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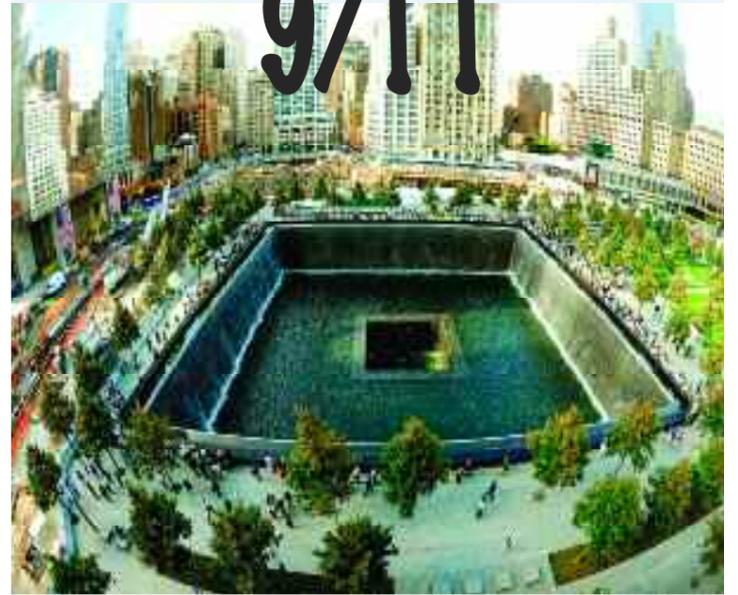
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create the states; the states
created the federal government."**

Governor Ronald Reagan

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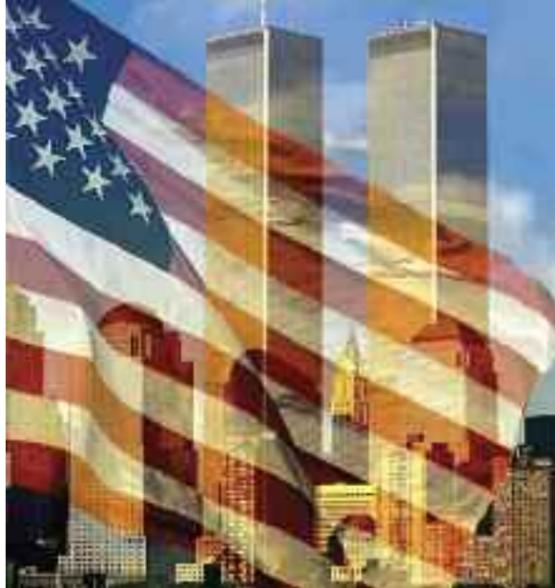
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UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE **MARTHA ROBY**

ALABAMA'S SECOND DISTRICT



ROBY SPENDS CONGRESSIONAL BREAK IN “MARTHA LISTENS” TOWN HALL MEETINGS

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE MARTHA ROBY (R-AL) KICKS OFF HER “MARTHA LISTENS” TOWN HALL TOUR. TUESDAY, AUGUST 20 AT THE CENTRAL ALABAMA COOPERATIVE HEADQUARTERS IN PRATTVILLE.

PRATTVILLE, Ala. – U.S. Representative Martha Roby (R-AL) kicks off her “Martha Listens” town hall tour. The Prattville event marks the first in a series of town hall meetings Rep. Roby has scheduled throughout Central and Southeast Alabama. She is inviting constituents to come and share their views on issues important to them.

“Whether it’s a specific problem you’re having with the federal government, general frustration over how Washington is working, or a new idea you want to share, come talk to me about it,” Rep. Roby said. “My job is to listen and understand your concerns so I can be a better voice for you in Congress.”

A complete listing of town hall events is

available online here.

Those who could not attend the event in person could follow along and participate via Facebook and Twitter. Posts from the town hall events will include the searchable tag #MarthaListens to provide for easier sharing and participation on social media.

ROBY TO SHARE HER LEGISLATIVE FOCUS, HEAR CONCERNS AT “EGGS & ISSUES” WEDNESDAY

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – U.S. Representative Martha Roby (R-AL) continues her “Martha Listens” tour on Wednesday with the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce “Eggs and Issues” breakfast.

The event is scheduled to be at 7:30 a.m. at the RSA Activity Center, 201 Dexter Avenue, Montgomery. Rep. Roby will discuss the latest on important issues facing the country, including how ever-growing mandatory spending threatens funding for the military and other national priorities going forward.

ROBY VISITS WITH FORT RUCKER COMMUNITY AT AUSA BREAKFAST IN OZARK ON AUGUST 22

OZARK, Ala. – U.S. Representative Martha Roby (R-AL) will visit with members of the Fort Rucker community at breakfast meeting of the Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA) on Thursday, August 22 at 7:30 a.m. in Ozark.

Rep. Roby, a member of the House Armed Services Committee, will discuss and ask for feedback on issues important to the Fort Rucker community, such as passing a new defense authorization bill and ongoing problems relating to sequestration. Rep. Roby has continually stressed that the out-of-control growth of automatic, mandatory spending threatens future funding for the military and other national priorities.

During her visits throughout Alabama’s 2nd Congressional District in August and September, Rep. Roby is focused on listening to the various views and concerns of constituents. Those who cannot attend events in person can follow along and participate via Facebook and Twitter using the searchable tag #MarthaListens.



Marcia Chambliss



PEOPLE CONTROL

In less than a week, I’ve encountered an identical phrase from two separate sources that I believe defines the unfortunate condition of where we are as a nation.

People control.

For some reason, this simple expression has completely escaped me when trying to explain to people why I believe in the conservative message. Too many of us become so absorbed in the minutiae of each political issue in order to intelligently debate those from the liberal side of the spectrum that we fail to recognize the simplest explanation of all.

Liberals and statists love people control and an enormous centralized government is the best way to achieve it.

In considering two of the most contentious issues in our country right now, gun control and Obamacare, neither subject is really about guns or our individual health care, but rather about our government controlling the citizens of this nation through legislation that limits our freedom and economic choice.

Too many times, conservatives attempt to over-analyze complex issues but by the time we disseminate the mass quantities and excruciating details of the information we have diligently obtained, we sometimes lose the argument because we can’t condense our message to digestible sound bites that resonate with voters. Or, as related by a speaker at our recent Smart Girl Summit, Dan Bongino, former Secret Service agent

and current Congressional candidate from Maryland, if your message won’t fit on a Wheaties box, you’re explaining too much.

But if we start with expressing the premise that the left wants to control ALL of us, conservative and liberal, black and white, male and female, young and old, it isn’t difficult to point out example after example of how the current policies are designed to achieve that goal. Unfortunately, there are also far too many big government Republicans enabling the behavior which makes the battle to restore liberty even more challenging.

After contemplating Bongino’s message in the days after our Summit, I once again heard the “people control” illustration mentioned in reference to the now infamous rodeo clown episode. I, like so many others, am amazed at the uproar, especially given the fact that presidential masks as well as mockery from the opposite political side have been in vogue for decades. Not content with economic control and manipulation, the left’s “people control” in the form of political correctness surrounds us at every turn. And once I heard radio host Andrew Wilkow’s analogy of political correctness being nothing other than “people control,” I realized that this just may be the message that we need to articulate on a larger scale.

Let’s face it – the world in which we live provides far too many distractions for most Americans to stay politically engaged and adequately educated in

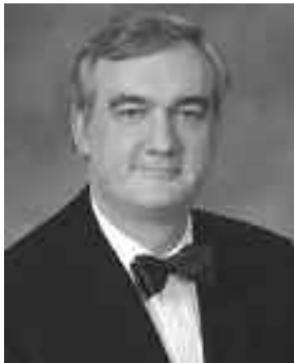
the issues that truly matter for extended periods of time. So if conservatives are going to be successful in communicating what we are fighting to save, perhaps we need to adopt a Wheaties’ box message that clearly expresses what we see happening. The bottom line is we’re battling an administration that is focused exclusively on economic control and manipulation. As Bongino told us at Summit, “We’re in an epic battle for the locus of control of your liberty that’s being taken from you and placed in D.C.”

It’s really not very complicated; our government is fully entrenched in “people control” and unless we share this underlying agenda with everyone we know and express the urgency for their engagement in the political process, it will only escalate in ways that we have yet to comprehend.

And as far as the rodeo clown situation, I’m having a difficult time getting the words of an old Judy Collins’ song out of my head as they sadly fit the majority of our representation in Washington: “Send in the clowns. Don’t bother, they’re here.”

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Ronald A. Holtsford



I hope that everyone that reads this article will read past the first several lines to get the full story. If you have no Will, the

State of Alabama has one for you and it may not be the one that you want.

If you die without a Will, the Code of Alabama provides a method of distribution of your assets via an Administration through the Probate Court in your County. ONLY if you literally have no heirs that can be found will your assets go to the State of Alabama. That term is that your estate "escheats" to the State. Even then there are some things that must be done in order to give any potential heirs the right to take under the Administration.

The Administrator of the Estate sells the personal assets of the decedent after all debts and costs are paid. Once notice has been made, then the Administrator has one year before he pays over the sum to the Judge of Probate. For real property, there is a two year wait before the Administrator pays over to the Judge of Probate. As you see, there is a pretty good amount of time before the assets actually go to the State. The Probate Judge, after receipt of the sum of personal assets and after receipt of the sum of real property assets then must pay it to the Alabama State Treasurer.

So if you die without a spouse or children and no Will, then which persons are sought as heirs? First the assets would go to a surviving spouse if only a spouse survives (there is a provision discussed below if a parent or parents survive the decedent). If no spouse then to children, which could include adopted

I don't have a Will and I am afraid the State will get everything after my death. Is this true?

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children or even children out of wedlock (some exceptions apply). If all children are deceased then grandchildren or even great grandchildren can take under the Administration. If none exist then the search moves upward on the family tree to the parents. If the parents are deceased then there is a search for siblings of the decedents. If the siblings are all deceased then there is a search for nephews and nieces and maybe even great nephews and / or nieces. Finally if there is no luck there then there is a search for grandparents, siblings of the decedents parents and their children, etc. As you can see there can be a very extensive search for heirs that can take under the Administration of an estate. I think only in the case of several generations of family remaining unmarried, having no children or some catastrophic event occurring that causes the deaths of much of the family, would the estate escheat to the State. But please keep reading because I want to explain the Will that the State of Alabama has for you if you die without a Will.

If you die without a Will, someone must go forward to be the Administrator of the Estate. That person will have to be bonded which cost the estate money and an inventory of the estate will have to be submitted within 60 days following issuance of Letters of Administration by the Judge of Probate. That can be a huge pain.

So what is the Will that the State of Alabama has for you?

If you die with no Will and only a spouse then they receive everything of yours. However, if you die with only a spouse and surviving parent(s), then your spouse gets the first \$100,000.00 and half after that, the other half to your parent or parents. If you die

with a surviving spouse and children which are all children of you and your spouse then the spouse only gets \$50,000.00 plus one half of the remainder of the estate. Finally if you die and there are children of yours that are not children of your spouse then the spouse only gets one half of everything. If you die with only children surviving you then it gets evenly split between the then living children. If you want to make sure your spouse is provided for after your death or if you have individuals that you don't want to leave an equal share to or you have irresponsible children that might take through an administration of your estate then you know the answer, HAVE A LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT DONE.

If you have no attorney, ask a trusted friend or call the Alabama State Bar for the Lawyer Referral Service. If you are of little means then there are resources for free Wills and the Alabama State Bar can help direct you.

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The Lincoln Memorial

The Lincoln Memorial is an American national monument built to honor the 16th President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln. It is located on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. across from the Washington Monument.



Inside the Statehouse with Steve Flowers



Steve Flowers is Alabama's leading political columnist. His column appears weekly in 72 Alabama newspapers. Steve served 16 years in the state legislature. He may be reached at www.steveflowers.us.

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As we approach Labor Day, foremost on most Alabamians' minds is the beginning of college football season. Traditionally, Labor Day has also marked the kickoff of the political campaign season.

As we head into the Labor Day weekend of 2013, my suspicion is that more of you are excited about this Saturday's first games of the season than who is going to run for governor or more especially state auditor next year.

College football is king in Alabama. Make no mistake about it. We love college football. However, it appears the rest of the country is enamored as well. In a recent Forbes magazine article the vaunted financial periodical says, "The players might be amateurs but college football itself hauls in billions of dollars a year in television contracts, ticket sales, sponsorships and paraphernalia."

Not surprisingly, Forbes discovered that the South and more specifically the Southeastern Conference is not only the most dominant on the field, it is by far the richest. Forbes' study revealed that seven of the ten most lucrative college football franchises are in the SEC.

The report lists these SEC schools and their team values if they were in the NFL. At number four was LSU with a team value of \$102 million. Georgia was number five at \$99 million. Alabama was number six at \$96 million. Florida came in seventh at \$93 million. Auburn was ninth at \$85 million and Arkansas was tenth

at \$83 million. Therefore, the SEC held places four through ten in the Forbes rankings of richest franchises. Seven out of ten is not bad.

Texas was number one. Michigan was number two and Notre Dame was third.

For the most part there is a correlation to how well a team does on the field and their dollar value at the bank. That is not precise though. For example, in the last six years Alabama has emerged as the premier college football program in America, while Texas has suffered through some lackluster seasons. A lot of Texas' financial success stems from its unique, exclusive television arrangement. Notre Dame also has a novel national television contract and following.

However, the SEC recently entered into a lucrative extensive television contract that will air our dominant teams nationwide and insure that our top teams remain in the top ten financially for years to come.

By the way, according to Forbes the average salary of the ten highest paid football coaches in the country is \$4.2 million. Nine of the ten are state employees. Alabama's Nick Saban remains number one and deservingly so.

Labor Day generally marks the end of the summer vacation season with many of you slipping in a final trek to the beach. For those of you who like to frequent our own Alabama gulf coast, you will have a new luxury resort hotel to accommodate you soon and it will be owned partially by the state. Gov. Bentley

made a convention center hotel on our own Alabama coast a lynchpin of his accomplishments during his first term in office. He repeatedly said, I am tired of going to conferences of Alabama associations that are being held at Sandestin on Florida's gulf coast.

Bentley spearheaded the efforts to make our own Gulf State Park a luxury convention destination. Legislation was passed in this year's Regular Session to make it a reality. Six governors prior to Bentley have floated the idea. The legislation allows the state to partner with a private developer to build a hotel and conference center at our Gulf State Park. The hotel will actually be built on the stretch of beach where the old Gulf State Park was located prior to it being decimated by Hurricane Ivan in 2004.

The state will use \$80 million it received from the 2010 BP gulf oil spill to pay for the project. Therefore, the state will own the land and facility.

You could see Bentley's pride when he signed the bill creating the new luxury state owned hotel. He had the bill signing on the site of the new venture. It was a beautiful clear May day on the Gulf of Mexico with blue skies and seagulls surrounding the Governor and Gulf Coast dignitaries. Bentley beamed as he set the project in motion.

It should be a crown jewel for our gulf coast that generations to come can enjoy and from which the state will reap the profits.

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Robservations... by Robert Tate

POLITICAL CORRECTNESS STRIKES AGAIN

I have been called many things in my life: Charming, witty, intelligent, suave, debonair, refined, talented and of course “da_n handsome.” Okay, I’m lying. I’ve never been called “refined” before. All kidding aside, I have certainly been called many things in my life, some of them quite unflattering, but one thing I know for sure is that I have never been called “politically correct.” That is one moniker I hope to never have posted next to my name. It is not because I feel the need to go out of my way to be politically “incorrect” but I just feel that it is usually better to “call them as I see them” as the saying goes. If the truth hurts, take a couple of Tylenol and get back to me tomorrow.

It seems now not a week goes by that the political correctness Nazis are out to enforce a lot of their fairly sophomoric thoughts on the rest of us. Nowhere do I see this more now than in my beloved military. I began seeing things slowly change while I was still on active duty and by the time I retired from the Air Force Reserve after 24+ years, many aspects of the service were as foreign to me as if I were serving in a Martian militia. But now it is even worse.

Before I say anything else, let’s get one thing straight right now because I know there are some who will read this and before being able to finish my thought, they will jump to a conclusion and ascertain that I am some backward thinking, unenlightened, Bible-thumping imbecile from Alabama. Here goes. I AM NOT A “HOMOPHOBE.” There, I said it. Although I most certainly have beliefs that center on the Bible, that in no way is the issue here in this column. That debate is clearly for another day.

When I was a kid, my favorite uncle (my dad’s uncle), Uncle Frank, was gay. Back when he was a young man living in Atlantic City in the 1930’s – 1970’s, in most circles it was very “uncool” to be open about that lifestyle. But I remember as a kid, my parents would take us down to the shore and visit with him and his sister, my Aunt Ethel. Ethel was your stereotypical “God-fearing” church lady (and she was) and although she knew what her brother Frank always was, she loved her “Bubba” like it was nobody’s business. The two lived most of their adult lives together. I remember being around my Uncle Frank and the cast of characters that were always around. Each one was gay but each would have killed any soul trying to harm me, my brother or my sister. I grew up around them and I loved them like family. They just happened to like other men.

While at the University of Tennessee, my last two years there I was a resident assistant (RA) in charge of Reese Hall’s 6W floor. Late in my junior year, the head resident came to me with a “problem.” He told me there was a guy in a dorm across campus who was having a lot of problems because he was gay. Although he knew I was a Christian, he also knew I had a reputation as being one of the fairest people on the staff. He asked if it would be okay if he moved Jaime onto my floor. Sure, I could have cared less. Long story short, Jaime, a kid from Iran (so much for former Iranian president Ahmadinejad’s claim of no gay Iranians), became one of my best friends my last year at UT and introduced me to a girl who I would likely have married had I not met my current wife while I was in pilot training in Del Rio, Texas. Jaime was a really good guy who also happened to like other men. Although he wasn’t too keen on me sharing the Gospel with him, he and I were able to strike a strong friendship out of respect for each other; despite our much different extracurricular activities.

So where is this going, Rob? Whether you are gay or not, I am about being fair and unbiased in my actions. Although most people, me included, cannot be 100 percent impartial, I try. You’ve heard me rail about the draft before and how I think both women and men should be required to register when they turn 18; not just men. This is especially true in today’s world where women have fought and won the right to be a part of combat units. It is only fair. You cannot pick and choose which aspects of military service you want to participate in.

In the paper the other day I read where our illustrious Secretary of Defense, Chuck Hagel, announced a new program called homosexual “marriage leave.” In the military, we get 30 days of leave every year. If you don’t use all of that leave it rolls over to the next year and then the next. If you never take leave, after three years you will have accrued 90 days of leave. After that, you start losing it (use or lose) and you will never get more than 90 days in your “bucket.” In the politically correct world of purple skies and yellow-maned unicorns of Hagel, he has decided that gay or lesbian service members who live more than 100 miles from a state that allows same-sex marriage will get seven extra days of non-chargeable if they want to get married in the continental United States. If they are stationed overseas, they will get up to ten days of extra leave. Hagel’s rationale is, “This will provide accelerated access to the full range of benefits blah blah blah blah blah.”

Look, it’s wrong. Period! I don’t know how else to say it. In order to kowtow to certain groups, Hagel and the Department of Defense has made a situation where preferential treatment is now codified

and desired. Why should these couples get extra leave? What about the heterosexual couple who meets in let’s say Spokane, Washington but wants to get married in Texas where they are from. They won’t get the extra leave because they are straight? How much sense does that make? I’ll tell you how much. ZERO. If same-sex marriage is going to be allowed in the military, by law they have to be afforded the same rights as heterosexual couples. I am not here to argue either side of the issue but regardless, the law should not blatantly give any group EXTRA rights and privileges. Sorry. Every service member accrues enough leave so each couple can clearly plan their wedding wherever they want. Nobody is stopping anybody. Straight folks have been doing it for decades and nobody seemed to complain.

This political correctness run amok is a lot like Major Nidal Hasan on trial for killing the soldiers at Fort Hood. While on trial he is still getting paid and I get that. Until convicted he is still a major in the United States Army; I have no problem with that. But what I don’t get is that as a major, he is still bound by the rules and regulations of the Army. I saw an artist’s sketch of him in court wearing his uniform sporting a beard. No, no, no, no, no! Are you kidding me? Because they are afraid of “offending” some cretin who killed 13 soldiers while shouting, “god is great,” they are letting him keep his beard. “Well, it is his religion,” some have pathetically argued. Hmmm. He didn’t care about that before he became a mass murderer did he? Until he is convicted he is still an officer in the United States Army and is not immune from the rules that govern certain aspects of his behavior. Those in the Army who have allowed this should be ashamed. But once again, the political correctness Nazis have spoken and the lemming-like leaders have again acquiesced to their power and willingly jumped off the cliff of common sense. “Well, Rob. What would you do?” Let’s just say, Hasan would NOT be in court sporting a beard. Let your imagination run wild, folks.

All I ask for is some common sense and fairness. Rules like “marriage leave” are insane and inherently unfair. The Department of Defense telling chaplains they either have to “get in line or resign” if they refuse to conduct same-sex marriages is likewise an abomination. Neither makes sense and each serves to further destroy the once proud fabric of an honorable institution. If I ever see a gay or lesbian person being beat up or mistreated simply because of who they are, I will always be in the front fighting for their fundamental right to exist free of abuse, discrimination, hatred or bigotry. I’ve done it before. That is how I was raised and that is how I have always tried to be. Making divisive rules to placate those with destructive hidden agendas, however, is not the solution.

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You can learn all about the different rules for both Social Security and SSI by reading our publication, *Working While Disabled — How We Can Help*, available to read or listen to at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs.

From that page, type the title in the box at the left side of the page. The online booklet will tell you about the work incentives you may be able to use.

You also can put the word “work” in the publications search box to find out more about how Social Security’s work incentives can help you. Pay special attention to the publications entitled *Incentives To Help You Return To Work* and *Your Ticket To Work*. These publications, which you can read or listen to, will guide you as you consider your options.



John Sophocleus

THINK

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

OBAMA ASSERTS "SNOWDEN SHOULD'VE USED THE COURTS"

In his August 9th press event, President Obama's said his decision not to attend the G-20 summit in Moscow next month wasn't solely related to Russia's decision to grant asylum to Snowden. In further discussion on the Snowden matter, Mr. Obama asserted Snowden should've used our federal courts to address his Fourth Amendment concerns. Since that Friday press conference, many said they thought of what we (me and my bride) endured in our 13 year and hundreds of thousands of dollars Fourth (Third and esp. Fifth) Amendment civil rights fight. Even after winning unanimously in the 2005 SCotUS (8-0, Justice Roberts was not yet installed) thanks to some heavy lifting by lawyers like Jeffrey Bennett and excellent Judges like Michael Nix, Jacob Walker (Lee County) and Susan Walker (Middle District of Alabama) who understand as well as defend our civil rights; the case was returned to Myron Thompson who again ruled against our civil rights. The second time up to the 2010 SCotUS under Roberts' stewardship, the case was not forwarded to the full court (it seems by Justice Kagan or Sotomayor) where it was likely to win again, albeit not unanimously given the new mix of justices and their (mis) understanding of civil rights.

This is how (even more so with poor jurists like Dubina, Kagan, Roberts, Sotomayor, Thompson) federal courts work to overturn sound decisions and summary judgments in defense of our civil rights. Although Thompson's most (in)famous 'Ten Commandments Monument' decision declaring himself arbiter of the interior décor of our court buildings is what comes to mind for most folks, I recall the Johnny Reynolds case (ongoing since 1985) to illustrate how incompetent the federal courts are with respect to quickly and definitively addressing civil rights violations. Johnny Reynolds died before he ever saw a decision; I suspect Mr. Obama would prefer Snowden die before he ever saw the light of a courtroom. It was clear in our case (esp. when we wouldn't succumb to threats of \$10,000/day fines, threats of financial ruin via Rule 11, etc.) the bullies wanted us to die and go away; they certainly didn't think most folks could survive being made homeless, pay a mortgage/taxes on their house as others lived there, pay to reside elsewhere AND pay legal expenses... Those refusing handsome settlement offers to go away are denied the ability to reduce further victimization of others when a corrupt judge is willing to pluck the case from competent, honest jurists. The Honorable Susan Russ Walker's capable hand (unanimously affirmed by the 2005 SCotUS) had to be denied to continue quashing these fundamental civil rights.

I suspect Mr. Obama's rhetoric admonishing Snowden for not using our federal courts will be effective; most do not know how they work in fact. If Snowden is indeed correct about Fourth Amendment civil rights violations, our courts are not an option. More than enough judges are comfortably corrupt and clearly undisciplined by the Roberts Court (unlike the 2005 SCotUS which showed some promise of restoring our civil rights) to deny Snowden the light of a courtroom. This has become the 'new normal.' Even after many favorable summary judgments, affirmed by a unanimous Supreme Court to be granted one's day in court, cases are recycled back to the corrupt and incompetent judges to deny justice. Despots quashing our civil rights know to keep grinding away in our courts to where the case finally dies as victims run out of money/resources, plaintiffs die or it simply is not forwarded by a Kagan/Sotomayor type. This is how politburo bullies operate.

Does anyone (including Mr. Obama) sincerely think a young man like Snowden could endure what we did? It breaks my heart to see Snowden's father come to terms with what a despotic institution his son has taken on. I wish our parents had not witnessed the fraction of what we endured. Few know the courage it took my beautiful bride (of good spirit and the strongest sense of righteousness) to suffer the bullying and verbal abuse of 'public servants' like Terri Sewell (now in Congress) who continues to show such reckless disregard for our civil rights. In the end, if they were so confident to engage in 13 years of litigation expense, bullying tactics and threats - why deny a plaintiff's day in court to justly lose? Does Mr. Obama, who knows exactly how the system works in fact, really think

Snowden would've (or ever will have if he returns) been allowed his day in court on the 4th Amendment issue?

Instead of arguing if Snowden is an attention seeker, fraud, hero, patriot, traitor, etc., I prefer to find a lesson in recent events. US Army Private Bradley Manning held soldier status (was in uniform at the time of his offense) and recently sentenced to 35 years. If we operated under a Constitutionally correct system, this is a reasonable/just result. Mr. Edward Snowden was NOT a soldier. He worked as civilian for a federal govt. agency which has no sound Constitutional authorization to exist. The Constitution (for sound reasons) placed a two year appropriations limit on the Army. The founders rationally feared what may result from large standing federal armies in times of peace. The Navy on the other hand (given the purpose of securing the blessings of liberty by providing stable currency [coin money] to keep commerce regular between member States and other Nations trading [defend shipping/deter piracy] with member States in the coalition, provide the common defense [with the well regulated/provisioned militias] to promote the general welfare/domestic tranquility) did NOT have a similar appropriation limitation. Costs of providing a functioning market to keep trade of this sort regular are ongoing.

The full faith and credit clause was to allow borrowing for 'durables' like arsenals, coin money, custom houses, dockyards, frigates, port construction, etc. which are consumed over time. Those who wish to devote a long time (in excess of two years) to public service in defense can enlist in the Navy; as an aviator, seaman, etc. and if they prefer infantry/land artillery, etc. the Marines. It all operates under the same JAG corps and every two years Congress must decide to expand brigades, fleets, etc.; keep current levels; or if they will contract by BRAC, RIF, attrition or some other manner (hopefully more rational than 'sequestration') they deem apropos. The best of aviation/artillery/infantry may go to West Point on renewable two year contracts after long term Navy/Marine service where they've acquired knowledge of the most recent tactics and technology. The best of the two year Army enlistments can apply to Navy/Marines if they wish to be considered for a longer term/career contract.

How does this apply to Pvt. Manning? ...he should never had been contracted/paid longer than two years and clearly did NOT show the commitment (nor the maturity/stability) to be in any position where sensitive intelligence was at his disposal - esp. in 'peacetime.' Of course, the notion of a Congress which actually did their job and declared war (defined objectives) would also remove a bunch of nonsense like Guantanamo and other issues designed to be dealt with via wartime military tribunals. Nonetheless, Manning was in Army uniform at the time of his offense, so while his duties shouldn't exist (in peacetime) at his station/position - the sentence is just.

How does this apply to Snowden? ...no civilian should be in a position to deal with sensitive defense information/intelligence (esp. in peacetime) not in a long term Navy/Marine enlistment. International military intelligence (with non-US citizens) is the responsibility of ONI (Office of Naval Intelligence) by those in uniform who tend to care/have more camaraderie/empathy for others in uniform. Let's be clear that non-US citizens do NOT have civil rights under our Constitution. Once it is determined a US citizen is involved (where civil rights DO apply) then the federal Marshal office must pick up the lead and concern for civil right violations apply.

I suspect those who've managed to read this far are either upset or confused, since most do not think the Constitution a document which provides sound guidance on this civil/military dilemma. This includes the naive who believe without our provocative actions (which triggered the 'blowback' these past decades) we'd not require federal Marshal/ONI surveillance; even more so the redundant bureaucrats, brass and others who

privately benefit from and/or believe the current extremist result makes us safer.

Let's make this painfully clear; it is time to do away with our redundant, unconstitutional, unnecessary federal defense/security agencies, civilian and military. Air Force - the Army Air Corps was supposed to down-size in two year cycles after WWII; not become yet another brass laden DoD branch in 1947. They no longer show interest in supporting ground troops which should be Marine/Navy aviation - esp. in peacetime. FBI shouldn't exist, we were doing fine before this redundant agency came along about a century ago proffering despicable like J. Edgar Hoover. If federal Marshals require more resources for their investigative division, go to Congress and justify increased appropriations for investigations.

Strike the CIA, it is ONI's job - esp. in peacetime. Congress declares war then ONI may expand again and some of the old intelligence officers on 2 year Army contracts will be expanding to meet wartime requirements. This would be a great way to get rid of deadwood and redundant brass/bureaucrats; ONI can pick-up the best and brightest to do the job. Same applies to the NSA and all the other 'hybrids' big government extremists championed to blur the line between legitimate civilian federal law enforcement and common defense roles. This brings us back to Snowden. His position (along with the access to likely civil rights violations) shouldn't exist. Furthermore, without the blurred line extremists have worked so hard to accomplish, Fourth Amendment violations would be much easier to avoid. Obviously, this is NOT the sort of thoughtful debate (looking to the Constitution for guidance) Mr. Obama is calling for, so little reason for readers to suffer more type illustrating other examples of this blurred line and redundancies impeding our security.

It would be nice for 'Moscow on the Potomac' to see the harm already done by the extremists who set us on this path and where it ultimately takes us. When cornering then Congressman Riley on the issue, he didn't appear to possess the intellect or perhaps apathy to see the connection with the increased success of attacks like the USS Cole and 911 under the current politically correct result over a more Constitutionally correct result. It is hard to imagine ONI sending the USS Cole into Yemen with so many other friendly ports available. Again, those in uniform (ceteris paribus) care more about their comrades in arms who share the uniform than someone at the CIA, FBI, NSA, et al more interested in office politics to make their next GS grade level and pay raise. Furthermore, when a fellow Navy Officer tells a Capitan to be on alert for going into an unfriendly port (perhaps for something more than just refuel/provisions) it carries more weight from someone who knows what a burden that carries and the toll it takes on a crew. How much better may communication be between civilian law enforcement and common/military defense if there was only one federal civilian agency (without all redundant agencies' upper level bureaucrats building/protecting their fiefdoms) working with ONI assessing foreign and domestic threats? This is where meaningful debate may begin to improve security and reduce spending.

In closing, I understand this is the inevitable progression of things in a nation increasingly embracing the Soviet path/result. I'm ashamed to type as one in the educational industrial complex the ratio of administrators to instructors is appalling and getting worse. My Congressman sits on the committee for Homeland Security (KGB if you prefer the old Soviet acronym) and the Armed Services Committee. Do you really think he's anymore interested than Mr. Obama in meaningful debate of this sort to shrink government and improve the effectiveness of our security? My forecast is more feigned concern to cloak politburo avarice and desire for more power.

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land in Alabama for a month now. Confusion still seems to be the theme of this law. Lawyers of all different positions, private and public, have difficulty interpreting this law. Some of the confusion seems to come from individuals who want to do what they feel like doing and try to push the limits of the law. For example, this law may allow open carry, but there are restrictions. You cannot open carry on property not your own. If a person does not want you on his property with a gun, you must leave. You cannot open carry in a vehicle without a license to carry a pistol. If you do not have a license to carry a pistol you must unload your pistol, lock it separately from the ammo in a secure container that is not in reach of anyone in the car. This usually means in the trunk of a car or locked in a toolbox in a pickup truck.

I do not like the part of the law that requires Sheriffs to issue permits to people between 18 and 21 years old but it is the law and now an eighteen year old can obtain a permit. In my opinion most 18 year olds are not mature and do not fully understand the implications that carrying a pistol implies. They need to understand the ramifications of shooting the weapon and how they are legally and civilly liable for their actions. Using a weapon can sometimes be a life changing event and they need to understand this. There have also been problems with people under 21 attempting to buy a weapon and they think that they can buy a gun because they can obtain a pistol license. This is not the law. The truth of the matter is that federal law requires them to be 21.

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CONFUSION STILL THE THEME OF THE NEW GUN LAW

The new Alabama gun law has been the law of the



zone, so this idea does not fly in my opinion. Try to get onto Maxwell or Gunter with a weapon and see what happens. I promise that you will not like the results.

Just get a permit and you will eliminate most of the problems you encounter by refusing to do so. Speaking of permits, we now require new applicants as well as renewals to fill out an application. The law says that we need to run a thorough background check and we are required to retain the applications for 6 years.

The application needs to be filled out COMPLETELY and TRUTHFULLY. Lately it seems that many people are not truthfully filling out their pistol permit application, mostly lying about past arrest. These applications are being denied and I am planning on prosecuting people who are not truthful in the near future. 13A-11-81 of the Code of Alabama says that no person shall, in purchasing or otherwise securing delivery of a pistol or in applying for a license to carry the same, give false information or offer false evidence of his identity. The penalty for violation of this law is a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than FIVE years.

I also hear the story that 18 year olds can serve in the military and carry guns in combat. That is true but we are not in a war here at home. Even in the military people have rules to go by. You don't see people walking around a military installation wearing a firearm. There are rules that require them to turn in the weapons when they are not in a combat



Chief Derrick Cunningham

Annual Seniors Fishing Rodeo ~ September 10th 5 a.m. til noon

If you are 55 years old or older come out to the Montgomery County ponds located 7 miles south of the boulevard on Hwy. 231 S. across from Meriwether Road. We will provide food and drinks.....you bring your bait, tackle and enjoy yourselves. Sorry, no children allowed at this event, old folks only. We will have plenty of cat-fish for your angling pleasure.

Just tell the truth if you are applying for a permit. If you have been convicted of a felony, of a domestic violence law or if you have been involuntarily committed for a mental problem, do not bother to apply. The law prevents you from possessing a firearm. If you are a narcotics or alcohol abuser, do not bother to apply, you will be denied. If you have a disqualifying conviction, you can apply for a pardon from the jurisdiction in which you were convicted. In other words if you were convicted in a city court you can try to ask for a pardon through the mayor's office or if you were convicted under a state law you can apply for a pardon through the Alabama Board of Pardons and Parole. We are here to assist every law abiding citizen in obtaining a license to carry a pistol and will do what we can to see to it that you are legally carry a concealed pistol on your person or in your vehicle.

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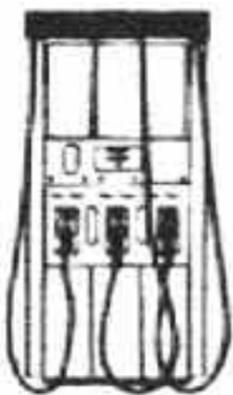
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DOVE FIELD PLANTING GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED BY THE ALABAMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SYSTEM

September has finally arrived. This month signals the beginning of college football, cooler weather, improved fishing and most of all, hunting season. Dove hunters will hit the fields on the 7th for the opening day of the season. This month, we will look at some tactics that will improve your odds of harvesting these speedsters, as well as tips to help you select the best spot to set up on a dove field. If you are lucky, a dove breast barbecue may be right around the corner.

First of all, hunters need to be aware of the new dove field planting guidelines that have been established by the Alabama Cooperative Extension System. They are as follows:

1. **Winter wheat can be top-sown from August 1 - November 30 statewide. This planting practice requires a well-prepared seedbed. A well-prepared seedbed involves adequate tilling of the soil so when the seeds are planted there will be good soil-to-seed contact and the soil will not be excessively hard (i.e., it can easily be penetrated by the developing root of the germinating seed).**
2. **Up to 200 pounds of wheat can be top-sown per acre.**
3. **Doves can be hunted over top-sown wheat when planted for a wildlife food plot, a cover crop, an agricultural crop or as supplemental livestock grazing.**

In this part of the state, most counties fall into the North Zone of mourning dove season. This zone has a split season, actually 3 seasons, in which you can hunt dove. The first season runs from September 7 to October 6, the second from October 19 to November 2 and the third from December 7 to December 31. Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset except for opening day, when you can't start hunting until 12 o'clock noon. If you shoot a repeating shotgun, it must have an internal plug limiting it to only holding three shells. Remember too, that all licensed hunters who hunt dove are required by Federal Law to obtain a HIP permit prior to hunting. HIP permits are free and are available at www.outdooralabama.com and all hunting license vendors.

Too often hunters show up at a dove field and simply sit in the first patch of shade they find. They give little or no thought to a number of factors that could ensure the time is occupied with more shooting than waiting. It's happened to most dove hunters at one time or another. There you are, through poor choice or luck

of the draw, at the wrong place on the field. Frustrated, you watch other shooters enjoy fast and furious action as you sit there, lamenting your fate and praying that one or two birds may unwittingly blunder close enough to afford a shot before the end of feeding time or legal shooting hours.

So make your own luck! When it comes to having action on a dove field, there are many factors to consider. First, it pays great dividends if you have done your "homework" and familiarized yourself with the specific nuances of the field. This is the only reliable tactic that can tell you such vital things as where the birds are coming from, when they start arriving, and where they concentrate their on-the-field activities. Why waste time sitting in spots where doves aren't flying? They are creatures of habit, so a little scouting goes a long way in patterning doves. Birds frequently fly along tree lines and field edges as well as across the middle of fields, where terrain features help them navigate.

Also keep in mind that doves like to be able to see, and feel protected at the same time. Once you've identified their "flyways," look for spots that satisfy their need for security, and your need to get off a shot. Key on gaps in a tree line, a saddle on a hill, converging crop fields, a dead tree, windrows and even a high spot, such as a lone dirt mound in a field.

Often hunters are invited to a first-come/first-served shoot on the field. In such instances, the trick is to be prepared to recognize certain strategic set-ups on the dove field that can work to your advantage. If it's permissible, get there early. When picking a set-up spot on a dove field in this situation, take several factors into consideration. Let the sun and its relationship to where you are setting up be high on your list. Keep the sun to your back whenever possible. Doves are tough enough to hit under ideal circumstances. Don't handicap yourself by having to stare into the glare of a blinding morning or afternoon sun. And, as mentioned earlier, look for features like gaps in a tree line, a dead tree, a power line, anything that may act as a attractant for dove

entering the field.

When it comes to being hid, the best camouflage pattern in the world is generally worthless if the person wearing it can't keep still. Breaking your outline is very important, but sitting still should definitely be your main concern. A smart dove hunter remains perfectly motionless until the very moment he decides to stand and shoot. And carry all the supplies you need when you first leave your vehicle. Don't be running back and forth to the truck during a hunt.

You can hedge your bet even more by putting a few dove decoys on fence wires, bare limbs or anywhere

else they can be seen by flights of birds coming into the feeding area. Over the past few seasons, dove hunters have added another tool to their hunting arsenal. The spinning-wing decoy is, just as the name implies, a dove decoy with a battery-powered motor that causes the wings of the decoy to spin, thus imitating a flying dove. Place it on a raised stand, and its spinning wings can be seen from quite a distance. This motion captures the attention of the doves and



lures them near to the decoy. While the birds' eyes are fixed on the decoy, the chances of them spotting the hunter are diminished.

You'll find most successful dove hunters are not necessarily the greatest shooters in the world. Rather, they are the ones who show up the day of the shoot having done enough studying beforehand. They have learned – often the hard way – that the right tactics and preparation go a long way toward compensating for those occasional missed shots. Shooting inaccuracy notwithstanding, these are the hunters who still leave a field with a respectable number of birds in their game bags.

Next month, archery season takes center stage. Early October is also the best time to plant your food plots. We will look at ways to help you grow better plots, as well as offer some tips on helping you find that perfect spot to hang your tree stand. Good luck with your dove hunting and always be safe in the field. Take a young person hunting this fall, or introduce someone new to the outdoors.

Prattville TEA Party

Tuesday, September the 10th - 6 p.m.

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Wetumpka Tea Party

Monday, September 16th

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**Speaker: Nationally recognized expert on
'Obamacare', Dean Clancy, Vice President of
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Describing himself as a "constitutional patriot", Clancy says, "Centralization and monopoly are the great enemies of freedom". Among Clancy's topics will be the 'Open Enrollment Periods' with are slated to begin October 1, 2013. All Americans will be required to sign up for government-approved health insurance from October 1 until March 31, 2014. After that, the window for enrollment will be just two months each year: October 15th through December 15th.

The Wetumpka Tea Party meets at 6:30pm
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Speaker:**

**Dimitri Polizos,
candidate for House District 74**

**Charlotte Meadows was the speaker on
August 29**



**Sports Editor,
Ed Jones**

THE TALK IS OVER... IT'S "TEE" TIME

Well, the sweat, blood, mud, spit and tears are over. The 2013 football season is upon us like a

tidal wave. No one including wives, husbands, children, ex-wives, ex-husbands, ex-children, single men and single women of all persuasions will not be the same until mid-January of 2014. In other words America will become temporarily insane for five months. Its not a healthy way to live. "The football life ain't no good life, but its my life".

By the way, when you read this column, college football will have opened up with a bang on August 29. North Carolina will bring its Tar Heels to Columbia, South Carolina and test the mettle of one of my top teams for 2013. **Steve Spurrier's** Gamecocks. This has to be one of the worst mascots in the country. However, this year's version has long spurs. If they have success with the Tarheels, look out Georgia and Clemson. You just might see Steve Spurrier versus Nick Saban in the SEC Championship Game.

There is so much interest in the national scene as you may have read about in last month's issue of the Alabama Gazette, it just seemed right to try to create some interest in the teams that Montgomerians should be concerned with.

By the time you read this column Alabama will have vanquished Virginia Tech and are resting for their all important trip to College Station, Texas to face the only team that beat them last year. With or without **Johnny Manziel**, **Coach Kevin Sumlin** will feel the wrath of Saban. Nobody gets away with embarrassing Saban two years in a row. Alabama has the easiest schedule in recent memory. Therefore, they are good enough to meet South Carolina in the SEC Championship Game. The winner will ultimately be national champions.

The most important game in **Coach Gus Malzahn's** career will be over Saturday night on the 31st of August. If Malzahn's squad can outscore **Coach Mike Leach's** Washington State squad, then "The Gus Bus" is off and rolling. A loss to Washington State would be a predictor of a possible losing season and a lot of wasted hype since Malzahn's hiring in December of last year.

Coach Larry Blakney at Troy keeps scheduling teams above the level of his Sun-Belt Conference. This year he has two teams from the SEC, Ole Miss and Mississippi State. From the ACC he has an up and coming Duke team. This has made Troy tougher but it has also hurt their overall record. Their Sun-Belt teams are tough enough. And, until Coach Blakney gets rid of Troy's black socks, they will continually look like a junior high football team. In my experience, a team will not play well if they don't look good. Larry has spent years trying to prove me wrong. Maybe he will do it this year.

Alabama State has a good football coach. He doesn't mind firing coaches if they don't work out. **Reggie Barlowe**, an outstanding football player at his alma mater, went on to excel in the NFL as a wide receiver and a punt returner. Being a great player does not a coach produce. This may be the exception to the rule. However, it is hard to figure Coach Barlowe's thinking when he decided to take on the SEC. The

D-1AA Hornets could get embarrassed when they go to Lexington to take on the Kentucky Wildcats. The rest of the schedule is manageable but a win against Jacksonville State in the opener could set the tone for a successful season.

Tuskegee has always had a representative team for a school its size. The Tigers open up with six straight road games beginning with Alabama A&M, which is out of their class. A win in Huntsville will set the stage for another winning season. Unfortunately, due to the division D-1AA playoffs, Alabama State will not host Tuskegee in the "Turkey Bowl" this year for the first time in decades. Another classic gone by the wayside because of "progress".

Faulkner University is the new kid on the block as far as college football. However, they have been able to attract considerable talent to a NAIA school that gives no athletic scholarships. **Coach Brent Barker** is in his second year coaching the Eagles. Coach Barker will have to step up his program to keep up with the Faulkner baseball team that won the national championship this spring. Barker's teams play on John Mark Stallings

Field, so named for the famous son of **Coach Gene Stallings**. Go see the Eagles play this season. You may like the uniforms of blue and gray.

Coach Mike Turk is in his seventh year with Huntingdon. He came to the Hawks after a successful college coaching career. He was also a great option quarterback on one of Troy's national championship teams before Troy went to Division 1A. Huntingdon will get a late start on the season as they travel to Mississippi College on September 14. This could be the toughest test for the Hawks. For a team that didn't even have a football on campus seven years ago, Coach Turk has developed quite a following. Be sure to catch Huntingdon's second game with Louisiana College on the campus at Sanford Stadium on Charles Lee Field.

It's very easy to follow Auburn and Alabama no matter where you went to school. However, *we in Montgomery need to support our local colleges and our high school teams. While you've got "The Fever", let out some steam by going to a local football game.* You can see the playback of the Alabama-Chattanooga game on the internet anyway!

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

Aug. 31	Virginia Tech*
Sept. 14	@ Texas A&M
Sept. 21	Colorado St.
Sept. 28	Ole Miss.
Oct. 5	Georgia St.
Oct. 12	@ Kentucky
Oct. 19	Arkansas
Oct. 26	Tennessee
Nov. 9	LSU
Nov. 16	@ Miss. St.
Nov. 23	Chattanooga
Nov. 30	Auburn

* Game played at neutral location.

AUBURN UNIVERSITY

Aug. 31	Washington St.
Sept. 7	Arkansas St.
Sept. 14	Miss. St.
Sept. 21	@ LSU
Oct. 5	Ole Miss.
Oct. 12	W Carolina
Oct. 19	@ Texas A&M
Oct. 26	Florida Atlantic.
Nov. 2	@ Arkansas
Nov. 9	@ Tennessee
Nov. 16	Georgia
Nov. 30	Alabama

TROY UNIVERSITY

Aug. 31	UAB
Sept. 7	Savannah State
Sept. 12	@ Arkansas State
Sept. 21	@ Mississippi State
Sept. 28	@ Duke
Oct. 5	South Alabama
Oct. 12	@ Georgia State
Oct. 26	@ Western Kentucky
Oct. 31	ULM
Nov. 7	@ Louisiana's Ragin' Cajuns
Nov. 16	@ Ole Miss.
Nov. 29	Texas State

ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY

Aug. 31	Jacksonville State
Sept. 7	@ Jackson State*
Sept. 14	@ Arkansas-Pine Bluff*
Sept. 21	Grambling State*
Sept. 28	Alcorn State*
Oct. 5	@ Texas Southern*
Oct. 12	Prairie View A&M*
Oct. 26	Alabama A&M *
Nov. 2	Kentucky
Nov. 9	Southern*
Nov. 16	Mississippi Valley St.*
Nov. 28	Stillman
Dec. 14	TOYOTA SWAC Championship

TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY

Sept. 7	@ Alabama A&M
Sept. 14	@ Albany State
Sept. 21	@ Winston Salem State
Sept. 28	@ Lane College *
Oct. 5	@ Fort Valley State
Oct. 12	@ Morehouse College *
Oct. 19	Stillman College *
Oct. 26	@ Kentucky State*
Nov. 2	Central State*
Nov. 9	Miles College*

* SIAC Conference Game

FAULKNER UNIVERSITY

Aug. 31	Webber International
Sept. 7	@ Ave Maria University
Sept. 14	@ Union College
Sept. 21	Reinhardt University
Sept. 28	@ Lindsey Wilson
Oct. 5	Georgetown College
Oct. 19	@ Cumberland Univ.
Oct. 26	Bethel University
Nov. 2	@ Belhaven University
Nov. 9	Campbellsville UV
Nov. 16	@ Kentucky Christian

HUNTINGDON COLLEGE

Sept. 14	@ Mississippi Col.
Sept. 21	Louisiana Col
Sept. 28	Ferrum *
Oct. 5	@ Wesley
Oct. 12	@ Greensboro *
Oct. 19	@ LaGrange *
Oct. 26	N.C. Wesleyan *
Nov. 2	@ Averett *
Nov. 9	Methodist *
Nov. 16	Maryville (Tenn.) *

* Conference Game

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

August 1 • Alabama's new gun law starts. • Postal truck driver robbed and shot in Hayneville. • Suit filed to stop wind turbines on Look Out Mountain. • NSA leaker Eric Snowden granted temporary asylum in Russia over Obama's objections. • Montgomery records 34th murder near Lagoon Park. • Troy and ASU start drills.

August 2 • 12:01 am starts AL tax free school supply holiday weekend. • Alabama begins football practice with NCAA preseason # 1 rank. • Embassies around Middle East close for fear of attack. • Famous Wetumpka "Guest House" hit by lightning. • CBS dropped from NY, LA and Dallas cable market in contract dispute.

August 3 • Car careens down Venice Beach boardwalk, kills one eleven others injured. • Obama vacations in Camp David. • Equality holds summer blowout of cars and music. • Millbrook lands a winner with huge turnout at 11th annual fishing rodeo. • Dothan's nuclear plant goes on alert after carbon dioxide leak.

August 4 • Obama turns 52, plays golf. • Tiger Woods ties golf record with easy win in Ohio. • WSFA still off line with Dish subscribers. • Hassan Rouhani takes over as President of Iran. • China may reverse its one child per family policy in 2014. • Allegations swirl around Heisman Trophy winner Manzell re: NCAA violations.

August 5 • Drone kills four Al Qaeda terrorists in Yeman. • Python strangles two young boys in Canada. • Alex Rodriguez appeals game suspension for steroid use. • Maxwell AFB school OT graduate threatens to sue over oath that states in part, "So help me God". • High Schools across area begin football practice.

August 6 • Japan marks 68th anniversary of Hiroshima attack which led to the end of WWII. • Neighborhoods celebrate National Night Out across America. • Dothan votes for liquor sales on Sunday. • Toomer's Corner "wired" for victories for the upcoming season at Auburn. • Amazon's Bezos buys Washington Post

August 7 • New York Times highlights downtown Birmingham's recovery. • Furlough days for DOD civilians reduced to six but Pentagon warns of severe cuts ahead. • Secretary of State Jim Bennett allows Democrats to file late for the Congressional District 1 seat. • Joint Task Force arrests 30 in Dothan drug sweep.

August 8 • Birmingham abortion clinic bombed by Eric Rudolph closed by judge. • Saban addresses NCAA autograph compliance issue, "I trust our players". • Bentley calls for special election timeline for HoR District 74 (Love-Montgomery) and 104 (Barton-Mobile). • MCBE borrows 40M for 19M magnet schools at mall.

August 9 • MPD "intercepts" new vehicles. • Hyundai HMMA workers backpack Montgomery Schools with 250 of them filled with school supplies. • Atlanta Braves dominate all with 15 game lead in East Division. • WSFA and DISH get on same frequency. • Obama wants NSA reform over same party objections.

August 10 • Edyie Gorme, singer dead at 84. • Goats enlisted this weekend to trim the growth at Congressional cemetery in Washington. • Former Biscuit and current Rays player Evan Longoria pulls off rare hidden ball trick play

against Yankees. • Military shadowbox returned to soldier's family in Birmingham.

August 11 • Former Auburn golfer Jason Dufner wins PGA Championship with record performance. • Teenager rescued, FBI kills kidnapper in Idaho. • Sink hole swallows resort complex near Disney World. • Money magazine ranks Millbrook in top 25 in nation for home affordability. • Tay Tay McCall, 19, City's 35th homicide victim.

August 12 • Boston mob boss Whitey Bulger, on the lamb for 20 years, found guilty of murder. • USAG Holder proposes non violent drug offenses receive no jail time. • Carver's Jeremy Johnson in lead for AU QB position. • Man charged in Dothan with human trafficking. • Tuscaloosa man commits suicide in court after verdict

August 13 • Wetumpka holds successful business expo. • Demolition starts on Montgomery's Statehouse Inn. • Public Service Commission votes 2-1 to lower rates for Alabama Power Company over criticism. • Dreamland BBQ smokes out residential tenants for a short time. • Mobile mayoral candidate makes \$200,000 pledge.

August 14 • UPS cargo plane crashes in Birmingham. • Israel releases Palestinian prisoners. • AG's office shut down due to suspicious substance in mail. • Millbrook streets flooded as Prattville repairs washed out road near airport. • Jesse Jackson Jr. sentenced to 30 months, headed to Maxwell prison in Montgomery.

August 15 • Daleville's city equipment worth \$200,00 destroyed by arson. • Obama interrupts his vacation to comment on 500 protesters killed in Cairo by government troops in the non coup, coup. • Alabama's "gator" season opens with 18 killed near Mobile. • Suspicious white powder found at Montgomery courthouse.

August 16 • Happy Birthday Elvis. • Chilly weather in August. • Dow has worst week in over a year. • Buckmaster's Expo downtown. • Former doctor David Nash guilty of capital murder of the "critter man". RNC refuses to include CNN and NBC in debates because of Hillary movies. • Unemployment down to 6.3 % in AL?

August 17 • Squeal day at U of A as football team pre-season ranked #! in nation. • TB case reported at Lee High School. • Auburn's all SEC safety arrested for pot possession, off team. • Wildfire rages in Idaho. • Former Rep. BCA announces new Business Education Alliance. • Montgomery American Angels celebrate as World Series Champs.

August 18 • Bid Day at AU. • A Rod intentionally hit by pitch on first at bat, then hits home run against Boston. • New allegations swirl about the death of Princess Diana. • Ex Marine denied opportunity to play football by NCAA. • Muslim Brotherhood claims responsibility for killing 24 policemen, turmoil threatens oil supply.

August 19 • Schools start around Alabama. • Montgomery announces new Camellia Bowl game for 2014 season, SunBelt vs Mid America conferences. • SPLC sues to stop School Accountability Act. • Saturday shooting victim dies, 36th murder of the year. • AU Student Wellness Center opens, 240,000 square feet of fun.

August 20 • Autauga County Chairman, Danny Chavers, resigns unexpectedly. • Obama meets with undefeated 1972 Miami Dolphins, AU's Mike Kolen present. • VP Biden's son hospitalized. • Former Pakistan president arrested for murder. • Syria conducts chemical attack against rebels. • Two Prattville teens dead.

August 21 • More grade changes in Montgomery Public Schools revealed. • Fires continue to rage out West. • Manning gets 35 years for NSA leaks, now he wants a sex change. • Highland Church Board members discuss downfall of youth evangelist Matt Pitt. • Wells Fargo cuts 300 plus jobs in Birmingham. • Temps back up, 90s.

August 22 • NASDAQ shuts down unexpectedly for three hours. • Doctor sentenced to five years in jail for securities fraud in Birmingham. • Autauga Sheriff Herbie Johnson announces his retirement. • Oklahoma Indians found guilty of trespass at casino site, gets suspended sentence.

August 23 • Governor Scott Walker speaks to Alabama GOP in Montgomery. • Major Hasan guilty of Ft. Hood massacre, 13 murders. • Wild Kingdom's Jim Fowler flies into AUM to discuss preservation. • Supreme Court removes Judge Tom Young of Macon County for improper conduct in long running Victoryland gambling case.

Aug 24 Quite a row on Alabama River for 65 dragon boat race teams. • Biscuit's Mateo pitches first no hitter at Riverwalk Stadium. • Prep scrimmages at Crampton Bowl. • Museum of Alabama reopens after months of renovation with new exhibits. • Christian concert swells to 10,000 in Verbena at En Fuego (Spanish for "on fire").

August 25 • Montgomery records 37th homicide. • Yosemite National Park burns. • Syrians authorize UN inspectors to research chemical weapon claims as four US battleships position in the Mediterranean. • Iraq attacks escalate. • Delta flight makes emergency landing in Montgomery, captain reports smoke in cabin.

August 26 • Dog fighting ring arrests net over 300 dogs. • Bates House of Turkey owner, Bill Bates of Greenville, passes away at 89. • Texas Troopers arrest man with \$200,000 worth of jewelry linked to Macy's store in Alabama. • Hot Firm List ranks Mobile's Hargrove Contractors top ten in country.

August 27 • Parents Council blasts MTV for raunchy production. • Report exposes Obama as receiving millions from 400 plus lobbyists who received patronage jobs. • Mobile businessman Sandy Stimpson upsets incumbent to win mayor's race. • Two shot on Anne Street, one at Faulkner University. • Attacks on Syria loom.

August 28 • What dreams do you have? MLK speech celebrated 50 years later. • Dianne Bentley promotes donation of 4,000 confiscated prison cell phones to charities. • NY Times web site hacked, shut down, Syrian Electronic Army claims responsibility.

August 29 • Commissioner Chris McNair, 87, ordered released from prison due to ill health. • NFL settles concussion lawsuit for millions. • MPS Superintendent Thompson disputes SBE findings. • GD Dragon copper's expansion great news for Wilcox County. • Quiet day on the eighth anniversary of Hurricane Katrina

LABOR DAY FACTS

- ✓ Labor Day is a United States federal holiday observed on the first Monday in September, that celebrates the economic and social contributions of workers. It was first nationally recognized in 1894 to placate unionists following the Pullman Strike. With the decline in union membership, the holiday is generally viewed as a time for barbecues and the end of summer vacations.
- ✓ Labor Day has come to be celebrated by most Americans as the symbolic end of the summer. In high society, Labor Day is (or was) considered the last day of the year when it is fashionable to wear white or seersucker.
- ✓ In U.S. sports, Labor Day marks the beginning of the NFL and college football seasons. NCAA teams usually play their first games the weekend of Labor Day, with the NFL traditionally playing their first game the Thursday following Labor Day. The Southern 500 NASCAR auto race was held that day from 1950 to 1983 in Darlington, South Carolina. At Indianapolis Raceway Park, the National Hot Rod Association hold their finals to the U.S. Nationals drag race.
- ✓ Labor Day has become an important sale weekend for many retailers in the United States.

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September 2013

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on the status
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Peanut crops.

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3RD ANNUAL LITTLE MISS RIVER REGION PAGEANT

September 28th

The Little Miss River Region Pageant will be held on Saturday, September 28th at the RiversEdge Church in Montgomery. The pageant is open to females, age 1 month to 17 years, with eight age categories. This is a year-long reign where the titleholders will attend events through the River Region. Applications are due by Friday, September 13th.

Age categories are:

- Baby Miss:**1 month – 12 months,
- Tiny Miss:**13 -23 months
- Wee Miss:**2-3 years
- Petite Miss:**4-5 years
- Little Miss:**6-7 years
- Pre-Teen Miss:**8-10 years
- Young Miss:**11-13 years
- Teen Miss**14- 17 years

Attire for the pageant is long or short pageant dress or heirloom dress for ages 1 month to 5 years and a casual wear outfit. For ages 6 years and up, attire is a long pageant gown and casual wear outfit. This is a semi-natural pageant where age appropriate makeup and attire are stressed. NO flippers, hair pieces/ extensions or false eyelashes are allowed. To learn more about the rules of the pageant, download the application and view the FAQ Sheet attached.

Vendor space is also available at this pageant on a first come-first serve basis. Applications for the pageant and vendors may be found online at www.SterlingMiss.org or at the Bridal Boutique & Tux Shoppe (contestants registration), located at 127 W. Main Street, in downtown Prattville, A Touch of Class Formals in Wetumpka and Brenda's Formals in Clanton.

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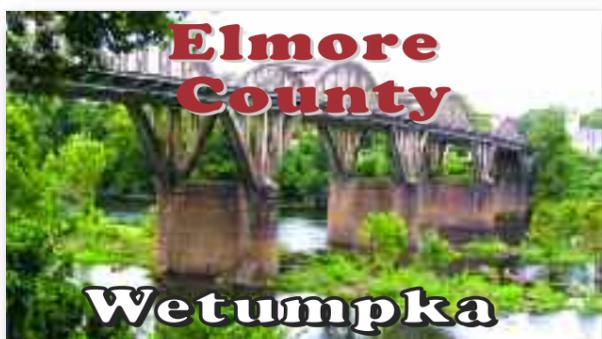


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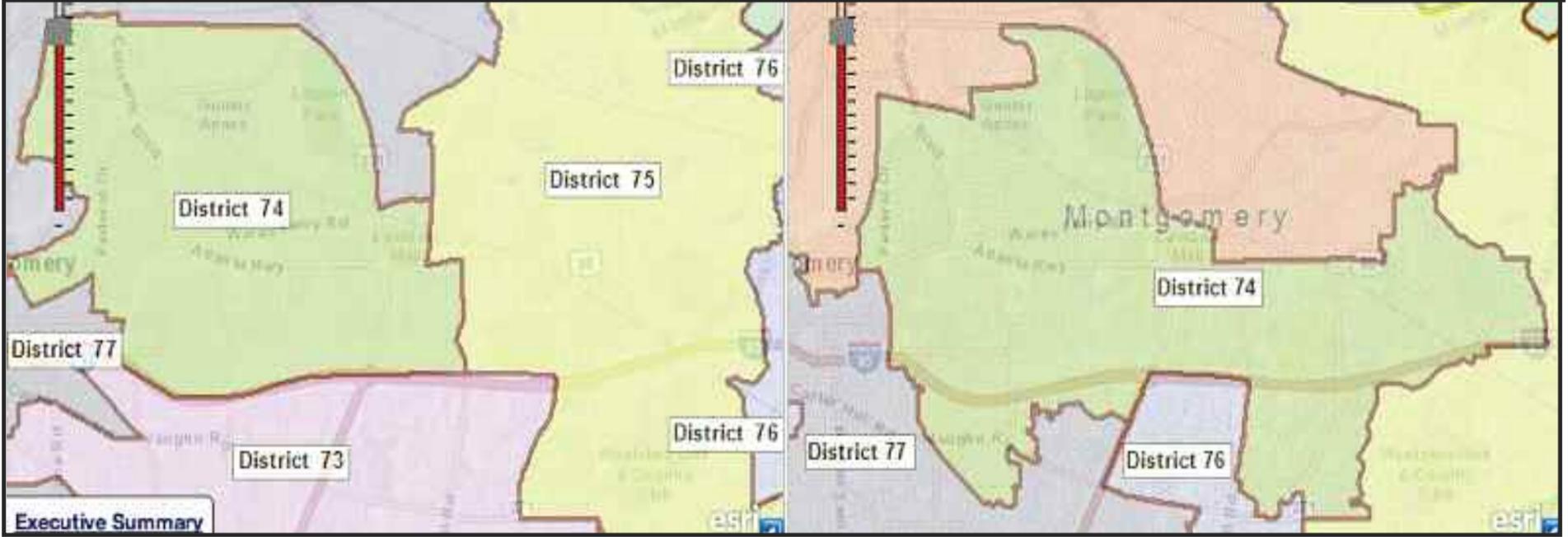
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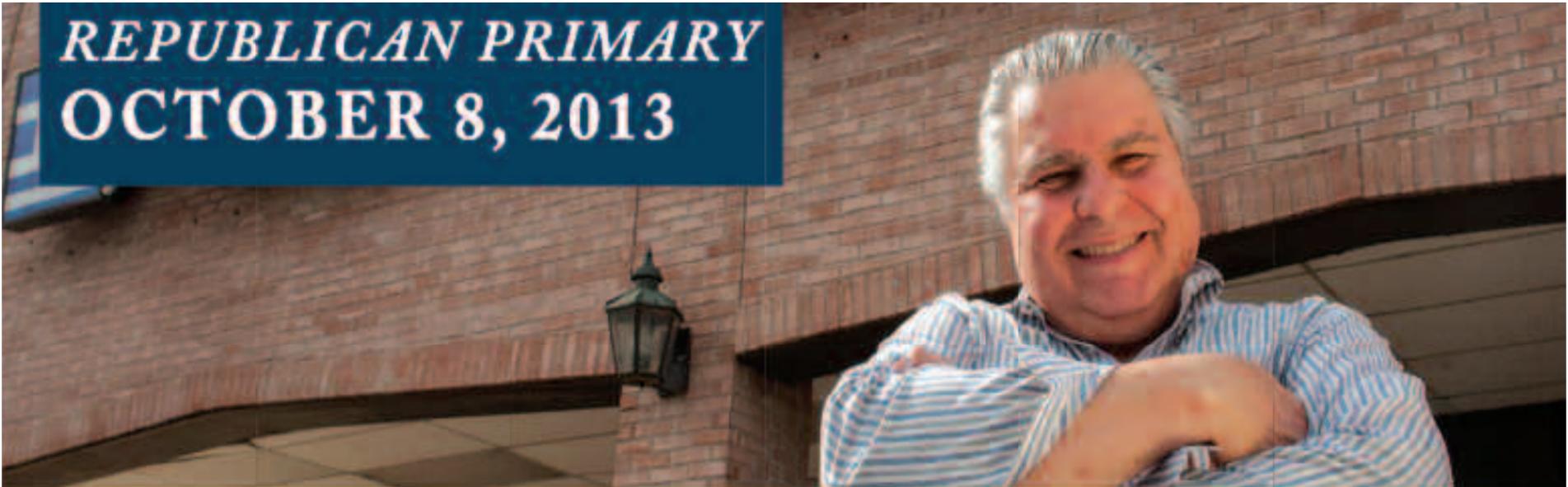
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This has been a strange year. I have been around 60 years and I've never seen a summer as wet as this one. I believe it's rained every day and it didn't just sprinkle, it poured.

In addition in all of the years that I have been following politics I have never seen as many resignations from office by political figures.

These folks that quit were not insignificant figures. They were high profile players. Jo Bonner quit his Congressional seat to take a position with the University of Alabama. Beth Chapman quit as Secretary of State to do consulting work for the Alabama Farmers Federation. Representatives Jim Barton of Mobile and Jay Love of Montgomery left their House seats to lobby.

The most important vacancy for those of us in the River Region is the House seat of Jay Love. The Governor has called a special election for October 8. There are three candidates. All three are running in the Republican Primary on that date. All three are good, well-qualified candidates.

It is very difficult to predict a winner. Why? Because special elections are a special political animal or show if you will.

Generally speaking a legislative race is driven by money and name identification. Money buys name identification. Therefore you can safely say that a legislative race hinges on who spends the most money.

This axiom is not necessarily true in a special election. In this race the name of the game is organization, organization, organization. It takes a certain amount of money to run an organized attack but it is not the determining factor to victory. You have to target who is going to vote and get your voters to the polls. It is analogous to hunting with a rifle rather than with a shotgun.

In a general primary or election you will have a 60-70% turnout in a Republican House District. In this contest 20% will be high.

Television is probably a waste of time as is radio. These are good for general elections because you reach the masses and they are going to the polls. In this election you need to use the phone, the mail, the internet, and good old fashion shoe leather. I would keep good notes on who said they were going to vote for me and then I would call them ten times before October 8 and 10 more on October 8.

The classic example of what I am talking about occurred in a special legislative election for a republican seat in Mobile earlier this year. State Senator Ben Brooks resigned his Senate Seat to take an open Circuit Judgeship in Mobile.

The aforementioned state representative Jim Barton became the odds on favorite because he garnered all of the Goat Hill special interest money. Get this folks, Barton raised \$500,000 and bought TV ads galore on every Mobile station. His opponent spent \$50,000 and won. In fact despite being outspent 10-to-1 he beat Barton 60-to-40. I'm sure Barton probably had a lot of folks who live in Pensacola that watch Mobile TV that wanted to vote for him, but he did not do his homework at home where it counted. There is a tried and true maxim in politics. All politics is local. This race calls for a rifle not a shotgun.

If you want to get an idea, on who the favorite is in this special election look at if and who they hired as a get out the vote campaign strategist. It is the best bang for the buck in this special election. The best campaign consultants in the state are right here in Montgomery.

There are two other certainties in this scenario. First whoever wins the district loses. Jay Love was Chairman of the House Ways and Means Budget Committee. The next representative will be a first term back bencher.

Secondly they will have to turn around and run again immediately. They will probably be challenged in the June Republican Primary and they may very well have a Democratic challenger

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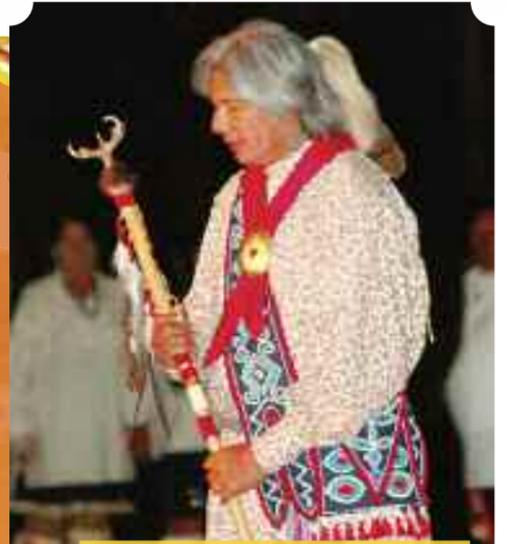
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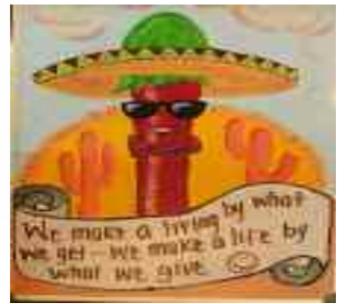


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IT'S 2013 AND ALABAMA STILL STRUGGLES WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF EQUALITY!

Do you ever wondered how changed occurred? How the 19th Amendment to the Constitution was finally ratified, enfranchising all America women and declaring for the first time that they, like men, deserve all the rights and responsibilities of citizenship? It took time and dedicated individuals and the campaign was not easy. It has not been so long ago since the Civil Rights Movement happened in the 50s and 60s, and many of those major events took place in Alabama. Until then, legal discrimination against black Americans was encouraged and accepted.

Concerted efforts to guarantee African Americans equal access to public and private transportation, schools, voting booths, economic opportunities, and housing caused tremendous social turmoil all over the South, where legal discrimination against black Americans was most pronounced.

Today, in the year of 2013, our efforts to guarantee Alabama children equal access and opportunity to love each of their two fit parents during and after a custody case (unless there's a compelling state interest to restrict a child's fundamental (God given) rights such as harm or abuse) are having similar resistances as the Civil Rights Movement in the 1950s and 1960s. There's no legal reasoning or psychological research to support restricting children whose parents are divorced or have never married to only spending 4-8 days a month with one parent.

Yes, legal discrimination against children whose parents are no longer married or were never married is encouraged and accepted in the year 2013. The Alabama Family Rights Association (ALFRA) believes that Healthy Children promote a Healthy Economy!

It is unclear how this customary and accepted discrimination against children of divorced or never married parents has gained such widespread legal acceptance other than the financial gain by the divorce industry.

Despite Alabama being currently ranked 4th in the country regarding divorces; 44th among the 50 states in overall child-wellbeing, based on measures in four categories – health, education, economic well-being, and family and community; we are still seeing tremendous resistance from those who are profiting from the risk our

children are being exposed to when a discriminatory system takes one of their fit parents from them without any legal reasoning, other than "this is how we have been doing it".

Change occurs because people just like you – WE THE PEOPLE! Consider volunteering with the Alabama Family Rights Association (ALFRA) to help stop discrimination against children of divorce and never married parents. We have several opportunities for you to help with community events and we would like for you to join our volunteer team.

Not only do you get the opportunity to serve and be a part of making a positive change in reforming Alabama Family Law and Practices but you will give children the right to love and spend time with their fit parents. You also get to meet your elected officials and share educational material with others! It gives you an opportunity to work behind-the-scenes to make a historic change for our children.

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The Education Station...

CHRISTIANITY, EDUCATION, AND THE GROWING POWER OF THE STATE

By Bobbie Ames

A great theologian educator, J. Gresham Machen, said long ago, "if you give the bureaucrats the children, you may as well give them everything else as well." He was speaking of the moral and intellectual decline as the federal government continued to reach for more and more control of American Education. Let's look at the moral and intellectual decline in the culture, and the attack on the minds and hearts of American children through a thoroughly secular school system. Let's look at the grave injustice to children, parents, and the future of our liberty. By facing the truth, perhaps people will wake up to the dangers of today.

FAITH and CULTURE

In early America, at the time of the American Revolution, the literacy rate was astoundingly high, probably higher than any place on the planet. Labor was honored, and liberty was treasured. Community groups banded together for community schools, primarily in churches or neighborhood school houses erected for that purpose. Schools in churches were common in every colony. In New England, in Pilgrim and Puritan communities, the wiser and older women, often widows, who had been successful in their own families, were chosen to lead the "Dame" schools. The culture across all the colonies embraced the Genesis Account, faith in one God, the Jehovah God of the Old and New Testaments, who had spoken through His Word. And not only spoken, but had sent His Son to redeem His fallen humanity.

Education began with a focus on this One God, who brought all things into being, the Creator God, being the source of all things, was foundational. Children were taught that they were dependent on Him, accountable to Him, loved by Him, and made in His image. No wonder there were no "self-esteem" problems in New England.

About 150 years ago, all the teachings of Origins went through a dramatic change because of Charles Darwin's book, *The Origin of the Species*. Evolution teaching soon impacted not only the teaching of Biology and all of the Life Sciences, it has destroyed the teaching of Biblical Creation in all public schools. Sadly, it has been taught as true Science to unsuspecting children.

This teaching has also done the most astounding damage to the theory of Government, as the politicians now view all levels of government as EVOLVING as well. This led to the current view of a "living constitution." Today, the concept of law is not "fixed" as it was historically understood by the framers of the Constitution, and for a hundred years afterwards. Now the checks and balances which the Constitution so carefully has crafted into the document is ignored by all three branches of our national government, and by the state governments as well. The States have accepted total dependency on the national government for their 30 pieces of silver.

It is encouraging to see an awakening by many people today to problems that are so evident, and yet, many of these citizens have never read the Constitution and have no idea how to solve the onslaught of Socialism and Atheism. Who will be elected with the conviction

and stamina to reverse the violations to the Constitution? Who will have the courage to take on the battle? True American History has not been the focus of public schools since the late 1920's and early 1930's. I was there, and I was in one of those schools. John Dewey, with the help of other atheists, developed the methodology for the early teaching of Humanism, and trained the teachers and school superintendents in Columbia Teachers College. This attack upon the fundamental principles of civil and religious liberty has taken place for centuries, but never has it been so swift and sophisticated as in the post modern world today. A monopolistic system of education controlled by the State is more efficient in crushing the rights of parents, and of crushing Liberty, than an enemy's sword. The John Deweys and the NEA leaders do not speak for every teacher in every classroom of America. They never have. Not every member of the AEA approves the agenda. Tyranny has never received the popular vote. It sneaks up from behind until too powerful to combat. It is not that powerful today in America.

Most articles on Education are necessarily short and seems to be peering through a small window, displaying only bits and pieces, which is helpful and informative, but never revealing the panorama of the vastness of the demise in the culture. In addition to the teaching of Evolution, another dramatic change took place with the attacks on religion by the secular philosophers: Immanuel Kant, Soren Kierkegaard, Friedrich Schleiermacher, Friedrich Nietzsche, Karl Marx, and the Romantic Movement. In our new century, add these: the pragmatists, the existentialists, the positivists, the neo-orthodox, and the just plain liberals. This anti-intellectualism brought about the mediocrity in modern education in America, but also the demise of Western Civilization in Europe.

The deadly achievement of these pagan philosophers was to separate faith and knowledge in public education, from state supported elementary and secondary schools through the state supported colleges and universities. On modern campuses, the Christian faith and practice is ridiculed. The anti-intellectual climate reminds one of Pilate's question, "what is truth.?" The ridiculous pedagogic theories of the modern university would make a column by itself. Let it be said that the Liberal Arts of Western Civilization have vanished from most American university campuses.

For close to two centuries, on classroom walls hung the Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution, and The Ten Commandments. There was very little conflict between Christianity and culture, between knowledge and piety. It was accepted that the foundation for true knowledge must have the foundation of absolutes, found in the Bible.

The government bureaucrats in education circles, attempted to teach "character education" without reference to God's moral law. To attempt to train the mind without the moral law is to educate for a moral collapse in our country. The teaching of Creation and the teaching of Evolution are mutually exclusive world views regarding Origins. These are dramatic conflicting views on how our children view themselves, their pur-

pose in life, the reality of eternal life. Now a government has the power of removing TRUTH from the curriculum, and replacing it with moral relativism. There is no Scientific evidence that can prove any facet of Evolution. It is not Science. True Science does not contradict the Bible. The anti-intellectualism of the age is blind, willfully blind. The Institute for Creation Research and Answers-in-Genesis provide freely true Scientific documentation that upholds Scripture.

It is not only the Executive Branch of government that has overreached, but the Congress and United States Supreme Court go grievously beyond Constitutional action. Just one court case involving Alabama, is the Prayer Case of 1982-1983 in Mobile. The United States Supreme Court dealt a deadly blow to the First Amendment. Some readers may recall the landmark case in Mobile County where Ishmael Jaffree filed against the schools to forbid simple prayer in school: simple prayer such as, "God is great, God is good, let us thank Him for our food." Judge Brevard Hand made a Constitutional ruling in line with the First Amendment religious rights, but the United States Supreme Court overturned his ruling and built its own Wall of Separation theory for the new interpretation of the First Amendment. The Supreme Court has been rendering many of these new interpretations of the "living" constitution, as they proclaim it. The Supreme Court has taken jurisdiction over church-state matters at will, it seems to this writer. Will the States be strong enough to band together to amend the Constitution to place term limits on these justices? Or on Congress?

Senator Jesse Helms summarized unconstitutional actions by the Supreme Court as falling into two categories.

1. It invades the prerogatives of the legislative branch by amending federal statutes. (see the Bob Jones Case)
2. It alters the Constitution without a constitutional amendment.

Today American liberty is being destroyed. The love of liberty was taught so diligently to my mind, that the love of liberty lives in my heart. My husband and I dedicated ourselves to pass on that love of liberty to our children. We understood that liberty is not preserved by ink on a page, but by that love written on the heart. We may be called on to pay the price that the Scottish Covenanters paid in the 1600's where they, at great sacrifice, preserved religious liberty for the faithful.

There can be a revolt against the tyranny that is upon us, such as the French Revolution. That would be a tragedy. There is another way, and that is for every person in the nation who embraces the God of Truth, to become involved in taking back Christian self-government, and in doing so, restoring the Constitution.

Christianity is a world view, but it is also a system of government that worked for us for a long time, and can be restored. Only in this manner will Truth prevail.

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DATA-MINING YOUR KIDS

Parents and Privacy Advocates are outraged at the reports of compiling unprecedented data on students. Monitoring and tracking of students appears to be part of the administration's "education reforms" attempt. Some government agencies are directly collecting the data, and some private organizations with government assistance.

One of the data collection programs titled, "in Bloom," has received attention, as it is already in progress in at least nine states and funded by Bill Gates and the Carnegie Foundation at a reported \$100 million dollars.

In conjunction with "in-Bloom," similar programs are being funded and directed by the government itself.

Attorney Michael Farris, President of Parental Rights.org, pointed out that the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child committee pressured governments to create national data-bases on children years ago.

Reporter, Alex Newman, writing for the August 19th, 2013, New American magazine, reports how

widely this accumulation of data systems on students is growing. As of 2009, the latest year for which figures are available on the Department of Education website, show that 41 states and Washington, D.C. had been awarded SLDS (Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems) grants to expand their data systems on students.

Congress passed the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act" (FERPA) to protect both student privacy and parental rights with the backing of strong law. This collection of personal and family data no doubt flies in the face of this law. What will Congress do about it?

In the Alex Newman lengthy and well crafted article for his readers, he warns that the data suggested for inclusion would be "political affiliations or beliefs of the student of parents; mental or psychological problems of the student or the student's family, sex behavior or attitudes; illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating and demeaning behavior; religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or the student's parent, or income." The loophole appears to be that while federal law forbids this kind of data

collection, bureaucrats argue that state laws do not forbid it. Information from all levels of government appears to find its way into a national data bank today. As technology advances the Dept of Labor, the Dept. of Education, and all of "Big Brother" will be able to create linkages and share information at will. The Newman article referred to reminds one of the Orwellian Nightmare, as the collection biometric data is accelerating.

The article states, "Despite fierce opposition, the trend toward using biometric data to identify and track students while collecting unimaginable amounts of information is accelerating. The federal government is helping lead the way toward abolishing any vestige of privacy, and aside from the NSA spying on virtually everyone, students seem to be among the primary targets."

This issue of the magazine has numerous lengthy articles on Common Core and other issues in Education. For more information, The New American magazine, August 19, 2013.

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Judge
Peggy Givhan

material that has rotted from too much moisture. I just want everything to dry out so I can know what type of plants to replace in the fall. I am looking at the weather prognosticators for this information so I can use marigolds, and Obedient Plant for the soggy areas of the garden. Also Cardinal flowers loves damp feet. Perhaps by the time the September chores are completed as described in another part of this article, I can move forward for the fall garden.

As the end of the summer is upon us, we can always depend upon fall perennials for fill-ins and also to get bigger and better for next year. The selections we are offered through garden centers and other plant outlets have increased in variety and quality over the years. A few of the fall perennials we should look at in our area should include Salvia leucantha, which is a clumping salvia with burgundy colored spires. It is hardy, and the cut flowers are superb for indoor arrangements. Other choices include Asters, Chrysanthemums, the Obedient Plant (*Physostegia virginiana*), Goldenrod (*Solidago*)

and perennial Ageratum. These should round out an interesting mix for the Autumn garden.

Now just a little about the above flowers. The Obedient Plant is surely a misnomer as it is anything but obedient in any way except when you bend the bloom head, it remains in that position. This is a great attribute for flower arrangements. But in the garden setting, this plant can easily get away from you and be invasive. So stay on top of it and uproot unwanted colonies. No wonder it tends to spread rapidly since it is a member of the mint family and propagates through rhizomes and seed. But when you see these flower spikes in snapdragon like blooms, you will come to the conclusion that it worth a little pulling out. Also, this squared stemmed plant does not mind soggy feet and adds height of over 2 1/2 feet to the beds. A variety named 'Miss Manners' is truly obedient, and a variety 'Summer Snow' has beautiful white blooms.

Garden chores may be more onerous due to all the rain Montgomery has experienced throughout the summer. However, we must bite the bullet and clean out and refresh the beds by removing dead plants, weeds and other debris. One way I recommend is to hand weed within 2 feet of a stand of flowers we intend on keeping, cover the plants with a garbage bag and then spray with round up or it equivalent. This precaution is passed along

since I have been careful to not spray on a windy day, but even the slightest zephyr of breeze can blow the spray onto the plant, with disastrous results.

PLANT OF THE MONTH -- STONECAPS

A common name for the family of Sedums which are succulents and scientifically known as hylotelephium. The most popular and probably the easiest to acquire is 'Autumn Joy' and also known as 'Indian Chief'. It thrives just about anywhere and is especially easy to root. Standing over a foot high and a foot wide, they bloom in late summer with a pale pink flower, but by October they have morphed into a bright rusty red, then fading to a burnt orange brown. Another good variety is 'Autumn Fire' which has a sturdier stem and longer lasting flowers. I have enjoyed this long lived perennial for years, just leaving it to do its thing in a corner of the bed. It thrives in partial shade and is very much at home in rock gardens. Sedums mix well with ferns, hostas, and other low light plants. Other great varieties are 'Chocolate Drop', and 'Thunder Cloud' which has a serrated leaf and hundreds of white blooms. And I can not leave out 'Neon' which has such electric bright pink blooms that it glows. It is a real eye-catcher with its unique flowers.

Good Gardening.

2013 MASTER GARDENERS Class Application Deadline

For those River Region gardeners who've been planning to become a Master Gardener, the September 13th deadline for applications for the 2013 class with the Central Alabama Master Gardeners' Association (CAMGA) in Wetumpka is fast approaching.

Applications may be picked up at the Elmore County Extension Service office at 340 Queen Ann Road, just off Hwy 14 on the west side of Wetumpka or online at: <http://www.aces.edu/pubs/docs/ANR-115/ANR-1155.pdf>

Completed applications must be received no later than Friday, September 13th, 2013.

Once the application has been approved, the Master Gardener students will attend classes for 10 consecutive Thursdays beginning October 3 and ending December 12, 2013 from 9am-2pm. The registration fee of \$125 is due before the classes begin and includes lunch on each class day.

Subjects to be studied will include Basic Landscape Design and Plant Selection; Plant Propagation; Soils and Plant Nutrition; Hummingbirds; Vegetable Gardening and many more. Class instructors will include Alabama Cooperative Extension Service (ACES) County Agents, experts from Auburn University and experienced Master Gardeners.

Upon completing the class work, Apprentice Master Gardeners will be expected to contribute 50 hours of volunteer activities CAMGA projects in the next year. These hours will include assisting on the Master Gardener Help line that provides a source of information for area gardeners; participating in developing and maintaining the expanding Learning Gardens at the ACES facility or aiding other volunteers in landscape development and maintenance work at various public facilities in the River Region, primarily in Elmore County. Volunteer opportunities are plentiful with the 2012 class of 15 Apprentice Master Gardeners (Interns) having contributed nearly 1,500 hours.

CAMGA has members primarily from Elmore, Autauga and Montgomery Counties.

Space in the 2013 class is limited and the deadline for applications very close.

Applicants are encouraged to obtain and complete the applications as quickly as possible.

For further information, call the ACES office in Wetumpka at 334-567-6301.

ALABAMA'S 2013 PEANUT CROP

MONTGOMERY, AL - According to the USDA's August Crop Production Report this year acres planted in peanuts are down 90,000 acres in comparison to 2012. Overall peanut production is projected to be down 55%. With record rainfall recorded throughout many areas of Alabama, several acres of peanuts will be lost as a result of standing water in the fields. Farmers are also facing an increase of weeds and disease because spraying was delayed by the excessive rainfall. Despite the complications brought on by significant rain totals farmers are cautiously optimistic and hoping for at least an average 2013 peanut crop on well drained fields.

Commissioner of Agriculture & Industries John McMillan stated, "This has been one of the wettest summer's I can remember and because of that we were afraid the peanut crop could be a total loss. I'm encouraged by what I've seen in the fields and heard from several of our Alabama peanut growers."

As you can see in the provided photo some peanuts are completely mature and there are several well on their way. Peanut harvest is expected to begin around September 15th in South Alabama.

Approximately half of the peanuts grown in the United States are grown within a 100-mile radius of Dothan, Alabama. The peanut Industry contributes over \$211 million to our state's economy and provides over 2,000 jobs.

Interesting Facts about Peanuts (Provided by the Alabama Peanut Producers Association)

Nearly half of the United States peanut crop is used to make peanut butter and Americans eat 3 pounds of peanut butter per person every year. That's about 700 million pounds, or enough to coat the floor of the Grand Canyon. Nutrition studies show peanuts and peanut butter are good for you! There are many health benefits from eating peanuts, peanut butter and using peanut oil. In fact, studies show that when eaten in small amounts daily, peanuts reduce the risk of a number of chronic diseases.





Gazette Seniors...

SINKING FAST

YOU MAY BE
OVER THE HILL
...if you remember
getting free road maps
at the filling station

Dr. John Bitter
Editor-Senior Section

In 1997, movie theaters were packed with folks who came to watch Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet go down with the ship in a fictional re-enactment of the actual 1912 disaster: the sinking of the RMS Titanic.

In the year 2013, the world is watching as the USS America, having crashed into a fiscal iceberg, is rapidly sinking into the sea of debt and scandal as the ship's captain, played by Barack Obama, tries desperately to ignore the fact that his ship has struck an iceberg and is slowly sinking into a sea of debt, incompetence, chicanery, and insolvency.

Capt. Obama sternly refuses to accept the facts at hand as his senior officers prevaricate and obfuscate in a vain effort to escape the reality that their ship is sinking fast.

The ship's orchestra is bravely on deck fiddling and tooting sweet music as the first class passengers

fight for berths on the life boats, leaving those in steerage to go down with the ship. One could compare the U.S. Senate with the orchestra, blithely fiddling away on deck as the USS America slowly sinks into the frigid sea.

The House of Representatives could be compared with the ship's crew, some slinking into the lifeboats in an effort to save their own skins, others stumbling about in state of confusion, and a few honorably tending to their duties and doing their best to save the passengers.

In the movie a penniless artist, who could be compared with the electorate, gets romantically involved with a young lady from the upper classes, representing our government's ego and incompetence; the fading American dream. When the ship's incompetent captain allows the vessel to collide with an iceberg he becomes more worried about his own image than of the fate of the ship and all aboard. The wealthy on board all manage to find space in the few life boats available,

while those of meager means go down with the ship.

The movie grossed more than \$2.18 billion; that's 2,018,000,000,000. Chump change when you think of the \$20,000,000,000,000 debt with which our president has stuck us. Incidentally, this sum is equaled by the \$20,000,000,000,000. that is estimated will have been squirreled away in tax havens in various off shore accounts by various and sundry "patriotic" Americans.

Like the saga of the Titanic, the once proud and impressive nation most of us took pride in, matured in, fought for, and respected, is sinking slowly into a sea of debt, insolvency, and incompetence; its officers either looking the other way or scrambling to save their own skins; its captain oblivious to or unconcerned with the looming disaster. Its passengers and crew members who are able are rushing madly about trying to save their own lives; and the remainder are doomed to go down with the ship.

Is there a sequel to all this?

USEFUL INFORMATION FOR SENIORS

August

August was a busy month, vis-a-vis the "Who's Lookin' Out for You?" program, and September is expected to produce even more useful information.

Each **Monday at 10 a. m.** seniors gather in the Eastdale Estates' Activity Room to learn more about what's being done professionally as it relates to them, and their environment.

Aug. 5, Alice Vaughn and Lee Lowry, both social workers with Hospice of Montgomery, as well as Amy Hardigree, the director of business development there, talked about what they--and others whose charge it is to make this part of a person's life more comfortable--are doing in that respect.

Aug. 12, Representatives of various caregiver organizations talked to the group on about what services their organizations provide and answered questions relative to this service.

Aug. 19th, The River Region caucus of the **Alabama Silver-Haired Legislature** held one of its periodic planning sessions, to which the residents and anyone else were invited.

Aug. 26th, Nancy McLain with Alzheimers visited Eastdale and explained how her people work to meet the myriad of needs of those who suffer from a disorder that is expected to afflict more than 14 million Americans by the year 2050.

September

Sep. 2nd - Labor Day-open

Sep. 9th, Attorney Robert Stroud will be on hand to discuss estate planning with residents and anyone else interested in this important subject.

Sep. 16th, Susan Segrest, who has been spearheading elder abuse work with the Central Alabama Aging Commission, will be on hand to explain and distribute the long awaited Elder Abuse tool kits. You won't want to miss this one.

Sep. 23rd, Dan Lord will discuss how the Alabama securities Commission protects investors from securities fraud and preserves a legitimate capital market in the state.

Sep. 30th, closing out the month, **J Mark Springer** Jackson Hospital's patient advocate, makes his third Eastdale appearance to talk with the residents about "Humor in health," and that's a laughing matter.

These weekly senior-oriented seminars are designed to bring to their audience information that will enhance their lives and be of help to them in their senior years.

They are free and open to the public and are co-sponsored by the Alabama Silver-Haired Legislature.

GOLDEN YEARS

As we sit back to enjoy our "Golden Years" we have time to ponder some of the Herculean puzzles of our times and to speculate. Why, we may wonder, if the number 1 is pronounced one, and the number 22 is pronounced twenty two; shouldn't the number 11 be pronounced onety-one?

Dr. John Bitter

ANOTHER LOOK AT "THE SOUTH"

In some countries left handedness is not allowed. Those children born with it are forced to become right handed; to eschew southpawedness.

In other countries left handedness is discouraged and looked down on or thought of as a mental disorder.

Even in the U.S. there's a tendency to look at it as an affliction that needs to be attended to in some way or another. At the same time, little or no effort is made to accommodate people who are left handed.

Add to that, there are some people who go both ways and are referred to in professional circles as "cross dominant."

It was your humble scribe's lot once, as a student of education, to take an education course in which the problem of cross dominance was studied. Not only studied, but viewed as a mental disability; and various efforts to cure the affliction were studied.

And here's your humble scribe, after 50 years of blissful existence on this planet, suddenly discovering that he has such a mental problem and it is presumed to be a physical disability.

Rubbish, yours truly must say.

One may wonder—or one may not—what the reaction of most southpaws was last month, when, on August 13, the world celebrated International Left Handers Day.

Left handers should have invited others, who have not been blessed with this unusual ability; to share with them this opportunity to inform the world that everyone is out of step but them. And there's a lot of them—about 10 percent of the total population is left-handed--and they're proud of it.

Despite the fact that practically everything imaginable is geared toward right handedness, southpaws survive, and prosper.

Think of this: scissors, can openers, automobiles, the pencil-sharpener,

most clothing, virtually everything with which one comes in contact as they live their daily lives, is geared toward people who are right handed.

Nonetheless, since 1976 the southpaws have been celebrating Left-Handers Day, and well they should. Think of this: Harry S Truman was left handed, as was Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan, George Bush, Bill Clinton, and even the present White House resident.

Ross Perot was left handed, as was Julius Caesar, Thomas Jefferson, Tiberius, Napoleon, Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Raphael, Pablo Picasso, Rembrandt, Beethoven, Mozart, Ringo Starr and Paul Simon.

Britain's Prince Charles was a southpaw, as was H.G. Wells and Charlie Chaplin.

Those of us who are so blessed wonder why others think left handedness is such a big deal. In many foreign countries, where left-handedness is either discouraged or forbidden, people stop and stare at left handers. It was quite a sight in Korea for the residents there to see an American soldier eating with chopsticks, and doing it left handed. It was not unusual for your unworthy scribe to have foreigners give him a double take as he performed some ordinary task from the left. A British lady once remarked that in her country left-handed children were forced from birth to use their right hand. Then, during World War II they were taught to be ambidextrous in case, during the Blitz, they lost the use of their right hand.

Many studies have shown that people are left handed because the right side of their brain, the spontaneous, creative side, is dominant. As a result, free thinkers, creative people, those who march to a different drummer, tend to be left handed. Their abilities should not be stifled by the right handed majority. They should be encouraged to share their blessing with the world.

In August, left-handers celebrated and rejoiced; as well they should.

It's good to be a left-hander.



DR. RICK MARSHALL - Eastern Hills - Baptist Church

Quit Worrying Start Living

There are just two days in every week which we should not worry about, two days which should be kept free of fear and apprehension. Do you know what they are?

One of these days is yesterday. Yesterday had its aches and pains or maybe it's good times. But it is gone forever, beyond our control. Yet there are people who live in yesterdays. One friend of mine called them "postmortem people." They are always digging up the past. "Why did we have to move?" "Why did I take that job?" "Why did I marry that person?" Or they are looking at the sorrow of yesterday. It's just not possible to find happiness with the future constantly questioning every decision of the past.

I knew a family who had a baby die in the first year of his life. Not only did they suffer grief as would be expected. Years later they had not changed one thing in that child's room. Almost every conversation with either of the parents of more than a minute or two the subject of their child's death was brought up. They just could not bury the sorrow of yesterday and let God heal the wound.

Sorrow is a kind of wound. It does cut deeply and it is painful. We know from our bodies if a wound is clean it will usually heal itself. The same is true emotionally. But if we keep agitating a wound and adding things to it a serious infection may take place. Sometimes it can poison the whole body. The Great Physician, our Lord, can heal the wounds of sorrow if we turn it over to Him. He is the one who can take the bad things of life and bring good out of them.

Some people also live in the yesterday of their sin. Sin has cast a dark shadow over their life, especially their inner being and sense of conscience. Over and over their inner spirit is being beaten up by the reminder of their sin. Guilt rides their soul as they keep living in the sins of yesterday.

I remember a conversation with a young man who said I do not know if I believe in God or not. I pray and don't seem to get an answer. If He is out there, I am sure He is not listening to my prayers. As we talked I discovered that this young man once had faith in God. The problem was that there was a sin back there in his life which he had not felt was forgiven. It hung over him but he had never really confessed it to the Lord and found forgiveness. His sin was a barrier between Him and God. It was not God that had moved away from the young man, but that he had allowed a wall to be so high he could not feel or sense God.

One of the most important lessons of the faith life is this. You cannot find happiness with God and hold onto your sin. God has no desire for us to live carrying the burden of yesterday's sorrow or sin. There is a wonderful verse in the Bible which is so helpful to all of us. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive our sin and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." The Bible promises that God wants to remove our sin from us as far as the east is from the west.

It is like a friend who when walking through his yard from front to back stopped to close the gate behind him which separated the two sides. He said, "I have always made it a practice to close the gate behind me. That is a good motto for

all of us about our yesterdays. Learn to close the gate behind us as we pass from one day to the next. It is a lot easier if we could just whisper a prayer in the morning which goes like this, "Lord, forgive me for what I may have done wrong yesterday and help me to forgive anyone who did me wrong. Help me to forget yesterday's disappointments and failures as I seek to live today for you."

There is a second day we should stop worrying about. That is tomorrow with all its possible adversaries, burdens, and potential problems. Tomorrow is really beyond our control. Tomorrow's sun will either rise in splendor or it will be covered by clouds. But it will rise.

I know a lot of people who are trying to live in their tomorrow. They live in the tomorrow of procrastination. Tomorrow I will quit smoking. Tomorrow I will go back to school. Tomorrow I will set a better example for my children, work on my marriage, get help for my problems. Tomorrow I will get my life right with the Lord. Probably you've heard or said some of the same things. Procrastination about what we know we ought to do is a sin, not one of immorality, but a sin none the less.

Jesus told the story of a wealthy farmer who looked out at all his crops and wealth. He bragged "tomorrow I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I can sit back and take my ease." Jesus condemned the man saying, "You fool, for tonight your soul will be demanded of you." What Jesus meant was this. None of us has the absolute promise of tomorrow. We ought to do today what we know we ought to do. If there is an "ought" connected to a decision in your life which you can do something about and you do not, then consider that a sin.

There is also the tomorrow of worry and anxiety. I would not pretend that there are not reasons of concern in our world. All one has to do is to look at the destruction of many things we hold dear in our nation, to the international problems both militarily and economically and to the challenges to the future for our children and grandchildren. Yes, these hold great issues of concern which we can not change or solve alone.

But have you considered that we are not born natural worriers. It is not a natural characteristic of human nature. You have to learn to worry. Some people practice it so much they get really good at it. It is a learned habit as much as a musician or athlete gets good at their chosen task.

I heard a silly story but one which makes a good point. It is about a grandfather clock which had been sitting in the hallway for years in that family, keeping time, tick tock, tick tock. One day the clock had a nervous breakdown. The clock went to a clock psychiatrist. He came in shattered. The doctor asked what was wrong. "I've just got too much on me," said the clock, "I can't stand it any longer. I sit in the hall and go tick tock, tick tock on and on. I have to make two ticks a second, 120 ticks a minute, 7,200 ticks an hour, 172,800 ticks a day. Do you know I have to make more than 62 million ticks a year. I just can't take that strain any longer!"

The clock psychiatrist asked, "Now how many ticks do you have to make at a time." "Oh, I just have to make one at a time." "So why don't you just make one tick at a time and forget about all those you have to make later?" And so the old clock went back and began just ticking one tick at a

time. That was twenty years ago and he is just fine.

Out of this little story maybe we need to learn a lesson. We can't live 30 or 365 days at a time. We really can live only one day at a time.

Someone said, "85 % of the things we worry about never happen. If you really want an eye-opening lesson just write down everything you think you need to worry about. Keep a catalog or journal of them. See how many really happen in the way you've worried about or get solved in some other way.

On my grandparents farm when I was a little boy I would sometimes walk out to the barn at night. But I was scared because it was dark. All they had was a lantern to walk with. But it did not light the whole path. My grandparents always said, "Just walk in the light and you will be fine." That is a good lesson for all of us. Just learn to walk in the light of faith you have and God will lead you the rest of the way. So if there are two days of the week we should never worry about, two days we should be free from fear and apprehension, there is just one day left. That is today.

If freed from the burdens of yesterday and the fears of tomorrow, most of us can muster the strength to fight the battles of today. Most folks break down over the other two, not the matters of the moment. It is not the experiences of today that drive most people over the cliff; it is the remorse or bitterness of something which happened yesterday or that dread of tomorrow. The happiest people are those who learn to live one day at a time.

Jesus said, "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things - maybe all those things we worry about - will find their place. I think He was saying get your life in order. Put the first things first. Put God's will and plan for your life first. It is amazing how the rest finds a place, a resource for help, a solution you never imagined and a peace which makes life bearable.

As a Pastor who has walked through the gamut of sadness and struggles which can surround people, I have seen over and over again the amazing power of priorities. Learning to live one day at a time focused on God makes the difference. It is learning to live either in the desperation of self-sufficiency or the dependence on God. Certainly God expects us to help ourselves in areas we can. But there is no substitute for the strength faith and hope can give.

Some years ago a dear friend was diagnosed with cancer. It was a difficult diagnosis and not one she wanted to hear. She was given about six months to live. Her words went something like this, "I have been a Christian for years, but my faith had not really gotten hold of me until just these days, these months. When I found I only had six months to live, suddenly, every day became important. I began to live as though it were the last day of my life. I have lived it at its best and it's fullest. As a result I want everyone to know that while I am dying, these have been the happiest days of my life."

Let me paraphrase what I think the Psalmist said, "This is the day the Lord has made, let me live in it, rejoice in it, serve Him in it, and make your life count for Him in it if you want to find happiness."

Live today. Step into the light. Don't forget, "one tick at a time." Stop worrying. Start living!

LORD OF OUR TONGUES

I've met a few of the Jimmy Carter family over the years through the Carter Political Items Collectors group. Two years ago we had Sybil Carter as banquet speaker who was wife of the late first-brother Billy. She spoke about her work with drug and alcohol dependents since her husband's death in 1988.

I never met the Carter matriarch, "Miss Lillian," however. She was an amazing lady who spent two years working as a nurse in India in the Peace Corps, as well as serving as a dorm mother at Auburn University. She became famous for dispensing wisdom at the Plains train depot in 1976.

One of the great stories from those days is an interview Miss Lillian had with Barbara Walters. Gov. Carter made the promise during his presidential campaign that he'd never lie to the American people.

"Has your son never told a lie?" Walters asked.

"Well, he's probably told a few little white lies," Carter replied.

"What's a little white lie?" Walters asked.

"Well, Barbara," Miss Lillian continued, "you remember when you came here a few minutes ago and I told you how pretty you looked and how glad I was to see you? That was one!"

The apostle Paul offered a serious word to Christians: "let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for . . . edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers" (Ephesians 4:29). That is, Christians must speak the truth and be committed to words that build up and don't tear down.

One example of destructive speech is profanity.

According to a recent story in "USA Today," the "run on cussing" in movies and television is due to our becoming "increasingly desensitized" to this kind of language. A generation ago parents taught children that profanity demonstrated ignorance and a lack of proper education. Today, however, we hear disrespectful words on every hand. The "O, my God" phrase so casually tossed around today would've been unthinkable years ago as a sign of disrespect toward God.

Jesus said "Let your yes be yes and your no be no. Anything more is sin" (Matthew 5:37).

Another example is the thoughtless words we speak to those we love.

Psychologists speak of "displaced anger." This means we get upset at work where anger is under "social control," so we keep it in check until coming home. Then we speak words to family we later regret.

The poet, Lord Byron, born with a clubfoot, said his father pushed him aside one day and shouted, "Get out of my way, you lame brat." Byron said he grew up feeling worthless.

Every believer should pray that Christ be lord of our tongues.

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“I will set no evil before my eyes” (Psalms 101:3).

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these recipes!!



Recipe for: Pat's Baked Oatmeal

6 cups rolled oats	1/4 cup flax seed meal (optional)
4 eggs, beaten	3 tablespoons wheat germ (optional)
2 cups frozen blueberries	1 tablespoon baking powder
1 cup applesauce	1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
1 cup brown sugar	2 teaspoons vanilla extract
2 cups skim milk	1/2 teaspoon salt

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
2. Mix oats, eggs, blueberries, applesauce, brown sugar, skim milk, flax seed meal, wheat germ, baking powder, cinnamon, vanilla, and salt together in a large bowl; pour into a 9x13-inch baking dish.
3. Bake in preheated oven until the moisture is absorbed and the oats are tender, 25 to 32 minutes. *Original recipe makes 15 servings*

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Recipe for: Fabulous Football Dip

1 pound sausage	2 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese,
1 (10 ounce) can diced tomatoes with	softened
green chile peppers	

1. In a large skillet, cook sausage over a medium heat until it is browned and cooked through.
2. Mix tomatoes and cream cheese into the skillet. Stir and continue cooking the mixture over a medium heat until the cheese has melted.

This recipe can be as hot or as mild as you like, depending on which kind of tomatoes you buy. I got this recipe from a friend. Serve with tortilla chips.

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Patricia Killough

September Birthdays



- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Joe Boyd (74th) | Eddie Spivey |
| 2 John Hannon | 19 Beth Cline |
| 3 Dian Majors | Bobby Hudson |
| Leslie Riley | 20 Lynn Davis |
| 4 Jimmy Dick | Carol Hudson |
| Tim Riley | 21 Hank Henderson (91st) |
| Britney Williams | Marlee Day Smith (4th) |
| 5 Joyce Moore | Kristen Taylor |
| 6 Ethleen Bazzell (74th) | Sarah Kite Taylor |
| Bonnie Edwards | 22 Bertha Reagan Bell |
| Diana Elliott | Tom Garlington |
| 7 Tanner Grant | David Webb |
| Ruby Law | Tracey Woodall |
| 8 Adam Broadway | 23 Era Hall |
| 9 Kendra Devon Lamar | 24 Barbara Berg |
| Marietta Russell | Ave Catherine Crowe (5th) |
| Jesse Southern (89th) | Lynda Maddox |
| 10 Terry Dotherow | Catherine Preston |
| Red Fowler (99th) | Chrystal Rahn |
| 11 Gladys Headley (98th) | R. J. Seevers |
| Traci Weafer | Melissa Wallace |
| 12 Warner Boyd (77th) | 25 Baxter Moseley (18th) |
| Catherine Jane Grubbs (7th) | Brenda Abrams |
| Brian Hudson | Linda Abrams |
| 13 Donna Mulcahy | Sonny Cauthen (64th) |
| Debbie Partridge (56th) | Rocene Fowler |
| 14 Elaine Webb | 26 Emily Lamar (91st) |
| 15 Shannon Flores (41st) | Barbara Mitchell |
| 16 Phyllis McCalman | 27 Roy Stephens (84th) |
| Dick Payson (79th) | 29 Elvin Stanton |
| 17 Mike (Pete) Moore | 30 Scott Borders (51st) |
| Mandy Stringer (10th) | Susan Feaga |
| 18 Don Dawkins | Mike Smith |
| Betty Russell | Hunter O'Neal (9th) |



Connie and Skip Mainor

Connie Boyd celebrated her 50th birthday on August 15, 2013 with crows at her workplace and then on Saturday with a luau party



Elizabeth Tindel celebrated her 22nd birthday on August 19th by attending the Alabama Shakespeare Festival's "Tribute to Elvis" featuring Scot Bruce of California pictured here with Elizabeth.

Scot will be back at ASF on February 14, 2014

Belated Birthday Wishes to Billy Betts of Sprague, AL 64 on August 16, 2013

Beloved Autauga Co. educator Allen Woodfin celebrated his 100th birthday in August, 2013

Happy Anniversary

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2 Joe & Jean Douglas | 18 James & Sarah Glass (3rd) |
| 3 Howard & Martha Stripling | 20 Jason & Stephanie Selvage (10th) |
| 4 Don & Barbara White | 21 Tony & Janie Drake |
| 6 Thomas & Louise Light | 22 Hank & Geneva Henderson (71st) |
| 7 Gary & Lyda Crowe | James & Sherry Tucker |
| Steve & Paige Stringer | 24 Larry & Linda Browder |
| 10 Mike & Linda Reynolds | 25 Chuck & Betty Gentry Holmes |
| 12 Warner & Margaret Boyd (57th) | 26 Jose' & Susan Guevara |
| 17 Hugh & Helen Gordon (65th) | Roy & Wanda Stephens (60th) |
| Andy & Lori Meadows | 28 Morgan & Ashley James |

Sympathy to the families of...

- McDowell, Joe Kervin (84)
 Sneed, Muriel (92)
 Day, Retired Col. George "Bud" (88) Medal of Honor Recipient
 Jackson, Helen Sexton (89)
 Taylor, Mary C. "Bebe" (80)
 McMillan, George Duncan Hastie (95)
 Williams, Donald Carlton
 Holloway, Margaret York (88)
 Russell, Roy Otis, Jr. (78)
 Gardner, Wilbon F. (79)
 Boyd, Arthur Randall "Randy" (52)
 Chambliss, Ruth H. Andrews, R.N. (86)
 Bell, Ernestine King (86)
 Cauley, Wendell (63)
 Renfro, Mary Motes
 Taylor, Kathryn Lynn (76)
 Broach, William "Ike" (64)
 Richardson, B. Phil (87)
 Ward, Ronald Martin (75)
 Bern, Dr. Irving I. (83)
 Corley, Lorraine Roberts (95)
 Pope, Ann Marie Hudson
 Bates, W. C. "Bill" (89)

- died July 25, 2013
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"Birthday Boys"

Earl Russell was 63 on August 15 and Carl Boyd was 59 on August 19.

They co-hosted their annual "Pasture Party" with Hartley McLaney and Weldon Payne on Saturday August 24, 2013. A great time was had by all!

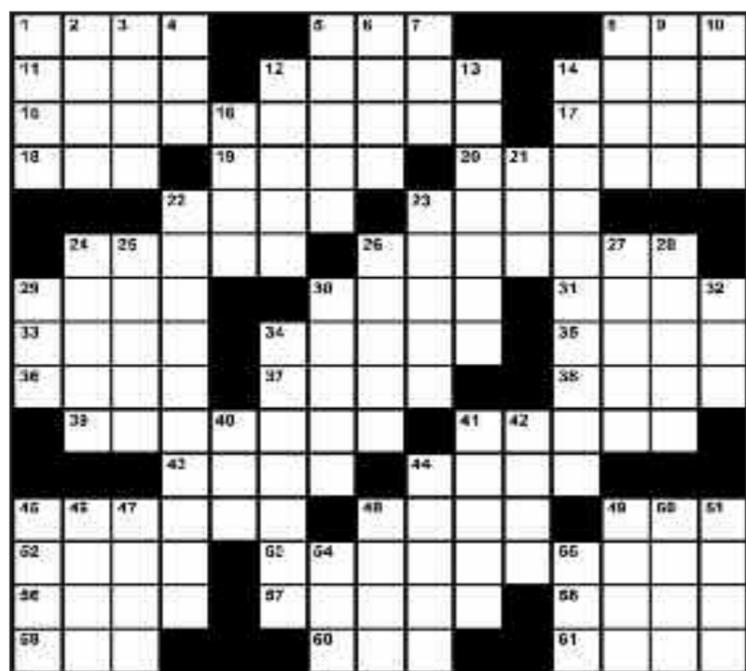
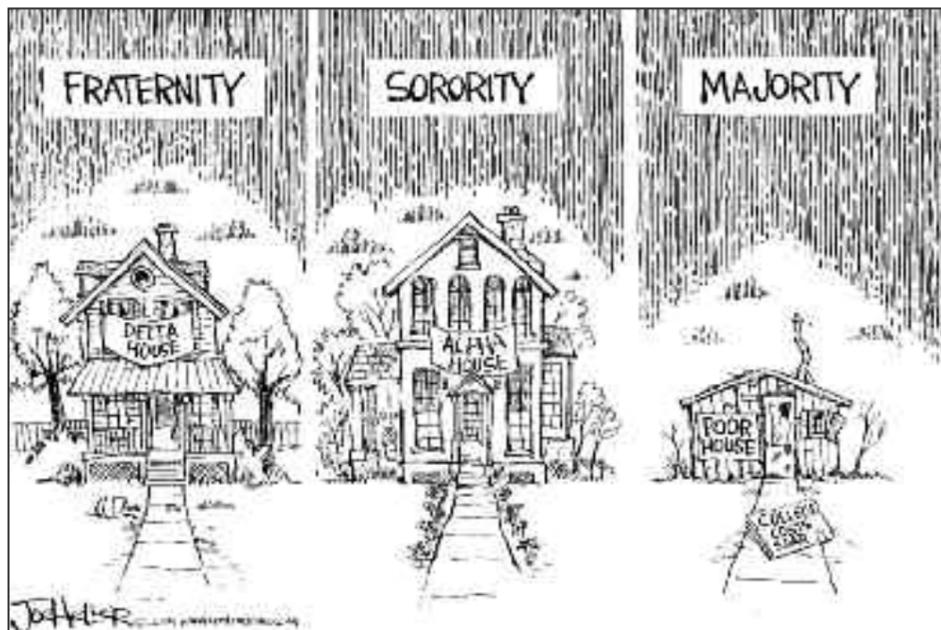


THE CLASS OF 1947, RAMER HIGH SCHOOL, had their annual luncheon on July 27, 2013 at the Snowdown Volunteer Fire Department



l-r front; Sara Law Boyd, Ruth Boyd Preble, Doris Talley Mathews, Cara Beck Stafford Standing; Voncile Walton Talley, Ed Scrushy, Loyd Smilie

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- Across
- 1. Show horse
 - 5. Suitable
 - 8. Bleed
 - 11. Store sign
 - 12. Whitewalls
 - 14. Bud holder
 - 15. Pawn
 - 17. Middle ___
 - 18. Time long past

- 19. Comply with
- 20. Check
- 22. Preowned
- 23. Nana
- 24. Pair at poker perhaps
- 26. ___ Columbia
- 29. Light source
- 30. Noodle
- 31. Hang around
- 33. Race site
- 34. Stick
- 35. Abhor
- 36. Hourly compensation
- 37. Not say directly
- 38. Frozen matters
- 39. Departing
- 41. Berths
- 43. Beach stuff
- 44. Suspend
- 45. Loony
- 48. A to B
- 49. Really bad coffee
- 52. Word that's an example of itself

- 53. Unmoving
 - 56. Weave
 - 57. Packed away
 - 58. Gradually move sideways
 - 59. Song list
 - 60. Mars color
 - 61. Garden flower competitor
- Down
- 1. Next to Europe
 - 2. Buzzed
 - 3. Besides
 - 4. Put your chips in
 - 5. Intended
 - 6. Quarry
 - 7. Ring count
 - 8. Anger
 - 9. Takes advantage of
 - 10. Branch headquarters?
 - 12. Pipes
 - 13. Gazing
 - 14. Putting a finish on
 - 16. Bette Midler song
 - 21. Traitor

- 22. Awful
- 23. Permit
- 24. Ship-related
- 25. Icon
- 26. Existence
- 27. Great deal
- 28. Disdains
- 29. Mean
- 30. Dazzle
- 32. Agreement
- 34. Take-out
- 40. Panel truck
- 41. It holds water
- 42. Biblical connector
- 44. Despised
- 45. Cuttlefish ejections
- 46. Nonexistent
- 47. Heart, for one
- 48. Kismet
- 49. Constructed
- 50. Drive
- 51. Turned blue, maybe
- 54. Sully
- 55. Innovative

UNCLE ZEB

REDNECK MEDICAL TERMS

BenignWhat you be after you be eight.
 Artery.....The study of paintings.
 BacteriaBack door to cafeteria.
 Barium.....What doctors do when patients die.
 Cesarean SectionA neighborhood in Rome.
 CATscanSearching for kitty.
 CauterizeMade eye contact with her.
 Colic.....A sheep dog.
 ComaA punctuation mark.
 D & C.....Where Washington is.
 Dilate.....To live long.
 Enema.....Not a friend.
 FesterQuicker than someone else.
 FibulaA small lie.

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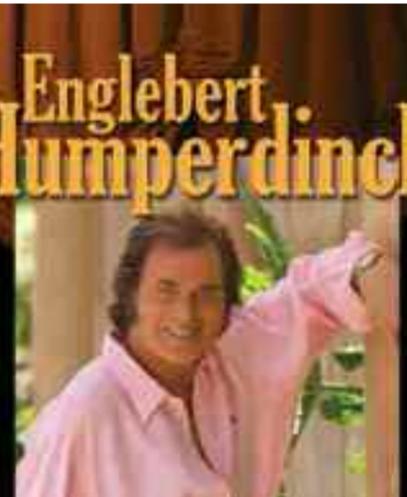
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Marie H, Wetumpka, AL

For years I have suffered from fibromyalgia and most recently from a condition that affected my muscles to the point that I would just sit down and cry. Thanks to the Miracle Band my pain is MUCH LESS and I can do things that my mind only dreamed of doing. I recommend Miracle Band highly!

Paul Neal, 73, Waxahachie, Texas

For the past 3 years my knees hurt so bad I could barely walk. Jeff had told me about his results and I too had tried everything for my pains. After wearing the band for one night, the next morning I jumped out of bed. I've now purchased 15 bands for friends and family.

Glenda DeRamus, Montgomery, AL

Every morning the arthritis in my hands was so bad I had to run hot water over my hands to loosen my fingers and kill the pain. I no longer have to bear the pain and the swelling has gone down substantially. I saw the results that Jeff had and I cannot believe it. We had to go tell the world about this band.

Jeff N, Montgomery, AL

In October of 2007, I was hit by a pickup truck while riding my bicycle. God had other plans for me. My injuries were s severe they included a shattered left tibia, 5 broken ribs, a broken pelvis, a punctured lung and my recover took over a year. After my recovery, my left ankle and leg would hurt so bad every morning when I would awake. On a scale of 1-10 my leg was a three yet by the end of the day it was a twenty three and every evening my leg hurt so bad I could not walk. On October 18,2009, I went to my orthopaedic surgeon, Roland Hester with pain so severe that I wanted to cut my leg off. A friend gave me this miracle band and after two days, the results were unbelievable. I highly recommend it to anyone. To me this miracle band is worth a billion dollars.



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