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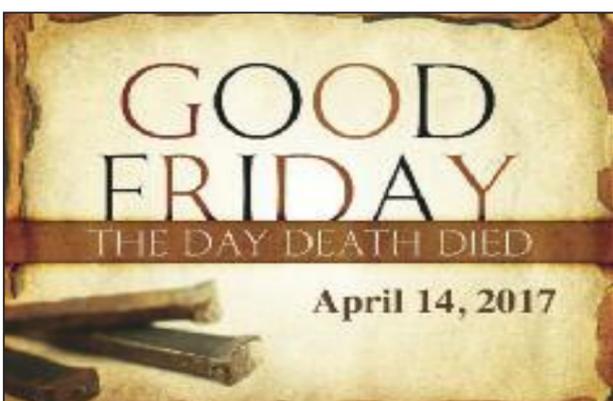
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STARS IN THE PARK

All American Weekend continues with Stars in the Park, an outdoor concert on the beautiful grounds of the Alabama Shakespeare Festival featuring Grammy Award-winning country music artist Clint Black at 8 p.m. Gates open at 4 p.m. with music by opening acts. Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$36 day of at the gate. Active duty military are entitled to one free ticket with proof of identification through the ASF box office. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.asf.net.

Also part of a fun-filled All American Weekend is the Montgomery Biscuits season opener against the Biloxi Shuckers, Thursday, April 6 at 7:05 p.m. at Riverwalk Stadium. Opening night events include a pre-game ceremony and autograph session featuring the Thunderbirds and Patrouille de France. Opening weekend continues April 7 - 9. For details about game highlights and promotions or to purchase tickets visit www.biscuitsbaseball.com.



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Sanctuary Cities Put on Notice

When Jeff Sessions was selected to lead as Attorney General, I was hopeful that he would make defunding sanctuary cities a priority. I'm pleased to report that some of last week's policy discussion in Washington focused on this issue.

Sanctuary cities are municipalities that have implemented policies designed to help illegal immigrants avoid deportation. For instance, the city of San Francisco prohibits its police force from complying with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents by denying them access to interview incarcerated immigrants to determine legal status. ICE depends on cooperation from state and local authorities, and sanctuary city policies greatly hinder their ability to enforce our immigration laws.

Sanctuary cities are magnets for illegal immigrants, including some dangerous people with criminal records. There are more than 140 jurisdictions and six states actively obstructing enforcement of federal immigration laws with sanctuary policies. This practice puts Americans at risk, and I believe the federal government should do all it can to discourage it.

When I joined the Judiciary Committee, I made it clear that addressing our nation's illegal immigration problem is one of my top priorities. Last week, the Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security held a hearing on restoring immigration enforcement, and the issue of sanctuary cities was discussed at length. Witnesses ranging from a local sheriff and policy experts to a retired judge testified about the real world effects of the Obama Administration's relaxed enforcement of immigration laws. Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.) referred to it as the "systematic dismantling of immigration enforcement infrastructure," and he's right.

In November 2014, as part of his executive actions on immigration, President Obama suspended the Secure Communities program. This was a successful initiative that allowed the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to work together to identify and deport illegal immigrants, thus prioritizing the removal of dangerous criminals.

These mistakes are being reversed. Just last week, Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced that sanctuary cities will no longer be eligible to receive grants from the Department of Justice. This was a good move. Cities, counties, and states that refuse to cooperate with federal agencies to enforce the laws of this country should not be rewarded with taxpayer dollars intended to facilitate law and order.

Our immigration system is broken and needs to be reformed, but border security must come first. When talking about this issue, I often use the analogy of a leaky house. If a leak in your roof is filling your house with water, would you replace the carpet first? Of course not, because first you need to stop the leak. In the same way, before we consider meaningful reforms to our immigration laws, we first must halt the flood of illegal immigrants across our border.

With the full support of the White House and Congress, Attorney General Sessions is working to fix the leak. Sanctuary cities have been put on notice: the federal government will no longer tolerate their flagrant disregard for our laws.

I look forward to working on solutions to fix our broken immigration system, and I'm excited that my new role on the Judiciary Committee gives me the opportunity to support Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

CONGRESSWOMAN **TERRI SEWELL**
REPRESENTING ALABAMA'S 7TH DISTRICT



Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell is in her fourth term representing Alabama's 7th Congressional District. She is one of the first women elected to Congress from Alabama in her own right and is the first black woman to ever serve in the Alabama Congressional delegation.



Tax Reform on the Table

Congressional leaders and the President have announced their next big focus after healthcare: tax reform. It's an issue too important to get wrong, and one which will impact the bottom line for working families and small businesses across the country. That's why I am asking for your input.

Do you want reforms that cut taxes for working families or close offshore loopholes? Let me know what your top priorities are when it comes to tax reform.

I believe it's time for Congress to make our tax system fairer and more efficient for working families and small businesses. As American companies face increasing competition abroad, we need a tax code that ensures our entrepreneurs and manufacturers have a chance to compete in the global marketplace.

Tax reform shouldn't be a political issue, and these are goals that both parties can agree on. But instead of designing a tax code that empowers American workers and businesses, the blueprint that Republicans have put forward provides massive tax cuts for wealthy individuals and runs up the deficit.

What kind of tax reforms would you like Congress to pass?

The GOP blueprint for tax changes would increase the deficit by \$3 trillion in its first decade, and three-quarters of the tax cuts it proposes benefit the top one percent of taxpayers. At a time when working families need help in order to compete in today's economy, those changes put our economic security at risk.

When Congress debated healthcare earlier this month, constituents from Birmingham to Montgomery called into my office to share their stories on how the Affordable Care Act impacted them. With tax proposals coming up for debate in the House of Representatives, I need to know where my constituents stand.

Take a moment to tell me what your top priorities are for tax reform.

Thank you to everyone who has sent me their thoughts and feedback. If you want to stay up-to-date on events I'm holding in your area, be sure to sign up for my e-newsletter. You can also share a message on a different topic through my website. <https://sewell.house.gov/>

I look forward to hearing from you.

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ROBSERVATIONS... by Robert Tate

23andMe – WHAT THE??



We have all seen those genetic testing commercials on television. Ancestry DNA, 23andMe to name just two. I have several friends who are way, way, way into genealogy and tracing their family roots back to caveman days but as for me, I never had the desire or energy to find all of my family tree. But something strange happened back in January 2002. That is when my mother died.

After her death, my family all converged up in the East Tennessee town of Morristown where she lived. My wife, my brother and I got there before any other family members and we went to work sorting through her possessions as surviving family members have done for thousands of years. Nothing too strange occurred until the morning of her funeral when truck and car loads of black hillbillies started showing up. Nicest people on the planet but a far cry from my city-self. My mom was initially raised in a place called Puncheon Camp, Tennessee. It was a town, in a very loose sense of the word, deep in the woods on a place called Clinch Mountain. Puncheon Camp no longer exists and when she had my wife and I take her "home" a couple of years before she died, she showed us what was left of the cabin she lived in. She was a real, no kidding, gotta walk 1 mile every day to get water kinda girl growing up.

Well at her funeral, my hillbilly relatives from a neighboring metropolis of Thorn Hill, Tennessee started telling us of my heritage; stuff I never knew before. Likewise, things my mother either did not want to talk about or did not know herself. They told my brother, sister and me that we were Melungeons. What?? What the heck was a Melungeon? Well, apparently, back in the 1700s-1800s, in the southeast regions of the US, you had a lot of the local blacks mating with traders and visitors from Europe, Turkey, Greece and other parts unknown. As a result, you have many blacks that are lighter skin colored with blue, green or hazel eyes. Well, that's me. I did some other research and yeah, I have a couple other pretty noticeable, physical Melungeon characteristics.

So over the past several years, I did become a little more interested in "what the heck I am." When people first meet me, it is obvious that it is my really green eyes that stand out. Sometimes they are actually blue and at other times they are gray in color. Weird. Yeah but as a younger guy dating girls, they did come in handy. About two years ago I wrote about a gate agent in Jackson, Mississippi looking at me and asking, "What are you." My answer was simply, "A black guy from New Jersey." Not so fast, sports fans.

About two months ago I got curious enough to send away for the DNA testing kit from 23andMe and just got my results two weeks ago. When they came in I quickly read them. After I woke up on the floor about two hours later, I shared them with my wife. She kind of laughed at me. When talking with my family when I grew up, I always knew I was at least part Irish, Scottish and Cherokee Indian. Of course there was African in there but Lord knows what else, especially after learning of my Melungeon background. I also knew that I was related to a quite famous, but white country singer from the 1950s-70s.

Since I knew I had the green eyes, and my mom's dad had piercing blue eyes, I knew I had to have white on both sides of my family because of the whole pesky, recessive gene thing. But still, I was surprised at what 23andMe came up with



First of all, I did pay for the full analysis which cost me \$199. Worth it? Yes. Their analysis hit right on in statistically nailing my eye color, height, weight, detached ear lobes, tolerance to milk products and many other factors. They also look to see if you are a carrier for 41 different diseases or syndromes which I was not. They also look at your Neanderthal linkages which I am in the lower 3% of all those people tested. So the next time someone calls me a

Neanderthal I have the data to prove they are wrong. But I thought it would be interesting to share some of the findings with you guys. Here goes.

- 1) *I am 51.9% European. What? 39.3% Northwestern European, (19.2 Irish/British; 1% Scandinavian; 19.1% Broadly Northwestern European) Does that account for my fascination with the German Luftwaffe and all things German? Okay, probably not.*
- 2) *45.1% Sub-Saharan African. (40.6% West African; 1,4% Central and South African; 3.1% Broadly Sub-Saharan African).*
- 3) *2.3% East Asian and Native American. But what about all the Cherokee I heard so much about?*
- 4) *.7% other stuff. (Middle Eastern, North African and unassigned.) I believe the unassigned is my alien DNA from the planet Argonia where my dad used to tell us he was from.*

Well that's it. That's me. If someone asks me if it was worth it I would say, "Yes, no doubt." For me, it was interesting to know for sure certain things about my lineage. Hey when you are a black guy walking around with these eyes, everybody knows something is amiss. No secrets there. For those out there who may be offended by what they might find out (and yes there are some who will tread lightly and be careful what you ask for. For example, several years ago, I saw a Klansman on some Jerry Springer type show find out he was something like 45% black. He almost died on stage. As for me, I embrace all of what was found because this is how God made me and I am who I am as a result of all the genetic splicing in my past. I for one would not trade it for anything.



What is the significance of the recent Supreme Court decision

ENDREW F. V DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT?

Ronald A. Holtsford

While states are able to receive Federal funds under the Individual with Disabilities Education Act, the State(s) must provide each eligible child with a free appropriate public education and each child under that program must have an individualized education program (IEP). Based on

The parents then sued the School District seeking reimbursement for monies paid to the private school; the Colorado Board of Education ruled against the plaintiffs and it was upheld by both the Federal District Court and the Tenth Circuit. While the Court ruled the child must receive more than a *de minimis* education the Court believed Andrew's IEP had been calculated to make some advance

The United States Supreme Court via a Writ of Certiorari agreed to hear the case. In an 8-0 opinion it said that a child fully integrated into a regular classroom with an IEP only allows for a child with disabilities to have progress something more than a *de minimis* education while the same standard does not hold true for children who are not disabled.

The Court goes on to say that the Court is not in any way trying to establish what a reasonable plan is for every child and instead defers such expertise to the individual school boards. However, the Court does expect an increased ability of a child to make progress and not allow for such minimal progress when children not under an IEP are expected to achieve much more than minimal progress from grade to grade.

The decision of the Tenth Circuit was vacated and the case remanded back to the lower Court for reconsideration following the opinions of the United States Supreme Court. This decision should be a boon to children with disabilities that require IEP's and hopefully allow such children a better opportunity to possibly be a functional and productive citizen following their education.

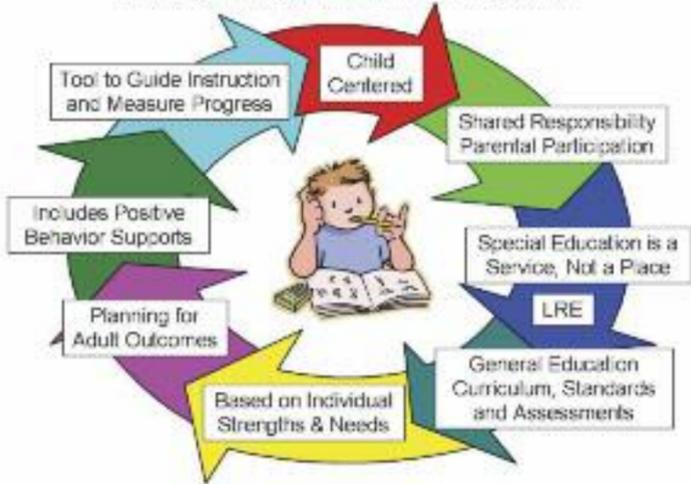
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Guiding Principles for IEP Development



prior case law the education plan for the child must enable the child to make passing marks with appropriate progress and advance from grade to grade. The language was not confined to a single test.

Andrew F. is a child with autism and was enrolled in a public school through fourth grade. When he was ready to start fifth grade his IEP resembled prior plans and the parents believed that his functional and academic progress had stalled. The parents enrolled him into a private school program that offered such specialized education and Andrew was able to make significant progress. The School District then presented the parents with another IEP and it was their belief that the new IEP was no better than the prior one.



Marcia Chambliss

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Dangerous Mindset

Beyond my belief that our Constitution as our nation's founding document limits by design the power and scope of the federal government for the protection of its citizens from tyrannical administrations, I also believe that it protects us from a dangerous mindset.

Dependency.

As a parent, one of my goals was to ensure that my son grew up with whatever opportunity I could afford him in order for him to have the skills set and ability to care for himself and his future family, completely independent of my care. That goal was never with the intent that I would ever heartlessly deny help should any hardship arise after he became an adult, but I count as my primary accomplishment as a parent that he is now able to successfully provide for his own needs as well as those of his young family.

Had I failed in my goal by consistently bailing him out of every negative situation, or in some way intentionally manipulated him so that he would be forever dependent on me, I would have denied him not only his freedom but his dignity as a human being.

I have to wonder if our ready acceptance of government provision for so much beyond the original intent of our Founders isn't an underlying cause for our moral decline. No doubt it's the reason for our escalating debt crisis which concerns our politicians during election cycles; unfortunately, once elected, any significant level of spending rarely declines but is simply circumvented to the newest pet projects.

In the meantime, an alarming number of citizens continue to be manipulated by those we elect and the mainstream media into believing that government knows best, and that it's the role of government to direct our health care choices, "educate" via public radio or government funding for the arts (with primarily a left-leaning agenda), and provide subsidies for industries deemed necessary for "the public good." The list goes on and on, and the trap for dependency is set - from the cradle to the grave - and at a financial cost that future generations cannot possibly endure.

Dare we wonder why so many in our nation lack the human dignity necessary to care for themselves? There is an undeniable benefit to an individual's self-worth in being able to support one's self financially and contribute to society, thus reliance on the government for every need has to take a toll on the soul. Do we also doubt as to why others become jaded and indifferent to the needs of those who truly require assistance because they are weary of a government that forces them into legislation such as Obamacare or the mandatory funding of services such as abortion which violates their belief

system while taxing them to do so?

As a culture, does knowing that the government is providing assistance to the poor tend to diminish our personal and Christian responsibility to those in need? I have to wonder if that knowledge doesn't make our hearts just a bit hard towards those we see receiving welfare benefits, especially with the known abuses that exist in the current system and our lack of control over them. Temporary aid to struggling families isn't deemed the same as establishing a permanent welfare underclass, but there is far too much generational poverty in this nation for us to ignore that a learned dependence on the government might well be a permanent enabling component for millions of Americans.

But it's not only a dependency from those who receive aid in the form of food stamps or welfare checks. Each time we turn a blind eye to government subsidizing a specific industry, we're embracing the mentality that government has to "fix it." When we defend our own sacred cows of federal funding, we're just as complicit in our dependency, regardless of our justification.

The mindset of dependency doesn't only threaten the dignity of a human, it can also fester resentment towards the source. In the analogy with my son, what parent among us hasn't experienced the trials of a child longing for independence? I certainly remember my own days of resenting my parents for what I saw then as a hindrance of my freedom, and I dare say it's the normal overwhelming desire of any teenager to make their own decisions free from parental oversight. If it's our responsibility, and joy, as parents to teach our children how to responsibly achieve independence, why are we then so willing to lose control of our own lives with an ever-expanding government?

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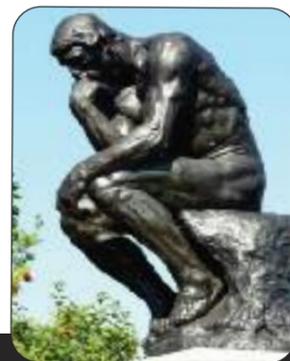


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THINK

John Sophocleus

Installing Steven 'Crash' Leath as AU's 19th President



I recently **witnessed** the installation ceremony of **Steven 'Crash' Leath** as AU's 19th President at the University Ballroom March 20th; with considerably less 'pomp & circumstance' and significantly more transparency I **participated** in the election of Josh Tuttle as Chair of Alabama's LP February 25th.



Iowa State University President Leath appointed Auburn's 19th president.

AU's BoT unanimously selected Leath after a six-month national 'search' which provided little on how it was conducted. Last year our Lee County Commission Chair correctly misspoke affirming something passed 'unanimously' [sic] at a meeting where similarly 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 install the result. Noticeably omitted at the "Ballroom Blitz" event were any microphones for question/comment from faculty, students and taxpayers. Rumours were correct Leath would start July 15th to follow President Jay Gogue's ten years as president. I guess the contract was contingent upon his 'appointment.' Note to the Board of Trustees: it might be better to **NOT** bring out the candidate until **AFTER** the sham installation is complete.

As some readers may recall, I've mostly been a fan of Pres. Gogue's stewardship - it was easy to forecast he'd be an improvement over 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 rolling over transparency I witnessed goes a long way to removing hope and morale. It doesn't take long for a cancer of this sort to spread through any organization, even more so with public universities far too insulated from market discipline. Jay Gogue had no fear of his name being publicly known in the search that resulted in his becoming the 18th president of Auburn University. Jay Gogue had nothing to hide, it conveyed his strong desire to come back 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 in 2007.

Far too many times many upper administrative candidates make short lists because they initially show so well on paper but when doing a little 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 school 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 fleecing taxpayers and saddling students with increasingly more debt.

Even the faculty Senate meeting the following day 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 Jay 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 are many good answers for the recent smoke rising from Iowa State, but didn't the last major Auburn hire from Iowa State, Gene Chizik if memory serves, also go up in smoke? It is not yet ripe to conclude whether Leath really is an 'Auburn man' ...if he is, then this embarrassing installation ceremony will serve as a "crash" course for Pres. Leath as to precisely what is wrong at Auburn.

Walking over to the Ballroom, a colleague forecasted it would be some time 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 Dr. Gov. Bentley to finally make it "UNANIMOUS." Prompting Charles McCrary (President Pro Tem of the AU BoT) to proclaim, "The Voice of God." Glad I had an empty stomach for that 'special' moment, but I must note the crab balls after the Ballroom Blitz were superb. This embarrassment is not going unnoticed. KCCI News in Des Moines 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 has been well earned. What a difference from Richardson's reign. After stepping down as President, Gogue will remain at Auburn teaching a higher education administration course and conducting special projects. The most truthful quote of the 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.

On a more pleasant note, I was able to actually **participate** in electing a fine young public servant to Chair the Libertarian Party of Alabama at their annual convention up in Huntsville February 25th. It was an open, transparent process with nominations, discussions, and voting. Chairman Tuttle won the office after a very close race (a **one** vote margin) against Baldwin County Chair Laura Lane with almost a hundred attending. Brandon Moseley (*Alabama Political Reporter* <http://www.alreporter.com/2017/03/07/libertarians-elect-tuttle-chairman/>) quoted Chairman Josh Tuttle with, "I am deeply humbled to have earned the trust of the party members as Chairman of the Libertarian Party of Alabama. Our focus will be to carry the torch of liberty and contest the Old Parties in upcoming elections."

The Libertarian Party is the third largest political party in the US. In Alabama, former Republican New Mexico Governor Gary Johnson received 2.1 percent of the vote (43,869) appearing as an 'independent' because of our State's anti-competitive ballot access laws - among the most restrictive in the nation. As an aside, Judge Gorsuch has a sound record (according to Richard Winger's March 2017 *Ballot Access News*) on independent candidates - so maybe Gorsuch won't be part of the mainstream extremists on protecting the duopoly Parties. The Green Party is the fourth largest political party nationally, but here in Alabama the Constitution Party (CP) is gaining momentum. When asked which (CP or LP) I think has the best shot of breaking the duopoly, my answer remains which has the stronger commitment to liberty - esp. among Christians in their ranks. If we continue to have big govt. conservatives who want the State to subsidize their religion, morality, etc. we'll fail. I can't think of any bigger indicator you have no faith in your religion than it requires help from governments - my God is more enduring and powerful than any government. Furthermore, can you think of any worse group than the 537 in DC and the gaggle on Goat Hill to be your moral compass?

For those who appreciate good Biblical names, it doesn't escape me that **BOTH** Chairs are Joshuas - I've written about CP Chair Joshua Cassity who I hold in high regard; here's a little on LP Chair Joshua Tuttle.

Raised most of his life in Alabama, Josh grew up in Madison, AL and graduated from Bob Jones High School then University of Alabama joining the Alabama Army National Guard. After graduating UA with a Degree in Finance (and married) they moved back to the Madison/Huntsville Area to soon thereafter be deployed with 1st Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group to Iraq in 2011. Upon return from Iraq, Josh's interest in politics grew as he became increasingly discouraged witnessing the outcomes from the duopoly parties to find the Libertarian Party. Ever since, Josh has been committed to growing the Party. Chairman Tuttle said, "2018 will give the Libertarian Party of Alabama a unique opportunity and I want to lay the foundation for that opportunity. We are working on building brand awareness and what the Libertarian Party stands for with training and mentoring quality liberty minded candidates that want to bring limited government to Alabama." Sounds like a determined 'forward looking' soldier to me...

Postscript: words can't convey how wonderful all the comments I've received on my writing of Gen. Hal Moore's Funeral Mass in Auburn have been. I'd like to share what I thought was the best from Prof. Randy Beard, "I remember attending Mass with Gen. Moore some years ago. It was a daily Mass, so attendance was probably 50 people. But it was close to Veterans' Day, so the Father asked all the vets to stand and receive acknowledgment and honor from those in the Church. There were several vets in the congregation, of course, and they stood up. We all applauded and expressed our respect for their service to our country. But Gen. Moore remained seated. One of the standing vets saw this, and gestured to General Moore, asking him to stand. He just smiled, and applauded the men who were standing. He was still, at that moment, their commanding officer, and he stood aside, honoring their service, and giving them all the attention. This is Christian leadership - it is service and care, putting the men who served under him first. I was in awe. I still am."

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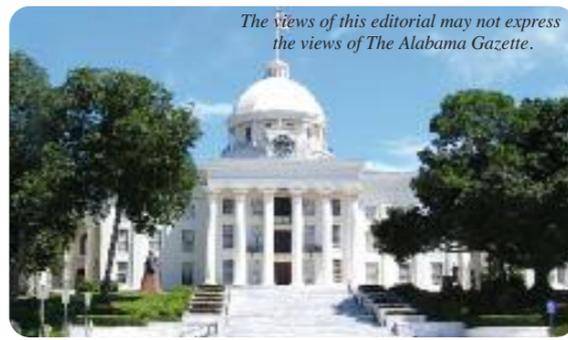
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Lots of folks are still mad about our lame duck governor Robert Bentley naming Attorney General Luther Strange to Jeff Sessions Senate seat.

If the sitting attorney general of a state openly states that he is investigating the governor for misfeasance and then that governor appoints that attorney general to the senate seat it looks funny. It gives new meaning to the word collusion.

This brazen move has incensed legislators who have heard from their constituents back home. It has especially upset members of the House Judiciary Committee. They were asked to cease the impeachment proceedings last year in deference to Strange's request to lead an investigation of the governor's shenanigans. Needless to say they have reinstated their impeachment proceedings against old Bentley with renewed vigor.

Several legislators have taken issue with the governor's calling for the senate seat election in 2018, rather than immediately. The constitution says the election should be held forthwith. That is open to interpretation. The more prudent path is 2018, since there are elections anyway. That is traditionally the way it has been done in the state in the past. However, most seats in bygone days were vacated by the death of one of our senators and the governor usually appointed the deceased senator's widow for the remaining year or so on the term. She was considered a caretaker to the seat. There has been so much grief and acrimony to Strange's appointment that he may be a caretaker.

I have never before seen a governor treated with such disdain and irreverence by a legislature as ole Bentley. They probably will not technically impeach the ole fellow. He only has about 20 months left in his tenure and he is essentially impeached from power anyway. Most of them look at him as a buffoon or clown. He has about as much relevance in the legislative process as one of the former goats that used to graze on Goat Hill.

The ultimate fallout from Bentley's actions and unpopularity may accrue to Luther Strange in his election race in 14 months. Winning the GOP primary in this Senate race is tantamount to election in Alabama. Therefore, the race is in June of next year.

Big Luther stands a good 6'9". His height is daunting. He was actually a

college basketball player at Tulane. Luther spent the first 20 years of his career as a corporate lobbyist in Washington. Seeing the power and deference of being a U.S. Senator made an impression. He came home to run for a secondary constitutional office and get ready to run for a Senate seat vacated by either of his friends, Richard Shelby or Jeff Sessions. He chose the right stepping stone job, Attorney General.

Big Luther is basically a shy and reserved fellow. He is not a natural politician. He was on the right course when he initially said that he would not seek nor accept Bentley's appointment and that he was running for the post independent of the discredited governor's appointment. He changed his mind and met with Bentley and took the appointment.

His trusted advisors convinced him that folks have short memories and that over the next year as a sitting U.S. Senator he can raise so much Washington campaign cash that he can outspend his opposition to such an extent that it will wash away the taint of the Bentley appointment. He may be right. That may be a good bet.

However, folks may be smarter and more cognizant of bold brazen backroom deals than some think. Just ask Bill Baxley how that worked out in 1986 when some Democratic Party leaders got behind closed doors and selected Baxley to be the Democratic nominee over Charlie Graddick who got the most votes. The people were so incensed they elected an unknown Republican named Guy Hunt as Governor.

However, there is the pragmatic side of the equation. During that 1986 debacle Bill Baxley, who was lieutenant governor, had become close with the King of Alabama politics, Gov. George Wallace. Wallace was in his last term as governor and Baxley had sensed a backlash might occur with such an audacious brazen move by his Democratic Party buddies, so he went to Wallace for his advice. Ole Wallace took a puff on his cigar and looked at Baxley wryly and said, "Bill you know what they call a governor who gets to be governor by a backroom deal?" Baxley asked "What?" Wallace said, "They call him Governor."

April 05, 2017



John Martin

CHECKMATE

In 1966, Ray McKinley Dunwoody Jr. was a USAF chief master sergeant stationed in Roswell, New Mexico. During this time a friend of his, a retiring master sergeant, held a small party with a number of his friends and associates, including Ray.

During a casual conversation, Ray mentioned chess. His friend eagerly announced that he was a member of the local chess club and held a high ranking. He then asked Ray about his chess experience. Ray told him that he only played once in a while, was

just so-so, and had no ranking.

He asked Ray if he would play him a game and make a wager on it. Ray told him that he did not gamble and would not wager, but after he insisted, Ray agreed to a \$100 bet.

The friend had left his chess board at his home, so the entire party went there to play.

The two men played, and Ray beat him fairly easily. Ray's friend insisted that it must have been a fluke, so he asked Ray if he would agree to make it two out of three. Ray initially disagreed and said a bet was a bet--that he had himself asked to play one game. But since the man was Ray's friend, Ray agreed to play a second game.

But Ray won the second game also. The man who thought of himself as a great chess player was trounced by a novice in front of his friends. He pulled out a \$100 bill and threw it onto the table. Ray and the other people left soon afterwards.

By the following year, Ray had retired himself and had forgotten all about the chess game.

In late August, Ray got a notice from the IRS stating that he was being audited. It was the first time he had ever been audited in his life. He had always been a very careful businessman and had taken only legitimate deductions.

Ray went to the IRS office and talked with an agent there. They went over all of Ray's records. The agent asked multitudes of questions. He went over Ray's earnings. Then he asked Ray if he had any gambling winnings.

Ray said he didn't gamble.

"Are you sure you don't gamble?"

"The only wagers I've ever made were in golf for a nickel a hole or a beer a game. It's trivial. I don't keep notes on things like that."

"Are you sure that's all you've ever won?"

"That's about it."

"What about chess? You ever play chess?"

"I very seldom play chess."

"Ever make a bet on a chess game?"

"Don't think I have."

"I think you have. I have been notified that last year you won \$100 on a chess game."

Ray then knew who had ratted on him. "Oh, I had forgotten all about that."

"Don't you know that you owe taxes on that \$100?"

"I don't think so. Nobody ever reports taxes on little stuff like that."

"But your friend has reported it. You haven't. And you owe taxes on it."

"Okay, how much do I owe?"

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"Let's see, in your bracket, it comes to about \$25 plus interest."

The man then went over the rest of Ray's return. He looked at his numerous business deductions.

"Sir, I'm afraid I can't allow this one. And I don't think this one will get by either...."

In the end, the IRS hit Ray for several hundred dollars of extra taxes, interest, and penalties.

And that was just the beginning. Agents kept auditing Ray every year. They hit him for sums ranging from \$160 to \$1200 in extra taxes over the next five years.

By this time, Ray had a talk with a friend, Vietnam veteran Jeremiah Denton (Alabama's future US senator). He informed Ray that he could state the time of his audits--that the law allowed him to specify any times that were convenient for him, regardless of how inconvenient it was for them. Thus, he might be able to get them to be less enthusiastic in their tax pursuits.

When the IRS notified Ray for the seventh year, he insisted that they meet in their office at 10 pm--five hours after it closed for normal business. This upset the people at the IRS, but Ray insisted that it was the most convenient time for him to come. They finally agreed on it.

Unfortunately, Ray's plan backfired. They gave him an interrogation worthy of a violent terrorist.

This audit did not last only a night or two; it lasted all the way from August until early December. For five days a week, from 10pm until about midnight, agents grilled Ray again and again. Ray eventually relented to having numerous perfectly legitimate deductions disallowed. The IRS had Ray so worn down that he succumbed to about \$6000 in additional taxes, interest and penalties.

Ray had to close down his business, Paramount Enterprises, and sell his vehicles and equipment at a substantial loss to pay taxes he didn't even owe.

Finally, after that, the audits ended. There are rumors that the IRS often pursues audits for seven years in a row on people they don't like or whom they might feel are "cheating."

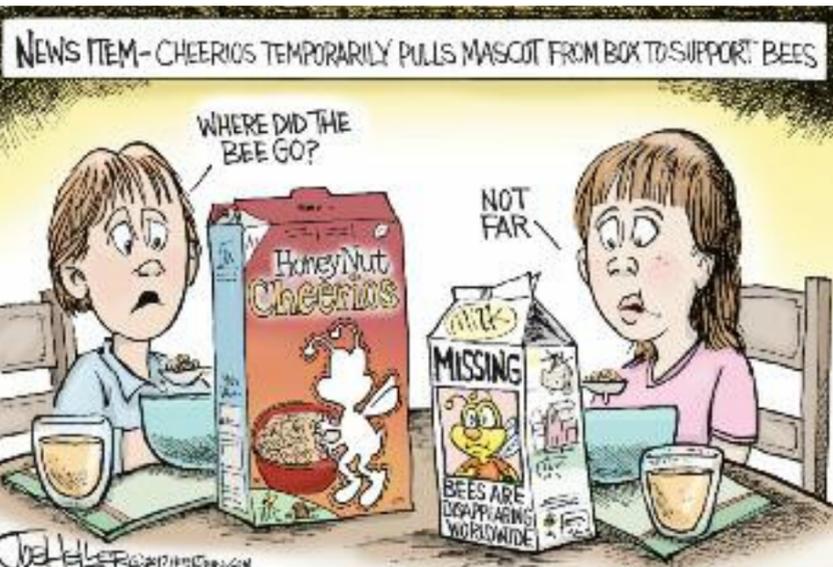
At first, Ray could never understand how his friend could have been so cruel as to report him to the IRS for a measly \$100.

Only years later, did Ray find out that this "friend" was extremely jealous of him. Ray had been rapidly promoted from a technical sergeant to a chief master sergeant and had become the second youngest chief master sergeant in the history of the air force. During the same time frame, Ray's "friend" had received no promotions at all and remained a master sergeant. On top of that, Ray had embarrassed him by beating him--a well-ranked chess "champion"--not once, but twice in front of his friends on a wager that he had insisted upon himself.

After his military retirement, this "friend" had obtained a job at the IRS and used his position to vindicate himself against Ray.

This act has to be one for the record books as one of the most vicious acts of revenge ever committed against a person over a trivial matter. Ray said that God must reserve a special place in Hell for people like that.

Ray Dunwoody Jr. had been a close friend of mine since 1988, when he was protesting the "Cong. William L. Dickinson Drive" fiasco in Montgomery. He passed away in 2015.





Steve Long

Woods & Waters with Steve



THE NEGATIVES OF BAITING

For the last five years or so, there's been a bill taking passes through the House and Senate in Alabama, and this year it's looking to come in with a little steam. The bill in question is House Bill 184, which would allow hunters to hunt both deer and feral hogs over bait. As it stands, the bill has passed the State House, and is looking to come up for consideration in the State Senate.

Personally, I'm not a fan of hunting over bait. We can currently use bait, as long as it's 100 yards away and out of sight. As someone who's been hunting deer for what feels like an eternity, simply dumping out some corn and shooting whatever comes to feed on it doesn't really seem like the kind of challenge I'd be looking for. It'd just be a massacre with no true fair chase. Of course, Fair Chase is a concept that doesn't get mentioned a lot, but more discussion on it couldn't hurt. Fair Chase is an expectation that a hunter won't do anything to give them an overwhelmingly unfair advantage over the game animal like baiting or fencing. It adds to the challenge of hunting while keeping a sort of honor code amongst hunters. Ultimately, it's a matter of personal interpretation, as it's generally just you and the hunt.

At any rate, QDMA's representative on this matter, Kip Adams, has a few solid points against this bill. I'll share them with you guys, in hopes that maybe some more discussion can be had on baiting and the consequences it can have.

For starters, Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is something that QDMA has taken great lengths to study and combat. CWD is an illness that deer can get that can absolutely ravage a deer population. With baiting, you're potentially bringing a lot of deer into one area, including those that might be infected. While CWD isn't prevalent down here in Alabama, should it ever rear its ugly head in our deer population, baiting would aid in its transmission from deer to deer.

According to various surveys, most hunters just plain don't like baiting. Similar surveys show that the non-hunting public isn't pleased with the idea either. Everyone's got their reasons to believe what they do, and in this case, it seems like the majority surveyed didn't care for baiting.

Speaking of hunters and baiting, legalization of baiting has shown to create both offensive and defensive baiting situations across property lines, resulting in potential conflict amongst hunters and property owners. Deer are considered the property of the state; not any one person's property. Concepts such as property lines don't matter much to deer, as they go where the food is, leaving hunters, who are legally bound by property lines, in an interesting position when baiting is added.

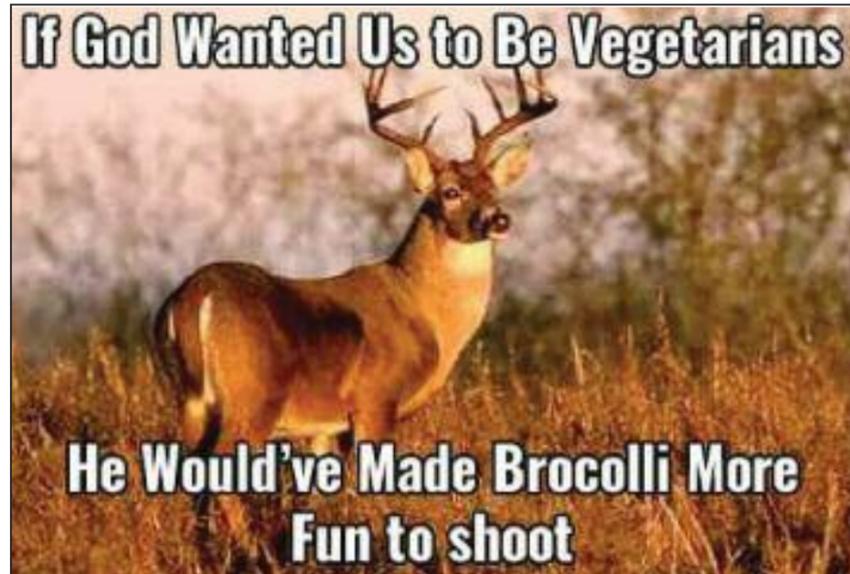
As for the deer themselves, they can dramatically change their travel and eating habits based on bait availability. Deer have a preference for feeding at night if they can help it, and if that feeder's out there belting out corn every few hours,

you better believe they'll stop on by when it's safer for them. In fact, research has shown that legalizing baiting doesn't increase harvest rates.

Speaking of following the food, predators will key in on this set of changes as well. If the deer are constantly going to one place, you better believe the predators will as well. For those of you who've kept up with these articles over the years, you might remember the Predator-Pit Scenario, where a deer population can be decimated by a perfect storm of food availability and predation rates. Baiting has the potential to throw your local deer herd into that situation, wreaking havoc on your deer population.

Other states with legalized baiting have shown to have a dramatic 4-8 times increase in artificial food on the landscape. Of course, another impact baiting would have is the increase in nuisance animal populations, like feral hogs and raccoons. Hogs don't need much help with breeding and spreading, and raccoons are very opportunistic, finding food where ever they can, and troublesome, as they tend to leave a mess wherever they go. Hogs, of course, do the same, but on a much larger scale, as they can tear up large amounts of land with their rooting.

Ultimately, the decision on this bill lies with the State Senate. If you'd like to weigh in on it, feel free to contact your Senator and tell him or her what you think. Personally, I'm hoping it will not pass. I'll always welcome more discussion on the topic, as we can only benefit from trying to learn from one another, sharing our experiences on the subject. So get out there, keep your feeding and hunting legal, stay active, and go get 'em!



Kritter Korner

Moose

Moose are the largest living member of the deer family. While mostly found in northern United States and Canada, they are also found in Europe. However, in Europe the animal is known as a Eurasian elk. Standing up to seven feet at the



shoulders and weighing up to 1800 pounds, they have very few natural predators. Moose are able to run at speeds of up to 35 miles per hour and are capable of swimming up to 10 miles without stopping.

Moose range in color from light brown to a very dark brown color. Male moose, known as "bulls," tend to be darker than female moose, or "cows." The color variation is especially noticeable in the facial region. Moose have a long flap of skin beneath their throat called a bell. The definite reason for this feature is unknown, but it is thought that it most likely is used to attract a mate. The bell is more prominent in bulls than cows. Moose are very famous for their large antlers. A mature bull may grow antlers that span 6 feet and weigh up to 70 pounds. The bull's antlers take only about 5 months to fully develop, which makes them one of the fastest growing animal organs. In early December, Bull Moose will shed their antlers, and will immediately start growing new ones.

Moose are solitary animals, but during mating season moose will herd into groups for the purposes of finding mates. Cows will attract bulls with loud moans, while bulls will compete with each other by antler fighting. Breeding season for moose extends from September through October, and in late May or early June cows give birth. Moose will usually give birth to one calf, but it is not uncommon that twins will be born if food is plentiful. The calf is reddish-brown in color and weighs around 25 pounds at birth. They are capable of gaining over two pounds a day while they are nursing. The calves are weaned at five months, but their mother will rear them for up to a year. During this period the cow will defend her calf from any potential threats. Oftentimes, a cow will have to drive off her offspring after a year in order to care for a newborn calf. A bull does not become sexually mature until the age of five, while the cow is ready to breed by the age of 1 1/2 years. The average life span of a Moose is about 10 to 15 years. Moose are generally docile towards humans, but may become more aggressive during the mating season of September through October. The name "moose" comes from the Native American word "Moswa," which translates to "twig eater." The moose population in North America is estimated to be fewer than 1.5 million, with 1

million in Canada alone. Up to 200,000 are estimated to live in Alaska.

Natural predators include wolves and bear, of who mainly target the calves. A moose's long legs help it walk through snow and wade through deep water.

The nostrils of a moose are capable of closing when the head is immersed in water.

This northern species exists in the boreal forest region across the Northern Hemisphere. Full of coniferous trees, the climate varies from -65 degrees Fahrenheit (winter months) to 86 degrees Fahrenheit (summer months). Moose do not have a problem spending their winter in the snowy region because they are adapted to it. Moose are herbivores, and eat many different types of plants, fruit, and bark. However, only eating plants and shrubs does not provide adequate amounts of sodium for the moose. Therefore, they eat a lot of aquatic foliage to add sodium in their diet. It is very common to see a moose wading in streams and marshes, with their head in the water, munching on



vegetation. Because of their long legs, moose enjoy many high grasses and shrubs, and are able to wade through deep water when feeding. Feeding habits of moose will change with the seasons. In the spring, they tend to be attracted to meadows and fields where nourishment is plentiful. In the summer, moose can be found more in marshes and lakes, filling up on aquatic vegetation. During winter, moose will forage near the edge of forests eating bark and twigs as other vegetation will have dried up. Moose must consume 9770 calories per day to maintain their body weight. A moose will eat up to 70.5 pounds of food a day.

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PASSING FOOTBALLS TO PASSING BILLS

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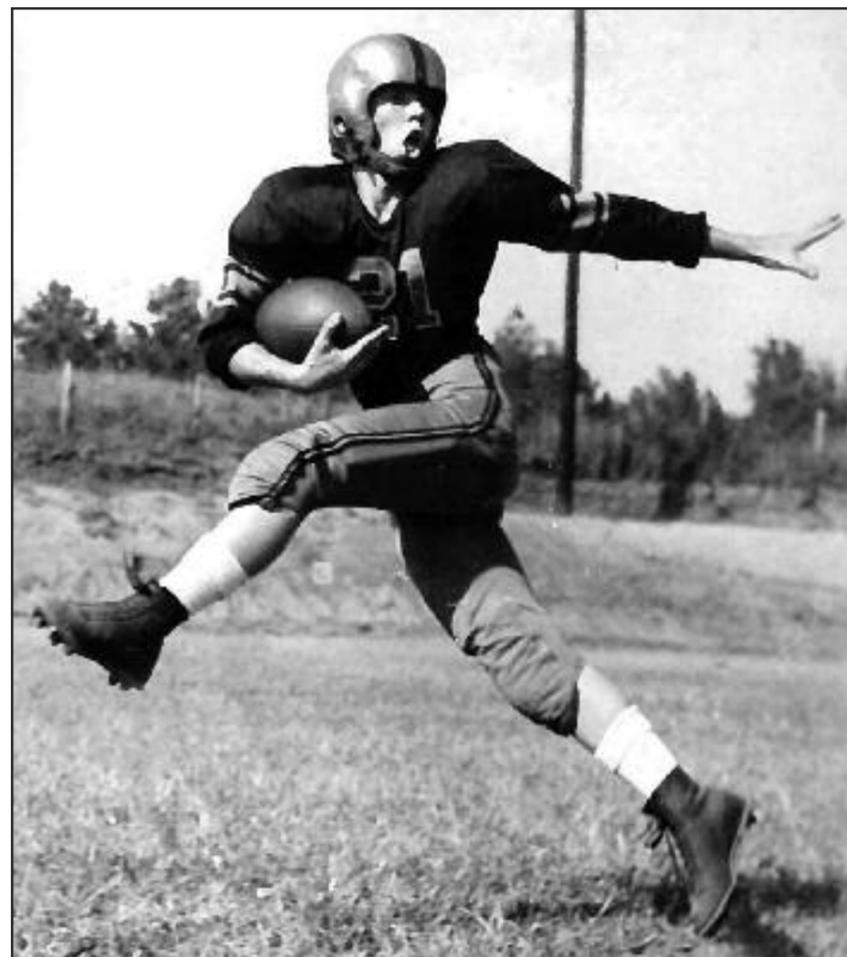


**College Football,
Ed Jones**

When Crum Foshee was running through, over and around players at Red Level High School, neither he nor the citizens of Covington County realized that one day Crum would be the most powerful legislator in the Alabama Legislature. All Crum really wanted to do was help his daddy and his brother run one of the largest ginning operations in

the south. The daddy, Wheeler G. Foshee had built quite a dynasty in Covington County. He was raising cotton, processing peanuts and shipping all over the country.

Mr. Foshee had two boys about seven years apart who could carry on with the family business after he was gone. He made sure they new how to work, how to farm and how to make deals. Wheeler Foshee, Jr. was the oldest. He



*"Crum" Foshee
Red Level High School 1955*

helped Mr. Foshee train E. C. "Crum" Foshee in the nuances of running their business. Even though separated by a few years, the boys became very close. That relationship lasted almost 80 years. The only thing that could separate them was death. That occurred on March 18, 2017 when Crum passed away from the ravages of cancer.

In order to understand Crum you had to know Wheeler, who played football on the first Red Level football team. He was small but he could outrun the wind, which he would later have to do as a turret gunner on a B-29 in the United States Air Force. Wheeler was wounded when his B-29 was damaged on a bombing run over North Korea and crashed in Japan. By the time Wheeler got out of the service, Crum was beginning high school and playing football. Crum's biggest fan was Wheeler. He is prone to exaggerate, but I do think Crum was an outstanding football player. Obviously Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant did too.

When Crum was a senior playing at Red Level he was a 5'9", 175 lb. running back. He also played other positions, but his forte was power running. He didn't try to avoid tacklers very much. Crum was stocky and really powerful for a player his size. Coach Bryant had sent Gene Stallings to Excell, Alabama to look at a sophomore fullback and linebacker named Lee Roy Jordan. That night Crum Foshee of the Red Devel Tigers had a fantastic game and beat Lee Roy and the Excell football team. When Stallings got back to College Station, Texas, he told Coach Bryant about the short, tough running back from Red Level. Bryant looked at the report and told Stallings to sign him.

Clemson also offered Crum a scholarship, so he had to make a choice. For some reason he decided on Texas A&M. So in the fall of 1956, Wheeler drove his "little" brother to College Station. The "Aggies" won the Southwest Conference Championship the next year, but Crum was not part of the celebration. After going through fall practice, Crum decided that he didn't like football as much as Coach Bryant did. He soon pulled into Evergreen on a Trailways bus ready to go back to farming in Red Level. Who picked him up at the bus stop? Wheeler of course! His daddy and brother were delighted to have him back, but were disappointed that he did not stay in college. He did attend Auburn before he decided that politics was "his game."

At this point we will skip a few years. Crum Foshee served four years in the House of Representatives and 31 years in the Senate. He was Rules Committee Chairman for twenty years. That meant that he was responsible for "setting the calendar" for the Senate. If you wanted a bill to be considered, you had to go through Crum to get it on the calendar. He was elected nine times by the people that knew his best, the people of Covington County.

Nobody in the legislature had the influence and power that ultimately Crum Foshee had. Governor George C. Wallace may have been slightly better at "cutting a deal" but not by much. If you wanted a bill passed you needed to not have Crum Foshee against it. The short football player from Red Level had become a giant legislator in Montgomery.

Most people don't know how Cliff Hare Stadium in Auburn became Jordan-Hare Stadium. As far as I am concerned, this was one of Crum's greatest victories. Ralph "Shug" Jordan had been the head coach at Auburn for about twenty years. Coach Jordan even had more friends than Crum did. One of them was Crum's brother, Wheeler. In fact, Wheeler was a pall-bearer at Coach Jordan's funeral. I know this because I was there.

Wheeler served as Prison Commissioner and Aeronautics Commissioner under Governor Wallace over an eleven year period. Therefore, he had many occasion to be in the governors office. He and Crum considered the idea of introducing a bill to change the name of Cliff Hare Stadium to Ralph "Shug" Jordan Stadium. Well, that was no hill to climb for Crum, so he sponsored a bill to do just that. It passed naturally. The only thing left was for Governor Wallace to sign it. He had actually agreed to sign the bill. However, someone on the Auburn Board of Trustees got wind of the deal. So, the Board of Trustees requested a conference with the governor regarding this proposed name change of the stadium. Of course Wallace agreed to have them come to Montgomery and discuss this legislation. George Wallace loved a laugh as much as he loved

to make a speech. So, he asked Crum and Wheeler to be in the room when he met with the trustees. When they had made their presentation to Wallace as to why this would not be in the best interest of Auburn University, the governor pointed at Crum and said, "You-all need to be talking to that man over there who's got the bill in his pocket, and I am prepared to sign it." They knew that they had lost, but they wanted to cut their loss in some way. The trustees asked the governor to let them go out in the hall for a few minutes and contemplate this "disaster."

They finally came back in and sheepishly requested a compromise if the governor would accept it. They asked that the stadium be named Hare-Jordan. Crum said that was not acceptable. George Wallace, being the politician that he was certainly didn't want to lose votes from the Auburn people who accounted for about half of the votes in Alabama. So, he said, "Boys, we don't need to alienate any segment of the people in the great State of Alabama. Why don't we just re-

name the stadium Jordan-Hare." He looked at Crum. He looked at the trustees. Crum knew he was losing 50% of the deal and he wasn't gonna' lose the other half. Against Wheeler's objections, Crum took the deal. Now, when you go over to Auburn to a football game and see the name on the stadium, you may remember Crum Foshee.

Probably nobody knew that when the name was changed to Jordan-Hare Stadium that nowhere in the country had a stadium been named for a coach that was still coaching at their home stadium. But, that's a fact. Obviously, Coach Jordan was appreciative of the work Crum put into this. As was Jordan's custom, he never forgot. The Foshees never had much trouble getting tickets to Auburn home games as long as "Shug" was the coach.

Crum Foshee was not a saint. He had his faults like we all do. But, he must have meant something to a lot of people. There were over 2,000 signatures on the guest book at Crum's funeral on Thursday, March 23, 2017. There were more millionaires in that chapel than I have ever seen in one room. There also were folks in blue jeans and cowboy boots. Crum was not selective in picking his friends. They came from all walks of life.

It was fortunate for me to be able to see some old friends there and make new friends. John Teague, former Pro-Tem of the Alabama Senate, who I have known for over 30 years, said that Crum was a friend in the good times and when things were not going so good. He indicated that Crum was a big help when he was dealing with serious health issues. He said that a smile from Crum was better for him than the medicine he was taking. Crum did have an infectious smile.

Jere Beasley, former Lieutenant Governor, has been a close friend and confidant since our college days in the same fraternity. He was our quarterback. I was the right end and my eventual brother-in-law Don Hall, Jr. was left end. Jere led us to the intramural championship in 1959. He was always impressed with Crum's ability to get things done. He also said that he knew of no one who was as loyal to his friends as was Crum Foshee. He related several stories about Crum and McDowell Lee, former Secretary of the Senate. I am sorry to say that I cannot print those stories.

Seth Hammett, former Speaker of the House of Representatives reminded us of how Highway 20 became Crum Foshee Highway. He also talked about how Crum was responsible for much of the infrastructure in the state: roads, bridges, ie. He also talked about how tough it was to negotiate with Crum. It was hard to move him off his spot.

Tom Coker, former lobbyist from Lowndes County was once an adversary when I was coaching at Catholic High School. His good friend Mac Champion was the outstanding coach at Hayneville. Had I never scheduled Hayneville my record would have been considerably better. Over the years Tom has become a good friend and a lot of fun to be with. His comments concerned Crum's tenacity as a legislator. Tom was working for Howell Heflin, former United State Senator from Alabama. From his Washington office he tried to get legislation through the Alabama Senate for Heflin but Crum Foshee was there to block it. Tom made a statement that really moved me. In the end, Crum just gave out, but he never quit!

There were so many others that I talked to that were so earnest in there trust of Crum and their friendship with Crum. Former Governor, Jim Folsom, Jr. made reference to the many times that Crum had helped him in and out of office. However, the most passionate recollections of Crum Foshee were the comments of John Smith, former lobbyist. He and Crum were very close. They had breakfast together every Friday at the Cracker Barrel in Montgomery. On one occasion at the Friday morning breakfast, Crum told John that his cancer was worse than originally diagnosed, and that the doctors were not very encouraging. John, being a very sensitive person, was apparently devastated. Crum comforted John to some degree with these words, "John, I don't care what the doctors say or what pain I must endure, when this is all over, I know where I am going."

From passing footballs to passing bills, Crum was a good person. His recent passing marked the end of a political legend in the State of Alabama. It has certainly affected thousands of people from the highest in government to the lowest crop farmer in Covington County.

Crum Foshee would have been 80 years old this coming December 17th.



Auburn coed at Cliff Hare Stadium in 1951



Present scene at Jordan-Hare Stadium



E. C. "Crum" Foshee

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You may be over
the hill if... you remember that
learning was once an integral
part of education.

April, A Presidential Month

presidency the U.S. citizens endured the Great Depression and World War II.

Also on **April 12**, Alan Shepard became the first American in space; followed a year later by Pres. John F. Kennedy's call to land a man on the moon before the decade had ended.

Back in **1743, on April 13**, Thomas Jefferson was born in Virginia. Beside being the 3rd U. S. President, Jefferson was an author of the Declaration of Independence.

On the **14th** of the month in 1865, President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated.

Moving ahead 121 years, also on **April 14, 1986**, Pres. Ronald Reagan ordered the bombing of Tripoli and Benghazi, in retaliation of a bombing of a Berlin discotheque killing 37 persons, two of whom were Americans.

Jumping back to **April 23, 1791**, James Buchanan, our 15th President, was born. He was the only bachelor to occupy the White House.

On the **26th of this month in 1944**, federal troops in Chicago seized the offices of Montgomery Ward and removed the chairman after he had refused President Roosevelt's order to recognize the CIO labor union.

On the **27th of the month, in 1791**, inventor Samuel F. B. Morse was born in Charleston, MA.

Another famous birthday that occurred on this day in April, this time it was in the year 1822; that of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, our 18th president.

Another President who enjoyed an April birth was our 5th president, James Monroe, who was born on that day in 1758. His most significant achievement was the Monroe Doctrine, which closed the door on any nation wishing to extend its holdings or use its armed forces in North or South America.

And, finally, on the **30th of April 1789**, George Washington became America's first president. He took the presidential oath of office on the balcony of Federal Hall in New York City. Washington, DC, was yet to come.

Finally, as we watch the daily newscasts on TV we must wonder what, of any significance, will occur in March of 2018?

The month of April might well be identified as "The Month of Presidents," since many of its days are celebrated as having a presidential significance, as reported on your writer's tired old computer in "The History Place." This tally includes one Confederate president (there was only one), and a baker's dozen of Union presidents; a couple of them were mentioned twice.

On **April 1, 1998**, the sexual harassment case against President Bill Clinton was dismissed by a federal judge in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Eviction notice was issued by Gen. Robert E. Lee, on **April 2, 1865**, notifying Confederate President Jefferson Davis that he must evacuate the Confederate Capitol at Richmond, Virginia.

The **third day of April in 1948**, was the day that President Harry S. Truman signed the "Marshall Plan." The purpose of this endeavor was two-fold: to stop the spread of Communism in Europe, and to restore the economies of countries that had been destroyed in World War II.

On **April 8, 1952**, Pres. Harry S. Truman seized control of America's steel mills to prevent a strike. On the 29th, a U.S. District ruled the president's act was unconstitutional. And, the strikers received a pay raise, plus other benefits.

The **9th day of April, in 1866**, despite Pres. Andrew Johnson's veto of the Civil Rights Bill, the measure was passed by Congress, giving blacks the rights and privileges of U.S. citizenship.

On **April 11, 1968**, the Civil Rights Act was signed into law by Pres. Lyndon B. Johnson. The act prohibited housing discrimination, and expanded the rights of certain residents of this country who have been erroneously dubbed "Native" Americans. There is no such thing as a "native American."

On **April 12, 1945**, Americans mourned the death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, the only U.S. President to be elected to office four times. During his

VISITING A MONTGOMERY ICON

By Dr. John Bitter

By the time our readers peruse this item, downtown **Montgomery's famous Chris' Hot Dogs** will have celebrated its 100th year of serving its famous hot dogs.

For many of us who earned our salaries working in the area, Chris' Hot Dogs was often a lunchtime destination.

Last month, a group of seniors from Elmcroft of Halcyon assisted living facility focused their monthly dining out session on Montgomery's famous Chris', located on Montgomery's famous Dexter Avenue. On hand for the memorable visit were in

addition to your humble scribe, Frank Temple, Zeb Overstreet, Allison Barnett, Jim Struther, and Maintenance Director and bus driver Shawn Secrest, who also enjoyed this nostalgic visit.

Chris' has been a favorite eating place in Alabama's Capital City for the last century, and is likely to endure for a good many years more.

Family owned and run since May 1, 1917, Chris' has hosted presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Harry S. Truman, plus the Bush's, both father and son, Elvis



From left, clockwise: Your humble scribe, Shawn Secrest, Messrs. Struther, Overstreet, Barnett, and Temple.

Presley, and Hank Williams, who was a regular diner there. Also enjoying the famous hot dogs were: Clark Gable, Oprah Winfrey, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Hank Williams, to name a few.

This year, on the 22nd of March, five residents of Elmcroft at Halcyon, and Maintenance Director Shawn Secrest, rode downtown to Dexter Avenue, where they were graciously received and enjoyed an early luncheon of Chris' famous hot dogs.

On May 1, of this year, Chris' will celebrate its 100th anniversary. Back in 1917,

Christopher Anastasios Katechis migrated to the U.S. and opened his business on its present Dexter Avenue site and Montgomerians have been enjoying his famous hot dogs there ever since.

Certainly, the group of seniors who congregated there on March 22 of this year were no exception.

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The Fall Of A Great Profession

By Dr. John Bitter

When your aging scribe first stumbled into the realm of journalism there existed a number of rigid rules to which each of us blindly adhered.

The **first** concerned the guide by which each reporter abided; that being an adherence to the rule of objectivity. Reporters didn't take sides. Despite one's political, religious, or whatever leanings; a news-person prepared his or her reports in an objective manner.

The **second** rule was one laid down in 1902 by Rudyard Kipling in his **Just So Stories**, and soon became gospel; for news reporters. Kipling wrote:

I keep six honest serving-men

(They taught me all I knew);

**Their names are What and Why and When
and How and Where and Who.**

A **third** rule by which all news-persons reported was anonymity: Not until the advent of television did the pronoun I, become a part of the reportage. News reporters religiously removed themselves from the picture. It wasn't until they stepped in front of the camera did the actual existence of the chronicler become a part of the narrative. The use of the pronoun I in a newspaper narrative could bring down the wrath of the editor upon the hapless journalist. Not so today. The reporter has become an integral element in the narrative, to the extent that television reporters soon became referred to as "On air personalities." This ushered in the beginning of the end of objective news reporting.

And so, journalism has sunk deeper and deeper into a mire that has swallowed up this once proud field of news reporting and turned it into a quagmire of personality and fiction that, today, goes under the name of news reporting.

And so has news reporting sunk into a soft, muddy pool of abuses of expression; along with much of our once proud English language. We just ain't got no couth no more.

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Soul Searching

The Paradox of the Passion



Anyone who reads or hears the story of Easter can't help but be confronted with what Dennis Davidson called the "Paradox of the Passion." A paradox is "a statement which superficially seems to be contradictory, impossible, even absurd, yet beyond the superficial is in reality true." It is above all else inconsistent with common sense and yet is nevertheless factual. It is, as some would say, the last thing in the world you would ever expect."

Who would have ever thought God would come to live on earth with us, to be one of us in His Son? Even more striking is the thought that God would send His own innocent Son to die as a sacrifice for the sins of those least deserving? No man could have ever dreamed a more ironic plot to a story. But it isn't just a story, it's a reality.

Consider the overwhelming irony. He was labeled guilty and put to death by His own people. It wasn't done by some conquering army from afar or radical terrorist. Jewish leaders testified to His guilt. It was Jesus who was marching out of step, not them. He was a liberal, trouble making activist. Think about it, things had been happening the same way in Israel for thousands of years. What

Easter reminds us that hope must never be lost for as dark as the road may seem, there always lies light at the end of it.

*May all your prayers be fulfilled.
May you have a Blessed Easter!*

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right did this young upstart preacher have to come in and try to change things all around? He wasn't a Rabbi, he wasn't a Levite, He wasn't a scribe or a Pharisee. He was just a carpenter, He was a newcomer to Jerusalem. He was only thirty three years old and He was wrong."

"So why should they change? After all it was the Sadducees who were the lawmakers, not Jesus. He just didn't understand how things were done. How dare He call them vipers, how dare He call them fools, how dare He call them hypocrites. Who did he think He was anyway? And then He had the utter gall to claim to be the equal to Jehovah God. In their eyes he was guilty as sin."

Add to the irony of the Easter events by noting the Roman authorities. Pilate knew what he was doing. He saw trouble coming and he already had too much trouble in Jerusalem. There Jews were on the brink of revolt. He didn't need all the problems that this young Nazarene carpenter represented. To him, the problem was not whether Jesus was guilty or innocent. He simply thought the problem was best resolved by giving in to the religious leaders. After all, this was a religious problem and if they wanted this man gone, then so be it.

And wasn't it ironic that Barabbas, who had been found guilty of a capital offense, was declared innocent by the crowd and Jesus was declared guilty? Can't you just imagine it was some of the same people had sung hosanna and waved palm branches on Sunday, but then on Friday they shouted "Crucify Him, Crucify Jesus?" Can't you just see the undeniable paradox?

Lest we feel smug about our own time in history, we should observe that the paradox is not far removed from today. How many people praise his name and sing Hosanna on Sunday but on Monday live for themselves and take his name in vain? Popular opinion had proclaimed Christ a king and now it was proclaiming him a criminal. Popular opinion can sometimes be useful. But when it comes

to matters of faith, be careful. The crowd isn't always right, just because they are loud.

This would just be a sad story about a good man who should not have died if it was all over on Friday when his body was taken down from the cross. "Good Friday does end on a very final note. Jesus was gone, dead, buried and silenced forever. Everything that Jesus had said, everything that Jesus had taught, everything that Jesus had done was gone and would be forgotten, because Jesus was wrong. For two days by every measure that is used by the world, Jesus was wrong. Jesus clashed with all the selfish distorted values and morals of a fallen society and he died because nobody can fight a monster that big and win."

But the story doesn't end with the crucifixion, that was Friday but Sunday was a new day. The miracle of the Easter message had taken place. The tomb was empty. He died but He was now alive. "If Jesus had of remained in the ground He would have been just as wrong as Mohammed, Confucius and Buddha. If Jesus had of remained dead He would have been just another misguided prophet who thought He was right." And because Jesus of Nazareth was right on Easter day, fifty days later on the day of Pentecost those first 120 Christians were filled with the Holy Spirit and Christianity was proven right.

The paradox of His death turns into praise for the hope his resurrection offers. "There are times that it looks like Christianity is beaten but time and time again we struggle back to the surface and emerge victorious. Oh our doctrine may fail us and our leaders may disappoint us, but Christianity will not be kept down. And as we look around at the evil in this old world sometimes it appears that Satan has the upper hand, sometimes it would appear that Satan is victorious." Yet, His Word is alive bringing a message of salvation to people from every walk of life and every corner of the globe.

The message of Easter becomes personal when we realize because Jesus Christ did not lose, we will not lose. In winning the victory over death on Calvary's mount so many years ago Jesus won the victory for us. When Jesus won over death, He offered us the power to win over death.

"Jesus did not win on the cross so we could have the Easter Bunny, and Jesus did not win on the cross so we could have chocolate eggs, and Jesus did not win on the cross so we could have a long weekend in the spring."

Jesus Christ won on Calvary for one reason and one reason only, and that was to give you and me the opportunity to have eternal life. "I would suspect that if you gave Jesus a list of things He would like to have been doing over the Easter weekend that dying on a cross would have been somewhere near the bottom of the list. But Christ died on the cross so you wouldn't have to and He rose again to demonstrate that he was even in control of death." That's the paradox of the passion.



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CHASING A DREAM

By Dr. John Bitter

Throughout history pet owners who have tired of their animal have taken it far out in the country and dropped it off, mistakenly believing that this was the end of the story.

Usually, however, within a day or two who shows up at the back door but the unwanted critter.

And so it has been with government health care; such as the ever popular, but hopeless, **Obamacare**.

Some years ago Teddy Kennedy's efforts to launch a similar federal health care program caught your writer's attention. On the surface, this looked like a fine solution to a growing problem.

However, after some extensive research it became clear that national health-care was a quagmire that the wise man avoided.

The concept of federally planned and subsidized health care was a specter one didn't really want haunting his or her house. But, try to tell that to governmental do gooders.

For one thing, there are too many factions involved in the process, each with its own point of view on how nationalized health planning should be handled. The wisest choice; however, seemed to be: leave it alone!

Look at who the major players have been:

The providers of health care: doctors, hospital administrators, nurses, social planners, the clergy, do-gooders of a variety of motivations, and the list goes on. Each player has his or own philosophy on managing an inclusive health care program; his or her own philosophy on how health care delivery should be handled.

And each proponent of how efficient health care should be managed is a health care provider: the entity responsible for handling the new system. This list of narrow focused do gooders grows with each attempt.

They bicker and argue, and in the end, nothing is accomplished. But they plod along. And, historically, none of them has succeeded—including the last President of the United States. The scenario is usually a big fanfare on how the government is going to, magically, come up with a solution to this historic problem. But when the dust settles, it's swept under the carpet until the next patron comes along and fans the flames. And at the end of their effort, they go down in flames.

For a good many years your writer studied, wrote about, and actually became a player in the health planning process, only to come to the conclusion that government-handled health care will never come to fruition. There were too many factions, each with its own objective, and often in fierce conflict with the other players, all of which spelled disaster. Yet they press on.

And so it shall be with Obamacare. The previous president, and his minions, produced Obamacare, which never really got off the ground. It consumed millions of dollars, held out false promises to many citizens in need of a well organized health care system, and eventually ended up like Franz Kafka's *Hunger Artist*, it just withered away because there was nothing that could be done to remedy his situation.

It makes for good theater, but there's really no hope for any of these proposals to succeed.

The human factor won't allow it.

Reflections

By Michael J. Brooks

WHERE IS GOD?

The ancient patriarch Job felt all alone in his suffering. He said, "Oh, that I knew where I might find him! that I might come even to his seat (**Job 23: 2!**)"

I've heard people echo Job's lament over the years. "Where is God when I need him?" or "God doesn't hear my prayers!" or "What did I do to deserve this?" We're human and forsakenness is a common emotion in our humanity. "Nobody knows the sorrow I've seen," the old spiritual says.

But we find an interesting take from the apologist C. S. Lewis. He knew pain when his wife, Joy, died of cancer. In "A Grief Observed," he wrote about his sorrow and his questioning of God. But he came to trust God once again and wrote some tantalizing words about pain: "Pain insists upon being attended to. God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pain: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world."

The sufferings of life get our attention and make us see we're not self-sufficient. We often feel so when things are going our way--when there's health and money and all the attendant pleasures of life. But when we lose any of these things we're reminded of our humanity and vulnerability to loss.

The apostle Paul knew pain as well. He called it a "thorn" in his body, but never explained what it was. My favorite theory is the stoning he received in Lystra where he was dragged out of the city and left for dead. Without emergency medical treatment we're accustomed to, I can imagine he had internal organ damage and broken bones that never completely healed. Whatever his pain he cried out to God for its removal. It wasn't removed, but he did get something from God: the promise of God's presence and the promise of God's grace.

This is why many faithful saints became so through suffering. Many of our hymn-writers wrote from personal pain, but also about the comfort they found in partnership with God. I've known many senior saints over the years who've wrestled with pain, but who, nonetheless, have developed an unshakeable confidence in the goodness of the Lord.

Scripture asserts that no one of us is truly forsaken despite our feelings that we are. The psalm writer said, "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit" (**Psalm 34:18**).

Some of our pain is inexplicable this side of heaven, and we're promised an accounting one day. Until then, we're exhorted to trust in the goodness of God and his ultimate plan of fulfillment in our lives. He is not an absentee deity.

Reflections is a weekly devotional column written by Michael J. Brooks, pastor of the Siluria Baptist Church in Alabaster, Ala. The church's website is siluriabaptist.com.



The Education Station... *By Bobbie Ames*

George Washington The Father of Our Country

The Building of His Character, Part One His Influence as Father of Our Country, Part Two

George Washington was born on February 22, 1732, to Augustine and Mary Ball Washington, in the family homestead of Bridges Creek, land not far from the Potomac River. George's father had been married before to Jane Butler, but only two of their three children survived, Lawrence and Augustine Jr. Their mother died in 1728, and August remarried in 1730 to Mary, the daughter of Col. Ball. They had four sons, George, Samuel, John Augustine, and Charles, as well as two daughters, Elizabeth, called Betty, and Mildred, who died in infancy.

The Washington family had emigrated in the mid-1600s. Two brothers came together, John and Andrew Washington. They settled in the Virginia colony in 1657 and purchased land between the Potomac and Rappahannock Rivers. John became a leading figure in the Colony's public service, prominent in the House of Burgesses, and as a successful plantation manager. He served as a Colonel in the Virginia Militia.

George grew up on a plantation of vast fields of tobacco, corn, and potatoes, rolling pastures, mountains, rivers, and an extended family of slaves owned by his father. These were often his companions and dear friends. There was harmony in the large Washington household. The father was serious, quiet, and in charge in the most ideal way. The mother enjoyed that security, but she had her hands full managing her domain, which was very large and commanding.

As a very young little boy, George was taught to revere his family name. He was to regularly repeat from memory the Ten Commandments, which both mother and father participated in daily. They had a book, titled *The Young Man's Companion*, which taught manners. His father repeatedly emphasized that the Washington Family does not lie, does not steal, does not cheat. All of George Washington's life is an example of that conduct, early learned at his parents' knee. His father expected obedience, honesty, patriotism, loyalty, and individual responsibility. His mother had the patience and resolve to see that George carried out these expectations of his father on a daily basis.

The Negroes on the farm felt a moral responsibility as well. Whether they were household servants or worked in the fields, God was very real and personal to them. While we do not endorse slavery, it was very apparent from History, that George Washington enjoyed close relationships and deep friendships with many of these slaves.

George's older brothers, Lawrence and Augustine, left home in their mid-teen years to go to England for their education. George expected to do the same, but plans changed dramatically when his father died unexpectedly when George was just 12 years old. His mother was unwilling to allow George to leave home for the schooling in England that his brothers had. While visiting the brothers in England at the Appleby Grammar School, George's father had spent long hours with the Headmaster there, and had brought back to Virginia, numerous books of curricula. He was, of course, concerned for George's education, whether it be in England or at home.

George had shown evidence of maturity, but at his father's death, he assumed more responsibility and was guided in this by his brother Lawrence. Back from England, Lawrence was assuming the headship of the family, while guiding George to lead in his own home.

While he loved to roam the meadows and the fields, he had a great love for reading. One day he discovered a book from the Appleby Grammar School that had a long list of rules of conduct befitting a gentleman. He read the book and re-read it many times, copying every single rule in his own notebook. He would



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carry those rules in his heart and life, until his death. His notebook, with the rules carefully and neatly copied, exists today in the Washington Archives.

His parents were very involved and committed to his education, but there was no schooling in the area, such as the Appleby Grammar School. The school that his brothers attended in England focused on Character for Manhood, and promoted Christian Faith and Conduct. George had expected to go there, but we have no evidence that he was disappointed when the decision was made to remain at home. For a time, George attended the village school, guided by Hobby, the Sexton of the Parish, who was not a well-educated teacher.

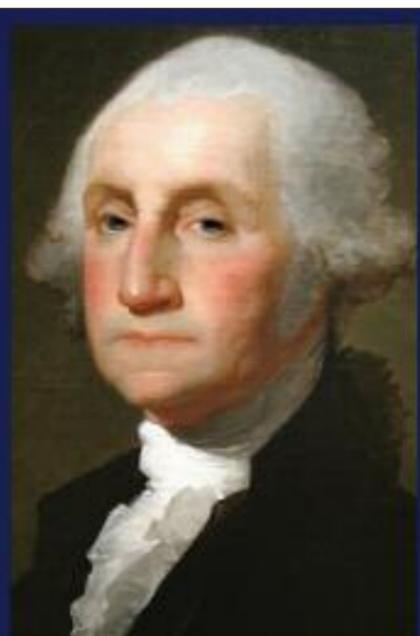
Later, his mother decided to send George to live with his older brother Augustine, at Bridges Creek, where there was a fine village school led by Headmaster, Mr. Williams. His manuscript notebooks still exist and are neat as well as accurate. Washington Irving and numerous other writers of the Washington biographies write of viewing his notebooks. Some of these same writers tell of viewing documents of his financial matters later in life, and that his keeping of accounts and financial transactions are near perfect.

Do we now see how young children benefit from such teaching in childhood? And through these young years, we see George as a self-disciplined young man in physical and also mental matters. He was passionate about exercise, running, leaping, wrestling, pitching quoits, and tossing bars.

As a teenager, he was interested in learning surveying, in order to measure the land and site boundaries. He loved mathematics and was enthralled with the land that his family owned. Lawrence had taken a paternal interest in George

"The best means of forming a manly, virtuous, and happy people will be found in the right education of youth. Without this foundation, every other means, in my opinion, must fail"

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after their father died, and George spent much time with him at Mt. Vernon.

His father in law, the Honorable William Fairfax, lived at Belvoir, not far from Mt. Vernon. William Fairfax was managing large land holdings for his cousin, Lord Fairfax. George observed as a teenager that land surveying was in great demand, and he schooled himself in his teens to pursue this opportunity. The Fairfax family would enter into helping him achieve success, in his teen years of surveying, which is hard even to imagine.

One of George's great learning experiences was being asked to assist his sister Betty, with her studies. Not only did it help him learn patience, it drew him ever closer to his sister, and that closeness remained throughout their lives.

The friendship with the Fairfax family was a mutual blessing for them all. When Lord Fairfax came from England to view his vast lands, making friends with young George Washington was a delight for him. George, not yet 16 years of age, showed modesty, but frankness. Because many of His Lordship's lands had not been surveyed, George's passion for this made them look with favor in encouraging him, and later entering into contracts for the task. A few years later, George would receive the appointment of public surveyor at age 17.

In the next article, we will examine how George's character influenced the birth and growth of our Nation. Perhaps there will be some who will re-think Education today, and embrace Christian Education again, as it was in America's beginning.



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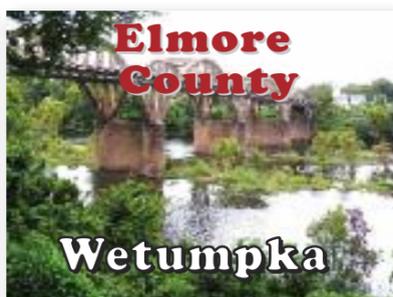
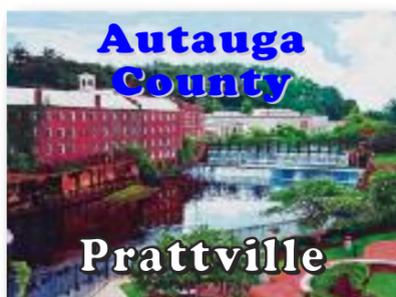
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SHARRON SMITH
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Sharron Smith has joined the staff of The Alabama Gazette as the Sales and Marketing Director. She comes to us with more than 20 years of newspaper experience in journalism, advertising and management.

Her goal is to help The Gazette staff grow the newspaper into a weekly publication. "This is a newspaper built on Godly principles and I look forward to meeting the people of the River Region." Smith commented. "We want to share with our readers articles about the interesting people of our area, in addition to helping businesses share their messages to help grow the economy."

Smith began her career in the newspaper business as a news correspondent with The Mobile Press-Register, before joining The Clanton Advertiser, in Chilton County, Alabama, as a staff writer. As with many small community newspapers you learn to wear many hats. When the classified advertising manager left newspaper, there was no one to do her job. "I was asked to help with the classified department," Smith commented. "Since no one was hired and I was willing to accept the challenge of developing a classified program to increase sales, I had a new title, "Classified Manager." I continued to tweak the classified program, with great success."

The word of her sales success at The Clanton Advertiser spread to other publishers within our news organization and soon to other newspapers in other groups. There were so many requests from publishers wanting to know the secret to their success she had to start giving training sessions on Saturdays.

When her husband was transferred to Newman, Georgia, Smith was hired as the Classified Manager of The Newman Times-Herald and helped transition the paper from a twice-a-week publication to a daily publication. Again, sales increased following the sales plan.

While in Georgia, Smith conducted several sales seminars for the Georgia Press Association, in addition to continuing sales training for newspapers from across the United States and conducted classified sales seminars for state press associations, including New York and Mississippi.

After several years in Georgia, Smith returned to Alabama to run a classified advertising call center in south central Alabama, before moving back to Montgomery. She spent seven years with Hudson, Ink., a marketing firm, in Montgomery before retiring in 2015.

She is married to Gene Smith, and they have six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She and her husband are members of St. James United Methodist Church. Her hobbies include reading, gardening and collecting cookbooks.

Smith says, "I am excited to be back in the newspaper business. When you have ink in your blood, the newspaper business is where I enjoy spending my time. I look forward to being out in the River Region communities to meet with the business people and meeting the interesting residents in the coming weeks."

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Medication Disposal

On Friday, March 17, 2017, the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office unveiled their new drug collection unit they received as part of CVS Health's Medication Disposal for Safer Communities Grant Program. The new unit will be located at the Administrative Office of the Sheriff, at 100 South Lawrence (2nd floor lobby) and will provide residents with a safe and environmentally responsible way to dispose of unwanted, unused or expired medication, including controlled substances.



The new drug disposal unit will help to reduce the amount of unneeded medicine in residents' homes and decrease the potential for prescription drug abuse, which has soared in recent years, especially among teenagers. More than 70 percent of teenagers say it is easy to get prescription drugs from their parents' medicine cabinets, according to a Partnership for Drug-Free Kids study. Proper drug disposal also helps to prevent the contamination of local landfills and water supplies from unused medication.

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morning session is classroom instruction on firearm safety and firearm laws. The afternoon session allows citizens to practice shooting on our Firing Range for the remainder of the class (if you would like). All classes are under the instruction of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Range Master.

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- Montgomery County Citizen
- Obtain a Montgomery County Pistol Permit (prior to the course date)
- Complete an Application for the Course

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Course Questions or to Obtain an Application?
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Your safety is our primary concern; therefore, we ask that you do not bring children to this class.

Sheriff's Office APP

We are getting a lot of positive feedback from our new Sheriff's Office APP! In case you missed last month's article, here it is again...

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office has a new phone app called "Montgomery County AL Sheriff" that can be accessed through your phone's app store. Once you have added this app to your phone, you can easily set your phone up to receive important push notifications. Push notifications are quick, important messages that can notify you of road closure(s), blocked road(s), anything pertinent to your travel, escapee, etc. While our app can help you with many things including checking to see if someone is in the county jail, it is most helpful to receive push notifications. After you have downloaded the



app, go through the follow steps to make sure your phone is set up to receive the push notifications:

- Go to your phone's setting icon
- Scroll down and click "Applications"
- Scroll down to "MCSO" or "Montgomery County Sheriff"

OR

- Click "Application Manager", if it doesn't take you directly to the location
- Click "Notifications"

- Turn 'on' "Allow Notifications" and "Previews in pop-ups"

You should be all set to receive the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office push notifications!

Neighborhood Watch/Crime Prevention

If you are planning to develop a Neighborhood Watch or Crime Prevention Program, please do not hesitate to contact the Sheriff's Office at 832.7106 to set up a time for us to come out and speak to your group!



Building Renovations

We are progressing as planned on our 1st floor of the Annex I building at 100 South Lawrence. If you need to access this area, please check with our building security personnel at the public entrance door at 100 South Lawrence. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.



Thank you for your continued support of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office!

Easter Egg Hunt



Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 15th, from 4:00-6:00 pm at Auburn Montgomery (near the duck pond). All children between the ages of 1 & 11 years are invited to take part. Please remember to bring a basket or bag to use during the Easter Egg Hunt. **If you need more information, please call 832.1339.**

We hope to see you all there!

Deputy Dave Day

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office is excited to once again have our annual Deputy Dave Day on Saturday, April 29th, Dunbar-Ramer School, 56 Naftel Road, Ramer, from 10 am-2 pm, for our youth. Come out and meet and greet with Sheriff Cunningham, the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office official mascot, Deputy Dave, as well as the Sheriff's Office staff! There will be lots of things to do and fun to be had by all!!

Directions:

- Take Highway 331 South until you reach Highway 94
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 - Turn slightly towards Naftel Ramer Road
 - School is down on the right
- For more information, call 832-1646.**



Firearms Familiarization Course

Sign up NOW for our Firearms Familiarization Course scheduled for Saturday, May 13th, and learn how to protect yourself! We know that learning how to protect yourself is very important in today's world.



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Carolyn Meadows of the National Rifle Association Speaks to the Republican Club of Central Alabama

At the March meeting of the RCCA, Carolyn Meadows of Atlanta, Georgia, member of the Executive Board of the National Rifle Association, said, "I live and breathe the Second Amendment." She is the incoming Vice President of the NRA. In two years she will be the President.

"The NRA membership now totals five million active members in the USA and some foreign countries," she continued.

"We are a God-fearing, freedom-loving organization. And we believe in President Donald Trump," she said.

Mrs. Meadows said the NRA gave the Trump organization sixteen million dollars during the Presidential election campaign. She continued to say that President Trump has not disappointed us. His appointees are excellent. He is following through on his promises, especially to secure our borders.

On a screen, she showed three TV ads that aired during the Presidential campaign. They featured Kim Corban, Dana Loesch and Josephine Byrd. "I am the National Rifle Association of America. Freedom's Safest Place."

Mrs. Meadows continued to say she is acquainted with these three dedicated NRA women who strongly believe in women's right to own guns.

"NRA spent eighty million dollars to run these TV ads. They were very effective in the crucial battleground states-even though the networks would not carry them. FOX was the only network to air them," she said.

When answering questions from the RCCA members, she revealed that she grew up on a farm in Georgia. At 8 years old, she owned a gun and could kill birds that were eating all the cherries off the trees. And, she could outshoot her four brothers.

In closing, Mrs. Meadows said, "You can help protect our Second Amendment Right to Keep and Bear Arms by joining the National Rifle Association today."

RCCA President Charlotte Meadows (daughter-in-law of Mrs. Carolyn Meadows) defines the club as men and women of Central Alabama who meet each month to promote and encourage the broadest possible participation in the Republican Party, however. The club welcomes new members to all political and social activities. The next meeting will be April 3rd at Faulkner University, 6:30 p.m.



Carolyn Meadows, National Rifle Association Board Member, speaks to the Republican Club of Central Alabama



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LIBERAL LUNACY

"Male and female he created them" (Genesis 5:2) With those six simple words the Bible gives us all the information we need regarding the genders God created. People are born either male or female; there are no other options. But liberals disagree.

According to Merriam-Webster, one definition of the word lunacy is "wild foolishness" or "extravagant folly." In an incredible demonstration of liberal lunacy, the politically correct secularists among us have decided that there are now four genders – male, female, males who were born with female bodies, and females who were born with male bodies. These lunatics assert that a person's "gender identity" and not his biological gender is to govern whether he is addressed as a man or woman. This is, of course, absolute nonsense!

Unfortunately, however, such nonsense is becoming more acceptable in our post-Christian nation. Last year Target announced that a change in its policies regarding restrooms would allow men to enter the women's restrooms and vice versa. Amazon has a program entitled "Transgender." And, of course, Barack Obama enthusiastically put the weight of the federal government behind the insanity by ordering public schools around the country to allow students to use the locker room corresponding to their "gender identity." That's right – Obama tried to force public high schools to allow teen boys to go into girls' locker rooms.

As is always the case for liberals, the biggest problem they encounter in their push toward a God-less utopia is the presence of Christian conservatives, many of whom boycotted Target and many more of whom voted for Donald Trump in a rejection of all that the democrat party represents. I am thankful that one of the many positive changes President Trump quickly brought to our nation was a reversal of Obama's "transgender" policy. The liberals, of course, did not like this and resorted to doing what they always do – personally attacking anyone who disagrees with them in the slightest. As former North Carolina Governor Pat McCrory said recently, "If you disagree with the politically correct thought police on this new definition of gender, you're a bigot, you're the worst of evil." For example, Chris Cuomo, a co-anchor of a morning show on CNN responded to a question regarding what one should tell a 12-year-old-girl who does not want to see a naked boy in her locker room with a tweet that read, "I wonder if she is the problem or her overprotective and intolerant dad? teach [sic] tolerance." What hate speech by the left! Once again we see that those who preach tolerance the most practice it the least.

Although this issue has been completely fabricated by the lunatics on the left, we Christian conservatives now find ourselves in a position of having to take a stand. But stand we must. World history teaches us that the rejection of God's laws by a people will always lead to their destruction. We must continue to aggressively oppose any beliefs that would undermine our moral heritage.

Concerned citizens gather for Family Law Reform Educational Day and Rally in Montgomery, Alabama



On March 8, 2017, the Alabama Family Rights Association (ALFRA) held the first Family Law Reform Educational Day and Rally in Montgomery, AL. The rally was a great success and was made possible by the Isaak Law Firm, Burdick Law Firm, volunteers and dedicated supporters.

The day started off with a "meet and greet" with Legislators and then a rally on the State House steps. It was our pleasure to have guest speakers including House Representative, Jim Patterson and Attorney, Melissa Isaak.

ALFRA supports Senate Bill 186, sponsored by Senator Larry Stutts, which creates an equal starting point, in all child custody cases, for children and their parents. Thus, equally protecting a child's relationship with both [fit] parents and reduces placing our children at risk for suicide, juvenile incarceration, drug use, sex trafficking and teen pregnancy.

Child custody law practices is one of the most important civil and human rights issue today. It is the role of the lawmakers to implement public policy to protect children and the family unit from unwarranted state and government interference.

The Alabama Law Institute (ALI), created in 1967, has proposed Senate Bill 191 and House Bill 239, which do not serve the diverse families of today. The two proposed bills by ALI recklessly place children at further risk of being separated from one of their fit parents without any legal reasoning or compelling state interest. Years of complaints from both parents, children of divorce and a survey conducted by the Alabama Administrative Office of Courts indicate there is a need for Alabama legislature to implement measures to protect children and families from biased court rulings. Here is a quote from the 2016 judges' survey conducted by the Alabama Administrative Office of Courts: "I have never in ten years awarded 'true custody' or '50/50' custody in a case. I do not believe that such instability is ever in any child's best interest. Therefore, I do not do it of my own accord."

The two bills proposed by the Alabama Law Institute (SB191 and HB239) do not remedy or change the current systemic problem. It is imperative that we educate ourselves and empower our lawmakers with evidence based literature that shows Senate Bill 186, will strengthen families and our weakened society.

A special thanks to all who participated or were there in spirit. We must stand up for social equality, families and for the innocent children who do not have a voice in this matter.

By: Kenneth Paschal, Pelham – Alabama, Alabama Family Rights Association State President, a child activist, a fit parent, an advocate for protecting parents' fundamental rights, and U.S. Army Retired First Sergeant.



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Southern Gardening Potpourri for April

by Peggy Givhan

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As we have heard all of our lives, "*April showers bring May flowers*", and hope this will ring true as I have enjoyed the low water bills from the City. If anyone tries to pull off an April Fools' Day prank, just go along with it and add that you are a fool for flowers.

The garden chores should not be mounting if we have kept weeding on a periodic schedule; however, there are some of us who just turned our backs for a few weeks, and wake up to find the soil covered with winter weeds. Luckily the dock, and others do have shallow root systems, and take very little effort to yank them out by the roots. In fact, the weeds create such a large crown or head with just the tiniest of roots. I have weeded out a huge pile while perhaps only pulling out perhaps 20 root balls. Be careful, since you will need to locate plants that have reseeded and can easily be pulled out with the drag net of weeds. So identify these before they get swept up in your weeding frenzy.

Besides the flower garden, if we have not planted lettuce, collards, turnip greens or kale, we should do this now before it gets too hot. Lettuces are especially nice, as they grow rapidly and one eats the whole plant. There is nothing better than serving a salad grown in your garden. Somehow, the salad just tastes fresher and better. If you do spray the lettuce with insecticides, remember that some "poisons" are taken up into the leaves and washing the leaves will not be enough to keep one from getting sick. There are very good organic sprays on the market which are alternatives to insecticides. For instance, one article suggested a caffeine spray for bugs. As for animals wanting to nibble some salad greens, try spraying with a mixture of garlic and another strong smelling herb. The fight to keep every bug out of your salad greens is not that daunting a task, because after six weeks, the lettuce begins to bolt and the greens have bitten the dust.

I was reading a garden article on flowers that tolerate and thrive in alkaline soil such as we have in Montgomery also known as Gumbo Soil. What I read made me rethink on my failures of Baby's Breath, or Gypsophila, which means "lime-loving". Lime is alkaline and I have always planted Baby's breath in acid to slightly acid soil. The plant requires good drainage, needs full sun or light shade, and is perennial. They make great fillers in the garden and are great for cutting. There is a creeping variety that does tolerate acid soil. Maybe before I try a new addition to the flower garden, I should read the plant's requirements.

Ornamental grasses can be a lovely addition to the flower bed. Fountain Grass, or Pennisetum, has become very popular and is noted for its foxtail fuzzy flowers that stand above clumps of rounded fine textured foliage. These are stunning when planted in large drifts. Most re-seed year after year, so thin periodically so as not to have a massive invasion.

Now that we should not have any more hard freezes, we need to search for and plant some hardy tropicals, such as plumbago, and hibiscus. These woody-stemmed plants have to be brought in during the coldest months, so I just keep them in pots and cut them back when the time comes. Just a couple of each lends an interesting texture with variety of colors from white, to pale blue to bright orange, red, yellow, peach and all colors in between.



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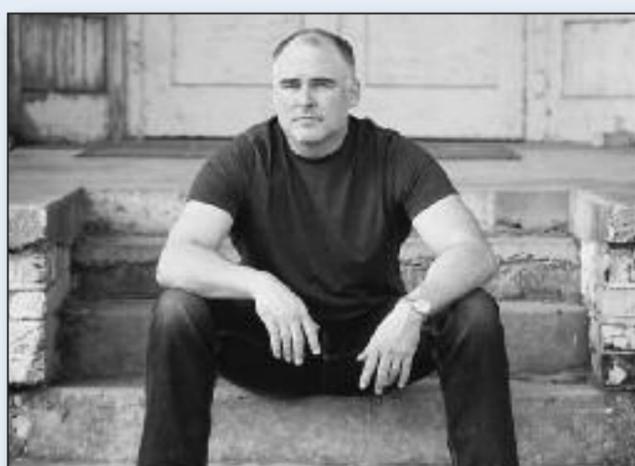
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After graduating from Auburn University, Mr. Atkins worked as a crime reporter for the Tampa Tribune, where he received a Pulitzer nomination for his work. He is a New York Times best-selling author and was chosen by the Robert B. Parker estate to continue Parker's Spenser detective series. Ace Atkins has written more 19 crime fiction novels.

This celebratory event will be held on Saturday, April 29, at the Marriott Legends at Capitol Hill in Prattville. Tickets are \$45 and can be purchased online at www.prattvilleal.gov or by calling the Special Events Office at 334-595-0854. There are also sponsorship opportunities available for individuals, companies, and organizations.

The Fountain City Arts Festival is sponsored by the City of Prattville and has been made possible, in part, by grants from the Alabama State Council on the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Prattville Service League.

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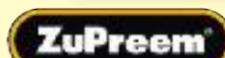
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Cuisine



To decide on the subject for my column, I do a great deal of research. I search through cooking websites, magazines, recipes I developed or modified from my chef days, recipes that were given to me, newspaper clippings friends and relatives have given to me. I have used my phone to video a TV show that showed how to cook something I wanted to try, so I could then write the recipe for it. In addition, I do a lot of shopping and I like to go out to eat.

I started collecting recipes from the days when **PRODIGY®** was my internet portal of choice; it was almost the only portal of choice. In addition, **MASTERCOOK®** was my choice for collecting and categorizing all of my recipes. I found places that had combined over 15,000 recipes files in MASTERCOOK® format. There are now websites that claim to have over 150,000 recipes. Except for some websites that require you to join and some that

even require a membership, most recipes are available with a free download. If you want to cook anything edible, somewhere there is a recipe. In addition, I am sure there are recipes for many inedible items.

However, there a downside to following a recipe as is. The recipe belongs to someone else and the final product will cater to the tastes of the person who developed the recipe. My favorite reading is in old family or regional cookbooks when the person describing a recipe, says *"Aunt Cora used this recipe for the people in Forsyth but in Wainscot, we added a few other ingredients."* I think a recipe needs to be prepared as written the first time you try it. This is especially true if the recipe is a long and difficult recipe. After you have cooked for a while and after you have confidence and know your way around a kitchen, you will know where you can tweak a recipe by adjusting the amounts for some ingredients or adding other ingredients to suit your taste. Examples of this would be the herbs and spices called for in a recipe. Changing the spices in a recipe could change the whole character of the dish.

This comes in handy when you want to follow some cooking shows where you prep certain ingredients on Sunday and keep changing the cooking method and the herbs and spices to make different meals for the rest of the week. I like the concept if you save money, buying everything at once and in bulk. In addition, it evolves being in the kitchen and at least assembling and cooking a meal. If you have children all the better, they can be part of the meal preparation. It is always a better choice than taking some processed TV dinner-like meal out of the freezer and nuking it in the microwave.

Buying in bulk can determine your recipe selection for the week. A common vegetable that many people in bulk are onions. I have never just bought one or two onions, except maybe red onions. Since onions have a long shelf life, buying a bag is a cost saver. Check the onions closely. They may not be the same size and some will be older than others will. My favorite preparation for onions to use in a meal plan for the week is to make caramelized onions. Use the onions to top steaks, hamburgers, hot dogs or any German style sausage, or in soups or in a biscuit slider.

Every cook should have the recipe for caramelized onions in their repertoire. If you keep your heat low with a little fat and have a lot of time, and many onions, you are on your way. The best types of onion to caramelize are the basic yellow and white. A sweet yellow onion is better for short cooking times or for raw eating. About four cups of sliced onions will produce about a cup of caramelized onions. A medium sliced onion works best, you do not want the onions to get too soft and lose their shape. Rings or strips are your preference. To four cups of sliced onions, add two tablespoons of oil and two tablespoons of butter. You get the taste of the butter and the oil prevents the butter from burning. The onions will become bitter if they burn. Put onions in a large fry pan and stir every few minutes. One teaspoon of sugar added also deepens the color. I add a teaspoon per onion of Worcestershire Sauce at the end to deepen the color. Prep in advance and save in refrigerator until ready to use. Just heat and serve when needed. A more detailed and gourmet method to prepare caramelized onions is as follows.

WINE-BRAISED CARMELIZED ONIONS

INGREDIENTS

About 1 small clove garlic per 2 onions	One bay leaf per batch
Onions (cook about 3-5 at a time)	Fresh thyme sprig
Olive oil	Salt and fresh cracked pepper
Butter	White wine
	Beef stock

METHOD

1. Cut the onions in half lengthwise, and then slice thinly again lengthwise.
2. For every one large onion, heat about one teaspoon olive oil in a large, heavy-bottom pan over medium heat.
3. Add the same amount of butter, and allow the butter to melt, and then add minced garlic. Allow the garlic to soften (but not color), then add the onions.
4. Stir to coat the garlic and onions in oil/ butter, add a bay leaf and a small sprig of thyme, then turn down the heat to medium low (so onions don't burn).
5. Continue to cook the onions until they are soft and deep golden brown, 30-40 minutes (depending on how many onions you cook).
6. Add about ¼-cup white wine, and ¼ cup stock, and allow to reduce down with the onions, another 5-7 minutes. Remove from heat and set aside enough onions for grilled cheese sandwich.
7. The rest, throw into a pot and make French Onion Soup.

There are other numerous ways to use the onions. Add to a salad, either a green leaf or even better in a pasta salad. A topping for a hamburger cannot be beat. Moreover, since you make your own pizza (hint) instead of buying an overly expensive frozen or a "to go" from a chain store, adding caramelized onions to your homemade pizza sauce or as a topping will enhance the flavor. While I write this article, the weather warnings are out about a hard freeze tonight. It should be the coldest day since January. However, Spring is in the air and that means we can get out and enjoy the food that has its own day or week to celebrate in April. Some foods have their own month; April is Florida Tomato Month, Fresh Celery Month, Garlic Month, Soy Foods Month, and Soft Pretzel Month. April is also National Grilled Cheese Month. Do you remember the recipe for caramelized onions? Hint!

How about a grilled cheese sandwich with the onions you just caramelized? It almost tastes like you are eating French Onion soup, hence the name, French Onion Soup Grilled Cheese. However, before you dive in and think this is just another grilled cheese sandwich, be watchful of these items; first, the thickness of the bread, the amount of butter and the temperature of the onions. If the bread is too thick, the bread will grill and burn before the cheese has melted. Second,



I do not use butter on the outside of the sandwich. There is butter on the inside and that is plenty of butter. Thinly spread a good mayonnaise (Duke's) on the side on the bread you are going to grill. This will produce a nice brown crispy exterior. Third, heat the onions before you assemble the sandwich. Again, the cheese needs to melt before the bread gets too brown. You will build the sandwich on one slice of bread and then cap it with the other slice.

FRENCH ONION SOUP GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH

INGREDIENTS

Duke's mayonnaise, just enough to thinly coat the outside of sandwich	shredded, to cover both slices of bread
Two slices of bread (hard-cruised French baguette or the like)	One-half cup of your heated onions you caramelized earlier
One-tablespoon soft butter	Fresh minced parsley or thyme leaves
Enough gruyere cheese,	Salt and pepper

METHOD

1. Start warming a frying pan on low to medium heat.
2. Spread mayonnaise on one side of one slice of bread, place mayo side down on you work surface next to the other slice of bread.
3. Spread butter on each slice of bread.
4. Top one piece of bread with half of the cheese and then top the cheese with all of the heated onions.
5. Sprinkle herbs and then salt and pepper on onions.
6. Top the onions with the rest of the cheese.
7. Cover with the other buttered piece of bread, butter down.
8. Spread a thin coat of mayo on top of bread.
9. Transfer sandwich to the heated pan.
10. Watch for bread to get toasty brown and the cheese to melt. Flip over and continue until both sides have browned nicely and the cheese has melted.

Enjoy!

I had an invitation to go Sardis on Saint Patrick's Day and visit a historic home that was on part of the Historic Selma Pilgrimage. I visited the Hain-Harrelson House (c. 1913) and I have a deep appreciation for the organizations and people that own and maintain these historic properties. This is a beautiful home and shows that you can have a period decor and still have modern comforts. Of course, the stove and refrigerator and the kitchen itself caught my attention. The desire to work harder on my house always overcomes me when I visit homes built in the early 1800's.

There was a cheese and wine reception on the grounds. No food or wine allowed inside the house, I would think not! The cheese postponed my desire to get some more substantial food into me. To accomplish that we were off to the **SAND BAR**, on Marina Drive in Selma.

SAND BAR

Marina Drive, Selma, AL

Restaurant Review

If you like tender cornmeal, crusted fried catfish with a moist and flaky interior then you should eat here. If you want to hang out with your friends, enjoy some drinks and fried catfish, burgers, hot dogs, seafood baskets, plates, salads, and wraps this is a place to come. If you want to hang out with lots of friends, try the Sand Bar on Saint Patrick's Day!

I am more forgiving than most about having to wait for your order. I understand what is going on in the kitchen and at the bar when there are people standing at the door waiting for a table and we were a table of six. I did not think it was an overly long wait. We did get our drinks early to keep us busy. When the food did come, it was all at once and the fish was hot. Moreover, with an order like this in a bar, I was happy to see that every order was correct and no one said anything during the meal except how good the catfish was. Everyone ordered something different, from a wrap, a platter, a basket, and a salad. Crafty me, I did not want to fill up on French fries, so I ordered the Catfish salad. For less money, I got more catfish. The salad part was just iceberg lettuce, and I think tomato and shredded cheese. There did not seem to be a choice of dressings but it came with balsamic vinaigrette. There was a listing for Cheese Curds on the menu, but it was actually cheese cubes, battered and fried. Our wait staff gave me a choice of cheddar or pepper jack. After many shakes of the hot sauce that was on the table, the pepper jack tasted like it had some peppers in it.

I would like to come back to the Sand Bar, but not next Saint Patrick's Day. The bill for my wife and I was \$27 for the food the other \$26 was for the libations. It is a bar! The most expensive item on the menu at \$16 is the seafood basket with 2 pieces of fish, four shrimp, four oysters, fries, and hushpuppies. For about \$20, you can get an appetizer, catfish basket and a big draft cup.

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Luciano Pavarotti

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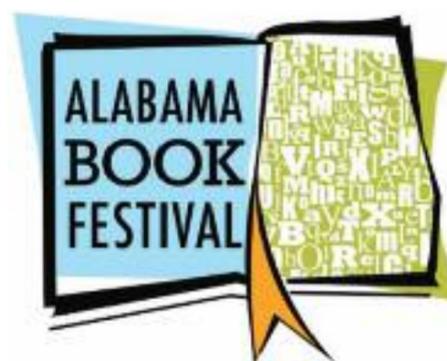
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**Alabama
Book Festival
Announces
2017 Author
Lineup**



MONTGOMERY, Ala. -- The lineup for the 2017 Alabama Book Festival on April 22 in Montgomery includes a diverse list of best-selling authors that organizers say will appeal to a variety of ages and reading interests. The 12th annual event takes place in Montgomery's historic **Old Alabama Town** at the intersection of Columbus and Hull streets from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Scheduled to appear are the following:

Rita Mae Brown -- Brown is author of the revolutionary coming-of-age novel "Rubyfruit Jungle." which was her first book. More recently, she has published 25-plus books in the Mrs. Murphy cozy mystery series with her cat, Sneaky Pie Brown, as co-author.

Winston Groom -- Best known for writing "Forrest Gump." Groom has also written several books in the historical genre. His first work of fiction in almost 20 years, "El Paso." is his newest book.

Cassandra King -- Native Alabamian and author Cassandra King is the recipient of Troy University's annual Hall-Waters Prize. The award is presented to a person who has made significant contributions to Southern heritage and culture in history, literature or the arts. Her works include "Moonrise." "The Sunday Wife" and "The Same Sweet Girls."

Jay Asher -- Asher is best known for his young adult novel "Thirteen Reasons Why." which makes its debut as a 13-part Netflix series on March 31. The novel about suicide has resonated with millions of teenagers and sold more than 2 million copies over the past 10 years.

Tayari Jones -- Jones is part of the festival through a National Endowment for the Arts grant to Troy University to host The Big Read, a program designed to revitalize the role of reading in American culture. The book selected for Montgomery's Big Read is "Silver Sparrow." Jones's novel about two teenage girls living in Atlanta in the 1980s.

Brad Watson -- Watson is the 2017 recipient of the Harper Lee Award for Alabama's Distinguished Writer of the Year. His novel "Miss Jane" has been heralded as a work of great beauty and empathy.

Michael Knight -- Knight's "Eveningland" is a thematically linked collection of stories that The Library Journal calls "essential for fans of literary fiction." His novel "The Typist" was selected as a Best Book of the Year by The Huffington Post and The Kansas City Star, among other places, and appeared on Oprah's Summer Reading List.

Joining these authors at the book festival will be more than 50 additional writers. Panels throughout the day include Cozy Mystery, Children's Picture Books, Biography, Poetry, Comics, Romance, Dark Mystery, Military History, Food and Spirits, Outdoors and more. For aspiring writers, workshops are scheduled throughout the day. Topics include fiction writing, cookbook and travel writing, memoirs, screenwriting, writing for young adults and songwriting.

The workshops are free on a first-come, first-served basis, but registration is required online at www.alabamabookfestival.org.

Books by festival authors will be available for purchase courtesy of Barnes and Noble, and authors will be signing books immediately following their presentations. Publishers, authors, schools, libraries and literary and arts organizations will be among those represented at exhibitor booths. Several food vendors will also be onsite.

Sponsors of the 2017 festival include the Alabama State Council on the Arts, Troy University, Old Alabama Town/Landmarks Foundation, the Alabama Humanities Foundation, the City of Montgomery, the Montgomery City-County Public Library, Barnes and Noble, the Alabama Library Association, Bluewater Publications, Lamar Advertising, the Montgomery Advertiser, the Alabama Bench and Bar Historical Society, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Alabama Writers' Forum, and the Alabama Tourism Department.

To view the full festival schedule, sign up for a workshop or volunteer to help at the festival, visit the website at www.alabamabookfestival.org.

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Home Town Community News

Please send Patricia your family birthdays, anniversaries and weddings to alabamagazette@gmail.com

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

Patricia Killough

Happy Birthday, Davis!



Davis Mason celebrated his 1st Birthday on March 4, 2017 at the home of his grandparents on Mt. Zion Road in Ramer. It was a "barn yard" theme complete with live animals. All the guest enjoyed being outdoors helping Davis enjoy his 1st birthday.

Davis' parents are Chad and Shelby Mason of Montgomery.



April Birthdays



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| 1 Magan Gramling
Linda Mann
Ann Pascal | 13 Kim Golson
Lillie Ben Harris
Sherry Knight
Patrick O'Mailia
Jimmy Sellars |
| 2 Ronnie Broadway
Helen Gordon
Ken (Buddy) Hicks
Christopher Kenmore
Patricia Killough (67th)
Colby Mills
Ruth Neilson | 14 Brenda Blackburn
15 Skylar Campbell (19th)
Moseley Higgins (17th)
Tom Ward
16 Judy Barnes (65th) |
| 3 Cole Andrews
Winston Webb
Emily Claire Needham (9th)
Shelby Hartley (100th) | 17 Donna Daffron Allen (72nd)
18 Julia Norris
Slade Rhodes
Eunice Broadway
Samuel Sullivan |
| 4 Owen Scott Edwards (9th)
Sonny Turnipseed
Bill Younkin | 19 Haley Boyd (24th)
Mae Gibson
20 Frank Grove
21 Jennifer Champion
Emily Garner James
Queen Elizabeth (91st) |
| 5 Prasertsi Atkinson
Steve Stringer
Coleman Taylor
Coleman Taylor (21st)
Edwina Davis Walker | 22 Sue Arant
Tammy Orr
Brandy Terrell
Alice Guntharp
Sarah Kathleene Selvage (2nd) |
| 6 Lew Baxter
Brenda Caprara
Evelyn Claire Carter (2nd) | 23 Shane McKinley
Jud Parenteau (8th)
24 Bara Edwards
25 Blane Campbell (20th)
Don Cooley
Debra Kinman |
| 7 Winford Collier (84th)
Caroline Handey
Bea Ward | 26 Joe Cotney
Betty Strickland
27 Erik Box
Julie Livingston
Wayne Watkins
Landyn Whigham (7th) |
| 8 Debra Ehrlich
Cynthia Mull
James White
Clara Wright | 28 Johnny Johnson
29 Katie Moseley (19th)
30 Luke Adams |
| 9 Rev. Melvin J. Hendricks (64th) | |
| 10 Jean Douglass
Wade Norris
Jimmy Grubbs
Hayden Ward | |
| 11 Mae Bishop
Margaret Boyd
Buddy Handey
James Griffin | |
| 12 Sally Brown
Morgan McGough
Carolyn Perry
Tim Sansom | |

(Send us YOUR Birthdays!)



Senior Recital Victoria Parrish Alto Saxophone

in collaboration with
Haein Kim, Piano

Victoria Parrish presented her senior recital on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at the Delchamps Recital Hall in the Smith Music Building at Huntingdon College.

Presented in partial fulfillment of requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Music Education - Instrumental degree.

Congratulations Victoria on a successful recital!

Happy Anniversary

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| 1 Warren & Doris Miller (55th) | 12 Jason & Kaycee Wiggins |
| 2 Bobby & Mickey Ann Boyd (29th) | 20 Jeremy & Stacy Dickinson
Jimmy & Barbara Pugh (61st) |
| 3 John & Patricia Killough (46th) | 21 Russ & Valerie Russell |
| Milton & Wanda Madison (7th) | 22 Jim & Phyllis Fenn |
| Shawn & Katie O'Mailia (7th) | 23 Zack & Geri Azar (40th) |
| 6 Clint & Tiffany Hammock
Pat & Lonnie Smith (49th) | 24 Byron & Pam Lynch |
| 7 T. G. & Margaret Batley (61st) | 25 Bill & Dee Russell |
| Richard & Susan Feaga | 27 Scott & Heather Russell |
| 8 Eric & Melony Gwin | 30 Aaron & Kayla Ramer (7th) |
| 11 Herb & Mary Sue Meadows (42nd) | |
| Mike & Donna Mulchay (30th) | |

(Send us YOUR Anniversaries!)

If you see a birthday person or anniversary that needs to come off these list, please contact us at 356-6700 or email us at alabamagazette@gmail.com

Sympathy to the families of...

Hester, Martha Caroline Norton (88).....died February 26, 2017
Volz, III, Charles H. "Chuck" (70).....died February 27, 2017
Rahn, Jr., Ret. Col. U.S.A.F. Norman H.died March 8, 2017
Caddell, Joyce K. (85).....died March 10, 2017
Hornady, Nellie Nichols (92)died March 12, 2017
Moseley, Laurice Foshee Culp (90)died March 13, 2017
Roten, Vivian Norman (76)died March 17, 2017
Foshee, Sr., Eugene Crum (79)died March 18, 2017

Estate Auction!

An auction of the estate of
Charlie Bodiford
will be held on Saturday April 22, 2017

Preview at noon

Auction starts at 1:00 pm
7834 Troy Highway
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Lots of family treasures!

The Robert E. Lee Class of '62 Reunion Celebration

April 28 and 29, 2017

Casual Fiesta Friday, April 28, 6 pm at Cucos
11123 Chantilly Parkway, Pike Road, AL

Brunch for the ladies Saturday, April 29 at 10:30 am
at Wynlakes Country Club
7900 Wynlakes Blvd., Montgomery, AL.

Saturday night Dinner Gala
at Wynlakes Country Club at 6 pm.
Professional group photos will be taken.
Reservations will be required for each event.

Deadline for reservations is April 1, 2017.
Contact B. J Teal @ tealbetty62@yahoo.com
for reservations and details.

In Memory of Claire Gilmore

Mrs. Claire Gilmore, age 85, of Deatsville AL passed away March 22, 2017. The family received friends at Brookside Funeral Home on Sunday, March 26, 2017. The funeral service followed at 3 pm at Millbrook First United Methodist Church with Rev. Jerry May officiating. Burial followed in Brookside Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Gilmore is survived by three sons, John (Maxine) Gilmore, Danny (Penny) Gilmore, Matt (Dena) Gilmore; Chloe and Nikki Carlton, Ann Gilmore, ten grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren. Brookside Funeral Home directing.



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"He is Alive!"

What a thrill to KNOW that my Redeemer lives! Jesus Christ is just as alive today as He was right after the resurrection. In fact, He is just as much alive today as He was before the crucifixion...and even before He came to earth and was laid in the manger.

"I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth." Job 19:25

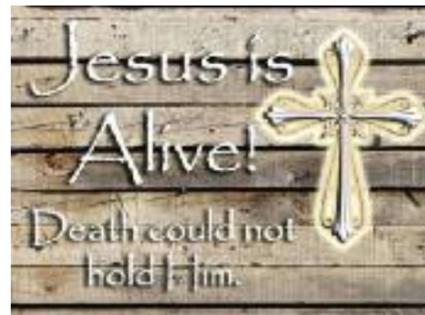
What difference does it make whether we serve a living God? Isn't it just a practice we believe in? Absolutely not!

A living God knows right where you are day by day, hour by hour, minute by minute. He sees your every need, hears your every cry, and longs to hold you close to Himself. He is present to walk with you through the valley. He blesses you with hope and joy. A god with no life is unable to do these things. He cannot see, or hear, or reach, or touch, or provide. He simply cannot.

But my God is alive! The joy and the assurance that we celebrate on Easter doesn't end when the holiday is over and the decorations are all packed away. Why? Because Christ is alive.

So rejoice, my friend! Live each day with the hope and joy that Easter brings. Walk with Christ. Talk with Him. Allow His joy to penetrate your heart and fill your soul. Don't live in defeat and agony as if Christ is still on in cross or in the tomb. Remember, **HE IS ALIVE!**

Many Blessings & Happy Easter!



2017 Meeting Schedule



Breast Cancer Support Group Meetings

Support group meetings are free, do not require pre-registration and convene the 2nd Tuesday of each month at:

Frazer United Methodist Church

6000 Atlanta Highway • Room 8114 • Mathison Activity Center • Montgomery, AL

5:30 PM Social time with light meal
6:15 PM Program followed by Q & A

Tuesday, April 11th

Oncoplastic Breast Surgery: Hidden Scar Techniques

Presented by Dr. Pamela Strickland, Breast Surgeon
Central Alabama Breast Care

Tuesday, May 9th

CANCER: Opportunity of a Lifetime

Presented by Jenny Dodson, Breast Cancer Survivor

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CAPITAL CITY CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

April 2, 3 & 4th: SPRING REVIVAL

A Spring Revival will be held at Capital City Church of the Nazarene April 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Rev. Ken Wyatt is the guest speaker. We will begin Sunday, April 2nd at 10:45 am. Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evening services are at 6:00. Capital City Church of the Nazarene is located at 4450 Vaughn Road in Montgomery. For more information call 272-8176.

APRIL 14, 15 & 16: GOOD FRIDAY, EASTER EGG HUNT AND EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE.

Join us at Capital City Church of the Nazarene for a Good Friday Service held Friday, April 14th at 6:00 pm. We are hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 15th at 10:00. There will be prizes and free hot dogs and drinks. Our Easter Sunday Service is Sunday, April 16th at 11:00. Capital City Church of the Nazarene is located at 4450 Vaughn Road in Montgomery. For more information call 272-8176.

Submitted by Lora Brown, Public Relations

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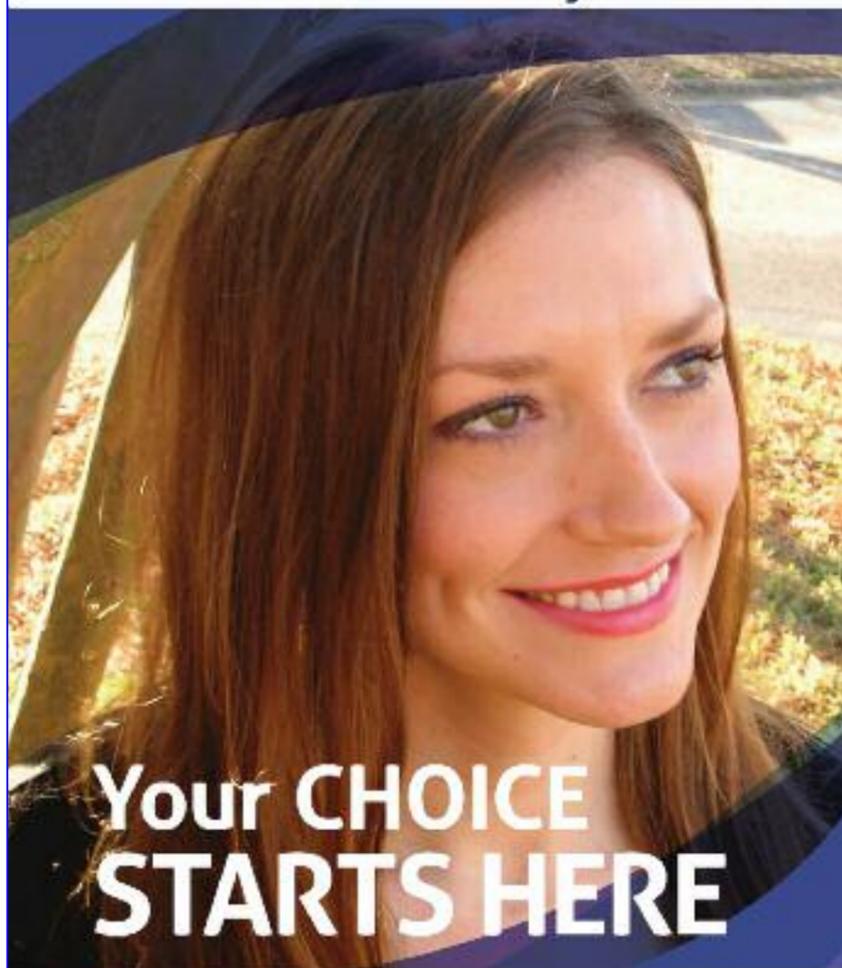
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Public Notice

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Wall Street Water Authority
January-December 2016

Is my water safe?

Last year, in years past, you put your trust in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) drinking water quality standards. You had water officials vigilantly safeguard the water supplies and state again we are proud to report that our system has not violated a maximum contaminant level or any other water quality standards. We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source is purchased from the City of Tallahassee, which is treated surface water from Lake Thuley at the Tallapoosa River. We have storage capacity of 1,100,000 gallons in 3 storage units, 4 hydro-pneumatic storage and 156 flash buckets. The water we provide is our customers requires specialized treatment. The City of Tallahassee adds Chlorine Dioxide to the distribution process. Chlorine Dioxide is still used as disinfectant for taste and odor control, disinfection, byproduct reduction and iron and manganese control. Chlorine is added to the water as disinfectant and for required residual to maintain to protect your drinking water from any possible outside contaminants.

The Wall Street Water Authority maintains a water storage facility impoundment plan, and utilizes a Bacteriological Monitoring Plan and a Cross-Connection Policy in place to insure good safe drinking water for our customers. The City of Tallahassee has completed a Source Water Assessment Plan, which is available at their office for review. This report provides information about potential sources of contamination and is set up to help protect our service. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled Board meetings. They are held on the 2nd Monday of the month at the Wall Street Water Authority office that is located at 5059 Natusulga Road and begin at 6:00 p.m.

The members of the Board of Directors are: **Wilbur Terrell, Chairman**, **Steve East, Vice Chairman**, **Alfred Golden, Secretary**, **Wilbur Barry, Treasurer**, **William Rogers Welch**

Important Drinking Water Definitions:
Action Level (AL) - The concentration of a contaminant that triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system shall follow.
Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) - The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - The level of a disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) - Nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.
Non-Detect (ND) - Laboratory analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.
Parts per million (ppm) or Micrograms per liter (µg/L) - One part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000,000.
Parts per billion (ppb) or Nanograms per liter (ng/L) - One part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000.
Parts per quadrillion (ppq) or Picograms per liter (pg/L) - One part per quadrillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000,000 years or one penny in \$10,000,000,000,000.

Secondary Drinking Water Standards - Procedures per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.
Treatment Technique (TT) - A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring System (UCMS) - The greatest benefit of a UCMS is to provide a means to monitor the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether a firm requires a permit.

Explanation of reasons for variance/compliance
Based on a study completed by ADEM with the approval of the EPA, a statewide survey for the monitoring of asbestos and lead was issued. This monitoring for these contaminants was not required.
The City of Tallahassee and Wall Street Water Authority routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in the following tables show the results of our monitoring period of January 1st to December 31st, 2016.

Table of Primary Contaminants

All of the following primary contaminants are listed to assure a health risk to humans. This table provides a quick glance at any primary contaminant violations.

CONTAMINANT	MCL	DETECT	AMOUNT DETECTED	CONTAMINANT	MCL	DETECT	AMOUNT DETECTED
Bacteriological							
Total Coliform Bacteria	< 5%	ND	0	Selenium (ppb)	700	ND	0
Turbidity	1.1	0.14	0.14	Organic Chemicals			
Feed Coliform & E. coli	0	ND	0	Arylamines	700	ND	0
Radionuclides				Alkaloids (ppb)	60	39.10	39.10
Barium (ppm)	4	ND	0	Amines (ppb)	400	ND	0
Alpha radium (pCi/l)	15	ND	0	Benzene (ppb)	200	ND	0
Combined radium (pCi/l)	5	ND	0	Benzene (ppb)	200	ND	0
Total Uranium (pCi/l)	30	ND	0	Benzothiazole (ppb)	50	ND	0
Inorganics				Carbon tetrachloride (ppb)	50	ND	0
Arsenic (ppb)	6	ND	0	Chloroform (ppb)	40	ND	0
Azide (ppb)	10	ND	0	Chlorobenzene (ppb)	200	ND	0
Adverse (MFL)	7	ND	0	Chloroform (ppb)	1	ND	0
Barium (ppm)	2	ND	0	Cyanide (ppb)	500	ND	0
Beryllium (ppb)	4	ND	0	Diethylhexyl sebacate (ppb)	500	ND	0
Bromine (ppb)	10	ND	0	Diethylhexyl sebacate (ppb)	600	ND	0
Cadmium (ppb)	5	ND	0	Diethylhexyl sebacate (ppb)	75	ND	0
Chlorine (ppm)	4	ND	0	Diethylhexyl sebacate (ppb)	5	ND	0
Chlorine dioxide (ppb)	800	ND	0	Diethylhexyl sebacate (ppb)	70	ND	0
Chlorine (ppb)	1	ND	0	Diethylhexyl sebacate (ppb)	3	ND	0
Chromium (ppb)	100	ND	0	Diethylhexyl sebacate (ppb)	50	ND	0
Copper (ppm) (MCL)	AL=1.3	0.05	0.05	Diethylhexyl sebacate (ppb)	400	ND	0
Cyanide (ppb)	200	ND	0	Diethylhexyl sebacate (ppb)	6	ND	0
Fluoride (ppm)	AL=1.5	ND	0	Diethylhexyl sebacate (ppb)	7	ND	0
Lead (ppb) (MCL)	2	ND	0	Diethylhexyl sebacate (ppb)	20	ND	0
Mercury (ppb)	10	0.27	0.27	Diethylhexyl sebacate (ppb)	20	ND	0
Nitrate (ppm)	1	ND	0	Diethylhexyl sebacate (ppb)	100	ND	0
Total Nitrate & Nitrite	10	ND	0	Diethylhexyl sebacate (ppb)	2	ND	0

Table of Secondary and Unregulated Contaminants

Secondary Drinking Water Standards are guidelines regarding contaminants that may cause cosmetic effects (such as skin or hair discoloration) or subtle effects (such as taste, odor, or color) in drinking water. ADEM has Secondary Drinking Water Standards established to ensure compliance with state regulations applicable to water systems required to monitor for the various components. Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether a firm requires a permit.

CONTAMINANT	MCL	DETECT	AMOUNT DETECTED	CONTAMINANT	MCL	DETECT	AMOUNT DETECTED
Aluminum	0.2	ND	0	Formic Acids	0.5	ND	0
Chloride	250	5.22	5.22	Iron	0.3	ND	0
Color (PCU)	15	ND	0	Manganese	75	ND	0
Copper	1	ND	0	Other (T.O.N)	5	ND	0
Calcium	N/A	ND	0	pH (SC)	N/A	7.21	7.21
Carbon Dioxide	N/A	ND	0	Sulfur	N/A	8.46	8.46
Manganese	0.05	ND	0	Specific Conductance (umhos)	N/A	ND	0

Unregulated

CONTAMINANT	MCLG	MCL	Range	Amount Detected	Libby Source of Contamination
1,1-Dichloroethene	N/A	ND	0	0.14	Soil runoff
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	N/A	ND	0	2.00	Water additive used to control microbes
1,1-Dichloroethene	N/A	ND	0	0.05	Common of household painting systems, exists in natural deposits, leaching from road
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	N/A	ND	0	0.77	Water additive which prevents smog tests, exists in natural deposits, leaching from fertilizer
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	N/A	ND	0	0.27	Water additive which prevents smog tests, exists in natural deposits, leaching from fertilizer
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	N/A	ND	0	64.90	Water additive which prevents smog tests, exists in natural deposits, leaching from fertilizer
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	N/A	ND	0	5.22	Water additive which prevents smog tests, exists in natural deposits, leaching from fertilizer
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	N/A	ND	0	7.42	Water additive which prevents smog tests, exists in natural deposits, leaching from fertilizer
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	N/A	ND	0	92.00	Water additive which prevents smog tests, exists in natural deposits, leaching from fertilizer
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	N/A	ND	0	7.21	Naturally occurring in the environment or as a result of treatment with water additives
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	N/A	ND	0	8.46	Naturally occurring in the environment
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	N/A	ND	0	5.14	Naturally occurring in the environment or as a result of treatment with water additives
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	N/A	ND	0	1.05	Naturally occurring in the environment or as a result of industrial discharge or agricultural runoff, by-product of chlorination
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	N/A	ND	0	9.72	Naturally occurring in the environment or as a result of industrial discharge or agricultural runoff, by-product of chlorination

All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. It is important to remember that the presence of these contaminants does not necessarily pose a health risk. The EPA or ADEM requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detect.

Table of Detected Drinking Water Contaminants

CONTAMINANT	MCLG	MCL	Range	Amount Detected	Libby Source of Contamination
Turbidity	0	1.1	0 - 0.14	0.14	Soil runoff
Chlorine	MDEQ 0.4	MDEQ 4	1.30 - 2.00	2.00	Water additive used to control microbes
Copper (2013)	1.3	AL=1.3	0	0.05	Common of household painting systems, exists in natural deposits, leaching from road
Fluoride (2013)	4	4	0	0.77	Water additive which prevents smog tests, exists in natural deposits, leaching from fertilizer
Nitrate (as N)	10	10	0	0.27	Water additive which prevents smog tests, exists in natural deposits, leaching from fertilizer
Halocyclic Acids (HAA5)	0	60	0 - 39.10	39.10	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Total Organic Carbon (TOC)	N/A	TT	1.45 - 1.82	1.82	Naturally present in the environment
Total trihalomethanes (THM)	0	80	0 - 64.90	64.90	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Chloride	N/A	250	0 - 5.22	5.22	Naturally occurring in the environment or as a result of industrial runoff
Sulfur	N/A	250	0 - 7.42	7.42	Naturally occurring in the environment
Total Dissolved Solids	N/A	500	0 - 92.00	92.00	Excess of natural deposits
pH	N/A	N/A	0 - 7.21	7.21	Naturally occurring in the environment or as a result of treatment with water additives
Sulfur	N/A	N/A	0 - 8.46	8.46	Naturally occurring in the environment
Total Hardness (as CaCO3)	N/A	N/A	0 - 5.14	5.14	Naturally occurring in the environment or as a result of treatment with water additives
Trihalomethanes	N/A	N/A	0 - 2.09	1.05	Naturally occurring in the environment or as a result of industrial discharge or agricultural runoff, by-product of chlorination
Chloroform	N/A	N/A	0 - 9.72	4.86	Naturally occurring in the environment or as a result of industrial discharge or agricultural runoff, by-product of chlorination

General Information
If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Wall Street Water Authority is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and inorganic material, and it can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activities.

As you can see by the tables, our system had no monitoring violations of allowable limits of contaminants in drinking water. We're proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some contaminants have been detected. The EPA has determined that your water is SAFE at these levels. MCL's are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated contaminants, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

Total Coliform: The Total Coliform Rule requires water systems to meet a stricter limit for coliform bacteria. Coliform bacteria are usually harmless, but their presence in water can be an indication of disease-causing bacteria. When coliform bacteria are found, special follow-up tests are done to determine if harmful bacteria are present in the water supply. If this limit is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public by newspaper, television or radio. To comply with the strictest regulation, we have increased the average amount of chlorine in the distribution system.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. People who are immunocompromised such as cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy, organ transplant recipients, HIV/AIDS positive or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from microbes. People at risk should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (Center for Disease Control) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline. All Drinking Water, including bottled drinking water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline: (800-426-4791).

Tallahassee Water Works, from whom we purchase our water from was recognized by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management's Drinking Water Branch's Safe Drinking Water Program for reaching an optimized level of performance for the third year in a row that is beyond the minimum requirements established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. By reaching this level of "Optimized Performance", the staff of the Tallahassee Water Treatment Plant have demonstrated their dedication to provide you, with the best possible water quality. This level of performance significantly reduces the chance of any microbiological organisms from getting into your drinking water supply. Please assist us in thanking the staff of the Tallahassee Water Works and the Tallahassee Water Treatment Plant for their dedication to ensure that you, our customers, receives the best possible water quality.

Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers. These improvements are sometimes reflected as rate structure adjustments. Thank you for understanding. We at the Wall Street Water Authority work around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water assets, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future. We ask that our customers help protect our water supply by reporting any unauthorized use of fire hydrants or spraying any water theft. We ask that you be conservative again this summer to avoid any mandatory restrictions on water use. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our customers who have reported water leaks to us on a timely manner, which helps to keep the cost of water down and also helps to keep a more stabilized rate structure.

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