





# AUGUST 27th ELECTIONS

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## STATE OF ALABAMA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 74

Republican Runoff

- ☐ Michael Fritz
- ☐ Charlotte Meadows

**If you live in  
DISTRICT 74  
VOTE!**

A very small percentage of voters voted June 11th in this election. This is an important seat in our Legislature and deserves the attention of the voters. Know your candidates...do your research! House 74 Republican winner will run against Democrat Rayford Mack in General Election November 3rd.

## MAYORAL CANDIDATES CITY OF MONTGOMERY AUGUST 27, 2019

- ☐ Butler B. Browder, Jr.
- ☐ Hobson Cox
- ☐ Edward F. Crowell
- ☐ Artur Davis
- ☐ Ronald L. Davis
- ☐ Elton Norris Dean, Sr.
- ☐ Victorrus E. Felder
- ☐ Shannon Ferrari
- ☐ J. C. Love, III
- ☐ Steven L. Reed
- ☐ Bibby Simmons
- ☐ David Woods

## MONTGOMERY CITY COUNCIL SEATS

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*To be better informed, all voters should attend the political forums and hear the candidates speak and answer important questions. Become a part of the process!*

## FORUMS AND DEBATES CENTER OF AUGUST 27th ELECTIONS



Candidates for Mayor gathered Thursday, July 18th at the Crump Senior Center. All qualified candidates were in attendance. Questions were posed by the Moderator as well as member of the audience.



Candidates for Mayor gathered Thursday August 1st at Freewill Missionary Baptist Church, Hill Street. Ten of the qualified candidates were in attendance. Questions were posed by the Moderator. The audience was responsive to discussions.



Candidates for Mayor gathered Thursday, July 25th at 401 S. Decatur Street (Fortitude Building). It was sponsored by the Montgomery (AL) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.'s Rollin to the Polls initiative.

**UPCOMING FORUM:**  
**August 14th - 8-10 p.m.**  
**Davis Theatre**  
Downtown Montgomery  
Sponsored by: WSFA TV,  
Troy University and  
League of Women Voters.  
**PLAN TO ATTEND!**



Michael Fritz

**Alabama House of  
Representatives  
District 74**  
**Republican Run-Off Election**  
**August 27th**  
**VOTE!**



Charlotte Meadows





# Inside the Statehouse with Steve Flowers

*Steve Flowers is Alabama's leading political columnist.  
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## Those Who Bake the Pie Get to Eat It

Governor Kay Ivey’s first legislative session of the quadrennium was very successful. Her prowess at getting things accomplished with this Legislature has been remarkable.

She knows what she is doing. It should not be surprising given her background and experience.

Kay Ivey has been around state government for most of her adult life. She has dealt with the Legislature for over four decades.

Her adroitness in the passage of the Infrastructure package was similar to the legislative success enjoyed by Governor George Wallace in his prime years. Like Wallace, Ivey knows how to reward her friends and punish her enemies.

Those legislators, who were instrumental in passage, are already seeing the fruits of their labors. There is an old adage in politics that says, “Those that bake the pie get to eat it.”

Governor Ivey has already announced and plans are being made to begin work in districts of the “Rebuild Alabama” leaders. Representative Bill Poole (R-Tuscaloosa), is getting McFarland Boulevard in Tuscaloosa expanded. Senator Clyde Chambliss (R-Prattville), is getting Highway 82 between Prattville and Tuscaloosa completed.

The Huntsville-Madison County and Limestone County delegation was unanimous in support of “Rebuild Alabama.” They will get everything they need to improve access for the new Mazda-Toyota plant. This will include six-laning I-565 in Huntsville as well as improving Limestone County I-65 interchanges. This project was helped by Speaker Mac McCutcheon.

The four-laning of highway 411 through Cherokee and Etowah counties was also announced by the Governor. This was a plus for Representative Ginny Shaver and Senator Andrew Jones.

The Wiregrass will be taken care of under the “Rebuild Alabama” program, also. They have needs that have not been met since Big Jim Folsom built the Ross Clark Circle around Dothan. Every Wiregrass legislator voted for the Governor’s “Rebuild Alabama” including Senators Donnie Chesteen and Jimmy Holley as well as House members Steve Clouse, Paul Lee, Dexter Grimsley, Jeff Sorrells, Rhett Marquis, and Wes Allen.

The state dock’s expansion will be invaluable for not only the Mobile-Baldwin area but for the entire state. Our automakers like Mercedes, Hyundai, and Honda will be able to ship their vehicles within state. Our poultry farmers

will have more available markets. This aspect appealed to North Alabama legislative leaders like Representative Nathaniel Ledbetter and Senators Steve Livingston, Clay Scofield and Garlan Gudger. These fellows will also get some much anticipated road projects for their Sand Mountain and North Alabama areas.

Every Republican legislator from the Mobile-Baldwin County area voted for passage. Representatives Chris Pringle and Victor Gaston were the whips in the House. State Senators David Sessions, Jack Williams and Chris Elliott spearheaded the effort in the Senate.

Working quietly behind the scenes to make sure that the docks expansion was part of the “Rebuild Alabama” program was former Mobile-Baldwin Congressman, Jo Bonner. This quiet southern gentleman is a power to be reckoned with in this administration. He worked hard and alone with his big sister, Kay Ivey, to put this plan together. They worked the Legislature together, diligently day and night to secure passage, and they did it the right way. The best decision and accomplishment Governor Kay Ivey achieved is getting Congressman Jo Bonner to be her Chief of Staff and right hand.

In addition, our coal industry will be helped immensely by the docks expansion. The outstanding Walker County delegation of Senator Greg Reed and Representatives Connie Rowe and Tim Wadsworth worked for passage for this reason and other important road projects are in the works for their area.

Governor Ivey has called for a Special Election for the vacant House Seat 42. This Seat was held by longtime Representative Jimmy Martin of Clanton, who recently passed away. The Primary will be August 20.

It is definitely a Republican district and has always been a Chilton County seat, but it may move to Autauga. The population of Autauga has grown so much that almost exactly the same number of voters are in Autauga as Chilton. There are three candidates in the Primary from Chilton and they are all beating each other up. The lone candidate from Autauga, Van Smith, is favored to win the Seat. He will more than likely prevail. He is extremely popular, qualified and connected. Smith has the endorsement of ALFA and the business interests in the state. He is a longtime ALFA and rural co-op board member. It is still a quasi-rural district.

July 31, 2019



**Ronald A. Holtsford**

## August 14th is Celebrated as VJ Day. Why did the United States inter its Japanese- American citizens?

After Pearl Harbor and the means in which the sneak attack was carried out, Americans became highly suspicious of the Japanese. There were over 110,000 Japanese living on the United States West Coast of which about 70,000 were citizens. Many lived near strategic military areas on the West Coast, which was also closer to Japan and thus more susceptible to attack. Some Japanese- Americans were very committed to the mother country, having sent tinfoil and money in Japan’s war with China. Some Japanese children had dual citizenship ensured by their parents and some received a significant portion of their education in Japan. Many radio transmissions were intercepted following the Pearl Harbor attack and submarines attacked ships as they left West Coast ports. About 5,000 Japanese refused to pledge allegiance to the United States and several thousand requested repatriation to Japan. The evacuation of Japanese and other subversive persons from the West Coast was recommended by the commanding officer of the Western Defense Command. Though second and third generations of Americanized Japanese might be affected, General DeWitt still felt their loyalties might lie with Japan. Oddly enough, he stated, “ . . . the very fact that no sabotage has taken place to date is a disturbing and confirming indication that such action will be taken” (yes, you read that correctly).

President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 and Congress enacted it as law in March 1942. More than 100,000, Japanese in parts of Arizona, Washington, Oregon and all of California were removed to camps more inland if they had not already moved. Their property was seized. The curfew, removal and detention of Japanese-Americans was challenged and affirmed in the Supreme Court cases of Hirabayashi v. United States, Ex Parte Endo and Korematsu v. United States.

Korematsu was arrested and convicted under the law after being found in a prohibited area in California. It was argued by defense that Mr. Korematsu understood both that he was to leave or be arrested but also that anyone found in the area would be arrested.

Justice Hugo Black of Alabama wrote the majority opinion. Justice Black believed that such restrictions on a single race are suspect as being unconstitutional, but also stated that pressing public necessity might justify such action as that taken with those of Japanese ancestry on the U.S. West Coast. Black felt that only the gravest imminent danger to the public could constitutionally justify either the confinement of a race to their homes during certain hours of the day or the removal from their home.

Black said, “It was because we could not reject the finding of the military authorities that it was impossible to bring about an immediate segregation of the disloyal from the loyal that we sustained the validity of the curfew order as applying to the whole group.” Further Black said, “To cast this case into outlines of racial prejudice, without reference to the real military dangers which were presented, merely confuses the issue.” We cannot- by availing ourselves of the calm perspective of hindsight-now say that at the time those actions were unjustified.”

Justice Murphy wrote a dissenting opinion, saying, “The judicial test of whether the Government, on a plea of military necessity can validly deprive an individual of any of his constitutional rights is whether the deprivation is reasonably related to a public danger that is so immediate, imminent and impending as not to admit of delay and not to permit the intervention of ordinary constitutional processes to alleviate the danger.” But to infer that examples of individual disloyalty prove action against the entire group is to deny that under our system of law individual guilt is the sole basis for deprivation of rights.” Also dissenting, Justice Jackson wrote, “ A citizen’s presence in the locality, however, was made a crime only if his parents were of Japanese birth. Had

Korematsu been one of four- the others being, say a German alien enemy, an Italian alien enemy, and a citizen of American-born ancestors, convicted of treason, but out on parole- only Korematsu’s presence would have violated the order.”

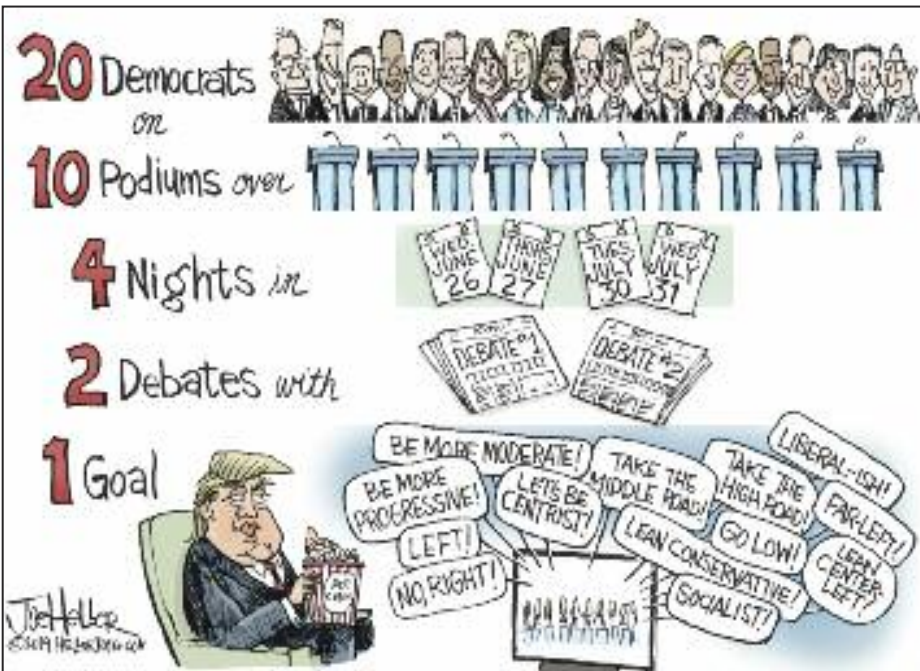
The 1984 Federal District Court case, forty years after Korematsu v. United States served to correct an error of fact (writ of coram noblis). Justice Patel wrote that the overturning of conviction was due to a factual error and not error of law in the 1944 Supreme Court case. Congress passed Title II of the Internal Security Act in 1950 to allow the President to have those apprehended that might reasonably engage in espionage or sabotage. It was suggested by a U.S. House of Representatives committee, that the law be used to detain those involved in urban riots. It enraged African Americans and was repealed in 1971. It was not the first time that a United States President had repealed the civil rights of some of its citizens, Abraham Lincoln had suspended the writ of habeas corpus during the Civil War.

Though worthy of more than a footnote, segregated Japanese- American troops served with distinction in the European theatre during World War II as evidenced by numerous medals of valor awarded many of its members. The 60,000 surviving detainees were given \$20,000 each as reparation in 1988.

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# ROBSERVATIONS...

by Robert Tate

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## The Squad

This is almost too sad to write. By now all of us have read or heard of the exploits of the fearsome-foursome; the freshmen Congresswomen also known as “the Squad.” These four women, **Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez** (the Occasional Cortex) D- New York; **Rashida Tlaib**, D-Michigan; **Ayanna Pressley**, D-Massachussetts; and **Ilan Omar**, D-Minnesota are quite the treat. Almost a day no longer goes by without one of these women making some kind of news. The latest, free press courtesy of our POTUS who simply cannot keep his hands off of Twitter, raised a ruckus when saying these women should go back from where they came. Unfortunately for the POTUS, all but one, Ihlan Omar, was born here in the United States and all four are indeed American citizens. Big mistake, in my view, on his part.

As one can imagine, the press has a week or more of field days going after the President and his insensitive remarks. Even I have to admit I had to take a step back when I first heard them. Not because I have any affinity for the Squad but because I knew that the POTUS handed them more ammunition on the proverbial silver platter to use against him. Napoleon once said that you should never interrupt your enemy while he is in the middle of making a mistake. This exactly what he did – again! Instead of focusing on the bustling economy, low unemployment rates and important issues like Iran and North Korea, all I have heard on the news is how the President attacked four “women of color.” “Women of color. Women of color. Women of color.” How many times did I hear this on the news? Please enough. But to some degree the President earned this one but the true reality is that these four women are socialists who I believe truly hate America and just happen to be women of color. As socialist, unfortunately they deserve absolutely zero respect in my book. Sorry. I spent way too much time on SAC alert and flying Central European Missions in the NATO AWACS to have any compassion for American socialists and wannabe communists.

As for the President, once again I will call for him to get away from the Twitterverse. He is willingly allowing the press to turn the narrative to whatever they desire instead of those things that would allow him to crush any Democratic challenger next year. If he can just stay on topic, he will not have much opposition from the crowd standing before him right now. That is not to say someone else won’t step up or that he will self-destruct over the next year but he should at least have his job performance do the only speaking on his behalf.

As for the Squad. Each one of them has said some pretty egregious things. That being said, each one has actually said some brilliant things. Even I have to admit that. The problem is that no matter how well-spoken, well-written or cogent their arguments may appear, at the heart of their issue, they are wrong. Within American borders, socialism is wrong. Communism is wrong. No matter how much makeup you put on a pig, it is still a pig. The problem we are facing is that in their own way, each woman is smart and articulate with the uncanny ability to immediately whip out the Wonder Woman bracelets and deflect all incoming fire by hiding behind their skin color and gender. Disagree with either one on almost any issue and you are instantly branded a misogynistic racist. Playbook 101. It works for them and we will continue to see it for the foreseeable future.

Trump’s comments had nothing to do with those things but rather the fact that if you truly hate this country, I am all in favor of escorting you the heck out. And that is whether you are White, Black, Asian, Hispanic, male, female, young, old, fat, skinny, etc. I do not care. But if I call you out for your hatred, please don’t hide behind race in order to get some kind of sympathy. They are master students of the propaganda techniques made famous by disgustingly wretched men like Hitler’s chief propagandist, Josef Goebbels. Today, looking up from his vantage point in hell, Goebbels is nodding his head in agreement with these women saying, “Very good my ladies. Keep up the good work.” They have learned that in order to convince the masses, often all one needs is 10% truth mixed with 90% twaddle. If it sounds good and makes some sense, the lemmings will follow. People like the Squad are not stupid by any stretch. Deceived, corrupt in thought, manipulative, dangerous? Yes, all of the above. Stupid? Don’t bet on that one. I wouldn’t.

With all this, let me just place a few quotes from the squad. Like I said, a lot of what each of these women says is quite brilliant. These quotes are not to demonize these women but rather to show how they think. And to be honest, I quite frankly disagree with almost all of what they say and believe. I really think the statement by Pressley not needing people who don’t think like her shows what she is made of. She and those of her ilk are making it quite clear that if you are not a lemming and walking lock step with them, they will have nothing to do with you. Sad actually. Regardless, I highly recommend going online and searching out many of their quotes. Some may actually surprise you but in the end, never forget who and what they are.

**ALEXANDRIA OCASIO CORTEZ**  
<https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes>

*“The Republicans galvanize their base by inciting a lot of fear; they operate on a lot of mythmaking. So we have to have something compelling. We shouldn't be afraid to be bold.”*

*“Healthcare as a human right, it means that every child, no matter where you are born, should have access to a college or trade-school education if they so choose it, and I think no person should be homeless if we can have public structures and public policy to allow for people to have homes and food and lead a dignified life in the United States.”*



Rashida  
Tlaib

Ihlan  
Omar

Alexandria  
Ocasio  
Cortez

Ayanna  
Pressley

*“To me, what socialism means is to guarantee a basic level of dignity. It's asserting the value of saying that the America we want and the America that we are proud of is one in which all children can access a dignified education. It's one in which no person is too poor to have the medicines they need to live.”*

*“When we talk about the word 'socialism,' I think what it really means is just democratic participation in our economic dignity and our economic, social, and racial dignity. It is about direct representation and people actually having power and stake over their economic and social wellness, at the end of the day.”*

*“For me, democratic socialism is about - really, the value for me is that I believe that in a modern, moral, and wealthy society, no person in America should be too poor to live.”*

*“I don't think most of Congress understands how economics works.”*

**IHLAN OMAR**  
<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/ilhan-omars-israel-comments>

*“The best deterrent to fanaticism is a system of compassion," she wrote at the time. "We must alter our attitude and approach; if we truly want to effect change, we should refocus our efforts on inclusion and rehabilitation. . . Incarcerating 20-year-old men for 30 or 40 years is essentially a life sentence. Society will have no expectations of the to-be 50- or 60-year-old released prisoners; it will view them with distrust and revulsion.” (On Muslim men in Minnesota arrested for trying to fight for ISIS in Syria.)*

*“When are we gonna decide or realize that terrorism is a reaction? It's an ideology, it's a means of things, it's not an entity, it's not a place, people. It's a reaction to a situation,”*

**AYANNA PRESSLEY**  
<https://www.quotes.net/citizen-quote/318642>

*“The remarks from the occupant of our White House --I will always refer to him as the occupant as he is only occupying space, and does not embody the grace, the empathy, the compassion, the integrity that office requires and that the American people deserve.”*

*“This president is illegitimate.”*

*“They would have you, and I mean the proverbial 'they,' believe that what is fraying at the fabric of America, what is killing us as a country, is identity politics," she said. "I think what's ruining our nation is white supremacy and hate.”*

At Netroots Nation conference: *“I don't want to bring a chair to an old table. This is the time to shake the table. This is the time to redefine that table. Because if you're going to come to this table, all of you who have aspirations of running for office. If you're not prepared to come to that table and represent that voice, don't come, because we don't need any more brown faces that don't want to be a brown voice. We don't need black faces that don't want to be a black voice. We don't need Muslims that don't want to be a Muslim voice. We don't need queers that don't want to be a queer voice. If you're worried about being marginalized and stereotyped, please don't even show up because we need you to represent that voice.”*

[https://www.realclearpolitics.com/video/2019/07/14/rep\\_ayanna\\_pressley\\_we\\_dont\\_need\\_any\\_more\\_brown\\_faces\\_that\\_dont\\_want\\_to\\_be\\_a\\_brown\\_voice.html](https://www.realclearpolitics.com/video/2019/07/14/rep_ayanna_pressley_we_dont_need_any_more_brown_faces_that_dont_want_to_be_a_brown_voice.html)

**Rashida Tlaib**  
<https://www.quotes.net/citizen-quote/294126>

*“Just because someone has a person of color, a black person working for them, does not mean they aren't racist, and it is insensitive that some would even say -- the fact that someone would actually use a prop, a black woman in this chamber, in House Oversight Committee, is alone racist in itself.”*

*“I honor the fact that we are there... all of us have these experiences that I think have been missing in the halls of Congress. Honor that, respect that, put us at the table. Let's come up with a solution together, still, I will not support anything that is broken and that dehumanizes people.”*

**50TH ANNIVERSARY**  
Just a quick shout out for the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing. Unlike Michelle Obama who said, “For the first time in my adult life, I am really proud of my country because it feels like hope is finally making a comeback,” while her husband was running for the Presidency, there have been hundreds of times I have been proud of this country. This was one of them. Yeah I was just an 8 year-old kid but even I could understand historical greatness back then.



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## America's Providential Heritage In a Godly Inspired Rule of Law

*“Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction.”* Ronald Reagan



With great excitement and full understanding of God's Providence of his voyage, Columbus proclaimed:

“It was the beginning and the end of this enterprise that it should be for the increase and Glory of the Christian religion.”

In America's very first covenant, “The Articles of Confederation,” Christian principles were laid out clearly as teachings from the Bible. Our founders and early Christian leaders sought to incorporate our legal and political principles which were in complete harmony with Scripture.

“All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness: that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.” **II Timothy 3: 16-17**

Even in our earliest history, our founders sought to place Christian principles as essential in the legal and political systems of civil government. Thanks to the Pilgrims and the Puritans, they were truly an example of living out the truths of Biblical principles in law and government.

The Articles of Confederation could truly be called our “First Constitution.” It was framed during the War for Independence by the Continental Congress in 1775. The references to God in the Articles are clear:

- a. proclaiming that God governs the world
- b. proclaiming the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

The papers of the Continental Congress are filled with references, such as “the Divinity,” “the Lord of Hosts,” “Creator of All,” “Supreme and Universal Providence,” and “Jesus Christ.”

This month we wish to embrace the U.S. Constitution and its relationship to the Bible. You can understand that the Constitution gave us the Rule of Law adequate to secure the American Federation. The world had never seen such a thing as individual self-government, with union, lived out in a nation.

James Madison was so passionate about what he called “the capacity of mankind for Self-government.” The passion was demonstrated in our Constitution where religious and civil liberties were secured. Our Founders gave us the first truly Christian Republic. Can we keep it for our children and grandchildren? The answer is evident. We cannot keep it unless we have the Christian character and unless we embrace this U.S. Constitution.

Maintaining the character of American Liberty requires the faith of Biblical Christianity and an Education that embraces our true History, and preserves the Constitution as the Rule of Law.

**Ronald Reagan said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in their bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on to them to do the same, or one day, we will spend our sunset years, telling our children and our children's children, what it was once like in the United States where men were free."**

As we study and embrace our Constitution, let us pray for the judges and the courts of our nation, to embrace and rule by this Rule of Law. Americans have been so tempted to take the Constitution for granted. It cannot last unless we understand this document and take the responsibility for its continuance. This Constitution has been a beacon for people from all over the world, dreaming of freedom.

The Constitutional Convention took place from May 25, 1787 to September 17, 1787 and George Washington was elected President of the Convention. In less than 100 working days, they produced our Constitution. This Constitution, in the Philadelphia Convention, was framed by delegates from 12 of the 13 colonies.

**“We the People** *of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this CONSTITUTION for the United States of America."*

**Article I** - Gave the Legislative power to a Congress, divided between a Senate and House of Congress. Among powers granted to Congress were: Taxes, duties, defense, general welfare, handle money, regulate commerce, establish post offices, war declaration, and establish armies, etc.

**Article II** - Established the power of the Executive Office. The President will hold the term for 4 years. He (or she) must be a natural born citizen, 35 years old, and a 14 years or longer resident. The President shall be Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces, head of the President's Cabinet, etc.

**Article III** - The Supreme Court was created September 10, 1789, with John Jay as the First Chief Justice. All judges are appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Judicial powers of the United States are vested in the U.S. Supreme Court.

**Article IV** - Dealt with the Relations with The States: Public Acts, Records, Proceedings, Rights of Citizens, New States to be admitted, how states are formed. Each state was promised the Republican form of government.

**Article V** - The Congress, whenever two-thirds of both Houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose Amendments to this Constitution, or, on the Application of the Legislatures of two-thirds of the several States, shall call a Convention for proposing Amendments.

**Article VI** - The Constitution proclaims this to be the Supreme Law of the Land, and the Judges are to be bound by the Constitution.

**Article VII** - The Ratification of the Conventions of nine states, shall be sufficient for the Establishment of this Constitution between the States so ratifying the Same.

By July, 1788, the President of the Continental Congress announced that the required number of States had ratified the Constitution. The ratification of the Conventions was done with consent of the states present the 17th day of September 1787. (We celebrate Constitution Day each September 17th.)

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## Bill of Rights



### Amendments 1 thru 10 ~ September 25, 1789

**Article I** - Proclaims Freedom of Religion, Speech, Press, Assembly, and to Petition the Government.

*The Constitution gives us the Right to Worship as we wish without interference of government. It gives a publisher the right to publish the news, and to voice his own opinion, that of free speech.*

**Article II** - Gives us the well regulated Militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

**Article III** - Provides for the care of soldiers.

**Article IV** - Gives us security from Unwarranted Search and Seizure.

**Article V** - Protects our Life, Liberty, and Property.

**Article VI** - Deals with Criminal Cases and the Rights of Accused Persons.

**Article VII** - Common Law trial by jury in civil cases.

**Article VIII** - Deals with Bail, Excessive Fines, and Punishments.

**Article IX** - Deals with the enumeration of rights to make sure that they are not construed or denied.

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*Could everyone reading this article today, take a moment and make a personal pledge:*

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of America and to The Republic  
for which it stands, one Nation  
under God, Indivisible, with  
Liberty and Justice for all.”**







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I painfully witnessed ‘unanimous’ [sic] installation of Leath as AU’s 19th President at the University Ballroom March 20th 2017; it was a sound forecast he would “crash and burn” if/when sabotaging the gains of President Gogue’s stewardship.

AU’s Board of Trustees [BoT] unanimously selected Steven ‘Crash’ Leath after a six-month national ‘search’ which provided little on how it was conducted. Eerily similar to our Lee County Commission Chair who correctly misspoke affirming something passed ‘unanimously’ [sic] at a meeting where all had been decided prior to putting on the show for the record and press present. Nothing like hiding behind solidarity to further conceal the process used to brazenly obtain the result. Noticeably omitted at the “Ballroom Blitz” installment event were any microphones for question/comment from faculty, students and taxpayers. Note to BoT: consider NOT bringing out AU’s 20th President until **AFTER** your sham installation is complete. The dearth of announcements on our next Presidential search process suggests another poor ‘crash & burn’ result. Especially considering those responsible for the Leath debacle are still in charge and face absolutely no discipline from either the Governor or the Auburn Faculty, but it appears some relief is finally in motion in our federal courts.

Let us first consider the recent quote from our current (non-doctor) Governor Kay Ivey, *“As president of the Board of Trustees, as governor and as an alumna, I have a vested interest in the future of Auburn University. I have confidence in the members of the Board of Trustees as we move forward with this process.”* Sad to observe Ivey taking the same **BCA** path to perdition as did Bentley. Many considered Steve Pelham de facto governor given Ivey’s capacity... more specifically Pelham was Ivey’s ‘point man’ dealing with AU’s athletic scandals, lawsuits, investigations, etc. Wanting to be another ‘hog at the AU trough’ and get his public servant cut for abusing the dedicated and productive at Auburn, Pelham wanted the economic development position along with “Chief of Staff” largess created by Leath (designed to bring/protect his crony from Iowa St. that one could easily imagine knew most of the dirt from the dropped investigation once Auburn took ‘Crash’ off of Iowa’s litigation ‘to do’ list) to trump up his three year **RSA** [Retirement Systems of Alabama] exit.

Those looking for a ray of hope noticed the moment Jay Gogue was voted to return as interim president, Mr. Pelham disappeared as “Chief of Staff” from the presidential webpage and has apparently been demoted to just another lowly Associate VP, among our overpaid administrators at AU. One of my colleagues nomenclated this Auburn’s equivalent of sending one to a Soviet gulag in Siberia. Fodder for another column is Ivey’s flyboy (Trustee Jimmy Rane) attacks on recent budgeting to AU at the same time some think Mr. Rane (and other unindicted public servant coconspirators) would like to use student and taxpayer money to keep a felon quiet if he ever does prison time. Jailbird sonatas to reduce time served evokes fear in some of our most entrenched Auburn thugs.

Next consider the outrageous yet revealing *Chronicle of Higher Education* quotes from Auburn University Senate Chair, Dr. Mike Baginski, *“President Leath was very well liked by everyone I know, and he did so much in so little time.”* Baginski, an Associate Professor of Electrical and Computer engineering, said in an email to **The Chronicle**, *“He’s done everything very well, and everyone I know is surprised.”* Speaks volumes on who one knows. How blind and amenable to corruption can a so-called faculty ‘leader’ be? Did he miss the \$17+ million blown on the President’s mansion? Did he miss the absurd contract given to Gus Malzahn? Did he miss the First Amendment lawsuit filed by Prof. Stern specifically naming Leath as a defendant? Did all those Senate meetings Leath failed to show go unnoticed? Or is this the same Dr. Baginski I observed telling Prof. Stern to “get away from the microphone” when Stern specifically began to question Leath’s conduct before the Faculty (dare I type Administrative) Senate?

Allow me another forecast, given the dearth of discussion on the process to select our 20th president, Dr. Baginski will probably be “selected” to “represent” the “faculty” on the search committee. Just as former University Senate Chair Dr. Larry Teeter “represented” the “faculty” so well on the last presidential search committee. Little surprise this is the same public servant faculty member I see named as a defendant in a current lawsuit search alleging violation of Prof. Joe Majdalani’s First Amendment rights. In my cursory court watching, I can’t recall AU defending three simultaneous First Amendment lawsuits. Two name Leath in individual capacity and charge him with retaliation and conspiracy to violate civil rights. The timed and triplicate \$1.5 million payoffs to Leath start to make sense given the desire for leverage as these lawsuits and further investigations potentially unfold. Insiders I know (clearly different from those Dr. Baginski interacts with) suggest these lawsuits and pending investigations plaguing AU are what finally generated “Crash” hitting the silk (a.k.a. cash) now underwritten by Alabamians instead of Iowans.

Most know I was a fan of Pres. Gogue’s stewardship - it was easy to forecast he’d be an improvement over crony Ed Richardson. When Trustee John Denson was the marginal vote to get the Muse result over the Lowder gang, it signaled enough courageous souls were still at Auburn willing and able to battle the damage being done by this failed businessman and his minion ‘public servants.’ The Ballroom Blitz style installation of Leath I witnessed went a long way to thwart hope and morale our “Boob&Hubbard/Lowder&Rane Daze” was attenuating. As forecasted, it didn’t take long for Leath’s corrupt spirit to spread throughout AU, creating the “Chief of Staff” position (because we just don’t have enough bloated administrative paychecks at Auburn) and undoing the positive changes Pres. Gogue initiated to reduce the damage some of the worst (tenured) dead wood and schemers impose upon AU, far too insulated from market forces.

Jay Gogue had no fear being publicly known in the search which resulted in becoming the 18th president of AU. Gogue had nothing to hide, conveying strong desire to return to Auburn and confidence as to how secure he was with his current position as Chancellor of the University of Houston System and University of Houston President. What better indicator to a current employer of your asset value than being sought out by other employers? I was among those who begged Pres. Gogue to offer staying on for another search given the poor [2017] result... not that I think I have any influence on Jay, he nonetheless made the offer – it was foolishly declined. So here we are years and countless millions of dollars later back to where a wise BoT would have been in April 2017 and could have avoided the damage and lawsuits if we had another Gogue caliber president. Sadly Felon Hubbard unindicted coconspirator public servants (dare I type masters) want leveraged and compromised pieces of carbon like ‘Crash’ at the helm to facilitate their bidding, but they have to be smart enough to deal with a few courageous souls at AU who give their blood, sweat, time

## Steven ‘Crash’ Leath Hits The Silk Like A Good Auburn Man



and treasure to block the most corrupt and deleterious in the ranks.

Far too many times upper administrative candidates make short lists because they initially show so well on paper but when doing minimal homework, it doesn’t take long to get ‘the rest of the story’ as Paul Harvey would say. I observed this many years ago with President Ryan Amacher at UTA [<http://www.dallasobserver.com/news/fast-times-at-uta-6404568>] who kept making short lists until he finally found a university which didn’t do their homework. If a candidate is **NOT** secure enough in their current job to let them know others recognize their accomplishments and would like to have them in their employ, **I DON’T** want them. This recent way of conducting searches is nothing more than obfuscation which far too often benefits the growing minions of colluding administrators fleeing taxpayers and saddling students with increasingly more debt further evidenced by the \$4.5 million ‘Crash’ landing result here at AU.

Even the faculty Senate meeting the day after Leath’s installation addressed lack of transparency and no short list offered for public consideration. Noticeably absent was the newly appointed Leath who would’ve been well served to attend since Gogue was committed to UVA for accreditation duties - only his third Senate meeting missed in TEN years. The Ballroom Blitz was long on thanks for this ‘broadly represented’ outcome rhetoric, and very short on explaining extreme confidentiality at a **PUBLIC** university. If allowed to question before installation, some would’ve asked about crashed planes, misuse of public property, odd land transactions, etc. Perhaps there were many

good answers for investigations at Iowa State, but didn’t the last big Auburn hire away from Iowa State, Gene Chizik if memory serves, also go up in smoke? In keeping with Jay Jacobs type cash exits we can now conclude Leath is indeed a ‘Good Auburn Man’... another “crash” course as to precisely what’s wrong at AU.

Walking over to the ‘Ballroom Blitz’ a colleague forecasted it would be hours before they voted if the event was to engage in discussion and input from the ‘Auburn Family.’ I forecasted 20 minutes; I was wrong... it was over in less than twelve! The most notable & quotable moment followed a very loud and distinctly delayed **‘AYE’** from infamous Dr. Gov. Bentley to finally make it **“UNANIMOUS”** - prompting Charles McCrary (President Pro Tem of the AU BoT) to proclaim, *“The Voice of God.”* Our embar-

assment was quickly noticed in Iowa. Des Moines KCCI News reported, "Last month, officials decided against filing criminal charges against Leath following an investigation into whether he broke the law with his use of school aircraft. That review began after an audit found Leath used university planes for medical appointments in Minnesota, personal flight lessons and trips home to North Carolina. He has now reimbursed the university for the flights. Auburn picked Leath after a search that didn't include an announcement of finalists."

Gogue’s presidency began July 2007. This two-time AU graduate’s repute for engaging with students, supporting faculty and creating a strong university partnership with the local community was well earned. What a difference from Richardson’s reign. Stepping down as President, Gogue remained at AU teaching a higher education administration course and conducting special projects. Not long before all this ‘blew up’ Jay asked for my input on 50 Management Tips which I found superb - not surprising from a well-seasoned administrator/manager. The most truthful quote of the ‘Ballroom Blitz’ day from McCrary was, *“The contribution Jay and Susie Gogue made to Auburn is immeasurable, we’re fortunate they will remain part of the Auburn community.”* The 12 minute Ballroom Blitz engagement would’ve made any Stuka pilot proud. Drop the bomb then quickly fly out without answering questions certainly is a psychological tactic to make a point. Debate shall not be tolerated at Auburn University and y’all had better know your place. Steven ‘Crash’ Leath’s stewardship over the Jule Collins Smith Museum was so poor, I could no longer send friends/inquiries to donate their fine artwork - I pray this (and many other things) will also be reversed/repaid with President Gogue back at the helm.

Some readers may wonder why I devoted my cherished *Alabama Gazette* column space for this with so many other issues (The Squad, Justice Stevens, etc.) to address. It was revealing how many contacted me about my past column on Leath’s installation (reprinted in the *Opelika Observer*) as so many of the politburo academics and sycophant administrators were reportedly so adamant about their “surprise” in Leath’s exit. For those who cared enough to do a little homework on Leath, the “Crash” into Samford Hall and all the collateral damage these past years was certainly no “surprise.” Perhaps the most ironic quote out of Auburn during all of this was directed at Chuck Person. *"Person's poor decisions failed Auburn in every way,"* the victim impact letter said. *"They have resulted in considerable financial expense relating to internal and external investigations that confirmed the limited scope of Person's misconduct. Those costs -- which are already considerable -- will continue to rise through Auburn's completion of the NCAA process, which presents the possibility of significant sanctions and penalties flowing from Person's criminal actions. Perhaps more damaging, Person's actions have immeasurably damaged Auburn's national reputation based on it being attached -- fairly or unfairly -- to Person's criminal spectacle."* So where was Auburn’s “victim impact letter” related to the twelve felony convictions of “Mr. Auburn,” a.k.a., Mike Hubbard? Most notably the **\$150K** check written by Auburn Trustee Jimmy Rane to Felon Hubbard in comparison to the only **\$91K** Auburn took “on the side.” Financial expense and damage to Auburn’s repute from the Leath debacle far eclipses those related to Chuck, but don’t expect any “victim impact letter” from Auburn due to their despicably convenient “no disparagement clause” in the nationally infamous \$4.5 million parachute given to finally eject good ol’ Steven “Crash” Leath from AU.

**Postscript:** many have asked why I’ve not yet turned in my AU office key... will I change my mind with Pres. Gogue back at the helm? If it were not for administrative incompetence letting accreditations expire, I would still be teaching my last class for the **APAEP** [Alabama Prison Arts + Education Project] as planned and hoped. The biggest reason I’m still holding/using my office is to deal with incompetence/admitted errors at **RSA** who provide nothing to audit/check before making their errors, but make members suffer the time and effort to deal with their errors. Perhaps there’s some ‘Devine intervention’ in play, but it would have to be much more profound. Pres. Gogue was a big factor in getting me to return to AU from AUM. If Pres. Gogue repairs the damage Leath ‘crashed’ upon my unit, it could reduce the aggravation enough for me to want to rebuild what was lost these past years. I suffer no illusion that my little part of AU is even on Jay’s radar at the moment with so much other damage to address now that “Crash” has finally been ejected...





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Football Writer

Coach Malzahn has made some decisions that have cost Auburn several games over the last six years. He has also made some decisions that have won several important games during this same period of time. This story is not designed to defend or condemn the Auburn coach. Let’s just be fair and look at the facts concerning Gus Malzahn.

Gus was a very successful high school coach in his native state of Arkansas. He won state championships at two different high schools. His success was due in part to the development of his zone read offense, which allowed the quarterback to excel as a passer and as a runner. In short, the offense required the quarterback to be in the “shotgun” position with one running back on the left or the right of the quarterback. The offensive formation basically involved having a flanker on one side and a split end on the other side. Sometimes there would be a slot receiver as well. This slot receiver would be used as a passing target as well as a running threat on a reverse at some point during the game. The quarterback would take the snap from center, reach for the belly of the running back, read the defensive end and make a decision as to whether to leave the football with the running back or pull the football and run off the defensive end. If the ball was left with the running back, he would be going forward anyway looking for a crease in the defense. Of course, most passes would come off this same action. With the proper talent, this can be a very difficult offensive to defend. It was paramount that the quarterback be a running threat as well as a passing threat. Also, it was very important to have an excellent running back and several outstanding receivers. The tempo was fast with no huddle. This offensive concept was unique at the time. Malzahn has been forced to make adjustments over the years as defensive coaches were able to design plans that were effective in defending the zone read offense.

Gus Malzahn was so successful in high school that he was hired by **Houston Nutt**, the head coach at the University of Arkansas in 2006. There, his offense produced a 1,000 yard rusher, but, the Hogs limped in at the end of the season. This unusual offensive idea was not fully accepted by Coach Nutt. As a result, Malzahn was let go after the 2006 season. He was immediately hired by Tulsa. His two quarterbacks at Tulsa were all purpose yardage leaders in the country. After two very successful years at Tulsa (2007-2008), Malzahn was hired by **Coach Gene Chizik** at Auburn to run the offense in his first year as head coach. Auburn had a respectable year in 2009. That was the year that Auburn lead **Nick Saban’s** Alabama team with only a few seconds left on the clock. Quarterback, **Greg McElroy**, made a great play to save the day for the Crimson Tide. Auburn’s performance was made even more impressive by the fact that Auburn did not have an outstanding quarterback, nor really good wide receivers. What Coach Malzahn had done with the Auburn offense was remarkable. It was so effective that Coach Chizik’s 2010 team won the national championship with an unknown quarterback named Cam Newton. He is unknown no more. Without a reliable quarterback to replace Newton, Auburn slipped to 8-5 in 2011.

Coach Gus Malzahn had become a hot commodity on the coaching market. He was offered several head coaching jobs, including the Vanderbilt job. He wisely took the head coaching job at Arkansas State in Jonesboro, Arkansas. Many people were astounded that Malzahn turned down a job in the SEC for a job in the Sun Belt Conference. But, he knew what we know. Vanderbilt is a wonderful school and Nashville is a great place to visit, but, at that time no coach had ever been heard from after coaching at Vanderbilt in the last 70 years. In 2012 Malzahn won the Sun Belt Conference with an overall record of 9-3. His quarterback was one of the top players for all purpose yards in 2012.

Gene Chizik had an awful season at Auburn in 2012 losing all six conference games. The coach of Auburn’s second national championship team was fired. The question in the minds of Auburn people was did Chizik’s team win that championship or was it Malzahn’s offense that won it. This question was strong enough in the minds of the powers that be at Auburn that Coach Gus Malzahn was hired from Arkansas State. Low and behold, Auburn won twelve games in Malzahn’s first year, playing again for the national championship and cementing the idea that it was he and not Gene Chizik that was responsible for the national championship in 2010. This idea was prevalent until Auburn astonishingly lost a home game against Texas A&M in 2014. Auburn’s outstanding quarterback, **Nick Marshall**, got the play from Coach Malzahn. It was a zone read option on the one yard line and third down with Auburn trailing as time was running out. Marshall and the running back, **Cameron Payne**, were both “tugging” at the ball and it fell down right in front of a defensive lineman. Game over!

Before Gus Malzahn ever coached a game at Auburn as head coach, he and I talked about the very same scenario described above. Since I had been responsible for installing the wish-bone offense at Lanier High School in 1971, I was very familiar with the concept of the quarterback sticking the football in the belly of the running back and either pulling it or leaving it with the back. This is a very difficult procedure which requires hours and hours of repetition in order to perfect the correct read by both the quarterback and the running back. Having had success and failure with this procedure it was my concern that this could be a problem in his zone read option. Malzahn assured me that “this will not be a problem.” We discussed this for a few more minutes and it was my opinion that this would be a problem. It is always a problem. Ask any quarterback that played in the wishbone offense and they will tell you that sometimes the quarterback and the running back misjudge the intention of the other. When that happens, the ball can drop to the ground to be had by the closest lineman. Sometimes you get it back. Sometimes you don’t. In my mind it is insane to run this option on the goal line with one yard to go. One should have many plays in your arsenal to score from the one yard line. After this debacle in the Texas A&M game, Coach Malzahn emphasized that this is what he likes to do on the goal line. Not many coaches will buy that line of thinking. I certainly did not, do not, will not under any circumstance recommend running the zone option or the true wishbone option on the one yard line.

It is my belief that Malzahn’s troubles started that night in Jordan-Hare Stadium in front of a packed house and millions watching on television. Auburn had only lost one game (LSU) prior to that game. They limped through the rest of the season and finished with a record of 8-5. The invincibility of the Auburn zone read offense began to decline. Many changes have

been made to Malzahn’s offense, but the philosophy of running the zone read offense in the red zone has been the one handicap that has plagued Coach Malzahn during the entire time that he has been Auburn’s head coach. Most coaches understand the concept of having four downs to make ten yards inside the twenty yard line. This concept however does not allow for losing



Coach Gus Malzahn

yardage on a down. The zone read is a feast or famine offense that is great most of the time and loses yardage some of the time. Don’t take the risk of losing yardage inside the red zone. This is a rule most coaches live by.

Offenses have developed over the last ten years that will throw the football at any place on the field. It is not my philosophy, but it is working for many teams. If Coach Gus Malzahn’s red zone philosophy had been different, Auburn would not have had to kick so many field goals. This one problem has caused Coach Malzahn to be in the position he is in with his critics after a successful reign as the Auburn head football coach.

Now let’s look at some positive facts that pertain to the six years that Guz Malzahn has been the head coach at Auburn.

First of all, he is a really good person. He has done nothing to bring any criticism on Auburn University. He has a wonderful family that shares his values. He has tried to fit in with the community as best he can. Gus does not have an outgoing personality that draws people to him. This is not a requirement of a coach, but it really helps when the chips are down. Anybody can be popular when they are winning a lot of football games. It’s when things are not going your way is when it’s good to have a lot of loyal supporters. Gus needs support this year from the Auburn people in order to set the tone for a really good football team that he has developed. This may be the best team that Malzahn has had at Auburn. His big problem is that the Auburn schedule is loaded with outstanding teams.

Auburn opens with Oregon, a team that is a pre-season top 15 team. Then Auburn must go to Kyle Field in College Station to play improving Texas A&M ranked 11th. Next stop is Gainesville against Florida, the runner up last year to the SEC East title and ranked 8th. No help going to Baton Rouge to take on 6th ranked LSU. Georgia and Alabama come to Jordan-Hare. This is some consolation. However, Georgia is ranked number 3 and Alabama ranked number 2. Auburn will be underdogs in all six games. This means that Malzahn will have to engineer at least two upsets to match the record from last year. This is a tall order. However, this Auburn team is built on a sound foundation offensively if the two freshmen quarterbacks come through. I think **Bo Nix** will start the Oregon game. **Coach Kevin Steele** will have the Tiger’s defense ready as usual. The kicking game will be much improved. So, it is possible for Auburn to win eight or nine games this year. It is also possible to wind up 6-6. Auburn is ranked number 16.

At many schools in the country, Malzahn’s record would be accepted as very successful. He has been at Auburn as an assistant coach or head coach for ten seasons now. During that span, Auburn played for two national championships, winning one. They also played for three SEC championships winning two. As a head coach, Malzahn’s teams have won at least eight games each year except for one. His over all record as a head coach is 62-30 for a winning percentage of 67.4%. His record as head coach at Auburn is 53-22 for a winning percentage of 64.7%. Do that at Texas Tech or Arkansas and you will get a lifetime contract.

The biggest problem that Guz Malzahn has to face each year is coaching in the same state as Nick Saban. Saban has set the bar so high that no coach so far has been able to match it. Clemson is getting very close. Saban is the best recruiter in the history of college football. The lifeblood of any college football team is recruiting. Saban beats Malzahn and everybody else in recruiting almost every year. That is hard to overcome. He has a “process” developed over his time at Kent State, Michigan, LSU and Alabama that is almost unbeatable. He is now regarded as the best coach in the history of college football, even though there were a few old-timers that are in that same category. Competing against the best football coach in the history of college football is practically undoable. So, there are real legitimate reasons that Auburn has not performed better than anticipated. I don’t know any coaches that are chomping at the bit to be the head coach at Auburn and face Nick Saban’s process.

There is no question that Coach Gus Malzahn’s future at Auburn depends on the Tigers making strong showings in every game. If that happens, the \$49 million contract Malzahn negotiated two years ago may seem worth the price.

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# TRI-COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

## CARVER HIGH

8/22 7:00p	@ Jefferson Davis (Montgomery, AL) Cramton Bowl, Cramton Bowl
8/29 7:00p	Greenville (Greenville, AL) Carver High School
9/6 7:00p	@ Russell County (Seale, AL) Russell County High School
9/13 7:00p	Baker (Mobile, AL) Carver High School
9/20 7:00p	Jackson-Olin (Birmingham, AL) Carver High School
9/27 7:00p	Lee (Montgomery, AL) Carver High School
10/4 7:00p	@ Dothan (Dothan, AL) Dothan High School
10/11 7:00p	Lanier (Montgomery, AL) Carver High School
10/18 7:00p	Eufaula (Eufaula, AL) Carver High School
10/24 7:00p	Park Crossing (Montgomery, AL) Carver High School

## PARK CROSSING HIGH

8/23 7:00p	@ Park Crossing (Montgomery, AL) Park Crossing High School
8/29 7:00p	@ Lanier (Montgomery, AL) Lanier High School
9/5 7:00p	Jefferson Davis (Montgomery, AL) Lee High School
9/13 7:00p	@ Auburn (Auburn, AL) Auburn High School
9/20 8:00p	@ Smiths Station (Smiths, AL) Smith Station High School
9/27 7:00p	@ Carver (Montgomery, AL) Carver High School
10/4 7:00p	@ Prattville (Prattville, AL) Stanley-Jensen Stadium
10/12 12:30p	Central (Phenix City, AL) Cramton Bowl Montgomery, AL
10/18 7:00p	Enterprise (Enterprise, AL) Lee High School
10/25 7:00p	Davidson (Mobile, AL) Lee High School

## MONTGOMERY ACADEMY

8/23 7:30p	@ Brookstone (Columbus, GA) Brookstone High School
8/30 7:00p	@ Hillcrest (Evergreen, AL) Hillcrest High School
9/6 7:00p	@ Bryant (Irvington, AL) Bryant High School
9/6 7:00p	Beulah (Valley, AL) Montgomery Academy, Stadium
9/13 7:00p	St. James (Montgomery, AL) Montgomery Academy
9/20 7:00p	@ Prattville Christian Academy (Prattville, AL) Prattville Christian Academy
9/27 7:00p	Trinity Presbyterian (Montgomery, AL) Montgomery Academy, Stadium
10/4 7:00p	@ Dadeville (Dadeville, AL) Dadeville High School, Stadium
10/11 7:00p	Southside (Selma, AL) Montgomery Academy
10/18 7:00p	@ Pike Road Schools (Pike Road, AL) Pike Road Schools High School
10/25 7:00p	Bullock County (Union Springs, AL) Montgomery Academy, Stadium

## PRATTVILLE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

8/23 7:00p	@ Isabella (Maplesville, AL) Isabella High School
8/30 7:00p	Blacksher (Uriah, AL) Prattville Christian Academy
9/6 7:00p	@ Pike Road Schools (Pike Road, AL) Pike Road Schools High School
9/13 7:00p	Beulah (Valley, AL) Prattville Christian Academy
9/20 7:00p	Montgomery Academy (Montgomery, AL) Prattville Christian Academy
9/27 7:00p	Billingsley (Billingsley, AL) Prattville Christian Academy
10/4 7:00p	@ Southside (Selma, AL) Southside High School
10/11 7:00p	@ Bullock County (Union Springs, AL) Bullock County High School
10/18 7:00p	@ St. James (Montgomery, AL) St. James High School
10/25 7:00p	Dadeville (Dadeville, AL) Prattville Christian Academy
11/1 7:00p	@ Horseshoe Bend (New Site, AL) Horseshoe Bend High School

## JEFFERSON DAVIS HIGH

8/22 7:00p	Carver (Montgomery, AL) Cramton Bowl, Cramton Bowl
8/30 7:00p	@ Westlake (Atlanta, GA) Westlake High School
9/5 7:00p	@ Lee (Montgomery, AL) Lee High School
9/21 7:00p	Auburn (Auburn, AL) Jefferson Davis High School
9/27 7:00p	Lanier (Montgomery, AL) Jefferson Davis High School
10/3 7:00p	Smiths Station (Smiths, AL) Jefferson Davis High School
10/11 7:00p	Prattville (Prattville, AL) Jefferson Davis High School
10/18 8:00p	@ Central (Phenix City, AL) Central High School, Stadium
10/25 7:00p	@ Enterprise (Enterprise, AL) Enterprise High School, Stadium
11/1 7:00p	Northview (Dothan, AL) Jefferson Davis High School
11/1 7:00p	Dothan (Dothan, AL) Jefferson Davis High School

## ROBERT E. LEE HIGH

8/23 7:00p	@ Park Crossing (Montgomery, AL) Park Crossing High School
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## TRINITY

8/23 7:00p	American Christian Academy (Tuscaloosa, AL) Trinity Presbyterian High School
8/30 7:00p	Andalusia (Andalusia, AL) Trinity High School, Stadium
9/6 7:00p	@ Alabama Christian Academy (Montgomery, AL) Alabama Christian Academy, ACA
9/13 7:00p	Headland (Headland, AL) Trinity Presbyterian High School
9/20 7:00p	Montgomery Catholic (Montgomery, AL) Trinity Presbyterian High School
9/27 7:00p	@ Montgomery Academy (Montgomery, AL) Montgomery Academy
10/11 7:00p	@ Dale County (Midland City, AL) Dale County High School
10/18 7:00p	Ashford (Ashford, AL) Trinity Presbyterian High School
10/25 7:00p	@ Booker T. Washington (Tuskegee, AL) Booker T Washington High School
11/1 7:00p	@ St. James (Montgomery, AL) St. James High School

## HOOPER ACADEMY

8/30 7:00p	Macon-East Montgomery Academy (Cecil, AL) Hooper Academy
9/6 7:00p	@ Sparta Academy (Evergreen, AL) Sparta Academy
9/13 7:00p	South Choctaw Academy (Toxey, AL) Hooper Academy
9/20 7:00p	@ Lowndes Academy (Lowndesboro, AL) Lowndes Academy
9/27 7:00p	Crenshaw Christian Academy (Luverne, AL) Hooper Academy
10/4 7:00p	@ Fort Dale Academy (Greenville, AL) Fort Dale Academy
10/11 7:00p	@ Escambia Academy (Atmore, AL) Escambia Academy
10/18 7:00p	Patrician Academy (Butler, AL) Hooper Academy
10/25 7:00p	Clarke Prep (Grove Hill, AL) Hooper Academy
11/1 7:00p	@ Evangel Christian Academy (Montgomery, AL) Evangel Christian Academy

## LANIER HIGH

8/23 7:00p	@ Park Crossing (Montgomery, AL) Park Crossing High School
8/29 7:00p	@ Lanier (Montgomery, AL) Lanier High School
9/5 7:00p	Jefferson Davis (Montgomery, AL) Lee High School
9/13 7:00p	@ Auburn (Auburn, AL) Auburn High School
9/20 8:00p	@ Smiths Station (Smiths, AL) Smith Station High School
9/27 7:00p	@ Carver (Montgomery, AL) Carver High School
10/4 7:00p	@ Prattville (Prattville, AL) Stanley-Jensen Stadium
10/12 12:30p	Central (Phenix City, AL) Cramton Bowl Montgomery, AL
10/18 7:00p	Enterprise (Enterprise, AL) Lee High School
10/25 7:00p	Davidson (Mobile, AL) Lee High School

## ST. JAMES HIGH

8/23 7:00p	Bayside Academy (Daphne, AL) St. James High School
8/30 7:00p	@ Straughn (Andalusia, AL) Straughn High School
9/6 7:00p	@ Bullock County (Union Springs, AL) Bullock County High School
9/13 7:00p	@ Montgomery Academy (Montgomery, AL) Montgomery Academy
9/20 7:00p	@ Dadeville (Dadeville, AL) Dadeville High School
9/27 7:00p	Beulah (Valley, AL) St. James High School
10/4 7:00p	Pike Road Schools (Pike Road, AL) St. James High School
10/11 7:00p	Beulah (Valley, AL) St. James High School
10/18 7:00p	Prattville Christian Academy (Prattville, AL) St. James High School
10/25 7:00p	@ Southside (Selma, AL) Southside High School
11/1 7:00p	Trinity Presbyterian (Montgomery, AL) St. James High School

## CATHOLIC HIGH

8/23 7:00p	Tallassee (Tallassee, AL) Montgomery Catholic High School
8/30 7:00p	@ Anniston (Anniston, AL) Anniston High School
9/6 7:00p	Dale County (Midland City, AL) Montgomery Catholic High School
9/13 7:00p	Alabama Christian Academy (Montgomery, AL) Montgomery Catholic High School
9/20 7:00p	@ Trinity Presbyterian (Montgomery, AL) Trinity Presbyterian High School
9/27 7:00p	Beauregard (Opelika, AL) Montgomery Catholic High School
10/4 7:00p	@ Ashford (Ashford, AL) Ashford High School
10/11 7:00p	@ Booker T. Washington (Tuskegee, AL) Booker T. Washington High School
10/18 7:00p	@ T.R. Miller (Brewton, AL) T.R. Miller High Schoo
10/25 7:00p	Headland (Headland, AL) Montgomery Catholic High School

## PRATTVILLE HIGH SCHEDULE

8/23 7:00p	@ Foley (Foley, AL) Ivan Jones Stadium
8/30 7:00p	Stanhope Elmore (Millbrook, AL) Stanley-Jensen Stadium
9/13 7:00p	@ Central (Phenix City, AL) Garrett-Harrison Stadium
9/20 7:00p	@ Enterprise (Enterprise, AL) Enterprise High School
9/20 8:00p	@ Enterprise (Enterprise, AL) Enterprise High School Stadium
9/27 7:00p	@ Wetumpka (Wetumpka, AL) Wetumpka High School Stadium
10/4 7:00p	Lee (Montgomery, AL) Stanley-Jensen Stadium
10/11 7:00p	@ Jefferson Davis (Montgomery, AL) Jefferson Davis High School
10/18 8:00p	Auburn (Auburn, AL) Stanley Jensen Stadium
10/25 7:00p	Smiths Station (Smiths, AL) Prattville High School
11/1 7:00p	Lanier (Montgomery, AL) Stanley-Jensen Stadium



AUTAUGAVILLE SCHEDULE

8/23 7:00p	Holy Spirit Catholic (Tuscaloosa, AL) Autaugaville High School
8/30 7:00p	Holt (Holt, AL)
9/6 7:00p	Notasulga (Notasulga, AL) Autaugaville High School
9/13 7:00p	@ Lanett (Lanett, AL) Lanett High School, Stadium
9/20 7:00p	@ Loachapoka (Loachapoka, AL) Loachapoka High School
9/27 7:00p	Ellwood Christian (Selma, AL) Autaugaville High School
10/4 7:00p	@ Verbena (Verbena, AL) Verbena High School
10/11 7:00p	Billingsley (Billingsley, AL) Autaugaville High School
10/18 7:00p	@ Wadley (Wadley, AL) Wadley High School
11/1 7:00p	@ Central (Hayneville, AL) Central High School

MARBURY HIGH SCHEDULE

8/23 7:00p	Montevallo (Montevallo, AL) Marbury High School
8/30 7:00p	@ Elmore County (Eclectic, AL) Elmore County High School, Stadium
9/13 7:00p	@ Demopolis (Demopolis, AL) Demopolis High School Stadium
9/20 7:00p	Shelby County (Columbiana, AL) Marbury High School
9/27 8:00p	@ Valley (Valley, AL) Valley High School
10/4 7:00p	@ Central (Tuscaloosa, AL) Central High School
10/11 7:00p	Jemison (Jemison, AL) Marbury High School
10/18 7:00p	@ Chilton County (Clanton, AL) Chilton County High School
10/25 7:00p	Bibb County (Centreville, AL) Marbury High School
11/1 7:00p	Holtville (Deatsville, AL) Marbury High School

EDGEWOOD ACADEMY

8/23 7:00p	@ Northside Methodist Academy (Dothan, AL) Northside Methodist Academy
8/30 7:00p	@ Morgan Academy (Selma, AL) Morgan Academy
9/6 7:00p	Lee-Scott Academy (Auburn, AL) Edgewood Academy
9/13 7:00p	Springwood (Lanett, AL) Edgewood Academy
9/20 7:00p	@ Evangel Christian Academy (Montgomery, AL) Evangel Christian Academy
9/20 7:00p	Evangel Christian (Alabaster, AL) Edgewood Academy
9/26 7:00p	@ Macon-East Montgomery Academy (Cecil, AL) Macon-East Montgomery Academy
10/11 7:00p	@ Coosa Valley Academy (Harpersville, AL) Coosa Valley Academy
10/18 7:00p	@ Lakeside School (Eufaula, AL) Lakeside School
10/24 7:00p	Autauga Academy (Prattville, AL) Edgewood Academy
10/31 7:00p	Success Unlimited Academy (Montgomery, AL) Edgewood Academy

VICTORY BAPTIST HIGH

8/23 7:00p	@ Montgomery Catholic (Montgomery, AL) Montgomery Catholic High School
8/30 7:00p	@ Handley (Roanoke, AL) Handley High School
9/6 7:00p	@ Greenville (Greenville, AL) Greenville High School, Gym
9/13 7:00p	Carroll (Ozark, AL) Tallassee H.S., Stadium
10/4 8:00p	@ Valley (Valley, AL) Valley High School
10/11 7:00p	Rehobeth (Dothan, AL) Tallassee H.S., Stadium
10/18 7:00p	@ Charles Henderson (Troy, AL) Troy University stadium
10/25 7:00p	Beauregard (Opelika, AL) Tallassee H.S., Stadium
11/1 7:00p	Elmore County (Eclectic, AL) Tallassee H.S., Stadium

AUTAUGA ACADEMY SCHEDULE

8/22 7:00p	Bessemer Academy (Bessemer, AL) TBA
9/6 7:00p	@ Vernon (Vernon, FL) Vernon High School
9/13 7:00p	Coosa Valley Academy (Harpersville, AL) Autauga Academy
9/20 7:00p	@ Springwood (Lanett, AL) Springwood High School
9/27 7:00p	Tuscaloosa Academy (Tuscaloosa, AL) Autauga Academy
10/4 TBA	@ Graceville (Graceville, FL) Graceville High School
10/4 7:30p	@Pensacola Catholic (Pensacola, FL) Pensacola Catholic High School
10/11 7:00p	@ Lakeside School (Eufaula, AL) Lakeside School
10/18 7:00p	Evangel Christian Academy (Montgomery, AL) Autauga Academy
10/18 7:00p	North Florida Christian (Tallahassee, FL)
10/24 7:00p	@ Edgewood Academy (Elmore, AL) Edgewood Academy
11/1 7:00p	@ Glenwood (Phenix City, AL) Glenwood High School

ELMORE COUNTY HIGH

8/30 7:00p	Marbury (Marbury, AL) Elmore County High School
9/6 7:00p	@ Leeds (Leeds, AL) Leeds High School
9/13 7:00p	Talladega (Talladega, AL) Elmore County High School
9/20 7:00p	@ Holtville (Deatsville, AL) Holtville High School, Stadium
9/27 7:00p	@ Dadeville (Dadeville, AL) Dadeville High School, Stadium
10/4 7:00p	Handley (Roanoke, AL) Elmore County High School
10/10 7:00p	@ Childersburg (Childersburg, AL) Childersburg High School
10/18 7:00p	Dallas County (Plantersville, AL) Elmore County High School
10/25 7:00p	Lincoln (Lincoln, AL) Elmore County High School
11/1 7:00p	@ Tallassee (Tallassee, AL) Tallassee High School, Stadium

STANHOPE ELMORE HIGH SCHEDULE

8/30 7:00p	@ Prattville (Prattville, AL) Stanley-Jensen Stadium
9/6 7:00p	@ Lanier (Montgomery, AL) Benjamin Russell High School
9/6 7:00p	@ Benjamin Russell (Alexander City, AL) Benjamin Russell High School
9/13 7:00p	@ Calera (Calera, AL) Calera High School
9/20 7:00p	@ Shades Valley (Birmingham, AL) Shades Valley High School
9/27 7:00p	Smiths Station (Smiths, AL) Stanhope Elmore High School
10/4 7:00p	@ Wetumpka (Wetumpka, AL) Wetumpka High School Stadium
10/11 7:00p	Selma (Selma, AL) Stanhope Elmore High School
10/18 7:00p	Opelika (Opelika, AL) Stanhope Elmore High School
11/1 7:00p	Greenville (Greenville, AL) Stanhope Elmore High School

TALLASSEE HIGH

8/23 7:00p	@ Montgomery Catholic (Montgomery, AL) Montgomery Catholic High School
8/30 7:00p	@ Handley (Roanoke, AL) Handley High School
9/6 7:00p	@ Greenville (Greenville, AL) Greenville High School, Gym
9/13 7:00p	Carroll (Ozark, AL) Tallassee H.S., Stadium
10/4 8:00p	@ Valley (Valley, AL) Valley High School
10/11 7:00p	Rehobeth (Dothan, AL) Tallassee H.S., Stadium
10/18 7:00p	@ Charles Henderson (Troy, AL) Troy University stadium
10/25 7:00p	Beauregard (Opelika, AL) Tallassee H.S., Stadium
11/1 7:00p	Elmore County (Eclectic, AL) Tallassee H.S., Stadium

BILLINGSLEY HIGH SCHEDULE

8/23 7:00p	Keith (Orrville, AL) Billingsley High School, Stadium
8/30 7:00p	@ Isabella (Maplesville, AL) Location: Isabella High School
9/6 7:00p	Loachapoka (Loachapoka, AL) Billingsley High School, Stadium
9/13 7:00p	@ Verbena (Verbena, AL) Verbena High School
9/27 7:00p	@ Prattville Christian Academy Prattville Christian Academy
10/4 7:00p	Wadley (Wadley, AL) Billingsley High School, Stadium
10/11 7:00p	@ Autaugaville (Autaugaville, AL) Autaugaville High School
10/18 7:00p	Notasulga (Notasulga, AL) Billingsley High School, Stadium
10/25 7:00p	@ Lanett (Lanett, AL) Lanett High School, Stadium
11/1 7:00p	Thorsby (Thorsby, AL) Billingsley High School

HOLTVILLE HIGH

8/30 7:00p	Coosa Valley Academy (Harpersville, AL) Holtville High School, Stadium
9/6 7:00p	Handley (Roanoke, AL) Holtville High School, Stadium
9/13 7:00p	@ Childersburg (Childersburg, AL) Childersburg High School
9/20 7:00p	Elmore County (Eclectic, AL) Holtville High School, Stadium
9/27 7:00p	@ Dallas County (Plantersville, AL) Dallas County High School
10/4 7:00p	@ Lincoln (Lincoln, AL) Lincoln, Lincoln High School
10/11 7:00p	Leeds (Leeds, AL) Holtville High School, Stadium
10/18 7:00p	@ Talladega (Talladega, AL) Talladega
10/25 7:00p	Oak Grove (Bessemer, AL) Holtville High School
11/1 7:00p	@ Marbury (Marbury, AL) Marbury High School

WETUMPKA HIGH

8/23 7:00p	@ Fairhope (Fairhope, AL) Fairhope High School
8/30 7:00p	@ Dothan (Dothan, AL) Dothan High School, Stadium
9/6 7:00p	@ Calera (Calera, AL) Calera High School
9/13 7:00p	@ Opelika (Opelika, AL) Opelika High School, Stadium
9/19 7:00p	Buckhorn (New Market, AL)
9/27 7:00p	Prattville (Prattville, AL) Wetumpka High School, Stadium
10/4 7:00p	Stanhope Elmore (Millbrook, AL) Wetumpka High School, Stadium
10/10 7:00p	@ Benjamin Russell (Alexander City, AL) Benjamin Russell High School
10/10 7:00p	@ Lanier (Montgomery, AL) Benjamin Russell High School, Charles E. Bailey Sp
10/18 7:00p	Selma (Selma, AL) Wetumpka High School, Stadium
10/25 7:00p	Muscle Shoals (Muscle Shoals, AL) Wetumpka High School

NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

8/16 7:00p	Lighthouse HomeSchool (Oneonta, AL) New Life Christian Academy
8/23 7:00p	Banks Academy (Birmingham, AL) New Life Christian Academy
8/30 7:00p	@ Tuscaloosa Christian (Cottondale, AL) Tuscaloosa Christian School
9/6 7:00p	@ Lyman Ward Military Academy (Camp Hill, AL) Lyman Ward Military School
9/13 7:00p	Hope Christian (Pelham, AL) New Life Christian Academy
9/20 7:00p	@ Victory Christian (Columbus, MS) Victory Christian Columbus
9/27 7:00p	East Memorial Christian Academy (Prattville, AL) New Life Christian Academy
10/4 7:00p	Varsity Opponent Oak Hills Academy
10/11 7:00p	@ Tabernacle (Gardendale, AL) Tabernacle Christian School
10/18 7:00p	Russell Christian Academy (Meridian, MS) New Life Christian Academy
10/25 7:00p	TBA CFA Semi-Final (1v4, 2v3)





## Civil Asset Forfeiture

By John Martin

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

The concept of civil asset forfeiture is one of the cruelest impositions our government has ever imposed onto the people. In essence, it allows law enforcement officials to become legal pirates to literally steal, at will, people’s money and property on the slightest pretense that it might in some way or another be associated with a crime. That includes the mere possession of a “large” (undefined) amount of cash.

In many cases, police have pulled people over on our highways, demanded to search their vehicles, and seized whatever money they had been carrying. In some cases they were drug dealers, but many of the seizures were from completely innocent people on perfectly legitimate businesses, or on vacations.

### SOME EXAMPLES:

In 2009, an officer pulled over a 22 year old college student on I-70 in Indiana, asked him to step out if his car, and patted him down. In his pocket, he found a roll of cash that contained \$17,500, money to buy a new car for his aunt.

The officer detained the student and his passengers and called a K-9 unit to check the car for drugs. The dog made two positive indications, but later searching of the car found no evidence of any drugs. Nevertheless, the police seized the money and began legal proceedings to keep it under Indiana’s asset forfeiture law.

Unfortunately, about 97% of cash in circulation contains minute traces of cocaine and other illegal substances that are detectable by dogs.

Police seized \$201,000 from Lisa Leonard, who was about to buy a house for her son. The excuse: It was being transported on a public highway used by drug dealers. The SCOTUS upheld the theft on a technicality.

Police took \$8,500 in cash and jewelry from Roderick Daniels, who planned to purchase a new car. They threatened him with jail and money-laundering charges if he didn’t sign a waiver forfeiting his property.

The DEA has colluded with the TSA and local police to use scanners and spies to seize cash from American travelers at airports. Since 2006, they have confiscated more than \$203 million, nearly all of it from innocent victims. They have even rewarded security screeners who had identified luggage containing cash. Meanwhile, they have not apprehended a single terrorist.

### HOW DID IT BEGIN?

Civil asset forfeiture dates back to the **Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act of 1970**, originally intended to seize profits gained by organized crime. In 1978, Congress added drug violations. Finally, in 1984, the **Comprehensive Crime Control Act** became the coup de grace that made forfeiture a lucrative license for law enforcement to steal whatever it wanted.

The Crime Control Act created two separate funds—one for the Justice Department and one for the Treasury. It also created a provision to give proceeds back to local agencies that helped the feds, a bribe known as “policing for profit.” This motivated the local police to steal money and

property. Many law enforcement agents have morphed from protectors and servers to organized criminals.

The state would not have to prove anything. It could use hearsay evidence. Snitches could be awarded up to 25% of the take, up to \$50,000. But property owners were barred from testifying or cross-examining the government’s witnesses.

Property is seized by charging it with a real or imagined “crime.” It could be a car that might have transported drugs, or the front yard of a house where some hoodlums made a drug transaction... or... a totally fabricated case to steal a piece of desired property with no crime connection whatsoever.

In most cases, the property’s owners have little or no recourse. Your property is deemed “guilty.” It does not have to be proven like the conviction of a person. The property’s owner is obligated to prove that it is innocent, which in the majority of cases, is nearly impossible. Legal challenges of seizures are difficult and very expensive, and only a few have succeeded. The costs are often greater than the value of the property. Therefore, more than 80% are never challenged.

Under the 1984 law, forfeiture victims cannot obtain court-appointed attorneys; they must hire them on their own at great expense. One without adequate means must hope for a pro bono attorney or one who will work for a portion of the property should he win. And finally, just to get a day in court requires a bond equal to 10% of the property’s value. This outrage is light years away from equal justice under law.

Cato Institute studies have verified that forfeiture revenues from 1985 to 1991 have increased by 1500%. The Justice Department’s takings leaped from \$27 million in 1985 to \$3.1 billion in 2008. The owners of 80% of this property were never prosecuted or convicted.

According to an article in The Washington Post, “law enforcement took more stuff from people than burglars did.”

What are our leaders going to do to rectify this tragedy? Donald Trump could certainly have a part in it. Firing Jeff Sessions has certainly been a good start, since this former Alabama Senator “has previously declared his love for civil asset forfeiture.” But he must also insist that Congress do everything in its power to overturn this crime wave. This is a serious “must do” to make America great again.

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## Qualifications? Meeting a payroll



John W. Giles

Governor Hunt once told me, “John, before anyone runs for office or becomes a journalist, they would be well-served to have met a payroll first. What a profound statement and I agree 100%. If you have kept up with my resume, I worked for the Hunt administration in economic development during the late 80’s early 90’s. I worked primarily in the area of Small Business and later with all exiting business and industries.

My father was a small business entrepreneur and that mantle passed down to his family. My father taught all of us what it meant to meet a payroll. We all fully understood and appreciated what Governor Hunt was saying. For those who have not had that opportunity, let me share with

you what has to happen before you can write a payroll check. First, you have to have a product or service. Then, you have to get in the market place and find your niche among a field of competition. You have to convince the buyer you are qualified to deliver, best in the business and your price has to generally meet your competitors. After getting the order, now you have to deliver as promised, satisfy the customer, invoice and then collect. In addition, one must price the invoice with an adequate margin to meet your overhead, expenses, maintain raw materials and finished inventory, carry accounts receivables, payroll and payroll taxes, and then guess who is last to get paid. Entrepreneurs are often over glamourized, they really work to keep their team employed and in most cases, the last one to get paid. I can tell you from personal experience, on more than one occasion; we had to put our paycheck in the drawer, while paying employees and other obligations first. Entrepreneurs often go to bed and wake up in a sweat, frequently can’t sleep from the financial, physical and emotion load of carrying a business. This same owner is often faced with a tsunami of problems that seem to be insurmountable, and somehow finds a narrow path of escape from total disaster and business failure. At the end of the day, this small business person is responsible for the engine of our economy, and creates 75% of all of our new jobs. Prayer, vision, work ethic, tenacity, grit, tough, mission oriented, making one dollar do the work of three dollars, negotiating skills and not having can’t or quit in your vocabulary are the traits that embody a small business entrepreneur. Most people cannot handle this kind of sustained pressure.

For an elected official who never met a payroll, it puts them at a great disadvantage in solving problems and getting projects completed. Often, without the skills to find solutions or make very tough decisions, a non-business background officeholder quickly find themselves outside of their expertise. All too often they are tempted with very weak solutions throwing taxpayer money at problems, like raising taxes, toll roads or legalizing gambling, all of which are very regressive ideas. Another example, let’s build bigger prisons rather than fight recidivism. Being successful in business also requires a high level of common sense, which is generally not the order of the day in government solutions.

Rarely does a journalist have a small business background, which means they have never met a payroll. Most come from academia where research projects are theory based and not applied real time research. Journalist by most polling data, generally vote Democrat and typically lean leftward in rationale and on issues.As I have written before, journalism and editorial opinion departments have merged, which is unfortunate. In my experience

over the years, if you have an elected official offer an idea as a solution like, raising taxes, passing gambling, open borders, free healthcare and college, adding illegal immigrants to the entitlement rolls and allowing them to vote and the like, generally journalist are drooling all over these ideas as if they are a stroke of brilliance. One recent example, Obama’s economic development plan was summed up in two words: Green Jobs. The media treated this notion as astounding. Common sense knew at the outset, this was a flawed concept. Wind energy, solar, and electric cars are not cost effective, so the market potential for these ideas are in the deficit before you wake up in the morning. Government subsidized plants promoting these concepts catastrophically failed on a flawed theory, not applied science.

Let’s discuss academia for a minute. I have often proposed that we need corporate business minds running academia, not academics, particularly as College and University Presidents along with Superintendents of Education. You can hire academics to run your educational programs. Education is like any other enterprise, you are in the people business so they have to be led, have budgets, need long term strategic plans with measurable outcomes and who better to address this kind of leadership than a business professional. If you do not have a PhD. behind your name, you can forget about being a university president. Motivating people, being goal oriented, raising funds, selling programs to the public, leadership, making tough decisions and so much more are second nature for a business person. Academics in this environment are at a great disadvantage, because of not having the hard core problem solving skills earned from recession injected experiences, there is just no comparison.

As a side note, lawyers often find their way into public office. There are two kinds of lawyers, strict constructionist constitutional originalist (Conservative) and those that believe the constitution is a living, breathing every evolving and changing document (Liberal). Ambulance chasing plaintiff trial lawyers (Liberal) generally are those if elected or appointed as judges practice judicial activism. We do not need these types in any public office. On the other hand, strict constructionists (Conservative) generally make great judges and compliment the business minds in the legislative process, keeping ideas constitutionally driven.

Business people have to finish the project or service to get paid; non-business minds are generally acquiescent to perpetuity. A business mind knows how to get the economy moving by reducing tax burdens, freeing up cash for investment, reducing burdensome regulations, encouraging manufacturing, substantially reducing trade deficits and creating and fostering a pro-business environment for growth that yields job creation.

Liberals are smart, they can channel public discourse by controlling academia, media, Hollywood, arts and have a presence in politics. Business folks get frustrated quickly in red taped bureaucratic environments and commonly stick to their knitting, rather than inject themselves into viscous public life, fighting liberalism and slander at every intersection. It is just easier to stay home and build assets for your family and create jobs in their communities.

We are entering the 2020 election cycle, disproportionately candidates in local, state and national elections have become career incumbent politicians, not business minded statesmen. Ponder with me for a moment, who would you rather serve, facing the complex decisions of today, and covering the news, business or academic minded.

Governor Hunt was right!





Judge  
Peggy Givhan

Southern Gardening

Potpourri for August by Peggy Givhan

The dog days of summer are upon us and for the most part, the flowers we have been tending should now be mature and in full bloom. If we have been weeding all along, we should not have too much to do in this area. For instance, most of my beds are sunny with masses of tall zinnia. These Pacific Giants, thankfully, have shaded out most of the weeds. However, in another area, I lost a stand of phlox due to over watering and must go to work weeding. The area though is ideal to apply Round-up and I do so very very carefully. With black garbage bags and masking tape, I form barriers to keep any of the glyphosate off the other plants. Do not apply this weed killer if there is any breeze at all or if it will be raining within 4 hours. Also for your safety, wear safety goggles, gloves and long pants. Within 5 or 6 days, the weeds will turn yellow and about a week later, you can turn the soil over and replant. I have found that Pintas can be planted this time of year with success and look great in large clumps of 5 or 6. If you want to sow seed for fall bloom, cleome and zinnias can be started now in the flower beds and do well. Just remember to water, and do not fertilize until the plants are about 2 inches tall. But you can apply a light liquid fertilizer after they germinate. I would half the dilution rate due to the heat.

To encourage extra blooms, I tend to dead head the spent blooms. I try to make this an ongoing process along with fertilizing within 6 week intervals. Although more expensive, time release fertilizer can save money in the long run since it lasts from 3-4 months in the summer. Pruning back flowers is another task that promotes fall bloom, and also contributes to better stability of the plants which tend to get tall and leggy. Zinnias should be cut back by half or removed for resowing. Many times I hate to shear back all those beautiful blooms, but the alternative would be plants that flop over on the ground. By pruning and then fertilizing, expect lots of new leaf growth from the bottom of the stalks, plus more flowers. Coleus, begonias, and dusty miller are other plants benefiting from a "hair cut".

Sometimes there are flowers we cannot obtain on the open market. I have found cloning to be a great alternative, especially if there is an area in the beds of one variety and we need to fill in. I have a bed of Bellingrath Coleus, that has distinct leaf coloring endured some deaths caused by a wandering dog. So I pinched back some tops of the existing plants, and rooted them in water. When the seedlings were about 2 inches tall, I planted them in the bed with a top dressing of new soil, and of course, a weak solution of fertilize. Within a few weeks, the bed was back to normal. Flowers that are easy to root are coleus, begonias, plumbago, dusty miller and herbs such as basil. These cuttings will root faster if taken from new growth like the tops and make the cutting at the joint. You

will always have some failures, but this is better than having to search through garden centers for a particular plant.

PLANT OF THE MONTH



Dahlias are bushy, tuberous perennials which are native to Mexico and named after the 18th century Swedish botanist, Anders Dahl. He had originally declared the flower to be a vegetable since the tubers are edible. It is a member of the Asteraceae family of plants which includes daisies, zinnias, chrysanthemums, and unflowers. They are what is know as an old-fashioned flower such as what our grandmothers would grow in their gardens.



They are easy to grow and make great cut flowers. Also did you know that 2019 is the year of the Dahlia? The varieties come in a rainbow of colors: shades of red, pink, yellow, orange, purple, white and on and on it goes. If the temperatures get below 20 degrees, the tubers may have to be dug up and saved for the next year. The hardiness zones for dahlias are zone 8 through zone 11. We are in zone 8, so probably safe to leave in the ground, They like sun to partial shade, and moderate water.

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# Southern Cuisine



According to my WSFA weather app, the heat index that day was up to 109 degrees. It was almost hard to breath. I was outside picking figs, tomatoes, jalapenos, and pears. Not being a complete fool, I would pick figs and go inside to cool off. Then pick tomatoes and go cool off. Repeating the picking and cooling until I could not stand the heat anymore. I had not finished the picking, but with that heat, I was thinking about waiting until autumn before I went out there again. I waited until dusk, but it was not much cooler, just darker.

My dilemma every summer is how to turn my fresh harvest or my farmers’ market purchases into meals that would not heat up the kitchen. I did some research for cold meal recipes and most recipes call for cooking the food and then making it cold or at least room temperature before eating. Not having a vent hood, I do not want to heat up the kitchen. Therefore, I want to do as little cooking as possible.

I have a gas stove. The oven is somewhat insulated, so does not heat the kitchen too much however one burner almost overpowers the air conditioner, so that’s out. I have a barbeque grill to cook on but it is outside. My toaster oven is large enough for a medium size casserole dish. It does not affect the temperature in the kitchen enough to fret about, but there is a point where you get tired of casseroles. My steamer is close to being an ideal appliance for a hard to cool kitchen. Most of the steam condenses back to water in the steamer, and not in the kitchen. I can steam cook veggies early in the day and put them in the refrigerator to cool and eat later. Steam cooking cauliflower is great for making a low carb mashed potato substitute. The bane of a chef’s kitchen is the microwave. I never worked in a kitchen that had a microwave. Yet there are times when a microwave pays for itself. Cooking eggs, defrosting, baking potatoes, and making nachos are the top uses for my microwave. Not heating up the kitchen is the best feature. Some cautions on microwave cooking include pricking the skin on a potato to keep it from exploding, do not heat eggs in their shell, and remember foods will keep increasing in temperature for a short while after removing them from the microwave. Be careful eating the food right away. Research now says that cooking by microwave does not affect the nutritional value of the food, as long as you do not nuke the food to death.

My goal is to prepare a dish that takes little or no cooking thus keeping the kitchen at a comfortable temperature and does not totally depend on raw vegetables. Your kitchen may not have the cooling problems as mine. How you cook the pasta for this dish will be different from mine. The difference is how I get my water to a boil. Using some basic science, I know that starches start to absorb water at approximately 180 degrees. As long as your water is at a rolling boil (212 degrees) when you add the pasta and your kitchen is at normal room temperature, the water will remain well above 180 degrees off the heat for longer than the typical 8 to 10 minutes it takes for the pasta to cook. Therefore, I boil my water in an electric teakettle. It will bring four cups of tap water to a rolling boil in four minutes. I boil water, pour it over the pasta in bowl, and cover it. After about a minute stir your pasta a couple times to prevent sticking, then cover again and let it sit until it is al dente. You will have cooked pasta without keeping the burner on, wasting energy, or having to wait around the kitchen to make sure your pot does not boil over.

Besides trying a different method of cooking pasta, I am presenting the no cook meal in a bread bowl as a cold salad. This is my rendition of a panzanella salad. Instead of having bread in the salad, the salad is in the bread. You can play with this recipe by substituting different meats, cheeses, and green vegetables.

## Rustic Bread Bowl Salad

Two portions:

### INGREDIENTS

#### Ingredients for salad

- 2 cups short pasta (e.g. penne)
- ¾-cup cherry tomatoes
- Three ½ ounces sun-dried tomatoes (in oil)
- Two bell peppers
- Three ½ ounces arugula
- One small onion (red)
- ½-cup pine nuts (toasted if you have a cool kitchen)
- 2 ounces Serrano ham (or substitute prosciutto, capocollo, or pepperoni)
- Whole piece Parmesan cheese (shave at service)
- Four tablespoons Sun-dried tomato oil
- Two tablespoons Balsamic vinegar (white) or White wine vinegar
- Salt
- Pepper
- Sourdough Bread Small round rustic loaf, one per serving. Use a large loaf for multiple servings.

### Method for salad

- Cook pasta according to package or preferred method, drain and let cool.
- Peel and cut onion in half and then into thin half rings.
- Drain sun-dried tomatoes and save oil. Cut sundried tomatoes into thin strips.

### INSTRUCTIONS:

#### Method for bread bowl

- Make your own or purchase a rustic-type round loaf of bread. I found a loaf that was par-baked and two of them fit in my toaster oven. As my pictures show, I have two sizes of bread. For a side dish, I used the smaller loaf. For a group meal, use the larger loaf instead of an everyday serving dish.
- The final bake improves the flavor of the bread and crisps the outside nicely.
- Cut and remove a quarter to a third of the top of the bread. Scoop out the inside of the loaf to form a bowl, leaving enough to hold the shape of a bowl.
- If par-baked, prepare the bread bowl before doing the final bake.
- Fill the bread bowls and top with shaved parmesan.



- Halve the cherry tomatoes.
- Cut bell peppers into bite sized pieces.
- Combine the cooled pasta, onion, cherry tomatoes, bell pepper, sun-dried tomatoes, pine nuts, and arugula in a bowl. Mix in the sun-dried tomato oil and vinegar.
- Tear the ham into pieces and add to salad.
- If desired, chop the leftover bread from preparing the bread bowl and add to salad. Additional oil and vinegar may be required is salad is dry.

### 1. Tips to Make Perfect Scrambled Eggs

Eggs are both inexpensive and extremely versatile. For the perfect scrambled egg, be careful not to overbeat the eggs. Adding some salt to half-and-half produces scrambled eggs that are decently puffed. Adding extra yolks to the mix yields richer results. Starting with a combination of first low heat then higher heat at the end gives creamy scrambled eggs. The high heat is to remove some of the moisture but not too much that will turn the scrambled eggs into rubber chewy morsels. Use a smaller skillet, to keep the eggs in a thicker layer, thereby producing larger curds.

### 2. How to Poach an Egg

Once you have mastered scrambled eggs, the next step in your egg education is the perfect poached egg. Use the freshest eggs possible. If presentation is important, crack the eggs into a colander to strain the whites prior to cooking. In a Dutch oven, heat water, a small amount of vinegar and salt to a low boil. Remove it from the heat, and gently add the eggs. Set your timer to 3 minutes for eggs that are firm yet gooey.

### 3. How to Simmer and Boil Water

The difference between simmering and boiling water can mean the difference between a chunky vegetable soup and a bowl of mush. Water reaches its boiling point and starts to evaporate at 212 degrees, while a simmer is generally between 185 and 205 degrees. Nevertheless, you do not have to get out a thermometer to tell the difference between the two. If bubbles aggressively break the surface of the water, it is boiling; if the bubbles are smaller and gentler, it is simmering. Use boiling water to cook sturdy foods like dried pasta and hearty vegetables, but simmer delicate ingredients like rice and sliced potatoes.

### 4. Read the entire recipe before starting to sook.

How many times have you started cooking only to realize that you are missing an ingredient or do not have something prepped that needs to go into the pot right away? There is a simple way to avoid this stress: Always read a recipe before beginning to prep and cook.

### 5. How to Chop an Onion

Cutting an onion like a pro is about more than imitating your favorite TV chefs; the key to even cooking is evenly sized pieces. Start by halving the onion, peeling it, and trimming the top. Make horizontal cuts and then vertical cuts, and finally slice across those previous cuts.

### 6. How to Use a Digital Thermometer

Thermometers are one of the most useful pieces of equipment in the kitchen because they take the guesswork out of cooking meat (and many other things). Using a thermometer is a surefire way to know when your food is done or even safe to eat whether you are cooking a chicken breast or a beef tenderloin.

### 7. How to Use Measuring Cups for Wet and Dry Foods

You really do need two sets of measuring cups. Measuring cups made for dry ingredients allow you to level off the excess, while those made for liquid ingredients are transparent, so you can see exactly how much liquid you are using.

This next recipe requires no cooking, has no pasta, It is a colorful combination of vegetables and beans.

## Lively Colored Salad

Servings: 10

### INGREDIENTS

- 2 ¾ pounds mixed beans (canned)
- 14 ounces corn (canned)
- 1 onion
- 1 yellow bell pepper
- 1 red bell pepper
- 1 orange bell pepper
- 1 green bell pepper
- ½ cup olive oil
- ½ cup white wine vinegar
- 1 lemon (juice)
- 2 tbsp. sugar
- ½ tbsp. salt
- ½ tbsp. pepper
- ½ tbsp. ground cumin
- ½ tsp chili powder

### INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. In a colander, strain the beans and rinse to get rid of the preserving juices.
- 2. Then strain the corn.
- 3. Finely dice onion and chop bell peppers into a medium dice.
- 4. Add all the ingredients to a big mixing bowl and stir until completely combined.
- 5. Refrigerate for at least 8 hours to combine flavors.
- 6. Serve as a meal in a shallow bowl lined with multi-colored greens or as a side with a fish dish.



When looking for ideas for recipes, I always find ways to improve the taste, looks, or time spent on a dish. I know the basics, but by tweaking a part of what I am doing, I may find something that I have missed that improves a recipe, or at least makes it easier to prepare. You know how to scramble eggs, boil water, measure ingredients, but there are ways that may better the outcome. I recently found these a few tweaks.

While skimming through several foodstuffs related web sites, I came upon an article about the James Beard Awards this year. If you do not know, the James Beard Foundations recognizes chefs, restaurateurs, authors, and journalists every year. This year the Foundation changed rules to reflect race and gender imbalances in the food industry. However, there is still a bias against some regional cuisines in favor of others. The chefs that graduate from culinary schools pass on the bias toward French, European, Italian, and other so-called classical cuisines. There is a brighter future for the regional cuisines of the South. The Carolinas, Texas, New Orleans, Atlanta, and Birmingham are introducing the public to innovating, unique, and excellent fares using techniques, ingredients, and cooking methods from the South.

This quote from **Junebabyseattle.com** sums up what I sometimes try to convey in this article. “...America’s culinary history was built on corn, peas, and the hog; many of the ingredients associated with Southern food. Seen through the eyes of most Americans as inferior, unsophisticated, and unhealthy, Southern food reflects hard times and resourcefulness and is nothing short of beautiful. It is cuisine to be respected and celebrated” AMEN.





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Some of the deceased's family members may be able to receive Social Security benefits if the deceased person worked long enough in jobs covered by Social Security to qualify for benefits. Contact Social Security as soon as possible to make sure the family gets all the benefits they're entitled to. Please read the following information carefully to learn what benefits may be available.

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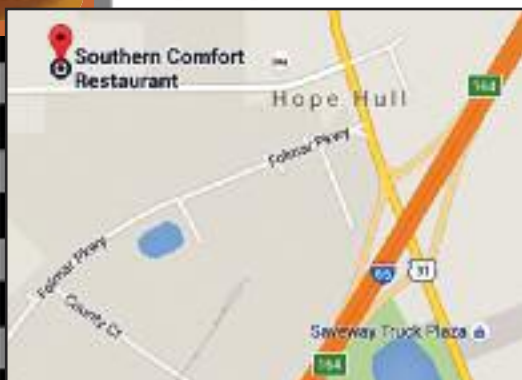
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### Lt. Col. George C. Winn 95

Lt. Col. George C. Winn is a distinguished veteran of three wars, namely, WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam War serving 31-plus years with three years in the U.S. Navy and 28 years in the U. S. Air Force. Winn received 21 awards and decorations. The most notable awards are the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service with three Oak Leaf Clusters and the Air Force Commendation Medal. In addition, he received four foreign decorations including the RV Chuong-My Medal which was authorized by the President of the Republic of Vietnam personally and the Khmer Republic National Defense Medal both of which are rarely awarded to non-citizens of the issuing country as well as the Vietnam Armed Forces Honor Medal and the RVN Staff Honor Medal.

Winn was born to his parents, Jessie and Melba Winn, in Cere, CA, February 6, 1924. Winn always demonstrated academic excellence in each educational institution finishing at or near the top of his classes. He completed high school in San Jose, CA shortly after Pearl Harbor and enlisted in the U. S. Navy in 1942. Upon completion of Boot Camp Training at San Diego, CA, he was selected for Aviation Machinist Mate School at Norman, OK, where he became an instructor. Winn next graduated from the Naval Air Gunnery School in Purcell, OK, followed by assignment to Vero Beach, FL, where he had flight duty in various naval aircraft such as the Douglas Dive Bombers (SBD), the Brewster Buccaneer (SB2A) and the Curtis Hell-Diver (SB2C). He was sent to Treasure Island, San Francisco, CA, with orders to join Task Force 58 being formed at Espiritu Santos, New Hebrides, in the South Pacific; however, because of a mix-up in his pay records, he could not be deployed. Winn subsequently entered the Navy’s Officers Training Program, V-12, at the Montana School of Mines in Butte, MT, for a pre-engineering course and was then sent to Northwestern University, in Evanston, IL, to attend Supply Officer’s School. After V-J Day ended WWII with Japan, Winn was honorably discharged in 1946.

In 1947, Winn returned to San Jose, CA, where he received a B.S. Degree in Business Administration from San Jose State College after which he worked for a year in Montana selling ALCOA aluminum building products. Shortly after the USAF became a separate service, he applied for OCS and was commissioned at Lackland, AFB, TX; however, instead of becoming a military pilot which had been his life-long dream, he was assigned to the Office of Special Investigations (OSI) which focused on conducting investigations into criminal, fraud, counterintelligence and other internal security concerns. Winn completed the OSI Basic Course and then spent the next 11 months at DO 19, Travis AFB, CA, conducting background investigations and working on criminal cases. He was then deployed to Misawa, AB, Japan, to serve at the Chief Criminal Division, FEAF DO 7 followed by assignment to DO 16, Hill AFB, UT, with duty on the District’s Criminal Desk. Upon graduating from the Army Language School in Monterey, CA., where he studied Japanese and returning to Japan, his next assignment was to serve as the Detco of FEAF District 6’s Tokyo Detachment. Next,

Winn was selected to attend the Army’s CIC Advanced Japanese Language School at Camp Drake where he qualified both as Interpreter and Translator. He then was assigned to serve as the first Source Control Officer in FEAF monitoring the operations of all counterintelligence agents in central Japan. In this capacity, he developed a Standard Operating Procedure which became the first Source



### Henry D. Cobb 96

Henry Cobb was born at Mt. Meigs, AL, June 20, 1923, to his parents, George Washington Cobb and Margaret Hester Robinson. He was reared at Coosada, AL. He attended Holtville High School at Elmore County, AL, and worked for Durr Drug Company in Montgomery, AL, stocking supplies from the warehouse to drug



stores throughout AL and western FL until he was drafted into the U. S. Army Air Corps in September 1942. Cobb was sent to the Army’s Ft. McClellan at Anniston, AL, for training. Cobb trained as a gunner on a B-24, and he was later selected for pilot training, was sent to college at the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point and eventually became a B-17 pilot. He trained learning to fly in an open cockpit in a Stearman bi-plane at Thunderbird II Airfield in Scottsdale, AZ. Once while training, he attempted an outer loop, almost running out of altitude flying too low hitting some cacti, and later while instrument training on the legendary “Bamboo Bomber,” he almost ran out of gas on a training flight when he flew into Mexico by mistake. He qualified on the B-17 at Las Vegas Army Airfield in the fall of 1944, and then he completed his final phase B-17 crew training at Dyersburg Army Airfield in Tennessee before being sent overseas.

Assigned to the 8th Air Force in early 1945, he flew the B-17 from England to Germany on hazardous bombing missions during the latter stages of WWII. After bombing missions in Europe ceased in April, 1945, Cobb was sent to Randolph Field in San Antonio, TX, to begin training on the B29. During his training, the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki occurred, effectively ending the war and Cobb’s B29 training. He never flew the B29 in combat. After serving for three years, Cobb was discharged from the Army at Keesler Field, MS, at the rank of Lieutenant in 1945. He remained in the Air Force Reserves for a several years after the war eventually being selected for the rank of Captain before his job and family duties forced Cobb to leave the Reserves.

Cobb and his wife, Hazel Cronier Cobb, were married for almost 66 years, and they had two daughters, one son and seven grandchildren. He returned to Montgomery, AL, where he resumed working for the Durr Drug Co., followed by employment with the Johnson Wax Co. at Wisconsin for 28 years covering sales and distribution throughout the United States. In 1976, Cobb’s third career was setting up and leading the MMI Outdoor, Inc, in Montgomery, AL, specializing in manufacturing tents and backpacks including customers such as the U.S. Forest Service wildland fire fighters and the United States military. Cobb and his wife traveled throughout the world, and he enjoyed fishing and playing golf. He retired from business in 2008 with the passing of his beloved Hazel.

Cobb’s conclusions about military service were, “I was always proud of my father who was in WWI. My parents had four sons serving in WWII. He added, “I definitely believed that hard work and honesty pay off.”

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Control Manual used throughout the Far East. Then he served as the Detco at Ardmore AFB, OK, followed by being sent to the University of Southern CA, Los Angeles, CA, where he earned a Master’s Degree in Public Administration. His next assignment was to DO 4 where he served as the District Training and Firearms Officer, Washington Area OSI Reserve Training Officer and Assistant



Liaison Division Officer. For his third deployment to Japan, he first served as the Detco, Detachment 4608, Army Field Station, Chitose, Hokkaido, Japan, and was reassigned to Detachment 4606, Misawa AB, Japan, as Detco with responsibility for both the island of Hokkaido and 11 northern prefectures of Honshu. After an assignment as a Senior Inspector, Headquarters, OSI, at Washington, D.C., he was selected to become a District Commander. His last assignments in OSI/AFOSI were as Commander, OSI, District 24, Chicago, IL, OSI District 20, McChord AFB, WA, OSI District 50 RVN, OSI District 71, Greece and as Commander, OSI District 19, Travis AFB, CA.

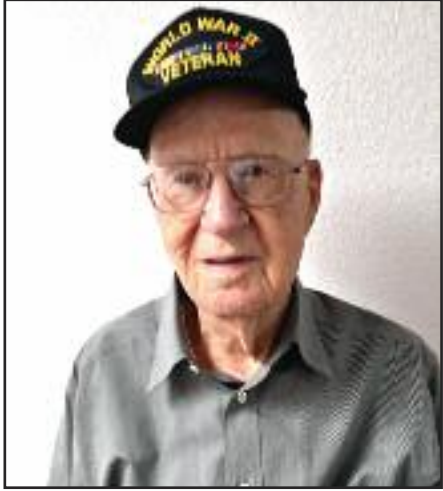
Winn worked primarily in the Criminal Investigations sector of OSI as well as in the areas of Counterintelligence and Counterespionage. Planning and executing successful CI/CE operations were most exciting to him. He assured that his people got recognition for their involvement in such critical and dangerous operations. After retiring medically in August 1985, he went to Sacramento State College where he completed a second Master’s Degree program in Criminology.

Winn and his wife, Colleen, were married for 37 years before she passed away, and they had two sons, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He and his second wife, Charlene, were married 25 years before she passed away. Winn at age 95 still enjoys restoring antique cars and playing bridge. Since retirement, Winn has provided leadership to several veterans’ organization serving as President of the Association of Former Officers Special Investigations Special Agents (AFO-SISA) and President of All 3 Wars Veterans Association. Winn is currently serving as the Executive Secretary and Financial Officer of the Three War Survivors League and its Last Man Standing Club. Winn’s reflections on this military service are, “It was a distinct privilege to serve my country. I truly feel that I found a niche where I could contribute to national security. I really enjoyed serving in the military, and that is why I continue to support patriotic military service organizations in every way possible. I have been blessed all of my life.”

*GOD BLESS AMERICA!*

### William H. Daughtry 96

William H. Daughtry, a WWII serviceman, was born September 24, 1922, in rural Pike County, AL, near Troy to his parents, Jack and Minnie Daughtry. His youth was spent living in a rural setting where he enjoyed rowing a boat taking people out on a pond to fish. He graduated from Shellhorn High School and



worked for a while for the Alabama Power Company before he volunteered to serve in the U. S. Army during WWII.

His Basic Training was at Camp Crowder, MO, with more training for work with the Army Signal Corps at Ft. Eustis, VA and Camp Holabird, MD. He was sent to Ft. Sam Houston, TX, and then deployed to the island, Leyte, Philippines, for eight months with equipment packed waiting for the invasion of Japan. In the Signal Corps, Daughtry worked as a telephone lineman with the 304 Signal Operations Battalion attached to the Eighth Army in the Pacific Theater. Working with a truck driver and a helper, he strung lines and maintained them for the Eighth Army Headquarters. Although he was not in combat, his vital work involved assisting the commanders for the Eighth Army with important communications. Because the Atomic Bombs were dropped on Japan, he was not involved with an invasion. Daughtry served in the occupation of Japan arriving there even before the treaty ending the War with Japan was signed and continued serving in Japan for six months before being discharged in February, 1946, completing 32 months of active duty.

Daughtry’s self-deprecating conclusions about his WWII service are, “As we sailed under the Golden Gate Bridge, I really didn’t think that I would ever get home. We stayed on the crowded Liberty ship, a type of cargo boat, for 35 days crossing the Pacific Ocean including the Equator resulting in my loss of 35 pounds. I had no idea what we were getting into. I really just did what I thought was best to do. I guess that I was lucky to be assigned to the Eighth Army, and if it had not been for the Atomic Bombs, I would not have had a chance.”

Daughtry married Ethel Kelley while on a seven day leave during 1944 before he was deployed, and they were married for 66 years. They were apart for 16 months during WWII. They had three children, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. After the War, he returned to work as a lineman with the Alabama Power Company advancing to foreman, working for 17 years as a supervisor for the Montgomery, AL, district and retiring after 46 years in 1987. Daughtry and his wife spent many years touring the United States, and he has enjoyed playing golf.



Thomas E. McFadden 97

Thomas E. McFadden is a 97 year-old African-American who served in the Smoke Jumpers, a specialized paratrooper unit during WWII. Thomas was born on May 14, 1922 to James and Amanda McFadden, two educators living in Thomasville. After graduation from Thomasville High School, he attended



Alabama A & M College where he was matriculating when he was drafted into the U. S. Army to become trained as a paratrooper. He was sent to Ft. Benning, GA, for training in an all African-American paratroopers unit. After training at Ft. Benning, McFadden was one of two minority candidates selected for Office Candidate School (OCS), and among 212 candidates, only 75 graduated including him.

McFadden was a member of the 555th Paratrooper Infantry Company nicknamed the “Triple Nickels.” This group was composed of male African-Americans, some of whom were highly educated, professional athletes and previously had some military experience. They were willing to give their lives to defend their country at a time when African-Americans experienced discrimination. McFadden’s group was called the “Smoke Jumpers” because they were trained to jump into trees and mountainous terrain where fires and smoke were underneath them. They made 1200 jumps resulting in only one casualty, and a Smoke Jumpers Manual was published resulting from this experimental training.

The Smoke Jumpers served from November, 1944, until April, 1945. The unit was created at Ft. Benning, GA, under the command of 1st Lt. James Porter beginning with only 300 and reaching a total 2700 trained men. The rationale for creating this special type of paratrooper was based on the fact that the Japanese were sending unmanned balloon borne weapons to the western coast of the United States. The Fu-Go balloons would release incendiary bombs after three days. The U. S. Government feared that the Japanese would begin biological warfare using these balloons. Approximately 9,000 such balloons were launched by the Japanese with 342 seen and found in the forested areas of the Pacific Northwest. The Smoke Jumpers in the 555th unit were formed to deal with this threat. McFadden stated, “We knew that we could not fail because we knew that the whole future of minority troops coming into these different positions was fully related to what we would be able to accomplish.” The Smoke Jumpers studied and worked hard leaving no room for failure.

The six weeks of training for paratroopers required a lot of physical stamina and mental determination. Exercises, calisthenics, marches, etc. as well as jumping from a 34 foot and a 250 foot platform with only a harness for protection were stressful. Regular paratrooper training was followed by seven to 10 days of Smoke Jumping which was physically rigorous. Men were trained to jump from an airplane into a forest fire or on to a mountain where they were expected to deal with incendiary bombs.

Liane Young is a historical fiction writer who reveals in her book, Operation Firefly, the amazing story of the smokejumpers of the 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion, the US Army’s first all-black test platoon. McFadden met with Liane Young at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum in Washington, D. C. and shared with audience members his personal experience as a paratrooper.

McFadden’s conclusions about the Smoke Jumpers are, “If we set the standards, we knew that there would be persons who could go far beyond what we were able to do at that point. There would not have been so many African-American generals or general officers that we have now. It made all of the difference in the world.”

After discharge from the Army and using the G.I. Bill, McFadden completed his degree at Alabama A. & M. with a B. S. Degree in biology. He later attended N. C. Central University and earned a Master’s Degree in biology from North Carolina A. & T. State University. He then taught biology at Talladega College in AL. He also became a real estate broker opening and operating McFadden Realty in Mobile, AL, and Family Realty in Greensboro, North Carolina.

McFadden and his wife, Inez, had three children, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Looking back over his life, McFadden now concludes, “I found success in the Army. I was fortunate to get trained well. I think that we did pretty well with what we had. I was proud of my children who all finished college.”

Erskine R. Grimes 92

Erskine R. Grimes is a 92 year- old WWII veteran who served in the United States Army. Grimes was born in Pratt City, a former municipality in a suburb of Birmingham, AL, November 19, 1926, to his parents, Edgar and Jeanie Grimes. His family moved to Montgomery, AL, where his father found employment during the Great Depression. Grimes was working at an optical shop while attending Lanier High School and participating in R.O.T. C. when he was drafted for service into the United States Army.

Because a tornado destroyed his parents’ home in Montgomery, he obtained a hardship delay from active service assisted by the American Red Cross. His Basic Training for service in the Infantry was at Camp Gordon, GA. He was stationed at Yokohama, Japan, from October, 1945, until November,1946, during the early post WWII occupation. While stationed at Yokohama, he worked in the military’s optical dispensary.

After discharge from the Army, he graduated from a private high school and from Jones Law School at Montgomery, AL. He hoped to obtain a better job by



obtaining a law degree, but he never took the Bar Exam or practiced law. For 35 years he worked at the VA in Montgomery, AL. He began as a clerk at the VA in Montgomery and advanced to the GS-9 level working as an adjudicator retiring in 1981. Then Grimes worked painting houses for many years. He took care of his parents during their last years. He and his wife, Joyce, have been married 44 years. He has one stepdaughter, one stepgrandson and one great stepgrandson. They have enjoyed square dancing and traveling throughout the United States.

Grimes modestly concludes about his military service during WWII saying, “I served with pride. I was glad to be there when I was called.”



Charles E. Morris 94

Charles E. Morris served in the United States Navy during 1943-1946 in World War II. His hazardous-duty service was on the USS Attala, a Haskell-class attack Naval transport. The Attala was used to transport troops and equipment to the



fighting zones in the Pacific including Iwo Jima and the Philippine Islands and to bring wounded personnel back to the United States.

Morris was born in1925, at Cheatham County, TN, and graduated from Cheatham County High School. He took tool and dye classes in Nashville and went to work in a factory that produced bombs for World War II. In the fall of

Joyce Paul Bailey 96

Joyce Paul Bailey is a 96 year-old veteran who served as a welder and a deep sea diver repairing U. S. Naval vessels in the South Pacific during WWII. Bailey was born December 5,1922, in Slocomb, AL, to his parents, George and Callie Bailey. He graduated from Geneva County High School, and for three years he worked as a welder at the shipyards in Mobile until he was drafted into the U. S. Navy. His three months of basic training occurred at the Naval Station Great Lakes (NAVSTA Great Lakes), the home of the United States Navy’s only boot camp located near North Chicago in Lake County, Illinois. Further training in welding and diving was completed at San Diego. He was deployed to New Guinea, the second largest island in the world after Greenland, near the Australia continent where he worked repairing U. S. Naval ships at the drydocks for over one year. While there, General Douglas MacArthur who commanded the Southwest Pacific in WWII (1939-1945) visited elements of the 6th Army. Bailey saw MacArthur along with Americans on many patrol torpedo (PT) Boats. After a 30 day leave at Australia, he was transferred to the Philippine Islands. Besides repairing Naval



ships in drydock, he risked his life diving below the surface into very deep waters to make repairs. One such diver returned to the surface too quickly and died from the bends, a decompression sickness.

When WWII ended and having served for three and one-half years, Bailey traveled to Nashville, TN, and then to Montgomery, AL, where he was discharged. In 1955, he opened Radio Hospital selling appliances and furniture in Montgomery. In 1986, his two sons, Paul Bailey, Jr. and Clay Bailey, opened Bailey Brothers Music near the Radio Hospital. He and his wife, Betty Clay, had one daughter and two sons, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He enjoyed fishing at Lake Martin.

Bailey made a significant contribution to the success of the American military during WWII because his work repairing American ships resulted in these vessels being able to return to the battles in the Pacific assuring victory. Reflecting upon his military service during WWII, Bailey stated, “I did more or less what I had to do. I was happy to do what I was told to do. I didn’t do much to make headlines. I was doing something for the country that I loved.”



1943, he was drafted, and after Navy Boot Camp, he was assigned to be a medic. After being trained in Oklahoma for medic duties, Morris was sent to San Diego for further six weeks of training with the Marines, since he would be taking care of wounded Marines later during the War.

After training with the Marines, he was assigned to the U.S.S. Attala, a Haskell-class attack transport of the U. S. Navy and served in the Pacific Theatre. The ship carried troops, supplies and equipment such as smaller boats so that the troops could get to land from where the ship put down anchor or docked. Morris served at the Philippines, Okinawa, Iwo Jima and other islands in the Pacific. His ship received orders to go to Tokyo Bay, but news was received that the War had ended while they were on the way.

At Harding College, after the War, Morris received a B. S. Degree in History and Math. In 1950, he married and moved to Georgia with his new bride, Edna, to teach school. After 15 years of teaching at the same school, the family moved to North Alabama for Charles to continue his teaching career and to get back closer to his parents who lived in the Nashville, TN area. While he was in Alabama, he received his Masters Degree in Drivers Education from the University of Montevallo. Morris’ teaching career included teaching history and mathematics for 40 years and driver’s education for 15 years at high schools.

Morris and his wife, Edna, had two sons and two grandchildren. After retirement, he enjoyed fishing, making 300 blue-bird houses and working with electronics. He preached part time for 25 years at several churches. In retirement, he also enjoyed gardening on a small scale, fishing, making and putting up bluebird boxes all over Lauderdale County, being a deacon at church and going to Atlanta Braves ballgames with his sons and grandson for many years.

Charles said “I was proud to serve my country and was very thankful to survive and return home. Too many did not receive that blessing. I saw too much dying and was grateful when the War ended!”





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The event will be held at the Montgomery County ponds, Highway 231 South across from the Sweet Creek Farmer's Market. Montgomery County senior citizens are invited to grab their rods, reels and bait and come out and join the fun and fellowship with Sheriff Cunningham and Staff!

We hope to see you there!



## Thank you

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Sheriff Joe Sedinger

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The Sheriff's Office hosted a retirement party for Mrs. Barbara Rhodes this afternoon. Mrs. Barbara has been part of the backbone of the Sheriff's Office for the past 17 years. Her smiling face will be greatly missed around the office. We wish her a long and healthy retirement. We will miss you! Please visit soon!



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Searching

The Five Seasons of a Great Life

(What season are you in right now?)

Part One

Have you ever considered that your life is a journey through different seasons? Your life is not just a meaningless series of ups and downs but rather an evolution of you becoming all you were designed and meant to be!

Of course, when it comes to the seasons of life, one can evolve into a wiser person who grows closer and closer to their creator through each season or one can chose to waste each season and keep repeating the same bad habits and learn nothing. One path leads to a more intimate relationship with God and a rich and full life, and the other path leads to alienation from the Great Designer along with disappointment, disillusionment and ultimately to despair.

Whatever season you may be in right now, God wants to use it to draw you closer to Himself, make you wiser, use you to make a difference and prepare you for the next season as you fulfill your purpose!

King David was the most famous King of Israel and became one of the greatest leaders, most popular heroes and wealthiest people in the world at the time of his reign. Even though he lived 3,000 years ago, he is still revered to this day as the greatest King whoever sat on the throne of Israel. In fact, a thousand years after David’s reign as King, Luke writes in the book of Acts that “David fulfilled his purpose in his generation.” This is the highest compliment I think you can give someone.

But his life wasn’t always easy as it was no cake walk to go from shepherd boy to famous King. In fact, his life appeared more like a season in Game of Thrones than the meek and mild Bible story you may have learned in Sunday School. But King David went through five distinct seasons on his life journey to fulfill his purpose.

You may think you have absolutely nothing in common with the David of the Bible. But let’s take a look at the five seasons of David’s great life and see if you can see some similarities between his life seasons and yours. I’m willing to bet you can learn some lessons from the seasons he went through that may help you in the journey through your life seasons. This month, we will look at the first two seasons of David’s great life and see what we can learn and apply.

Season One

*The Bethlehem Season - Be faithful in small things.*

David was raised in Bethlehem by his father Jesse. David’s job as the youngest one of Jesse’s eight sons was to shepherd the sheep and the goats of the family. It was the humble job nobody else wanted. As the lowest possible job you could get, it involved being alone for weeks and months at a time in the wilderness. It could also be quite dangerous as there were lions, wolves and bears that lived in Israel in those days, and they would often attack the sheep. It was the shepherds job to protect them. Importantly, in this season, David learned to be faithful in small things and to simply do his job.

It was in Bethlehem that the great prophet Samuel came to visit Jesse’s house and anointed young David to be the future King of Israel. You might want to read this complete story in **1 Samuel 16:1-13**. David was only 17 at the time and it would be many years before David would actually sit on the throne. It was a prophetic gesture on the part of Samuel that would eventually prove true. Meanwhile, however, David remained a faithful shepherd after his anointed purpose had been revealed. Some of the lessons we learn from David in this season are very simple but so true: We honor God when we simply do our job and do it well - **1. Work hard 2. Be honest 3.Pay your dues (and your bills) and 4. Be faithful.**

Maybe you are in a Bethlehem Season right now where God is calling you simply to be faithful in the small, simple tasks. Be encouraged in this season of your life and remain faithful in the small things, and God will bless you with even greater opportunities.

Season Two

*The Gibeah Season - The Test of Early Success.*

If you want to truly test someones character then give them success, power and honor. Some people say that failure is the true test of character, but I think it is a greater test to give them success. Success will reveal a persons true colors like nothing else. In **1 Samuel chapter 17**, you can read all about the battle between David and Goliath. David was the young armor bearer for King Saul at this point and lived in the Capital City of Gibeah.

During this time, when David was about 18, the armies of the Israelites and the Philistines were faced off in the Valley of Elah. The Israelites camped on one side of the valley and the Philistines on the other. A giant named Goliath was a soldier in the Philistine army who came out to challenge the Israelite soldiers to a one on one duel each day for 40 days on the battle field, but none of the Israelites would go out to fight him in fear of his nine foot tall stature and his well known attributes as a fighter. No one had ever beaten him.

One day David came to the battle front to bring supplies to the Israelite army and his brothers, and there, at the front lines, he heard Goliath taunting the Israelite soldiers. David was embarrassed that no one would go out to fight the giant. So, he volunteered. All the experienced soldiers called him a fool and even his own brothers criticized him. But David went to King Saul and asked his permission to fight Goliath. The King had no one else willing to fight him so he agreed to let David face off with the big man.

Well, you probably know what happens next. David refused to wear King Sauls armor, and he would not even carry the Kings sword, shield or spear. Rather, David elected to wear his regular clothes and carry nothing but a slingshot into battle with the giant. He had used this same slingshot to kill bears, wolves and lions as a shepherd. He would fight with the unique gifts God had already given him and not try to look like or act like someone or something that he was not.

Some lessons we can learn from David in this season where we face a daunting challenge and an opportunity for success.

Though David was young and inexperienced, he didn’t let that stop him.

David focused on the rewards not the difficulties of the challenge. The rewards were great for whoever defeated Goliath. Marry the Kings daughter, inherit great wealth, and never pay taxes again. Not bad!

David didn’t listen to the critics. Sometimes your friends and your enemies can be the most negative voices around you. If God has gifted you and called you to a particular task, remain undaunted and don’t listen to the naysayers.

David didn’t let the size of the task or the size of Goliath intimidate him. While others were saying, “he is so big I can’t win.” David was saying, “he is so big I can’t miss.”

David was eager to face the challenge. In **1 Samuel 17: 48**, it says **“David ran quickly toward the battle line...”** Once you decide God has called you to the challenge then run eagerly toward the battle or the task.

David remained humble even though defeating Goliath made him the most popular and famous person in all of Israel at the time. After the famous David and Goliath battle, the people sang his praises and even wrote songs about him for many years to come. But David continued to anchor his soul in the Lord not in the praises of people!

**In next months Faith Gazette, we will look at the last three seasons of David’s life and see what we can learn and apply to our own life seasons!**

Remember, no matter what season of life you are in right now, God has a plan for you so look for the divine patterns in this season and see what God may want to teach you as the Lord seeks to draw you closer to Himself and prepares you to fulfill your purpose in your generation.

Whatever season you are in right now, I’m praying for you!



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| Ty Bolton                           | Ricky Webster (70th)         |
| Heide Doran                         | 15 Connie Mainor (56th)      |
| 2 Nichole Lansdon Gibson (45th)     | Claudia Adams (97th)         |
| Chloe Taylor Jordan                 | Earl Russell (69th)          |
| George McCurdy                      | 16 Billy Betts (70th)        |
| Moe Parker                          | 17 Tyler Schoknecht          |
| Sheryl Schall                       | Max Webb                     |
| Tim Schall                          | 18 Doris Talley Matthews     |
| Rhonda Tatum                        | 19 Carl Boyd (64th)          |
| Gerald H. Thompson (92nd)           | Shannon Grant                |
| 3 Frances Byrd                      | 20 Caleb Holmes (41st)       |
| Lisa Wooten                         | Sydney Mills                 |
| 4 Harry Baker                       | 21 Lorraine Hall             |
| Chuck Bolton                        | Paula Jones (65th)           |
| Harris Bolton                       | Madison Boyd Williams (11th) |
| Linda Hix                           | 22 Tom Garlington            |
| Eveline & Ernestine Trafford (69th) | O. C. Thompson (90th)        |
| 5 Chuck Gambrell                    | Rhett Tucker                 |
| 6 Chase Cumbie                      | 23 Lamar Higgins             |
| Luke Davis                          | Lindsey Woodall Brown        |
| Tony Drake                          | 24 Terri Gulsby              |
| Joshua Jones (34th)                 | Lori McGough                 |
| 7 Anna Louise Moseley               | Mary Iva Sellers             |
| Bill Ratliff                        | Preston Webb                 |
| 8 Mallory Hitson                    | 25 Ray Scott (86th)          |
| 9 Audrey Alison                     | Loyd Smilie (90th)           |
| Nell Crowe (91st)                   | 27 Angie Herndon             |
| Perry Mason (60th)                  | 28 Bill Hix                  |
| Don White                           | 29 Charlie Blount            |
| Doris Williams (92nd)               | Jimmy Grant (65th)           |
| 10 Hilda Furlow (93rd)              | Glenn Fuller (84th)          |
| 11 Wayne Roy (72nd)                 | Diane McLaney                |
| Shawn Terrell                       | Dawson Moore (2nd)           |
| 12 Trisston Burrows                 | Paul Reynolds                |
| 13 Bobby Boyd (59th)                | 30 Imogene Bryan             |
| Barry Ehrlich                       | 31 Winnie Barton             |
| Maxine Scroggins                    | Chloe Mills                  |
| 14 Darlene Fuller Davis             | Sallie Rhodes                |
| Jill McCain                         |                              |



*Sarah Kate says  
Happy Back to School*



*Patricia  
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The Alabama Gazette will make  
every effort to include your  
submissions as space permits.



*Sara with her children  
Carl, Connie, Patricia and Terry*

*Sara Boyd of Snowdown celebrated her 91st birthday on  
July 25th with a luncheon at Jan's Beach House.*

*Those in attendance were Patricia and John Killough, Carl and  
Faye Boyd, Terry Boyd, Connie and Skip Mainor, Stephanie and  
Sarah Kate Selvage, LeeAnn and Brad Williams and Jimmy Grant.*

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## Gazette's Sympathy to the families of...

*Hughes, Maurice "Dinkey" Franklin (85).....died June 8, 2019*  
*McGlamery, Jr., Samuel C. (92) .....died June 14, 2019*  
*Butler, Nancy Michele Dowdle (58) .....died June 19, 2019*  
*Hartzog, Dorothy "Dot" J. (84).....died June 24, 2019*  
*Carlisle, Jr., Robert F. (88).....died June 24, 2019*  
*Jones, Jr., Renis O. (92) .....died June 27, 2019*  
*Harrod, Martha Joy (81).....died June 28, 2019*  
*Noble, Thomas Jefferson (75) .....died June 29, 2019*  
*Stuart, Eva Stuckey (85).....died July 1, 2019*  
*Smith, Frances Edna (102) .....died July 2, 2019*  
*Waites, John Ervin (88).....died July 4, 2019*  
*Dean, Frances Annette (78) .....died July 5, 2019*  
*Bedsole, Angeline (91) .....died July 9, 2019*  
*Prescott, Lloyd "Ferrell" (81) .....died July 9, 2019*  
*Skipworth, Lendon Oliver "Skip" (78) .....died July 14, 2019*  
*Williams, Dr. Gail (81) .....died July 14, 2019*  
*Evan, Jr., Dr. H. Ray (88).....died July 16, 2019*  
*Streit, Carl Dean (78).....died July 16, 2019*  
*Higgins, Robert Wallace .....died July 19, 2019*  
*Etheridge, Mary C. (88).....died July 20, 2019*  
*Bishop, Melba Thomas (81) .....died July 27, 2019*

## Happy Anniversary

- |                                |                                     |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2 Mike & Laura Lane            | 19 Jason & Shawn Adams              |
| 4 Frances & Ted Watts          | Rob & Minerva Tate (33rd)           |
| 5 Michael & Jackie Moseley     | 21 David & Elizabeth Miller         |
| 7 Todd & Nikki Windham         | 22 Johnny & Betsy Walker            |
| Zach & Magan Grambling (9th)   | 24 Frank & Aileen Kovacic           |
| Charlie & Debbie Moore         | 25 Bill & Jane Grubbs               |
| 8 Leroy & Ina Goodin (73rd)    | Mr. & Mrs. John Carter (73rd)       |
| L.B. & Bessie Wynn (77th)      | 27 Johnny & Regina Johnson (35th)   |
| 9 Turpin & Angie Ashurst       | Barbara & Tommy Ratliff (31st)      |
| 11 Mack & Susan Terrell        | 28 Dr. Karl & Brenda Stegall (54th) |
| 13 David & Julie Livingston    | 29 Mike & Deborah Kirk              |
| Tim & Cherie Meadows (25th)    | Bill & Sharlotte Younkin            |
| 16 Leon & Pearl McClain (61st) | David & Suzanne Webb                |
| Terri & Michael Taylor (33rd)  | 30 Randy & Mae Bishop               |
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**Maxie Doyal Evans III – July 12, 2019**  
**Infant Willow Jade Jernigan – July 13, 2019**  
**Charles Waters Blue – July 16, 2019**  
**Karen Coyette Holley – July 17, 2019**  
**James Brown Puckett – July 17, 2019**  
**Waverlyn Inez Graham – July 18, 2019**  
**Joe Parker Harwell – July 24, 2019**  
**Donna Jo Johnson – July 24, 2019**  
**Infant Ayden Chance Roberts – July 25, 2019**  
**Infant Melvin Junior James – July 26, 2019**  
**Daisy Lee Blankenship – July 28, 2019**  
**Anthony DeWayne Eubanks – July 29, 2019**  
**Eddie Arnold Wesson – July 29, 2019**  
**Crispine Martinez – July 30, 2019**  
**Earlene S. Rowe – July 31, 2019**



# TODAY'S WOMAN

*The Value of a Woman...Be very careful if you make a woman cry – because God counts her tears.*



## *Years and Laughter:*

### Anxiety Has Become A National Obsession

*By Amanda Walker*

In response to the fast-paced lives Americans tend to lead, countless books and articles have been written offering ways to simplify life and minimize stress. Typical lifestyle change suggestions include unplugging from social media and television, reconnecting with nature, and taking time out to meditate and pray. Minimalism is encouraged in both commitments and possessions. Learning to say no – to yourself and to others – is imperative.

These articles pull attention because more and more people are finding themselves in a position where they can't keep going at their current speed of living, yet feel they can't stop or even slow down. They are desperate to gear down because the quick pace is taking away from the quality of their lives.

Some people want to get completely off the grid. They want to be self-sufficient and not have to rely upon a job, adhere to a schedule, or have any of the demands and responsibilities of modern life. They want to grow their own food and have chickens and hogs and goats and their own water supply. They do not want to have to answer to anyone, or be held accountable for anything – other than their own survival.

Used to, we would have quietly and respectfully called that a nervous breakdown. I'm sure anxiety existed when I was growing up, but it was not something anybody ever really talked about or acknowledged much.

We would sometimes get nervous. Everybody got nervous when they took their road test to get their driver's license or when they were going on a first date. Or if they were in trouble or needed to make a certain grade on a test. Even on into adulthood, people would get nervous before a job interview or when they got married.

Today anxiety is much more severe and widespread. It has become a crutch. There are people – especially young people – who are avoiding life because of crippling anxiety. They can't go out into the world and be productive. They can't comfortably carry on necessary conversations. Gone is the attitude, that when you feel nervous, you do it anyway. Which, in retrospect was good, in that it didn't allow for wasted time and it generated confidence...eventually. It helped navigate a bit of success.

Anxiety has become like a modern day plague, and we are about all well-medicated on account of it seems. Statistics suggest people have learned what to say to get their anxiety medication. Or the kind of pain medicine that helps ease the hurt of old heartaches as much as it helps any physical pain.

There are others who want medication but are too locked in the grip of anxiety to go say it out loud to a doctor. They know how to get what they need to self-medicate in other places. There is a whole menu of illicit options.

There is also temporary relief bought in bottles off shelves that allow people to drink away their anxiety legally – in the comfort of their own homes in the evenings and on weekends...and sometimes some mornings, and always on certain dates and special occasions.

Now we also have the CBD oil option. It is available in a water-soluble solution, a tincture that dissolves, a pill, candy gummies, or convenient vape cartridges. It is said to help calm anxiety.

Maybe there should be more articles about how to live a life where you don't need to be numb.

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## *Trisston's Tidbits...*

### *“Perseverance”*

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Have you ever faced a challenge in life that seemed impossible? Boy, I sure have! Weather it's financial, health, relational, spiritual, or some other area in your life, it may seem like an uphill battle. And, for any of us going through any of these challenges, at the time, it is!

***“Because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.” James 1:3-4***

During time like these, the word “perseverance” comes to mind. In fact, I have chosen perseverance to be my “one word” for this year. For those of you who read my article monthly, you may remember my article back in January, entitled “Just One Word”, was about this. If you have not read it, I highly encourage you to head over to [www.AlabamaGazette.com](http://www.AlabamaGazette.com), click the “Women” tab, and click on “Trisston's Tidbits”.

In a nutshell...for the past couple of years, instead of making New Year's Resolutions, my husband, Brian, and I each pick one word that centers on character and creates a vision for the future. The idea is based on the book, ***“My One Word”***, by Mike Ashcraft and Rachel Olsen.

Now back to perseverance...I think we would all agree that God has called us for more. We are called to continually grow in our faith and in our character. Because we are God's children and He wants what is best for us. Just like any good parent wants the best for his/her children. God feels the same about each one of us!

***“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.” Hebrews 12:1*** While we live in the world, we are called to be not of the world. Think about that! We are made for more! And when we persevere and grow and develop in our faith, we also shine a little brighter to those around us.

So whatever challenge you may be facing today, remember to persevere and...SHINE ON, beautiful one! Shine On!!

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## “Work and Witness” Mission in Cuba



*James Brown*

Fifteen members of the Church of the Nazarene, most from the Alabama South District, visited Cuba on a “**Work and Witness**” mission in June. We were able to provide labor and supplies to assist with painting and refurbishing a church in the Havana area of Juanelo, as well as experience the people, culture, and country of Cuba. Visiting with the pastors of numerous churches throughout Cuba provided the opportunity to reflect on the work of the Church in the world. Witnessing first-hand the impact of a pervasive and unchecked government provided the opportunity to reflect on the ramifications of the civic and political structure of that world.

Cuba has experienced four separate eras since the 16th century. Spanish explorers and colonizers began arriving in Cuba in the late 1500s. Numerous forts, cobblestone streets, cathedrals and squares constructed by the Spanish still remain in Havana. Cuba remained a colony of Spain until 1898, despite frequent



wars for independence. The Spanish-American War saw Cuba freed from its position as a colony of Spain and an independent republican form of government established, albeit one with significant United States influence. The majority of existing residential structures in Havana and other significant cities were constructed during this time of U.S. influence, which ended in 1962. Fidel Castro then assumed control of the Cuban government in a violent revolution and installed a Communist regime. The Soviet Union began providing aid to the tune of one billion dollars each year, which was used to construct large and drab apartment complexes and water towers. When the USSR ran out of other people’s money and collapsed, Cuba suffered from the lack of financial support. Beginning in the early 2000s and accelerating in 2012, the Cuban government began to ease off a bit on the centralized control of the every day economic life of the Cuban people. Coinciding with this has been the construction of large, modern resort or motel type structures built by the Cuban government to meet the demand for tourist housing. While government still controls virtually all industry and business and provides housing and food rations to the Cuban people, when available, some private wealth is being built. Some free market ventures in the form of small restaurants or Airbnb rentals are permitted, which is opening new opportunities for the Cuban people.

Nevertheless, the Cuban economy remains constricted and depressed under the socialist structure of the Cuban government. Virtually anyone who works, be it in agriculture, tourism, or healthcare, works for the government. So not only does government get to decide who should be able to obtain employment, but also how much each should be paid. Cuban doctors are paid the same as Cuban waiters and innovation or job performance has little to no impact upon this pay. The purpose of work, in the view of the government, is to benefit the community or society as a whole, rather than the individual providing the good or service. As a result workers are alienated from the product or fruit of their labor. The physician who spends eight years in medical school and provides excellent care is compensated the same as the waiter who takes a nonchalant approach to their duties. This results in a drain on talent and skills from the country as those who are the highest skilled seek opportunities to leave to provide their labor in a market that will compensate them for their efforts and abilities.

The Cuban Constitution provides that housing is a right and that no Cuban citizen can be removed from their home. While this works well for those already housed, there is no incentive, or opportunity, for a private sector builder to construct housing to meet demand. As a result there is a housing shortage in Cuba. The government is occupied in building tourist housing and Cuban citizens are left to find abandoned homes to rebuild and make livable or Soviet built apartments if they become available.

One of the most significant areas the all-pervasive impact of the government is seen, especially in contrast with our approach in the United States, is the perceived role of a minister. U.S. culture views the occupation of a clergyman



as one of the ten most respected occupations in society, with 62% of Americans saying the role of the minister is a prestigious position. We arrive at this societal view through the individual choices of the populace at large. Some people hold ministers in contempt, some are ambivalent, and some hold them in high regard.



The cumulative input of us all, however, results in a societal view that is positive regarding the clergy. In Cuba ministers are viewed as leeches on society. Ministers do not produce a needed good or service, they merely take whatever those who are foolish enough to attend church are foolish enough to place in the collection basket. When one becomes a minister in Cuba, that individual is prohibited from participating in Cuba’s retirement system and banned from obtaining other employment. Until recently the children of ministers were restricted from preferred universities and jobs. This is not necessarily due to the cumulative view of the people of Cuba, however. Fidel Castro held this view of ministers. Whether it was due to his atheistic leanings as a Communist or unpleasant experiences with the Catholic Church as a child he held this view, thus government in Cuba held this view, and as a result it became the overall approach of the society. When government derives its power through force, rather than through the consent of the governed, the views of the few can be imposed on the many.

Despite the challenges faced by pastors in Cuba, churches are advancing the Gospel message. Church buildings of evangelical churches are typically small. Due to space limitations, especially in urban areas, and the difficulty in obtaining building supplies, there is little opportunity to expand. As a result the many churches we visited looked as if they could comfortably hold 50 to 70 people. Their actual attendance, however, was usually double the number they could comfortably seat. Churches in Cuba are full and are often quite close together. Given the difficulty in transportation and the absolute absence of parking most people attend a church within walking distance. As a result a small



church of 70 may meet on one block and another church of 70 or so will meet just a couple miles away, each serving the people of its immediate community. Churches are largely free to conduct services within their buildings and in members’ homes or established church ministry locations free of government interference. Meeting in public locations including parks and evangelistic activities like showing the Jesus Film, which our team wanted to do, require extensive permits and advance planning. In most cases, this activity is difficult to accomplish. Churches in Cuba are growing, however, demonstrating that while evangelistic activities may be hampered, the Word of God is not bound! (2 Timothy 2:9)

Our experience in Cuba highlighted concerning trends in our political direction at home. The absence of individual liberty in Cuba has resulted in a lower standard of living and an economy in recession, although such terms are not really applicable to the type of stagnation seen in Cuba’s economic activity. The Revolution was presented to the Cuban people as a means of obtaining greater equality in economic conditions and, to characterize it bluntly, free stuff. This Revolution was accomplished with significant violence and resulted in the murder of some 7,000 to 11,000 Cubans. While the violence was integral to the establishment of Fidel Castro as a Communist dictator, at the same time it was also accomplished by the acceptance of the populace at large in exchange for the promised economic equality and free stuff. In the political campaigns of our day the same message can be detected. It is often couched in such terms as Medicare For All or free college or ensuring “the rich” pay their “fair share.” Nevertheless, the unspoken outcome remains the same. Individual liberty is to be surrendered for centralized planning and control. While Cuba appears to be headed away from this condition, admittedly in incrementally small steps, the United States appears to be headed toward it, perhaps at a more rapid pace. Given the absence of understanding of history, economics, and human nature which appears to characterize such large swaths of our population it may be that our nation provides a different answer this time to the rhetorical question: Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? It may be a simple yes. One of the most frustrating aspects of our national political conversation is the traction obtained by arguments for centralized planning and governmental tyranny coinciding with existing demonstrations of the tragedy of such policies. This short visit to Cuba was a great experience. Enjoying the sights and sounds of a Caribbean island away from the tourist trap locations and mingling with the Cuban people was the most rewarding part of the journey. While it was enjoyable it was also enjoyable to return to a society that currently offers greater religious and economic freedom. Let us do what we can to ensure it remains that way.

