heats up the water, I'll usually switch to a worm or lizard and fish deeper, cooler water.

Lake and river fishing can be productive all day long. If you prefer fishing at Lake Martin or Lake Jordan, summertime bass suspend passively in the vicinity of ledges, river-channel junctures, and other main-lake structures. But when the dam pulls water to generate electricity, the current wakes these bass up like a dinner bell ringing. They move tight to those structures and surprise shad disoriented by the sudden flow. This generation often happens in the morning, when air conditioners in homes and businesses come on and suck up electricity, but it can happen throughout the day when the temperature spikes.

When the water is moving, bass will face into the current, so cast upstream and retrieve your baits with the flow. Deep-diving crankbaits, Carolina rigs,

and heavy spinnerbaits that weigh 1/2 ounce or more should draw hard strikes. Time it right and you can catch limits of heavy bass in minutes.

If you can go without sleep, you immediately pick up an advantage. On clear lakes like Martin, that endure heavy boat traffic during the day, bass feed mainly after dark in hot weather. The best fishing typically takes place near midnight, after the water has settled down from the day's turmoil. Some bass move into the shallows at night, for feeding, while others simply concentrate along specific structure such as a point, roadbed, hump or a creek channel.

Fisherman who swear by topwaters such as poppers or buzzbaits, spend their time fishing shallower water areas at night, especially areas with vegetation or timber. Bass can see against the background of the sky, but a little vibration or noise doesn't hurt to get extra attention. It can also help to vary the size of the blade of your buzzbait or the amount of noise made with the topwater until you determine the most productive approach for given conditions. Stick with dark colored lures to enhance the silhouette effect.

If you chose to fish deeper patterns at night, then the hands down choice is to use a lizard or worm. If you want to really get serious about night fishing in this manner, then use a florescent line and black light to help you see line movement. The game plan for deep water night fishing is to first know your area and be sure you can safely navigate to the spot. Secondly, look for typical holding patterns such as a creek channel close to a deeper channel, the end of points adjacent to steep drops and underwater humps. Black, black and blue, or dark brown colors in lizards or worms are favorite choices. It is not a bad idea to try a Carolina rig as well as Texas rig, to see if having the bait a little off the bottom is preferable on a given night, but as with lures, dark colors should always be used in this situation.

Bass that sit deep in the greenery under the sun move to the outside edges of grassbeds at night. Concentrate on aquatic vegetation by

targeting them with a black 7 to 8-inch plastic worm or lizard, rigged on a 4/0 worm hook with a 3/8-ounce bullet sinker and a medium-heavy weight rod. The dark, bulky bait creates an obvious silhouette beneath the surface. Don't be delicate about it...jostle the bait and heavy sinker through grass edges to rile up the bass. For nighttime fishing around vegetation, I use no-stretch super lines such as Berkley FireLine and SpiderWire braid. Their great sensitivity allows me to feel when my worm or lizard is on the bottom or ticking over cover. And even though I can't see the line, I know instantly when a bass has grabbed the bait.

You can use a light color lure at night, such as white or chartreuse, if you are fishing lights around docks, boathouses or marinas, but very few people leave their lights on anymore. The last time I fished Lake Martin at night, I was fishing with a friend of mine who lived on the lake. We had a very hard time finding any lights on. He finally called a friend of his who turned his lights on for us, and within minutes of arriving, we started catching bass. We had several other boats spot these lights from a distance and come in to fish them, only to leave when they saw us. An hour later, as we were leaving, his friend turned the lights off. It certainly isn't like it was 10 - 15 years ago, when everyone left their dock lights on.

The main thing you have to do to enjoy fishing during hot-weather months is to pick the period of the day that suits your preference and then plan a strategy that is most likely to succeed during that period.

If you get the chance this summer, take a young person fishing and you may instill in them the love of this great sport.

Next month, dove season signals the official opening of hunting season. We will look at hunting these speedsters in detail, from ways to pick the best spot on a dove field to shotgun loads and decoys, so don't miss it.



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Home Grounds, Gardens, Home Pests

## "Crazy Ants"

With over 150 resident ant species in Alabama, you would think there is NO room for more! Meet the Tawny crazy ant, *Nylanderia fulva*. Tawny crazy ants have been in the surrounding states of Mississippi, Florida, and Georgia for years, but we now have confirmation of them in Mobile County, Alabama. This is the first confirmed siting in Alabama.

Tawny crazy ants were formerly known as Rasberry crazy ants, Caribbean or hairy crazy ants. They were originally found in Florida in 1953. Since their discovery they have been sighted across south east Texas, Louisiana, central and southern Florida and found last year in Albany GA. Tawny crazy ants are native to Northern Argentina and Southern Brazil. They are small brown ants that are less than 2mm long. Under a microscope or hand lens, you can see the hairy body of the ants. Despite their small size, it's their incredible populations that give them away.

In the United States, crazy ant populations are 100 times greater than other ant species. Because of the sheer number of tawny crazy ants, food sources are limited for other ant species. This is especially true for fire ants which are displaced due to the tawny crazy ants. That may sound like good news for those of us inundated with fire ant mounds. However, the sheer numbers (millions) in a tawny ant colony is pretty scary. In areas where they have been found for years, it is not at all uncommon, to shovel dead Tawny crazy ants by the 5 gallon bucket full. They are very opportunistic ants, invading electrical boxes, campers, homes, and practically anything 'just lying around'.

Tawny crazy ants do not have stingers. Good news, right? Instead of a stinger, the workers have a specialized pore on the end of their abdomen.

It will excrete chemicals for defense or attack. Tawny crazy ants are very

social ants and colonies may not be distinguished from one another reaching super colony status.

They also have polygyny colonies which means colonies may contain several queen ants. This means that the population of tawny crazy ants increases rapidly. The foraging trails of these ants are very apparent and their movement is very erratic, which often looks as though the ground is moving. The trail of ants may also follow structural lines around buildings.

Tawny crazy ants, unlike red imported fire ants are not spreading by mating flights. Current research suggests that Tawny crazy ants must be picked up and moved by us. Tawny crazy ants may invade campers when you are on vacation. They may be present in potted plants or anything that they are able to crawl in. It is extremely important to check anything being moved from a known infested area. This is how the Tawny crazy ant spreads to new locations.

Because of the numbers and biology of the Tawny crazy ant they are hard to control, manage may be a better word. When they invade homes, indoor insecticides are just not enough since the colonies are often nesting outdoors. In our own yards and gardens, remove anything that may become a nesting site such as firewood piles, potted plants, thick pine straw and yard debris. Tawny crazy ants prefer humid, wet conditions which is another reason to plant drought tolerant plants that do not need irrigation as often as others. Crazy ants are seldom attracted to the bait products that are used for the management of fire ants. These guys are often managed in infested areas with contact pesticides applied in buffer zones around structures. For home owners, using pest control operators is usually the best option.

Remember that people are responsible for spreading Tawny Crazy ants. Please check anything that is moved from an infested site before bringing it home.

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One of the most adaptable animals in the world, the coyote can change its breeding habits, diet and social dynamics to survive in a wide variety of habitats.

The coyote is one of eight species of the genus *Canis*. Four of these are the jackals of Europe, Africa and Asia. Other members of the genus include the gray wolf (*C. lupus*), the red wolf (*C. rufus*) and all breeds of the domestic dog (*C. familiaris*).

A coyote looks a little like a collie dog, and indeed, coyotes are members of the dog family, *Canidae*. Their rounded, bristly tails are usually held straight and aligned slightly below the plane of their backs. Low desert and valley coyote's weigh much less than mountain ones, only about 20 pounds, compared to the latter, which can reach up to a 50 pound weight.

Coyotes found in mountainous regions have a coat that is bushier than their desert cousins, and have longer, darker hair. Some have white-tipped tails. Trappers hunt them in winter as their fur becomes more full, longer and silkier as temperatures drop. The desert coyote in contrast, has a tan or light grey coat, with a black-tipped tail.

The coyote is one of the few wild animals whose vocalizations are commonly heard. At night coyotes both howl (a high quavering cry) and emit a series of short, high-pitched yips. Howls are used to keep in touch with other coyotes in the area. Sometimes, when it is first heard, the listener may experience a tingling fear of primitive danger, but to the seasoned outdoorsman, the howl of the coyote is truly a song from the little wolf.

- **Howling** - communication with others in the area. Also, an announcement that "I am here and this is my area. Other males are invited to stay away but females are welcome to follow the sound of my voice. Please answer and let me know where you are so we don't have any unwanted conflicts."
- **Yelping** - a celebration or criticism within a small group of coyotes. Often heard during play among pups or young animals.
- **Bark** - The scientific name for coyotes means "Barking dog," *Canis latrans*. The bark is thought to be a threat display when a coyote is protecting a den or a kill.
- **Huffing** - is usually used for calling pups with out making a great deal of noise. The coyote's tail is used in threat displays. It becomes bushy and is held horizontally when the coyote displays aggression.

The coyote's hearing is very acute and is used for detecting prey and avoiding danger. Movement and position of the ears are used to communicate mood and rank.

The coyote's sense of smell is highly developed and is used to detect prey and carrion. It is also used to detect the scent left by other coyotes as territorial markers.

The coyote has five digits on the forefeet, including the dewclaw (remnants of a fifth digit) and four digits on the hind feet. The coyote is digitigrade

## " The Kritter Korner" "COYOTES"

meaning it walks with only its toes touching the ground.

Alone, in pairs or in packs, coyotes maintain their territories by marking them with urine. They also use calls to defend this territory, as well as for strengthening social bonds and general communication. Coyotes can easily leap an eight foot fence or wall. They have been spotted climbing over a 14 foot cyclone fence.

Although the coyote usually digs its own den, it will sometimes enlarge an old badger hole or perhaps fix up a natural hole in a rocky ledge to suit its own needs. Dens are usually hidden from view, but they are fairly easy to locate because of the trails that lead away from the den. The coyote uses the den to birth its young and to sleep. The coyote does not hibernate.

Coyotes have a good sense of smell, vision and hearing which, coupled with evasiveness, enables them to survive both in the wild and occasionally in the suburban areas of large cities. They are common in most rural areas, but because of their secretive nature, few are seen. Their natural habitat is open grassland, but they will move to wherever food is available.

Coyotes occupy a range of no more than 10 or 12 square miles. A coyote travels over its range and hunts both day and night, running swiftly and catching prey easily. It has a varied diet and seems able to exist on whatever the area offers in the way



of food. Coyotes eat meat and fish, either fresh or spoiled, and at times eat fruit and vegetable matter and have even been known to raid melon patches.

Although the coyote has been observed killing sheep, poultry and other livestock, it does not subsist on domestic animals. Food habit studies reveal that its principle diet is composed of mice, rabbits, ground squirrels, other small rodents, insects, even reptiles, and the fruits and berries of wild plants.

The coyote is an opportunistic predator that uses a variety of hunting techniques to catch small mammals likes rabbits and squirrels, which comprise the bulk of its diet. Although it hunts alone to catch

small prey, it may join with others in hunting larger mammals like young deer or a pony.



The coyote often tracks its prey using its excellent sense of smell, and then stalks it for 20-30 minutes before pouncing. It may also take advantage of its stamina to chase its prey over long distances, and then strike when the quarry is exhausted.

In the dry season they may try to dig for water or find a cattle tank to have a drink. They also derive moisture from their diet. Everything they eat has some moisture.

Urban coyotes take advantage of swimming pools, dog water dishes, ponds and water hazards at golf courses and other water bearing human artifacts as a source of moisture. However, the majority of coyotes never see people.

At beginning of the mating season in January, several lone male coyotes may gather around a female to court her, but she will form a relationship with only one of them. The male and female coyote may travel together before mating in January or February.

The female bears one litter of three to nine puppies a year, usually in April or May when food is abundant. The gestation period is from 63 to 65 days.

The pups are born blind in a natal den. Their eyes open after about 14 days and they emerge from the den a few days later. They suckle for five to seven weeks, and start eating semi-solid food after three weeks. While the male helps support the family with regurgitated food, the mother does not allow him to come all the way into the den.

The pups live and play in the den until they are six to ten weeks old, when the mother starts taking them out hunting in a group. The family gradually disbands, and by fall the pups are usually hunting alone. Within a year, they go their own way, staking out their own territory, marked with the scent of their urine.

### Curious Coyote Facts

- Only 20% of Coyote pups survive the first year.
- The coyote can run at almost 40 mph and can get over a 8' fence.
- Coyotes can breed with both domestic dogs and wolves. A dog-coyote mix is called a "coydog."
- The coyote is more likely afraid of you than vice-versa.
- Coyotes maintain their territory by marking it with urine.

What diseases or parasites do coyotes carry? Distemper, hepatitis, parvo virus, and mange (caused by mites). Coyotes also can be infected with rabies and tularemia, that can be transmitted to other animals and humans. Numerous parasites live on the coyote including mites, ticks, fleas worms and flukes. Coyotes are known to carry heart worm which is transmitted to dogs from mosquito bites.

You must have a hunting license.

**Hunting:** Guns, bows and arrows (No dogs). No bag limit, no closed season

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Patricia Killough



# HOME TOWN COMMUNITY NEWS

## August Birthdays



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|---|---|
| 1 Cindy Bolton<br>Ty Bolton<br>Heide Doran  | Patsy Norman (62nd)<br>Ricky Webster (65th)   |
| 2 Nichole Lansdon Gibson (40th)<br>Chloe Taylor Jordan<br>George McCurdy<br>Moe Parker<br>Sheryl Schall<br>Tim Schall<br>Rhonda Tatum | 15 Connie Boyd (51st)<br>Claudia Adams (92nd)<br>Earl Russell (64th)<br>Estelle Edwards Nolen (105th)         |
| 3 Frances Byrd<br>Lisa Wooten   | 16 Billy Betts (65th)<br>17 Tyler Schoknecht<br>Max Webb  |
| 4 Harry Baker<br>Chuck Bolton<br>Harris Bolton<br>Louise Griffin<br>Eveline & Ernestine Trafford (64th)                               | 18 Doris Talley Matthews<br>Joan McDevitt (72nd)  |
| 5 Chuck Gambrell  | 19 Carl Boyd (60th)<br>Shannon Grant  |
| 6 Chase Cumbie<br>Gerald H. Thompson (87th)<br>Tony Drake<br>Joshua Jones (29th)  | 20 Sydney Mills<br>21 Lorraine Hall<br>Paula Jones (60th)<br>Madison Boyd Williams (6th)<br>Johnnie Yarbrough |
| 7 Anna Louise Moseley<br>8 George Browning (97th)<br>Mallory Hitson   | 22 Tom Garlington<br>Rhett Tucker   |
| 9 Audrey Alison<br>Nell Crowe (86th)<br>Perry Mason (55th)<br>Don White<br>Doris Williams (87th)                                      | 23 Lamar Higgins<br>24 Lorene Boyd (84th)<br>Terri Gulsby<br>Mary Iva Sellers<br>Preston Webb                 |
| 10 Hilda Furlow (88th)<br>11 Wayne Roy (67th)<br>Shawn Terrell  | 25 Ray Scott (81st)<br>Loyd Smilie (85th)   |
| 13 Bobby Boyd (54th)<br>Maxine Scroggins  | 27 Angie Herndon<br>29 Charlie Blount<br>Jimmy Grant (60th)<br>Diane McLaney<br>Paul Reynolds                 |
| 14 Jill McCain  | 30 Imogene Bryan<br>31 Winnie Barton<br>Chloe Mills<br>Sallie Rhodes  |

Please send Patricia your family birthdays, anniversaries and weddings to [alabamagazette@yahoo.com](mailto:alabamagazette@yahoo.com).

The Alabama Gazette will make every effort to include your submissions if space permits.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

**Elijah Thomas Roeder**

born July 3, 2014 at 12:02am. He was 6 lbs. 8 ozs. and was 20 inches long. **Spencer and Ashley Roeder** are the proud parents. Elijah is indeed a special blessing to the entire family.



### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

**Hudson Walker Blakley**

born Sunday, July 6, 2014 at 9:49 pm. He weighed 5 lbs 10 ozs. and was 19.5 inches long. He was welcomed with love by his parents **Nathan and Wendy Blakley**, and his big brothers.



## THE 1947 RAMER HIGH SCHOOL CLASS REUNION



L-R front row: Sara Law Boyd, Cara Beck Stafford, Ted Paludan, Doris Talley Mathews, Melinda Wingard Sellers.

L-R standing: Loyd Smilie, wife, Mary Emma Smilie, Voncile Walton Talley, Reba Paludan, Ed Scrushy, special guest Ann Orr.

A good time was had by all Saturday July 26th at the Snowdown Volunteer Fire Department. The event was decorated and catered by Patricia Killough. This event exemplifies the importance of lasting friendships for over 67 years.

### 100TH BIRTHDAY!! RUTH BUSH

A celebration was held on Friday, July 25th at the Crump Senior Center to honor this special birthday.

A blessing was given by the Rev. Mark Loudermilk who is on staff at the Landmark Church of Christ in Montgomery. Her first husband, Edwin Mullinik, was killed during WWII. With her second husband, Roy Bush, she had two daughters, Susan Veres and Lana Mann. Ruth has six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She lives with her daughter, Susan and her son-in-law Dr. Mark S. Veres.



### Sympathy to the families of...

- Jones, Carol Auerbach (59).....died June 26, 2014  
 Renfroe, Charles (76) .....died June 27, 2014  
 Berry, Kenny Wayne (6) .....died June 30, 2014  
 McDonald, Albert (83) (former AL Agr. Commissioner) .....died July 6, 2014  
 Ellis, Ned Thomas, Sr. (82) .....died July 7, 2014  
 Brown, Terrie Grooms Adams (56) .....died July 10, 2014  
 Weldon, William (Bill) Hunter (92).....died July 11, 2014  
 Bagwell, Amanda Grace Lide (39) .....died July 16, 2014  
 Greene, Kenneth Lee (63).....died July 16, 2014  
 Nelson, Mary Virginia Johnson (101) .....died July 16, 2014  
 Eiland, Joyce Stewart McClinton .....died July 17, 2014  
 Wilson, John "Johnny" (65).....died July 18, 2014  
 Davidson, Chaplain William Larry (62).....died July 18, 2014  
 Sexton, Homer G. (82).....died July 18, 2014  
 Broadway, Annie Laurie Doggett (84).....died July 19, 2014  
 Dozier, Joe Clarence "JC" .....died July 19, 2014  
 Motes, Earnest Marshall, Jr. "Boy" (89) .....died July 19, 2014  
 Sellers, James Alan (62) .....died July 21, 2014  
 Thomas, Dorothy O'Connor .....funeral was July 21, 2014  
 Manning, Eva Headley (71).....died July 22, 2014  
 Jackson, Janice Mathis (79) .....died July 25, 2014  
 Horne, Maggie Agnes Trawick (97) .....died July 25, 2014

## Happy Anniversary

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| 2 Mike & Laura Lane  | 21 David & Elizabeth Miller  |
| 5 Michael & Jackie Moseley   | 22 Johnny & Betsy Walker   |
| 7 Todd & Nikki Windham<br>Zach & Magan Grambling (4th)<br>Charlie & Debbie Moore | 24 Frank & Aileen Kovacic  |
| 8 Leroy & Ina Goodin (68th)<br>L.B. & Bessie Wynn (72nd)                         | 25 Bill & Jane Grubbs<br>Mr. & Mrs. John Carter (68th)                     |
| 9 Turpin & Angie Ashurst   | 26 Ted & Margie Johnson (46th)   |
| 11 Mack & Susan Terrell  | 27 Johnny & Regina Johnson (30th)  |
| 13 David & Julie Livingston<br>Tim & Cherie Meadows (20th)                       | 28 Karl & Brenda Stegall (49th)  |
| 16 Leon & Pearl McClain (56th)   | 29 Mike & Deborah Kirk<br>Bill & Sharlotte Younkin<br>David & Suzanne Webb |
| 19 Jason & Shawn Adams<br>Rob & Minerva Tate (29th)                              | 30 Randy & Mae Bishop<br>Ralph & Murray Norman                             |

# Pike Road News



**Town of Pike Road  
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## PIKE ROAD LADIES AUXILIARY TO REMEMBER AND REFLECT ON SEPTEMBER 11

As the nation and the world mark the thirteenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks, the Pike Road Ladies Auxiliary will be holding a special ceremony to mark the tragedy.

**The Pike Road Ladies Auxiliary and the Montgomery County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments will hold a remembrance ceremony at Town Hall located at 9575 Vaughn Rd. (Pike Road Station) on Thursday, September 11. The event will begin at 6:30pm.**

The ceremony will include speakers, Montgomery County Honor Guard, musicians and country artist Donica Knight. Keynote speaker will be retired Colonel Chuck Douglass. Colonel Douglass was a first responder at the Pentagon on 9/11/01.

Admission is free. Please join us! Visit our Facebook site at **Pike Road Ladies Auxiliary 9/11 Commemoration** for more details and updates.



## MIKE GREEN APPOINTED TO THE ALABAMA FIREFIGHTERS' PERSONNEL STANDARDS & EDUCATION COMMISSION

Mike Green was appointed to the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission in March 2014. The appointment's official starting date was July 16, 2014. Green's term is four years.

Green has worked and/or volunteered in all aspects of the EMS and fire service including ambulance service and both paid and volunteer fire departments. He has completed a number of courses through the Alabama Fire College and the National Fire Academy. Green is currently the president of the Montgomery County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments and president of the Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments. Green also currently serves on the Southeast Alabama EMS Council.

The Alabama Firefighters' Personnel Standards and Education Commission is established by Section 36-32-2 of the Code of Alabama 1975 and is made up of seven appointed members. As of April 2012, the Governor and Lieutenant Governor each appoint one member. The Alabama Firefighters' Association, the Professional Fire Fighters of Alabama, Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs and the Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments each appoint one member. The State Fire Marshal serves as a member by virtue of his position. All appointees must receive confirmation from the Alabama Senate.

Among other duties established by law, the Commission certifies individual firefighters meeting the minimum standards established, as well as training and education programs for the fire service in Alabama.

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simply wanting to give back to his district as a successful businessman instead of embarking upon another career. I'm glad Harris wasn't willing to comprise his soul to win an election, and pleased they're still candidates of this sort (like Sandy Toomer) who will give voters a decent choice.

Another poorly vetted amendment to our Constitution with a "yes" vote from only 5.4% of eligible voters is the most revealing 'macro' outcome of our 2014 primaries. Why was it placed on a run-off? Why do we allow ANY constitutional amendment votes in primaries or in special elections instead of general elections where turn-out is greater? It is clear the Hubbard machine has learned from the successful theft of our trust fund via amending the State Constitution. The rational forecast is our 'Spender of the House' will continue to advocate gaming the system to advance wealth transfers he's well paid by special interest to promote over the general welfare of Alabama with poor turn-out amendments. This latest big govt. victory makes a per bale fee on cotton mandatory which over 90% of farmers paid voluntary. Smells a lot like Hubbard's Obamacare for auto-insurance where once made mandatory, premiums hiked so high uninsured motorists on our roads approached 1 in 4. When you see the usual suspects backing this sort of monopoly power it all falls into place... buy stock in the cronies who will get contracts for cotton promotion and research if the 'market' has not already internalized the forthcoming wealth transfers.

I'd like to close with one of the more promising outcomes of the 2014 primary, the Buttram v. Harbison House District 12 race. Mr. Britt (Alabama Political Reporter) wrote Messrs Hubbard and Riley, "poured hundreds of thousands of dollars into the race, only to come up embarrassed and empty-handed. Hubbard even employed a large force of current legislators to descend on Cullman County, in a vain attempt to recuse his handpicked man from disaster." Once again, informed non-Republicrat voters could identify the big

govt. candidate in the race and no amount of 'double negative' campaign ads could impede these voters from showing. They knew the Good Hope Mayor (Corey Harbison) well enough to show and support him and defeat incumbent Buttram who deserved to be removed from the Hubbard machine by a huge (10%) margin. Mr. Britt further touted, "the biggest loser of the day was Hubbard, who no longer has a fool-proof closure vote in the House. By contrast, the biggest winner was Dr. Henry Mabry and the Alabama Education Association (AEA), who added another pro-education republican to the State House. With the backing of educators and pro-education conservatives, Harbison's victory was a major step toward balancing power between the Business Council of Alabama (BCA) and the AEA." Of course AEA/BCA mouthpieces like to talk balance of power instead of REDUCTION of government power and abuse. The AEA is crowing at this result because they see the wealth transfers returning to them Hubbard redirected to his cronies. The pro-education/small govt. conservatives removed Buttram because they want to see the harmful spending and overpaid administrators in education END. It is easy to see Hubbard doesn't stand for party (his backing of big govt. Democrats like Dial over small govt. Republicans like Sprayberry made it painfully clear this primary) nor principle; all that matters is to keep churning the graft he benefits from providing. The AEA's strategy to win by supporting Republicans like Harbison may appear successful to them at this time - we'll see if Mr. Harbison is indeed pro-education and curbs the crony contracts of common core AND the out of control spending on poor education in Alabama with equal vigor. The future will tell if this was just posturing to win an election to redistribute wealth from one special interest to another at the expense of the general welfare. The question remains the same at the close of any election: what does it profit a candidate (and their victorious voters) to win an election and lose their soul?

## Woodland United Methodist Church ~ Pike, Road, Alabama

The Woodland UMC Costa Rica Mission Team left the church on Saturday, July 5th and met Randall Estes at the Atlanta airport. This was Randall's 47th mission trip. The CRM team worked at the Methodist Church (established in 1917) in downtown San Jose. Woodland was the first mission team to come to their church. A lot of painting and repair work was completed and Pastor Rodrigo invited the team back next year. The team also participated in the Rice and Beans Ministry one afternoon. The team of 23 returned home on Saturday, July 12th.



Randall Estes - 47th trip of mission work.

- Mission Team Members**  
 L-R front row:  
 Helen DuMont  
 Ashley Davis  
 Sarah Smith  
 Sarah Margaret Poundstone  
 Kirksey Jones  
 Joanna Driver  
 Cary McKinney  
 Pam Lynch  
 L-R standing:  
 Janice DuMont  
 Laura Carpenter  
 Catherine Bowden  
 Alicia Smith  
 Joy Fleming  
 Cindy Smith  
 Elizabeth DeMont  
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2014 Woodland Costa Rica Mission Team

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**Psalms 8:5** reminds us that God has crowned us with glory and honor. Another word for honor is favor. In other words, God has crowned us with His favor! He wants you to thrive and excel in life.

You are a child of the Almighty God. You walk in His favor each and every day...not because of who you are, but because of Whose you are. You are favored because you are a child of God and He wants you to look for and expect favor in your life. By doing so, you are releasing your faith...knowing that God wants to bless you. The more you look for and expect favor, the more of God's favor you are going to see!

So today, begin to declare that you have favor of God surrounding you. Know that God's favor will bring you to a place of peace, hope, and victory like you have never experienced before.

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Tuesday, September 9th

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Tuesday, October 14th

### Triple Negative Breast Cancer

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### Recipe for: *Italian Chicken Marinade*

1 (16 ounce) bottle Italian-style salad dressing	1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon garlic powder	4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves

1. In a shallow baking dish, mix the salad dressing, garlic powder, and salt. Place the chicken in the bowl, and turn to coat. Marinate in the refrigerator at least 4 hours. (For best results, marinate overnight.)
2. Preheat the grill for high heat.
3. Lightly oil grate. Discard marinade, and grill chicken 8 minutes on each side, or until juices run clear.

Original recipe makes 4 servings

Allrecipes.com

### Recipe for: *Peanut Butter Pie*

1 (9 inch) prepared graham cracker crust	1 (16 ounce) container frozen whipped topping, thawed
1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened	15 miniature chocolate covered peanut butter cups, unwrapped
1/2 cup creamy peanut butter	
1/2 cup confectioners' sugar	

1. Mix the cream cheese, confectioners' sugar and peanut butter together until smooth. Fold in 1/2 of the whipped topping. Spoon the mixture into the graham cracker crust.
2. Place the remaining whipped topping over the top of the peanut butter mixture and garnish with the peanut butter cups. Chill for at least 2 hours or overnight before serving.

Original recipe makes 1 pie

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~~ Wedding ~~  
**Uniting Brittany LeAnne Mitchell  
 and Tyler James Looney**  
 was held on Saturday, June 28, 2014  
 at Snowdown Baptist Church.

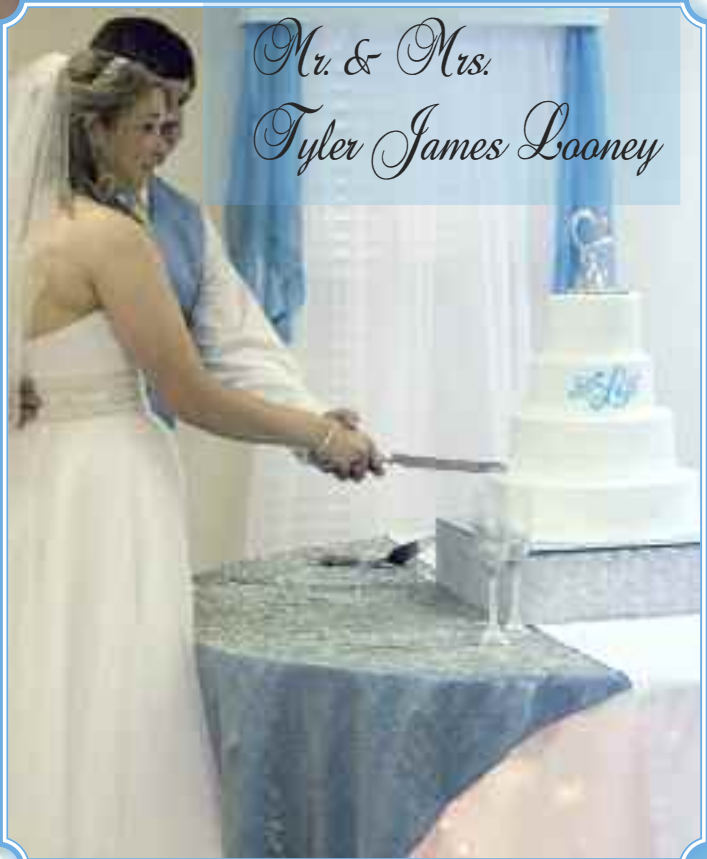
The brides parents are Mr. & Mrs. Norman A. Mitchell and the  
 grooms parents are Mr. & Mrs. James Looney.  
 Also in attendance were the brides grandparents,  
 Mr. & Mrs. Norman P. Mitchell and Mr. & Mrs. David Conner.  
 The grooms grandparents are  
 Mr. & Mrs. Steve Young, Mrs. Ann Lowrey,  
 Mr. & Mrs. Paul Magill and Mrs. Edith Dotson.

Maid of Honor was Miss Ashley Mitchell and Matron of Honor  
 was Mrs. Ashley Bouchard. Bridesmaids were Miss Kimberley Smith,  
 Miss Alejandra Vazquez and Miss Hannah Looney. Flower girls were  
 Tatem Elizabeth Broadway and Mary Elizabeth Miles.  
 The grooms best man was Brian Looney and groomsmen were  
 Earl Irvin, Raine Morales, Shane Broadway, Caleb Campbell  
 and Jamie Looney. The ring bearer was Brayden Fiorillo.  
 Special soloist was Miss Holly Brock and technical sound was  
 provided by Brittany Roberson.

Immediately following the ceremony,  
 all guests were invited to an elegant reception  
 held in the friendship hall of the  
 Snowdown Baptist Church.  
 The newlyweds enjoyed a week long  
 honeymoon cruise to the Bahamas.



Mr. & Mrs.  
 Tyler James Looney



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