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Electric Cars





Electric cars are not new; they have been around for more than a century. According to Wikipedia, the first one was built by Robert Anderson in the 1830's. In 1884, Thomas Parker built one and equipped it with *"his own specially-designed high-capacity rechargeable batteries."*

In 1888, Andreas Flocken created a "*Flocken Elektrowagen*," which some people claimed was the first "*real*" electric car.

In September, 1910, two Bailey Electrics completed a 1000 mile endurance run from New York to Mount Washington, New Hampshire, and back, "*to the amazement of many*." The Baileys were equipped with Thomas Edison's "state of the art" NiFe batteries, possibly his 60-cell A4 version that was being tested from 1908 to 1911. Edison claimed a range of 100 miles per charge, albeit on a level road at 25 mph.

Edison battery longevity is legendary. People have claimed some that are over a century old still work like new. The only maintenence required is occasionally changing the water and potassium hydroxide (lye) electrolyte. But they did have a drawback; charging them electrolyzed the water, wasting some of the charging power and generating explosive hydrogen. Since they contain a great deal of scarce nickel, they are expensive. You can still buy new ones if you are willing to pay a stiff price.

The idea of electric cars' simplicity seemed promising, but the great mass to capacity of batteries in those days gave them limited ranges. They were only useful for short trips to putter around town. Many people had no electric service and could not recharge their batteries.

Wetumpka Airport

Veterans Visit U.S. Army Air Corps WWII Training Site



L-R Douglas Cairns, Frank Stovall, Martha Poole Simmons, Ted Platt, James Barber, William Stewart, Harold Hill, Terry Greer and Rod Douglas

Veterans and an American Red Cross volunteer who are residents of The Crossings in Montgomery visited the Wetumpka Airport in Elmore County, AL, where the airport served as one of seven satellite auxiliary airfields for training pilots during WWII.

When training peaked in 1944, there were almost 400 aircraft assigned to Gunter Field in Montgomery, AL.

Aircraft employed in the training program included North American BT-14s, Vultee BT-13s, and AT-6s. Elmore Field/ Gunter Field Auxiliary #2 located 1.5 southwest of Elmore, is still in use as Wetumpka Municipal Airport.



A Season for Fresh Starts and New Beginnings!

CHRIST IS RISEN!

What Are You Betting Your Life On? Everyone is betting their life on something! What are you betting your life on?



I am betting my life on the fact that Jesus is who he said he is! "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." - Jesus, John 14:6 I am the way.

Jesus said this in a conversation with the disciples at the last supper. He had just told the disciples that he must go away. And that they knew the way to where he was going. He was speaking about his arrest later that night and his subsequent trial, torture, crucifixion, and death. And his resurrection and ascension back to heaven and to the right hand of the Father.

But the disciples didn't understand what he meant. So, Thomas, speaking perhaps for all of the disciples, says to Jesus, "Lord, we do not know where you are going so how can we know the way? I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." - John 8:6-7

This Easter why not bet your life on the fact that Jesus is who he says he is?

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Christ Ascends to God's Right Hand

So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.

What Fills the Spaces in your Life?

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Page 2 Apríl 2023 Inside the Statehouse with Steve Flowers Steve Flowers is Alabama's leading political columnist. His weekly column on Alabama politics appears in over 60 Alabama newspapers. He served 16 years in the state legislature. www.steveflowers.us 2026 Governor's Race Game Begins

Alabama's original 1901 Constitution had a law whereby the governor could only serve one four-year term and not succeed themselves. In 1968, the law was changed and since then the governor and all other constitutional offices in the state can now serve two consecutive terms.

This one term and you are done, made for a very interesting, anticipated, and competitive governor's race every four years. They could begin four years in advance in earnest, and they would begin.

Since Kay Ivey will be serving her second elected term, she cannot run four years from now. Therefore, we have setting up an ole timey open governor's race in 2026, and it has already begun.



Lt. Governor Will Ainsworth has already been running for four years, and has ramped up a reelection game plan for his next four years as Lt. Governor. He will be tough to beat.

Ainsworth was elected Lt. Governor in 2018 at the ripe old age of 36. He began running for governor the day after he won the GOP Primary that year – even before he was inaugurated in January 2019.

I have never seen anyone in recent years as dedicated and focused on grabbing the brass ring of Alabama politics as young Will Ainsworth. He is almost as dedicated as George Wallace.

Wallace's whole world and every part of his being was dedicated to being elected Governor of Alabama. He campaigned seven days a week, 12 hours a day and hardly saw or cared for his family for four years. He campaigned relentlessly. His devotion paid off with a victory in 1962 and subsequent conquests later.

Young Will Ainsworth does not have this total devotion, nor should he or anyone else. Ainsworth is a devoted family man. His family and church come first. Being governor is not his God. He is the ultimate father to his twin sons, Hunter and Hays, and his daughter, Abbie. He and his wife Kendall are committed to loving and caring for their children. They go to all ball games and church and school related events with them in Guntersville. At the State-ofthe-State Address four years ago, he had his two sons with him. They have impeccable manners. They looked me right in the eye with a smile and firm handshake and said, "Nice to meet you, Mr. Flowers." One of the boys was with Will when he spoke at the Trump rally in the summer of 2021. Will had

been to his son's ballgame in Cullman that morning and he brought him to the rally.

When Will spoke at the Mid-Alabama Republican Club in Vestavia last July, his daughter was with him. Ainsworth is campaigning all over the state. He is at ribbon cuttings and Chambers of Commerce events from Dothan to Huntsville. He hails from Sand Mountain in vote rich North Alabama. His father has done well financially. However, his mama has instilled in Will the desire to serve in politics. She is very astute and active politically and more gregarious than Will's father.

There are others lining up to run who do not fear Ainsworth nor his family's money. Interestingly, the two major potential threats to Ainsworth in the four-year away governor's race, are from North Alabama. Attorney General Steve Marshall and Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle would make a strong threat to Ainsworth's perceived front runner status.



Ironically, Steve Marshall and Will Ainsworth are both from Marshall County. If the Attorney General makes the move, he would be a viable candidate. He won his second term in this year's GOP Primary, impressively. He has to move up or sideways or out. An intra county race would be interesting. Marshall bears watching.

Steve Marshall

Tommy Battle, the Mayor of Huntsville, would be the most formidable candidate that Ainsworth could face. However, I do not think Battle is interested in running. Being the Mayor of Huntsville is probably a better job than being Governor of Alabama.

However, the biggest obstacle in Ainsworth's run

for governor may be someone you have ever heard of. There are probably some rich folks sitting back privately contemplating a run for governor. That unknown rich person may be the one to watch. We will see.

Four years seems a long way off, but the 2026 Governor's Race has begun.

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The desire for freedom and liberty is universal, but achieving it can take the effort of a lifetime.

Justice Will Sellers

On March 15, 1848 - 175 years ago - Hungary revolted against the constraints imposed by both its Austrian masters and the authoritarianism of its ruling class.

As a former Warsaw Pact country, little is known about the history of democratic institutions in Hungary. And it would be easy to conclude that the country's experience with self-determination and independent government is recent.

but also the practical needs of or a new nation.

Of individual rights, Petofi asserted that Hungarians

wanted freedom of the press and an end to censorship. This was his first demand, highlighting the importance of having an unfettered media to disseminate information without fear of repression. The desire for a free press and an elimination of censorship was radical. Elites, regardless of political stripe or persuasion, enjoy censorship and desire to control information as a means to govern. The Hungarians, like others reformers before and after, realized the need for a free press.





To the contrary, Hungary has a rich history of pursuing freedom and embracing liberty. The Hungarian Revolution of 1848 was the culmination of a nation state seeking to chart its own course with a separate identity and elected government.

After the defeat of Napoleon and the beginning of temporary peace and stability in Europe, the world economy flourished with open trade creating new opportunities for a middle class. But with economic growth and improved living conditions, people yearned for greater autonomy in living their lives and conducting their affairs.

Hungary, like many countries, had a ruling class that felt no desire for change and possessed no appetite for reforms that would undermine its power. Since the aristocracy paid no taxes and had almost total control over the government, there was no incentive for any change. But, like most governing elites, they failed to see that expanding the freedoms of the people would have provided more stability and ultimately increased both their wealth and influence. By holding on to power, the aristocracy fumbled, and their stature decreased when the revolution came to Hungary.

The seeds of revolution started in France when its government banned conventions of opposing political parties and used force to suppress political speech. This led to mass demonstrations resulting in the end of the constitutional monarchy. As other countries heard this news, many were inspired to attempt the same thing.

Upon learning of the events in Paris, Hungarian patriots appealed to the Hapsburg Monarchy in Vienna to award greater freedom and autonomy. When

these demands were transmitted to Austria, crowds in Vienna gathered and demanded greater freedoms too. The Hapsburg Monarch, Franz Joseph, was only 17-years-old. His advisors panicked and appeared to accept the Hungarian petition.

Even though the terms were not defined, once news of this achievement reached Hungary, there were large public gatherings in favor of independence. Unlike other revolutions of 1848, the Hungarian movement was bloodless and culminated in a demand of various rights to create an independent nation.

Rather than take up arms, occupy buildings, or assassinate leaders, the real revolution was an intellectual exercise of expressing ideas that motivated the people to embrace a new vision of their country.

These ideas started from the pen of the poet and now national hero, Sandor Petofi. He was an unlikely revolutionary but with other young enlightenment scholars, he drafted a proposal, The 12 Points, that still resonates today.

The aspirations of the Hungarian people were explained in 12 simple points that not only express ideas for individual liberty, Other rights demanded were the abolition of separate laws for the nobility and freeing all political prisoners. The Hungarians wanted everyone to be treated equally under a stable and predictable legal system. They also demanded expanded participation in courts and juries, beyond the nobility, so that anyone with the necessary education could serve in government and on a jury.

Religious liberty was also a cornerstone of the Hungarian revolution. The people simply wanted freedom to worship without conforming to and paying for a state-sponsored religion.

Even 175 years ago Hungary still had vestiges of a feudal system that limited the rights of serfs to own property, elevated the rights of the nobility to demand payments from serfs, and prevented the free movement of labor. The reformers demanded that the limitations, discriminations, and humiliations of feudalism be eradicated.

Petofi's 12 Points also made demands for things that would make Hungary a nation and not a part of the Hapsburg Empire. One critical ingredient for statehood was the need for a national bank and separate currency. To be truly independent, the country needed financial independence, and reformers saw a national bank as a means to achieve that result.

These demands also critically included the formation of an independent government and a national assembly with members who were not selected by the aristocracy but were democratically elected. Experience had taught them not to limit the frequency or duration of the assembly. Previously, a national parliament could only convene at the behest of an absentee ruler.

> Unlike the young United States, Hungary envisioned the critical need for a standing national army that would take a loyalty oath to a Hungarian Constitution but not serve outside the country's borders.

> When these demands were submitted to Vienna they were accepted, and Hungary then moved to implement them to become an independent nation. Sadly, Hungary's aspirations were short lived when the national assembly was unable to adequately provide representation to and expand the rights of various ethnic minorities. This led to a civil war with Austria opportunistically aligning itself against the Hungarian government.

> In less than 2 years, the independent nation ceased to exist when the Russians invaded, abolished the Hungarian constitution, and brutally oppressed the people.

> Petofi would die fighting for the freedom of the ideals he treasured for his country. His larger-than-life statute occupies a square in Budapest, where the Hungarian Revolution is forever immortalized.

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ROBSERVATIONS.

Don't wate Me Because I'm Right

I just finished watching Top Gun Maverick for the one billionth time. No, it never gets old. The wife and I really love that movie. When watched sequentially with the first movie, the changes are really eye opening. Among the most noticeable is "Phoenix" played by Monica Barbaro. Good luck finding a female combat

Rob Tate

pilot in the first movie. They did not exist at the time. To me, this is the most noticeable change. Women have fought hard to earn the right to fly these advanced aircraft and it is a good thing that they now can.

In an article on Military.com, a title to an article read, "Even More Young Americans Are Unfit to Serve, a New Study Finds. Here's Why." In the article, it states that an alarming 77% of young Americans between the ages of 17-24



would not qualify military, for service. Yes, that is a scary number. This of course means that only 23% are fit to The serve. reasons? Being overweight, (11%);alcohol (8%); abuse medical/physical health (7%); mental health (4%); aptitude or conduct (1%) and most (44%) were

disqualified for more than one reason. According to the census bureau, in 2019, there were 30,234,867 people in the age group of 18-24. Let's just say for arguments sake that there is an equal number of men and women in this age group, and it is close enough for this discussion, that means there are 15,117,433 men in this age group. If only 23 percent are fit for military duty, that leaves only 3,477,000 men eligible for the draft. Not a lot if the proverbial you know what hits the fan. If it ever does, we are going to need everybody to help.

That is the purpose of this *Robservation*, the subject which has once again raised its ugly head. I hate to sound like a broken record but. . . . I have written about this in the past but I have once again recently seen arguments about women registering for the draft and in the process have heard dozens of arguments on both sides. Well, here goes mine. There is no doubt where I stand on this issue. I have been called names, I have seen tempers flare but like the title states, don't hate me because I am right. Here it is an updated column I first wrote about two years ago. As the world continues to fall apart around us, this is more important than ever. All I can say is, "Haters, bring it."

Do you guys remember the 1980s-ish, uber-sexy Pantene shampoo commercials featuring actress Kelly LeBrock? She stared into the camera, fluffed up her hair and said, "Don't hate me because I'm beautiful." I'm sure 99% of all red-blooded American guys liked that commercial.

But unfortunately, today I am not writing about shampoo, nice hair, pretty women or anything of the sort. Today I am going to write about something concerning our military. The topic for sure is a hot-button subject and I am sure many of you guys and gals out there are going to vehemently disagree with me on this subject. I remember one time talking about it with Kelvin Elkins on the radio and some lady called in and called me some very unflattering names. But you know what, I can take it. Like the title says, don't hate me because I'm right.

would go in the military. Finally, in 1993, people pulled their collective heads out of (you know where) and authorized women to fly combat aircraft.

That year, Jeannie Flynn (now Jeannie Leavitt) became the first female USAF fighter pilot while Cara Hultgreen became the first Navy fighter pilot. Since that time, we have females flying every aircraft in the Air Force and Navy inventories and we have even had at least two female USAF Thunderbird pilots and this year the Navy Blue Angels can boast of their first female on the demonstration team. It is about time.

Last month, the US Army decided to open jobs to women in some of its all-male combat units. Since practical experience already showed there was much cross over anyway, the Army simply decided to make it official. This change is expected to open close to 14,000 new jobs for women although some 250,000 jobs reportedly remain closed. Some of the jobs opening are tank mechanics, artillery and rocket launcher crewmembers. Yes, the world, rightfully so, is opening up to everyone who wants to contribute.

So here I sit in my study and unfortunately must ask a most important and extremely unpopular question. Why is it that only men, aged 18-25, are required to register for the Selective Service System (SSS)? In other words, register for the draft? I am throwing this out there only because I really have not heard a good excuse as to why. In all actuality, there is none! Look, according to the SSS, they say that male citizens and immigrants, documented and undocumented, residing in the US and its territories must register. Why not women too? For crying out loud, even illegal immigrants are required to register. (If you do not believe it, go to the post office and pick up a copy of the registration form and look at who is and is not required to register).

All I am saying here is that women have rightfully fought long and hard for the right to participate in combat roles. They have reasoned that they have as much right to fight for this country as do men. Many have successfully argued the view that women should not be allowed in combat is archaic and chauvinistic to say the least. If they have argued successfully for their case to fight for this country and fly some really cool airplanes while doing it, how can they rationally protest that they should be excluded from registering from the draft? They cannot. The logic there does not exist.

I have had people tell me, "I don't want to see my daughter in combat." Well, most folks do not want to see their sons in combat either. Besides, if a draft ever occurs, not everybody will be drafted into combat roles. There will be plenty of need for non-combat personnel should the proverbial balloon ever really go up. In fact, most military jobs are non-combat related. I have also had people tell me, "Not all women want to go into the military." Again, I say, neither do all men. Not all men are fit for combat and neither are women. But once again, not all people drafted will be put into combat.

The bigger point here is this. Since women fought for this right, how can they selectively choose which military requirements they are going to support? Can you imagine if Al Sharpton said that no blacks should be required to register for the draft since not all blacks want to serve in the military? What about all Asians or folks from a certain city or state? That would be like the Governor of California telling the federal government that no men from his state will ever again register for the SSS. Sorry folks, but equal rights exist, or rather should exist, in every situation and every case. Equal rights should not be enforced only when you want it to serve your political agenda.

Do I really want to see women drafted into combat? No, but neither do I want to see men drafted into combat. But should the draft ever again be necessary, I think all of us will have "bigger fish to fry" than this single issue. But living in the greatest democratic republic on this planet should require potential sacrifices of all its citizens; male and female. Every group of Americans needs to have some "skin in the game." No group should be allowed to pick and choose which sacrifices they want to make.

Women in our country for a long time have certainly gotten the short end of the stick. No doubt. From pay issues, to the right to vote and equal access to jobs in every job market in this country, I will admit that women, like blacks and other minorities, have thankfully made great strides securing their rights to work and contribute to our society. For a long time, the military was one of the final frontiers of inequality in the workplace for women. When I went to Undergraduate Pilot Training in 1983, we had a couple of women in my class and one female instructor pilot in my T-38 flight. Although women went through the same training as the men, they were barred from flying combat aircraft. No matter how good their grades were or what they wanted to fly, women were restricted in what they could fly. In many cases, this in turn limited how far many of them

In my view it is all or nothing and if women really want America to be the sex-blind society they have fought so hard to create, they should be the first ones to step up to the plate and say, "Yes, we will stand shoulder to shoulder with our brothers, do what is right and register for the draft." Certainly, most women should willingly admit that they have more of a vested interest in this great country of ours than the illegal immigrant who is required by law to register.

Now that I've stated my case, I'm ready for the eggs and tomatoes. Let 'em fly. Rob Tate The views of submitted editorials may not be the express views of The Alabama Gazette.



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What Is The Legal Doctrine Of Respondeat Superior

recall the discussion of *respondeat superior* in law school and examples. It is obviously a Latin term and means, "*that the master must answer*". The rule was first found in England and later the doctrine became a part of law in the United States. It can be used for both civil and criminal acts.

Ronald A. Holtsford

In a civil sense I think of it as being useful when an employee wrongs a client or patient then the employer is liable if the act by the employee fell within the scope of their employment. *As an example*, say an overworked nurse at a hospital decided to not perform certain duties in order that other *"more visible"* duties could be performed and the neglect of a patient or patients caused permanent injury or death, then that nurse may end up being criminally liable or negligent in a civil sense. That nurse might go to jail based on some felony charge or be sued. So let's say a lawsuit against the nurse is successful. Maybe the nurse makes \$60,000.00 per year and the hospital has a \$1,000,000 malpractice liability policy on her or him. The successful recovery for monetary damages will certainly help the injured patient or the decedent's family but after court costs and attorney fees and after such an intense trial there may not be a significant amount of money available when one considers lost income to the patient or family maybe for potential decades and health care costs that may be borne by a family over many years for their care.

Looking further into the case was the nurse overworked because of hospital policies? Did the hospital purposely keep their staffing low for their profit margin? So many questions to ask. But was the hospital responsible for putting the nurse in that position because of policies and directives from administration? If so then one may reasonably conclude that the hospital also carries liability. Instead of recovering from a \$60,000 per year nurse with a \$1 million liability policy now you may have a hospital that makes millions of dollars every year with significantly higher liability limits.

So, if the plaintiff's attorney can prove the nurse was acting in the line of duty for his or her employer then the hospital shares in the liability as well as a much larger award for the injured patient or decedent's family. I recall the examples in law school involving an employee driving a truck for a company and that truck is involved in an accident in which it is their fault. The plaintiff's attorney or prosecutor will look at whether the employee driver was performing duties in their normal course of employment when the accident occurred. If that is the case then the legal theory of *respondeat superior* may well be used. But what if employee driver instead of going from point A to point B took a detour for a personal reason, not in the scope of their employment and had an accident?

I would say the employer may well be able to defeat such a claim and may well sue the employee driver for their negligence and damages caused to the employer owned truck, lost revenue, cost of defending the company during the original lawsuit, etc.

The Alabama Supreme Court heard a case late last year, Sunitha Rani Madasu v. Shoals Radiology Associates, P.C. Sunitha Madasu went to an emergency room with *"severe headache, nausea and vomiting"*. The ER physician ordered a CT scan of the brain which was read by Dr. Donald Bowling, a radiologist who interpreted the scan as normal. Three days after the ER visit Madasu had a severe seizure that left her partially paralyzed. In fact, she had multiple blood

clots in her brain that **Waller** Dr. Bowling did not report. Madasu sued Dr.

Bowling as well as Shoals Radiology Associates, PC (Shoals) and Lauderdale Radiology Group, LLP (Lauderdale).

The subject of this appeal to the Alabama Supreme Court arises from the trial level in which the Lauderdale Circuit Court ruled that Shoals was not liable for Dr. Bowling's error. Madasu now appeals the ruling for Shoals. Bowling was an employee of Shoals but was not acting on behalf of Shoals as Lauderdale had the radiologist services contract with the hospital which Madasu had visited.

The Shoals and Lauderdale groups had contracts with different hospitals and even had agreement among its radiologists that they would not work for the other. If a radiologist worked for another group it was expected that their employer group, Shoals or Lauderdale would receive the money. In violation of the contract, Bowling made an oral agreement to "*moonlight*" for Lauderdale.

Apparently, Shoals did not contest what Bowling was doing and allowed him to keep the money he made. Both Shoals and Lauderdale moved for Summary Judgment. Shoals said that Bowling was not acting as their employee at the other hospital in which Madasu was seen since they had no professional relationship there and Lauderdale argued that Bowling was an independent contractor and not an employee of theirs.

Madasu's argument was:

"under the doctrine of respondeat superior, an employer is liable for an employee's acts whenever those acts were undertaken "either'

(1) "in the line and scope of his employment" or
(2) "in furtherance of the business of [the employer]."

Further Madasu argued that even though Shoals did not expect to be paid the money that Bowling earned could have via the employee contract and therefore the business could have obtained a benefit. Shoals looked the other way when Bowling was paid by Lauderdale and never expected to benefit for something not under their control.

After extensive analysis by the Supreme Court, including whether lies were told the Court agreed unanimously with the Circuit Court as to their ruling that Shoals was not liable under the theory of *respondeat superior*.

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The Smartest Political Guy In The Room

Being involved in Republican politics for 43 years, and serving in two gubernatorial administrations, enables you to meet some pretty smart people. I often reflect by saying many people have skyscraper tall opinions, but ankle deep in factual based positions. When it comes to economic, social, moral and constitutional conservatism, very few have a depth on the issues along with the institutional and historical background all in one package. Curiosity piqued yet? He was in investment banker specializing in mergers and acquisitions. There was a short stint in space exploration and environmental research before going into movie production launching eighteen films.



John W. Giles

Rush Limbaugh was the forerunner of the guy I have in mind for this title. Rush was no doubt the Patriarch of Conservative Talk-News radio. He was prophetic in a way forecasting how a debate might shape up on any given issue. He had many devotees (Ditto Heads) along the way and yours truly was no exception. Rush was also entertaining, which made his style addictive to his EIB University students. When Rush exchanged the temporal for the eternal, and left this world; there seemed to be a gap no one could fill. While his patented style trademarked, never to be replicated, there is one on the scene today, that has yet to peak. Stay with me!

When Trump descended on the escalator, June 16, 2015 announcing his candidacy for President, he was what I have defined as an abstract, stardom, and iconic candidate. Elect me and everything will be beautiful; he championed no issues, except he said he was a renowned negotiator. Then comes along four people who helped him shape his platform, which appealed to the conservative Republican voter base. Steve Bannon, Kellyanne Conway, Reince Priebus and Alabama US Senator Jeff Sessions helped Trump put meat on the bones. I have known Jeff Sessions personally for 30 years, but these other folks were all new names. They helped him build out the necessary framework that matter to the conservative base.

The only one of these three who were not dismissed by Trump was Kellyanne. Even though the other three were dismissed from the inner circle, they all remained loyal to the governing policy template adopted by Trump. Now let's talk about one of these three who I believe is the smartest guy in the room, and in my view, the smartest guy in the Trump administration, Stephen K. Bannon.

Bannon's routine appearance can throw you and be misleading, but it is his unintended trademark. When Bannon opens his daily streaming political news talk program, "War Room Pandemic", he generally looks a little unkept, dis-shuffled hair, unshaven, layered black shirts with three collars, one pen in his left hand and three more clipped between buttons on his shirt and sometimes wears his signature bomber jacket. Camera ready and cleaned up, he has the appearance of a sophisticated movie producer, distinguished international diplomat or a decorated Navy Admiral. What you learn after getting to know his pattern, he is dead serious about saving this country and he is laser focused 24-7.

Let's get to know this hands-on warrior for the heart and soul of our country. Bannon is highly educated with an undergraduate in urban planning from Virginia Tech, Master of Arts from Georgetown University and a Master of Business Administration from Harvard. He is not only well educated, is brilliant and endowed by his creator with immeasurable common sense. He served as a naval officer in the Pentagon monitoring the fleet worldwide before being deployed to the Persian Gulf in 1980.

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Bannon was a founding member of Breitbart News, which emerged on my radar during the 2016 Presidential election. I did not know who he was and my first time noticing him in Republican circles on the national stage. I did not know his positions on issues, what was driving him, but I knew he was on the Trump A-Team.

Bannon was the first guy to be public about the Communist Chinese Party unleashing the Wuhan Virus on the world stage with the intent to bring down Trump. He is an economic, moral, social and constitutional genius on issues and strategy.

When it comes to Wall Street maneuvers, foreign policy, military readiness, threats to religious liberties, revealing liberal progressive leftist strategies, he is astute and even more prophetic, like Limbaugh.

He continuously states we have to get to the bottom of the premeditated Chinese Virus execution, the multi- platform staged 2020 strategy precluding Trump from serving 4 more years and the well-planned January 6th interruption of the six states electoral college being challenged.

Monday through Saturday, Bannon host a streaming, no nonsense news talk show (War Room Pandemic), doing a deep dive into all current domestic and global affairs affecting America. His guests are all world class experts, identifying the facts and offering common-sense real-time solutions.

Today, like during the revolutionary war, there is a remnant of thoroughbred activists who are in it for all of the right reasons, hoping to preserve the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity. Bannon is a leader in this movement and had an immeasurable impact on Trump's doctrine of conserving governing and recapturing the seven mountains of influence.

Even though I am a seasoned veteran in Republican issues, politics and strategy, I am also a student (talmud or disciple) sitting at the base of the Rabbi's chair, joined by a rising sea of acolytes being daily shaped by Bannon.

Stephen Kevin Bannon, has the depth, bandwidth, 360 view, and in my humble opinion is the smartest guy in the room.

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The Auburn Greed 2.0

Five years ago my *Alabama Gazette* column featured a rendition of The Auburn Creed (originally penned by George Petrie in 1943) aptly re-titled *The Auburn Greed.* Petrie's original prose righteously opens with this preamble impressed upon all Auburn students as follows:

John Sophocleus

"I believe that this is a practical world and that I Therefore, I believe in work, hard work."

Four score and steadfast tyranny of many high-plains grifters - *e.g.*, Bobby (FDIC) Lowder, Ed Richardson, Mike (*a.k.a.* Felon) Hubbard, to name a few - - have painfully and relentlessly distorted this once noble Creed into far darker prose known as *The Auburn Greed*:

"I believe that this is a corrupt world and that I can count only on what I steal. Therefore, I believe in theft, grand theft."

Auburn University's recently installed President declared this Creed would be his "*North Star*" prompting examination as to whether examples of depredation articulated in my original column have attenuated these five years.

Sadly, the RSA-enhanced grifting of former AD Jay Jacobs and the 'grand-theft auto allowance' of his loyal lieutenant described in the March 2018 column were merely shadows of more grifting and pillaging yet to come on Petrie's beloved Plains of Dixie. By summer 2019, former President Steven "*Crash*" Leath bilked the University for \$4.5 million in exchange for **NOT** performing any further duties. This payoff (dare I type hush-money?) far in excess of the value of his remaining contract, was structured in three payments of \$1.5 million explicitly stipulating Leath not speak *w.r.t.* what he'd witnessed at AU.

The last of these three massive payments, none of which George Petrie could have ever imagined, concluded summer 2021. This would not mark the end of this Auburn Greed. I long for the day another football coach in our State refuse to be paid more than the most accomplished professor at his University. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have the same ethos from university administrators to discourage our most incompetent and corrupt faculty seeking the ever increasing administrative largess saddling students and taxpayers with more debt.

Shortly after final payment to Steven "*Crash*" Leath quietly went out the oftused viscous back door at Auburn, Prof. Michael Stern requested President Jay Gogue (August 2021 University Senate meeting) declare in advance what distribution of annual raises would look like in October. There was a 3% pool of money and according to Senate minutes, President Gogue asserted raises would range from zero to four or five percent, depending on merit. Sure as the sun rises in the East, there would once again be raises well above the 5% maximum Gogue articulated... for the *most special* AU people.

Examination of October 2021 payroll files indicate Dean Susan Hubbard's salary increased by approximately 7.5%, some speculate to purposefully fall just below the 8% requirement to submit a memo justifying large pay increases with no change in status. In comparison, pay of Professor Liliana Stern (well documented as an outstanding and beloved teacher of undergraduate economics) increased only 3.24%.

Observing Susan Hubbard's raise far above the range clearly articulated by President Gogue, one may hypothesize Dean Hubbard somehow *vastly* (by over a factor of two) outperformed Prof. Liliana Stern. Supervisor (installed Econ Department Head, Dr. Hyeongwoo Kim) evaluated her at "*exceeds expectations*" earlier in the Spring of 2021.

There's one **higher** category of performance known as "*exemplary*." However, in keeping with the Auburn Family Greed, this supervisor had once again falsified her evaluation and in early 2022 Prof. Liliana Stern was removed from the corrupt supervision of Dr. Kim aided and abetted by upper administrators. The University repaired her prior evaluation and corrected nomenclature of her evaluation to "*exemplary*" - *i.e.*, the highest performance category.

Hubbard's spouse is "Auburnman" Mike Hubbard and Prof.

Liliana Stern's husband is Prof. Michael Stern. At the time of this raise, Mike Hubbard was serving his light prison sentence for his numerous felony convictions related to his unethical conduct while Speaker of the Alabama House.



Lest we forget, Felon Hubbard's tutelage in the dark arts was working in AU athletics, consorting with cor-

rupt (current and former) AU Trustees not wanting to become prison trustees. Again for comparison, in 2021, Prof. Liliana Stern's husband (Michael) was successfully pursuing First Amendment federal lawsuits against several AU officials for retaliating against public speech.

Most notably exposing a disturbing scandal wherein Auburn Athletics explicitly distorted curricular governance decisions; a jury of regular citizens unanimously found Prof. Michael Stern's civil rights had been violated with **malice** November 2022 in Opelika's federal courthouse. Further confirmation of an AU far more consistent with the Auburn Greed rather than the Creed...

This microcosmic story of Auburn Greed does not end nor begin with this **2021** *Hubbard v. Stern* pay-raise differential. A far greater grifting of Petrie's beloved University must also be examined. Professor Liliana Stern's former supervisor, Dr. Hyeongwoo Kim has an extraordinary history of compensation since the original Auburn Greed column.

Soon after my May 2018 column, Prof. Michael Stern was illegally removed as the legitimate Econ Department Chair in retaliation for his aforementioned speech. *The Alabama Gazette* was not alone in exposing this corruption, similar reporting appeared in the *Wall Street Journal* and *Chronicle of Higher Education.* Roughly one week later, Dr. Hyeongwoo Kim became the illegitimately imposed "*head*" of the Economics Department.

Magically, internal University documents show Dr. Kim's professorial salary was permanently increased by **over 12%** in June of 2018 outside of any raise process and independent of any future service as head/chair of Economics Department. Similarly, Dr. Kim received **another 9%** raise just a couple of months later in October of 2018. Don't plan on ever seeing AU provide a memo on Dr. Kim's pay increase in excess of 8%. Assisting AU malice, retribution and violation of Prof. Michael Stern's civil rights clearly pays very well while caring about the general welfare of students and taxpayers is reviled... highly consistent with the Auburn Greed, such conduct is entirely orthogonal to Petrie's Creed.

After years of disturbing performance as the illegitimate head/chair of the Econ Department, manipulating faculty evaluations, and employing an academically suspended individual to teach thousands of unsuspecting AU undergraduate students, Dr. Hyeongwoo Kim was secretly offered reappointment to yet another year of administrative "*service*" summer 2022. Ignoring the fact this incredibly unethical act of attempted reappointment violated numerous policies and procedures, Dr. Kim '*needed*' to be given an additional \$30K per year to continue doing the Auburn Family's dirty work. Corrupt AU administrators dared not even attempt to carry out the required performance reviews of Dr. Kim's actions and weeping on the witness stand in federal court exposing malfeasance. Prof. Michael Stern reportedly earned the finest administrative reviews at AU, along with unanimous re-election as Econ Chair by his department. Such outrages are easily explained by the intersections of the Auburn Greed and a federal trial, certainly not Professor Petrie's Creed.

While the Auburn Greed is a convenient way of communicating the sad state of affairs gripping AU recent decades, a profound quote from legendary French Economist Frederic Bastiat pre-dating the existence of Auburn University is sadly apropos:

"When plunder becomes a way of life for a group of men in a society, over the course of time they create for themselves a legal system that authorizes it and a moral code that glorifies it."

In closing, most of the worst at AU remain employed (even after being disciplined by federal juries - the most egregious still taking over \$27k/mo. from students and taxpayers) and our University Boards of Trustees and Governor do nothing.

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Given the corrected evaluation, retroactively AU was compelled to change the prior merit raise. The obvious question for this columnist's investigation... was Prof. Liliana Stern's raise changed to the Hubbard raise of 7.5% or even the 4% or 5% articulated by President Gogue? **Of course not!** Her raise was increased by 0.06% to 3.30% instead of 3.24%. The reported corrected dollar amount totaled **\$64**/year.

If a category of merit was worth only 0.06%, then Susan Hubbard would have to be SEVENTY categories higher than Liliana Stern, an impossible feat given Prof. L. Stern had already achieved the highest category of exemplary faculty performance. Those who recall my *October 2019* column (*https://www.alabamagazette.com/story/2019/10/01/opinion/the-au-horror-picture-show-brideof - f e l o n s t e i n - m e e t s - y e l l a g r u b b e a r / 1 7 5 0 . h t m l <i>AU Horror Picture Show:* Bride of Felonstein meets YellaGrubber) have said this makes it clear higher pay results from a husband who can extort from public servants like Ivey, Rane, et al instead of one who exposes politburo members and defeats them in federal court.

Finding it impossible to explain the extraordinary raise differential between Dr. Susan Hubbard and award-winning teacher Prof. Liliana Stern via any form of legitimate merit, one considers this far more plausible explanation. Dr. Susan

Sadder still, we have board members who did nothing about softball girls being raped to be installed by Biden and Trump types in DC to allow even more cover for looters and rapists. Many will read *'hired gun'* columnists (on Alabama Power, BCA, et al payrolls) shilling how great those who have their names (Felons, Grubbers, Senators) put on boulevards, buildings, centers, etc. are to be revered; I'll get more threats/further retribution.

Postscript: Please forgive omitted text in last month's printed edition: "Once residents/property owners are able to dispose of their rubbish at reopened trash sites or contracted with some other PRIVATE curbside service, Arrow must remove trash cans from those not contracted with them. Some citizens despair seeing a daily reminder of this economic lynching and reduced quality of life in their county," from a bullet point on how to repair wrongdoing from the Lee County trash monopoly/mandate.

The mail fraud claim was submitted to the USPS Inspector 3/12/2023.

THE RESURRECTION? THERE MUST BE SOME OTHER EXPLANATION...

Colonel John Eidsmoe

Did Jesus really rise from the dead? That's hard to believe, some say. Isn't there any other explanation? Yes, there are other explanations -- if you have enough faith to believe them. Here are a few:

"He just swooned"

In his 1966 book The Passover Plot Hugh Schonfield popularized an alternate explanation: *Jesus didn't really die on the Cross; He merely feel into a coma and later awakened.*

Sounds reasonable, except for a few problems:

• Besides the scourging and the crown of thorns, Jesus bled from the nail wounds in His hands and feet. And then the soldier pierced His side with a spear, and water and blood flowed out (John 19:34), meaning the heart was pierced.

• The soldiers had conducted myriads of crucifixions and undoubtedly knew the difference between a coma and death.

• Those who took His body down from the Cross and prepared Him for burial would have detected any signs of life.

• The body of Jesus was wrapped in a shroud (cloth about 30 feet long), His arms at His side, and placed in a tomb, and the tomb was closed by a stone.

• The body of Jesus lay in the tomb for three days, without food or water and possibly without air. If somehow Jesus remained alive during this time, and then regained consciousness, could He have been strong enough to burst through the shroud, rise from His bed, push the stone aside, and appear before witnesses? This would be a greater miracle than a resurrection.

"They went to the wrong tomb"

Others dismiss the Resurrection by saying the disciples went to the wrong tomb, and, finding it empty, concluded that Jesus had risen from the dead.

Certainly people can make mistakes. But if so, all the enemies of Jesus would have to do was go to the right tomb, produce the body, and thus silence the rumors. **But no one did.**

"His appearance was only an hallucination"

Still others explain the appearances of Jesus as hallucinations.

People do experience hallucinations. However, as psychology professor Gary Collins says, "by their nature only one person can see any given hallucination at a time." Yet Jesus was seen by Mary, by Cephas, by the disciples together, then by "five hundred brethren at once" (I Corinthians 15:6), then again by James and again by the disciples.

As Paul (a lawyer trained in the law school of Gamaliel, Acts 22:3) summarized the case for the Resurrection, he says of the five hundred who saw Jesus, "the greater pat remain unto this present time, but some are fallen asleep." (I Cor 15:6) Why does he add this detail? He is saying, check it out! Ask the witnesses. We can be assured that the enemies of Christianity did indeed check with these witnesses, and if even one of them had expressed doubts, that would have made headline news. But again, there is no record of any witness retracting his/her claims of having seen the risen Christ.

Furthermore, the disciples not only saw Jesus, they walked with Him, talked with Him, touched Him, and ate with Him. Hallucinations don't operate that way.

"The disciples stole the body"

Then there's the claim of the Roman soldiers who were guarding the tomb, that the disciples stole the body while they slept.

As a lawyer, I'd love to cross-examine those soldiers on the witness stand:

You realize, do you not, that sleeping on post is a capital offense under Roman law? Well, uh, yes it is.

And yet you maintain that every single one of you slept the entire time the disciples stole the body? That's right; I guess we were just tired.

Now, a gang of people coming on the scene, rolling away a huge stone, removing a body, and carrying that body away would have made a lot of noise, wouldn't it?

Well, yes, I suppose so.

And yet, not one of you stirred in the least during this entire escapade?

No, we were sound asleep the whole time.

Then you've disqualified yourselves as witnesses! If you

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Electric Cars



Electric cars are not new; they have been around for more than a century. According to Wikipedia, the first one was built by Robert Anderson in the 1830's. In 1884,

John Martin

Thomas Parker built one and equipped it with "his own specially-designed high-capacity rechargeable batteries."

In 1888, Andreas Flocken created a "*Flocken Elektrowagen*," which some people claimed was the first "*real*" electric car.

In September, 1910, two Bailey Electrics completed a 1000 mile endurance run from New

York to Mount Washington, New Hampshire, and back, "to the amazement of many." The Baileys were equipped with Thomas Edison's "state of the art" NiFe batteries, possibly his 60-cell A4 version that was being tested from 1908 to 1911. Edison claimed a range of 100 miles per charge, albeit on a level road at 25 mph.

Edison battery longevity is legendary. People have claimed some that are over a century old still work like new. The only maintenence required is occasionally changing the water and potassium hydroxide (lye) electrolyte. But they did have a drawback; charging them electrolyzed the water, wasting some of the charging power and generating explosive hydrogen. Since they contain a great deal of scarce nickel, they are expensive. You can still buy new ones if you are willing to pay a stiff price.

The idea of electric cars' simplicity seemed promising, but the great mass to capacity of batteries in those days gave them limited ranges. They were only useful for short trips to putter around town. Many people had no electric service and could not recharge their batteries.

In the early 20th century, internal combustion engines (ICE) were becoming popular, and when Ford introduced the affordable Model T in 1907, the idea of many people driving electric cars faded away while gasoline became abundant and cheap.

Gasoline and diesel fuels were plentiful and affordable throughout the 20th century, until the OPEC nations, already mad at the U. S. for providing aid to Israel, decided that their petroleum was too cheap and imposed their infamous embargo in 1973. Since then, the resulting shortages and higher prices along with government-imposed mandates demanding lower emissions riled angry consumers who began seeking alternate and more affordable transportation.

After rejecting hydrogen and other unworkable ideas, engineers decided that electric cars might actually become practical. But there was one caveat—batteries were just too heavy and bulky. To be practical, battery technology required a quantum leap to lower their masses and increase their capacities. As a compromise, auto manufacturers developed hybrids—part electric and part ICE.

All-electric cars have been slow to develop at first. In 1999, General Motors introduced its EV1, which had a range of 160 miles on a full charge, powered by (then) newly developed nickel metal hydride (NiMH) batteries. In 2004, Tesla Motors developed and built its first car, the \$98,950 Tesla Roadster, and made its first deliveries in 2008. It was "the first highway-legal all-electric car to use efficient lithium-ion (LiFePO4) battery cells and the first production all-electric car to travel more than 320 km (200 miles) per charge." In 2009, Mitsubishi introduced its \$22,995 i-MiEV, and in 2010, Nissan brought out its \$33,600 Leaf, which became the best selling EV in America at that time. Tesla had some delays, but by March 2020, it had sold more than 500,000 \$35,000 Model 3 sedans, and by June 2021, sales jumped to more than a million.

The lithium-ion battery pack in a base rear wheel drive Tesla Model 3 (now \$43,990) has a capacity of 50kWh, weighs about 1000 pounds, and travels 272 miles on a full charge. Tesla claims they can last for ten years or more with thousands of charge/discharge cycles. That same capacity would require 120 40 lb 0.5 kWh typical lead-acid batteries costing about \$12,000 and weighing 4,800 lbs—nearly five times as much mass, and they would last at most about five years, provided they are kept fully charged most of the time, which is impractical for any EV.



kWh version is slightly

less at 7.63 miles/kWh. That makes the Wuling the "*greenest*" of all EVs. A Tesla delivers 5.44 miles/kWh by comparison.

The Wuling is utilitarian, but standard features include seating for four, air conditioning, power windows, a stereo system, anti-lock brakes, tire pressure monitoring sensors, and rear parking sensors. Wuling parts are largely off-the-shelf, which makes them more readily available from third parties and at a lower cost. Since its introduction in 2020, China sold over half a million by January, 2022. But there is a drawback; America's "safety nazis" will not allow it to be sold in this country.

How do electrics compare to ICE vehicles in energy consumption? This is measured as MPGe, the electric equivalent of miles per gallon. Here is where the electrics really perform. A typical Tesla Model 3 (America's most popular EV today) gets EPA ratings "*between 113 to 141 MPGe*," equivalent to 113 to 141 miles per gallon vs the average 32 MPG of a typical new ICE car—**a four times greater fuel efficiency.** Stop and go city driving has even greater efficiency since a stopped EV does not idle and consume energy, and when the driver applies the brake, the EV generates energy into the battery and limits wear on the brake pads and rotors. This should make everybody happy—from the OPEC-hating consumers to the climate change doomsayers. This efficiency alone is a compelling reason for the great majority of people to switch to EVs. Electric trucks are also on the market—in all sizes—from pickups to semis.

A huge bonus is massive conservation our petroleum—in two ways. Not only will electrics consume a great deal less fuel, but they can charge up with fuels other than petroleum products—solar, hydroelectric, geothermal, nuclear, and coal (which is expected to last 2000 years compared to oil at 200 years). If we burn up our oil before we can develop alternatives, how will we make lubricants and plastics?

Right now, because of rapidly increasing demands, low production, and limited supplies, EVs are overpriced. But they are far less expensive to manufacture. Look at what's missing in an EV—starter motor, water pump, radiator, anti-freeze, muffler, catalytic converter, oil changes, transmission, and of course a huge, heavy, expensive complicated engine loaded with government-mandated anti-emission gimmicks that reduce efficiency and can cause breakdowns. If the Chinese and General Motors can build and sell a \$4500 EV, why can't we? In the future, when production cranks up and supplies expand, lower priced EVs will become attractive to everybody.

Another bonus will be reliability. Most of the problems with ICE cars involve the engine and transmission, which are much, much simpler in an EV. Routine maintenence is also greatly reduced.

Some people have expressed concerns that lithium is a scarce resource and that mining it generates a lot of toxic waste. But unlike beryllium and scandium, lithium is actually abundant, although not as much as sodium and potassium. There are ample supplies in the Great Salt Lake, the Salton Sea, and surrounding areas. There is also plenty in sea water, although the concentration is less. It is the lightest of all metals, and that is its essence in creating high capacity to mass batteries.

Governments in many states and parts of Europe are striving to eliminate new ICE vehicles by 2035. The current EV production may not be sufficient to do it that quickly. Nevertheless, they are coming, and this time, it's for good.

If governments want to conserve resources and minimize emissions, they need to seriously change their tactics. Instead of regulations, mandates and penalties, they need to back off and let the producers and consumers agree on what is best. A free market is always the best market, and that is the means to ramp up clean and affordable transportation. Our federal, state, and local governments should do that one thing that will make it happen—get out of the way and leave things alone.

Unfortunately, not everybody can afford a Tesla, or even a Leaf. China and General Motors have a solution for that with the **\$4,500 Wuling Hong Guang Mini**—the world's lowest-priced, most economical, and best-selling EV. Practically anybody can afford one. It's small and light—1466 pounds with a 15 kW (20 hp) motor powered by a 9.3 or13.9 kWh battery pack that weighs only 250 pounds, a fourth of a Tesla's. It can go 75 miles with the 9.3 kWh or 106 miles with the13.9 kWh at up to 62 mph on a charge, adequate for most Chinese and many Americans. And being much lighter, it consumes less power per mile than any American EV. The 9.3 kWh version delivers 8.06 miles/kWh; the 13.9

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WYNONNA JAMEY JOHNSON TO PAY TRIBUTE TO GEORGE TAMMY IN SPECIAL PERFORMANCE OF "GOLDEN RING"

Tickets Available for VIP Dinner with Nancy Jones & Friends on Monday, April 24th at The Von Braun Center

Huntsville, Ala. - "Still Playin' Possum: Music & Memories of George Jones," ; which will include performances by Brad Paisley, Dierks Bentley, Jamey Johnson, Justin Moore, Lorrie Morgan, Mark Chesnutt, Michael Ray, Sam Moore, Tanya Tucker, Trace Adkins, Tracy Byrd, Tracy Lawrence, Travis Tritt, and Wynonna is only getting bigger! The special event, which is being filmed for television, will take place at the Von Braun Center in Huntsville, Alabama, on Tuesday, April 25th, with the addition of Aaron Lewis, Charlie Starrof Blackberry Smoke, Dillon Carmichael, Gretchen Wilson, Joe Nichols, Randy Travis, and Sara Evans.

"I am so thankful to the loyal fans of Country music. George's music still lives on and I am so honored that so many of George's fellow artists and friends have agreed to



come to celebrate him." says Nancy Jones." This special night would not be the same without so many people doing what they do best – from the producers of the show to the artists bringing their voices to the fans buying the Tickets" With the recent configuration of the stage and production, the producers of the show are ableto release around 300 tickets. Those tickets will go on sale on Friday, 10 am (CT) through TicketMaster and the Von Braun Box Office.

"This is going to be an incredible evening for Huntsville and the state of Alabama," says Perry O. Hooper, state of Alabama event coordinator. "*There is no one in country music like George Jones and not only will there be performances by the biggest names in country music April 25, but on April 24 there will be a VIP Dinner where you can meet so many of those that loved George. I know this will be a night everyone will remember.*" In addition, the Nancy Jones VIP dinner the night before the concert event at the Von Braun Center Ballroom will include appearances by Grand Ole Opry stars Randy Travis and Jeannie Pruett, songwriter of "Choices"; and "*I Don't Need Your Rockin Chair*." Billy Yates, Tony Jackson and others to be announced in the coming days. **Tickets are \$200 and will include a sit-down meal as well as a photo opportunity with Nancy Jones.**

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Social Security received an A+ for organizational compliance and an A for writing quality. This is an improvement over last year's high scores of A+ and

"An excellent model to follow is the Social Security Administration's 'Contact Us' page, the only one to earn an A+," the Center said in its key findings.

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MASTER SERGEANT KENNETH W. RAGAN: AGE 93



Master Sergeant (MSGT) Kenneth W. Ragan served 23 years in the United States Air Force. His Air Force Specialty Code (AFSC) was Plumber. He received the following awards, citations and medals: Good Conduct Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award and Air Force Meritorious Unit Award.



MSGT Ragan was born April 4, 1930 to his parents, G.D. Ragan and Fannie Lee Ragan, in Cuthbert, GA, in Randolph County where he was reared. Although he dropped out of school while he was in the 10th grade, he received a GED while serving in the military.

MSGT Ragan worked for a plywood company putting the plywood together followed by working at a service station for only \$2.00 a day. He considered enlisting in the U.S. Navy; however he continued working from home clearing land along highways, pulling up trees, clearing timber, delivering for a dry cleaning

business, spreading lime on a farm, loading peanuts at a peanut mill and making concrete blocks. He heard about the Korean War and decided to volunteer for military service in the U.S. Air Force. He entered military service December 27, 1950 in Columbus, GA.

MSGT Ragan reported for duty at Lackland Air Force Base (AFB) in San Antonio, TX, where he remained for five days followed by Basic Training for three months at Sheppard AFB, TX, here he was assigned to work in maintenance of roads and grounds. He was then sent to Dow Air Force Base, MA, where he worked in maintenance of furnaces for three months followed by service at Grenier AFB, NH, for six months where he worked in the electric shop. Next, he went to Suffolk County Air Force Base, NY, where he served as a policeman, as well as hauling coal and practiced loading special weapons. He received special weapons training and after nine months, he received clearance for handling special weapons. He was involved in maintenance at the military hospital there. He was then transferred to Travis AFB, CA, for two years where he trained in plumbing. After completion of four years of active service in the Air Force, he left the military with two stripes on his uniform. He and his family went to Phenix City, AL, where he worked delivering milk. He then reenlisted in the Air Force at Albany, GA. was promoted and received his third stripe for his uniform. His first assignment was at a Strategic Air Command (SAC) unit at the Royal Air Force Lakenheath, stationed in England which was an accompanied tour so that his wife and two children could come there for three years. This was followed by service at McDill AFB, FL, for five years where he worked in maintenance air conditioning and plumbing in

the base's hospital. He was then transferred to Eielson Air Force Base, AK. He drove a Volkswagen bus to Alaska accompanied by his family. He worked in maintenance of the 26 miles of underground steam pipes at the base for three years as the supervisor. Next, he was transferred to Reese AFB, TX, for 18 months where he worked in plumbing. He was promoted to Tech Sergeant providing five stripes and deployed to Osan Air Base, Korea, for one year working 10 hours per day seven days a week as a plumber repairing pipes and fire hydrants. This was followed by two years of service as a plumbing supervisor at Andrews AFB, MD. He was then deployed to Takhli Royal Thai Air Force Base serving as the Maintenance Chief for welding, sheet metal, plumbing and carpentry for one year on an unaccompanied tour where he received his sixth stripe for his uniform. His last assignment was at Columbus

Air Force Base, MS, working as head of the plumbing, electrical, sheet metal, carpentry, locksmith and welding shops for two years. MSGT Ragan retired there from military service September 10, 1973.

After his military retirement, MSGT Ragan moved to Montgomery, AL, where he worked as a plumber for a motel for three months. Using the G.I. Bill, he completed training in air conditioning and refrigeration at the John M. Patterson State Technical School, and after getting his certification, he worked for 18 years at St. Jude Hospital



which later became Fairview Medical Center and then at apartments there retiring in 1993. Then he started his own plumbing company, Ragan the Plumber, installing plumbing and repairing plumbing in houses until he sold his company to his son retiring in 2000. He maintains four rental houses and uses a machine to grind down stumps on those properties for relaxation.

MSGT Ragan and his wife, Mary Katherine, were married 66 years before she passed, and they had four children, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He is a member of Camellia Baptist Church in Prattville and is a member of the American Legion Post 133 in Millbrook, AL

MSGT Ragan's reflections upon his military service are: "I think that the Air Force is a lot better today than when I went in because when I went in, there was a pool of jobs. This was called Utilities Helper that encompassed anything. Now people have an opportunity to get trained for one type of work. I feel good about my military service. I think that everybody should get a taste of it."

PETTY OFFICER FIRST CLASS FRANK STOVALL: AGE 83



April 2023

Petty Officer First Class (PO1) Frank Stovall served 20 years in the United States Navy. ,His Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) was Machinist Mate. He received the following decorations, awards, citations and medals: Good Conduct Medal, China Service Medal, National Defense Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Medal and two Vietnam Service Medals.

PO1 Stovall was born April 2, 1939 at Montgomery, AL, to his parents, Clyde and Frankie Stovall. He was reared in Montgomery, and he attended Booker



T. Washington High School. He volunteered for military service and joined the Navy while he was still in the 11th grade.

PO1 Stovall completed 12 weeks of Basic Training at Great Lakes Naval Station, IL. Because he had experience working with machinery with his father, he was selected to work in engineering. During his entire miliary career, he worked as a Machinist Mate (MM). This involved working below in the hulls of the Navy's finest vessels with the Machinist Mate in charge of the task of maintaining the machinery that propels the Navy's ships forward. These skilled technicians operate,

maintain, supervise and repair the complex system of steam driven engines. They also maintain auxiliary machines, such as desalination equipment, refrigerator plants and seawater systems ensuring the efficient completion of ship's tasks.

PO1 Stovall's first assignment was as an apprentice on the USS Wiseman, DE-667, a destroyer escort, at San Diego for 1.5 years. He was then deployed to Guam serving on the USS Lewis DE 535, a Butler-class destroyer escort, for 18 months. He then returned to San Diego to serve on the USS Dixie AD14, a repair ship for destroyers, for four years. This was followed by shore duty where he was involved in training and working with personnel on how to perform tasks. He returned to serve on the USS Dixie for 5.5 years and then to Japan for 10 months. Next, he served on the USS Kitty Hawk CV-63, a super aircraft carrier for 15 months at San Diego.

PO1 Stovall was deployed from San Diego to Vietnam six times for 10.5 months during August, 1968-December, 1969, February 1972-January, 1973

and January, 1973-July 1975 serving on the USS Kitty Hawk CVA63. Then he served on the USS Worden C-18, a destroyer leader, for one year. Next, he was assigned to shore duty at San Diego, and then he served on the USS Buchanan DDG-14, a Charles F. Adams-class guided missile destroyer for 14 months. His home base was always at San Diego although he traveled to Vietnam and Japan for assignments on gas-turbine ships. His final assignment was at North Beach Naval Shipyard, CA, where he retired from military service August 1, 1975.

After PO1 Stovall's military retirement, he remained in San Diego where he worked five years as a civilian first at Rohn Industry which made airplane parts

and equipment for the Space Shuttle. He then worked in engineer maintenance ordering and shipping equipment for various shipyards there and as a contractor for the U.S. Navy and for Navy Ships in Washington, D.C., Pearl Harbor, Jacksonville, Bremerton, Norfolk, etc. for 3.5 years. Next, he worked at North Island Naval Air Station on the F14 and F18 planes where he ordered supplies, tested equipment and supervised 10 others. His last civilian work was with engineering maintenance of yachts in San Diego retiring in 1995.



While in San Diego, PO1 Stovall received two degrees. Using the G. I. Bill, he graduated

from Southwestern College in recreation leadership and a B.A. Degree from Southern Baptist Theology Seminary in theology. He served at the Bethel Baptist Church in CA for 40 years and now is a member of Progressive Baptist Church in Montgomery, AL. He has preached in Japan and in Jamaica, and he has served as a counselor in nursing homes. He and his wife, Odell, were married 63 years, and they had four children, 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. They enjoyed traveling in the United States and in Europe.

PO1 Stovall's reflections on his military are, "It meant a lot to me. I was a people person. I always tried to help people such as my shipmates with their personal problems. I thank the Navy for taking me in and taking me to many countries to see three-quarters of the world." Having learned to play the trumpet while he was in high school, PO1 Stovall recalls with pleasure playing his trumpet aboard ships and at Officers' Clubs.

OPERATION WELCOME HOME



In 1973, Maxwell welcomed 43 prisoners of war released by North Vietnam following the Paris Peace Accords that ended U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War. Operation Homecoming saw the return of a total of 591 POWs to American soil from Feb. 14-April 1, 1973.

Dr. Martha Simmons reported on the event.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Replica was exhibited at Maxwell Air Force Base March 13th-15, 2023. This 80% Replica was created and dedicated on Veterans Day 1996, and it has been exhibited at 700 communities. It has also been referred to as the War that Heals or the Touring Wall.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. stands as a symbol of America's honor and recognition of the men and women who served and sacrificed their lives in the Vietnam War. Inscribed on the



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black granite walls are the names of more than 58,000 men and women who gave their lives or remain missing.

The Memorial is dedicated to honor the courage, sacrifice and devotion to duty and country of all who answered the call to serve during one of the most decisive wars in U.S. History.

On March 15, 2023, a memorial service was held near the Replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Replica. Col Ryan Richardson, Commander 42nd Air Base Wing, Maxwell Air Force Base, was Master of Ceremonies. Captain Gary Michael Rose, a Medal of Honor recipient and a medic in the Special Forces in the Vietnam War, gave an inspirational address. Members of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 607 presented the 13-step Flag Folding Ceremony



There was also a Missing Man Table Ceremony and three rifle volleys. The playing of Taps concluded the ceremonies



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IL BIRTHDAYS



Coercion: Union by force

Marjorie Taylor Greene's recent "national divorce" comments angered nationalists, globalists, and others who view these United States as an "unbreakable union." How could such authoritarian thinking evolve from a country that was founded on individualism, voluntary self-government, and belief in God? At least part of this agenda can be traced to the Southern States being militarily forced back into a Union they democratically voted to leave.

John Taylor

Abe Lincoln rebuffed multiple compromise efforts initiated by individuals in both North and South. These peace efforts ran from shortly after Lincoln's election through April 1861 and beyond. Lincoln was a sectional candidate who received only 39.8% of the vote. He was not on the ballot in at least ten Southern States; Lincoln represented corporate and banking interests in New England and the Upper Midwest—not the South.

On April 15, 1861, a few days after the confrontation at Fort Sumter, Lincoln, without congressional input, issued his request (through Secretary of War Simon Cameron) for 75,000 troops from each State to force the seven "wayward sisters" back in the Union. This enraged many Americans. For example:

"Your dispatch is received. In answer, I say emphatically that Kentucky will furnish no troops for the wicked purpose of subduing her sister Southern States." -- Kentucky Governor Beriah Magoffin

"Your requisition, in my judgment, is illegal, unconstitutional, and revolutionary in its objects, inhuman and diabolical, and can not be complied with. Not one man will, of the State of Missouri, furnish or carry on such an unholy crusade." -- Missouri Governor C. F. Jackson

"I regard the levy of troops made by the Administration for the purposes of subjugating the States of the South, as in violation of the Constitution, and as a gross usurpation of power. I can be no part to this wicked violation of the laws of the Country and to this war upon the liberties of a free people. You can get no troops from North Carolina." – North Carolina Governor John W. Ellis

Lincoln's call for invasion helped push Virginia, North Carolina, Arkansas, and Tennessee out of the Union. E.P. Alexander noted the result of Lincoln's use of force: *"Virginia and some other states had not yet seceded and would not have seceded at all in all probability, had not the North committed itself to the policy of coercion."* Invasion was seen as a violation of a State's sovereign right of self-government.

In January 1848, referencing the Texas-Mexico border dispute, Abe Lincoln stated:

"Any people anywhere, being inclined and having the power, have the right to rise up and shake off the existing government, and form a new one that suits them better. This is a most valuable, a most sacred right—a right which we hope and believe is to liberate the world. Nor is this right confined to cases in which the whole people of an existing government may choose to exercise it. Any portion of such people, that can, may revolutionize, and make their own of so much of the territory as they inhabit."

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Lincoln's belief in self-government quickly evaporated once the Southern States left the Union and began to create a free market republic viewed as an economic threat to the North. The survival of the corporatist Republican Party was one of Lincoln's top concerns.

In an April 4, 1861, interview with Mr. Russell, a correspondent with the London Times, Secretary of State William Seward stated, "It would be contrary to the spirit of American Government to use armed force to subjugate the South. If the people of the South want to stay out of the Union, if they desire independence, let them have it."

On April 10, 1861, Seward wrote to Charles Francis Adams, Sr., Minister to England: "Only a despotic and imperial government can coerce seceding *States.*" Seward made these comments with near certain awareness that such a program was being formulated.

Charles Beecher Stowe, son of Harriet Beecher Stowe, stated: "Many patriotic men of the South who cared little or nothing about slavery were stirred with the deepest indignation at the suggestion of the National government subduing a sovereign State by force of arms, and said that a Union that could only be held together by bayonets had better be dissolved..."

At some point, Christians and freedom-loving individuals may desire to leave this sadly corrupted Union. We are presently witnessing many people fleeing areas where the "*Woke*" agenda proliferates. Some in Texas are exploring independence. If they follow through others are likely to join them. Will the so-called ruling class let these States go or will they force them to remain in a Union against their will? Coercion, Volume 2, would appear to be the most likely scenario.

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Dr. Lester Spencer

What Are You Betting Your Life On?

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Jesus doesn't say "I know the way" or "I will show you the way" or "I will point you to the way." No, he says, "I am the way." Therefore, the

way is a person. Jesus doesn't say we will know every twist and turn in life. Or that we can discern a definite route through life predicting all the good times and bad. He says "I am the way." In other words, follow me and I will show you the way, and I will guide you every step of the way. We must trust him and follow him.

Recently, my wife, Janeese, and I lead 48 people on a pilgrimage and tour to the Holy Land. We had an excellent Israeli guide named Rafi. Every day, Rafi led our group. When we were in Jerusalem, we visited the "Old City" in the heart of ancient Jerusalem. It is a maze of winding small streets and alleys. You could easily get lost if you didn't follow our guide Rafi. Fortunately, Rafi used an earphone system called the Whisper. Each person on the tour had an earpiece they could wear in one ear each day and hear Rafi speak as he guided us. So, we could follow Rafi himself through the Old City, and we could also hear his voice as he led us. Rafi became the way for us in those crowded markets, alleyways and streets.

Jesus can be the way for us if we will follow him and listen to his voice. I am the truth. Jesus doesn't say truth is a religion, a ritual or a list of rules or regulations. He said, "I am the truth." Jesus separates himself from all the other founders of all the other religions in the world when he says this. Other religious leaders claim "I have the truth." Or "I will point you to the truth." Or "I am teaching you the truth." Or "I am a prophet of the truth."

But Jesus claims to be the truth!

Some people say, "Jesus was a great teacher but nothing more." But a great teacher would not claim to be God if it were not so. A great teacher would not claim to be the way, the truth, and the life if it were not so. A great teacher would not claim to be the only way to the Father if it were not so. Our culture and the entire world are in a battle for the truth. Many sides claim to have the truth. But Jesus says I am the truth. He calls us to the truth... to himself. He calls us to believe the truth. To do the truth. To stand for the truth. To spread the truth. To speak the truth.

I am betting my life on the fact that Jesus is the truth. In the midst of a very confused culture where truth is relative and misunderstood, it is refreshing and life giving to know that there is unchanging truth and that truth is a person, Jesus Christ!

You can trust Jesus because he is the truth. And I am betting my life on that fact.

Jesus also said, "the truth will set you free." (John 8:32) There is freedom in Christ when we follow the truth!

I am the life. "I am the way, the truth and the life." - Jesus, John 14:6 "The thief comes only to steal, kill and destroy. But I have come so that you might have life and to live it abundantly." - Jesus, John 10:10 - Jesus is the life because he came to give us abundant life in this world and eternal life in the next.

Did you know that Jesus wants us to live a full and satisfying life in this world? He created us and loves us and wants us to experience all the good things that he has for us. Jesus offers us forgiveness, restoration, freedom, grace, love, joy, and peace in this life. Even in the midst of sorrows and let downs, hurts, and pains, Jesus wants to offer us a rich life. An abundant life. A restored life.

In 2 Corinthians 5:7, Paul tells us we can be new creatures in Christ. We can have a new life in Jesus.

In Revelations 21:1, Jesus says" Behold, I make all things new." Through Christ we can experience new life.

Jesus also offers us eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that whoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." - Jesus, John 3:16

Yes, through Jesus Christ, the only way to the Father, we can inherit eternal life. Through Jesus we can enter into a relationship with God the Father, and we can experience life eternal in the very presence of the Father our creator! 2.3 billion people who call themselves Christ followers are betting their lives on that!

What are you betting your life on?

This Easter why not bet your life on the fact that Jesus is who he says he is?

Blessings, Dr Lester Spencer

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She is Founder and President of Reality & Truth Ministries, based in Montgomery Alabama, a mission organization committed to meeting people in their



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She has been a Bible teacher for over 13 years both inside & outside the church, in her community, as well as Israel and Kenya. LaDonna is passionate about writing and speaking of how the timeless truths of God's Word can be applied to our everyday living. Her life mission is to edify the church, through word and deed, by providing leadership, teaching, and inspirational resources, that will stir individuals into fulfilling their Godgiven purpose through Spiritual growth.

LaDonna has been married to her extremely supportive husband, David, for 31 years.

They have two amazing children, Lauren, 25 and Lawson, 23.





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Potpourri for April

Judge Peggy Givhan

Not too long ago a small child told me there were 2 holidays this April - April fool's day and Easter. How cute is that statement. One of my favorite expressions is "April showers bring May flowers."

This is my rule of thumb in the garden setting as to when I sow seed and set out small plants.

Usually by mid March to late March, the chances of a hard freeze dissipates, so I begin sowing seed and setting out plants for spring and early summer garden. Once these seedlings and plants get established before the heat of the late spring and summer months, the less problems down the line.

Good care including the right soil, correct amount of light, water, fertilizer, and weed free environment will produce stronger and healthier flowers. Some people advocate heavy mulch in the beds to conserve water in the summer, but I only mulch those areas of the beds which will lay dormant in order to smother weeds which lessens the task of weeding.

The mulch I prefer is pine straw since this will rot down and enrich the soil. Some seeds that I have sown include Cleome, Zinnia-Pacific Giant, Alyssum for a snowy white border, and Cosmos. Except for the Alyssum, the others, which are at least 3-4 feet in height, make a dramatic show towards the back of the beds. I also have sown Old-fashioned Poppies and Larkspur last fall for late spring bloom. How do I know where these seeds have been sown? I look at my flowerbed plan that I keep nearby in a desk drawer.

When I gave myself a critique of last summer's flowers, I will plant more Pentas or Egyptian Star-Cluster. A Victorian-age perennial, with vibrant colors of pale pink, white, deep red, and bright fuchsia, has an added value for attracting butterflies. Pentas are of medium height and grow best in a hot climate. They are available in garden centers and at big box store garden departments. Try to plant them now and you will have large swaths of color





heads, produces masses of daisy-like flowers from summer until fall. The foliage is a deep dark green and forms mounds 2-3 feet in height. It does require heat to thrive, something we certainly have plenty of.

Happy Gardening and Happy Easter

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Some of my most vivid memories come from the days of being on the lake. I can remember catching stripe bass as fast as I could cast but I can also remember being scared to death because I had not left early enough to beat the lightning storm. It seems we always think there's enough time for one more cast. As I got older I began to value my life more.

Now if there's a storm within a hundred miles, I leave. There's just something about holding a graphite rod in my hand in the middle of a lake that doesn't sit well with me. Most of my memories, however, are good. They include days on a bass boat, a pontoon, and even wading.

What all of them have in common is that the greatest moments were shared with a friend. It was with these friends that I learned to eat potted meat, Vienna Sausage and Beanie Weenies. This is stuff we never eat any other time. I have learned, if you're fishing with a friend, it's ok to hold a bologna sandwich with the same hand that just lipped that big bass. (In case you didn't know, there are no germs on the lake.)



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Yes, friends are what I like about fishing. I don't have to be anything but who and what I am.

All of my life I have heard about the characteristics of God. He has many titles that give evidence of those characteristics. He is known primarily as father. He is called man's deliverer, sustainer, provider, and protector. All of these have special significance for special times in each of our lives. When I'm scared I need him to be my protector. When I'm broke I need him to be my

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provider. But of all the titles and characteristics of God, my favorite is that he is a friend. And not only a friend but a friend to anyone who wants him to be. When God became flesh through the person of Jesus, he proved this unique desire. Of Jesus, it was written, "He is a friend of sinners." Wow! Not just a friend,

but a friend to those who don't measure up to the standards of perfection. Which is me! Which is you! Which is all of us.

I hope one of the pictures you have of God is a friend. If it's not, you're going to miss out on a lot of good times and good memories being with someone who accepts you for who you are.

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Patricia Killough Community Editor

Bands of Iold

A precious band of gold was places Some fifty years ago Upon two hearts of tender years Who vowed their love would grow. The gold was not within the ring, Nor in their faces fair, It wasn't in their youth or charm, But in the love they shared. The gold was there for them to spend, When silver coins were rare, It didn't buy them more to have, But taught them how to share. They spent it on a loving look on patience, kindness, trust; They spend it on the kinds of things That cannot wilt or rust. And the wonder of this band of gold, If you can comprehend, Each time they used their gift of love, There was that much more to spend. It bought them trust, It bought them hope, A tender hand to hold It bought a blessed and lovely thing A marriage carved in gold. -author unknown



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APPY BIRTHDAY!

1 Magan Gramling

- 2 Ronnie Broadway Helen Gordon (94) Patricia Killough (73) Colby Mills
- 3 Cole Andrews
- 4 Bill Younkin
- 5 Prasertsi Atkinson Steve Stringer Coleman Taylor (27)
- 6 Lew Baxter Brenda Caprara
- Ann Orr ($\hat{85}$) 10 Jean Douglass
- Wade Norris Jimmy Grubbs
- 11 Mae Bishop Margaret Boyd
- 13 Kim Golson Lillie Ben Harris Sherry Knight Patrick O'Mailia
- Jimmy Sellars 15 Skylar Campbell (25)

- Ruby Goodman (81) Moseley Higgins (23)
- 16 Judy Barnes (72)
- 17 Donna Daffron Allen (78)
- 18 Julia Norris Slade Rhodes Eunice Broadway
- 19 Haley Boyd (30)
- 21 Jennifer Champion
- 22 Brady Boyd (19) Tammy Orr Sarah Kathleene Selvage (8)
- 23 Shane McKinley Jud Parenteau (14)
- 24 Bara Edwards
- 25 Blane Campbell (26) Debra Kinman
- 26 Joe Cotney
- 27 Erik Box Julie Livingston Wayne Watkins Landyn Whigham (13)
- 29 Katie Moseley (25)
- 30 Luke Adams

Happy Belated Birthday! Tammy Boyd March 17th



- 1 Warren & Doris Miller (61th)
- 2 Bobby & Mickey Ann Boyd (35)
- 3 John & Patricia Killough (52st) Shawn & Katie O'Mailia (13th)
- 6 Clint & Tiffany Hammock
- Pat & Lonnie Smith (55th) 7 Richard & Susan Feaga
- 8 Eric & Melony Gwin
- 20 Jeremy & Stacy Dickinson
- 22 Lamar & Glenda Boyd (51th) Jim & Phyllis Fenn Wayne & Jan Morris (51th)
- 23 Zack & Geri Azar (46th)
- 30 Aaron & Kayla Ramer (13th)





PASTOR STEVE AND SONJA CAMPBELL MARCH 9, 2023

Pastor Steve and Sonja were given a special Celebration and Dinner by the members of Snowdoun Baptist Church. It was with joy the congregation celebrated this special milestone in their live. May love and devotion continue to bless their marriage. They were married on March 9, 1973 Pastor Steve has lead Snowdoun Baptist Church for over 25 years.

Roy and Brenda Kitchens had a big "Whoop Dee Doo" on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Brenda sand their son , "You Light Up (Dy Life" and they pledged to try for another 50 years!

In Memorium of:



James "Jim" Winfrey Wilson III June 14, 1963~March 11, 2023



William Kendrick "Ken" Upchurch, Jr. July 21, 1932~March 23, 2023 Thomas "Tommy" Martin Tyson, Jr September 26, 1962~March 18, 2023



John A. Caddell March 13, 1931~March 27, 2023

Alabama Gazette's Sympathy to the famílies of...

Huges, Jr Elbert R. "Bert" 78	February 28
Richardson, Virginia "Gini" 70	March 1
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Yelverton, Jr. John Douglas 86	March 5
Heath, Earl Donal 86	
Karst, Joan Hart "Boo" 91	March 6
McBride, Sue Ellen 85	March 6
McCorkle, Martha Sue 93	March 6
Gibson, Robbie Elizabeth Baker Willingham 85	March 9
Warren, Richard Paul	
Cobb III, Henry Hammond 72	

Luckett, Michael Harlow 82	March 12
Hill, Ilouise Partlow McEntire 96	March 12
Crabb, William Craig 62	March 13
McGough, Kathryn Kappes Bishop 71	
Collier, Winford Harvey 89	
Trump, Martha Lois 87	
Brock, Jessie "Bitsy" Sweet 93	
Jones, Betty Hall 81	
Krandanga, Dr. Dave Anand 64	
Scott, James "Jimmy" Edward 68	



rears & Laughter:

By: Amanda Walker

its spring, time for frosty days to go...

It's Spring, time for frosty days to go The lessons of baseball and life begin in Spring – play by the rules, try your best, and the sun will still come up again if you lose.

Farmers keep pace with the changing seasons. The American food grower knows to bend with these changes, but they are sustained by the promises of Spring. As long as there is another Spring, there will be another chance.

Not bound by the set dates on the calendar, the remnants of winter are sometimes slow to go, but soon the sun's warmth will grow stronger every day. Freshly planted seeds will respond, raising green flags of life.

Gardeners will go out and inspect these pale green sprigs, then over the following few days find reason to inspect them over and over again...it is just what gardeners do. It is part of the joy. The same soft breezes that make curtains stand out a little when the windows are open, spray pollen though the flower beds, and across the corn fields, and onto all the cars, and porches, and yard furniture.

Yards are alive with singing birds, whose eggs nestled safely in their nests will soon erupt into feathery balls. Cattle following their well-worn trails will begin to have pink-tongued calves running along beside them.

The same sun that warms new life, tracks early age across our faces...one of the many equal opposites in nature.

I read once that God and man are at odds on order. Spring cleaning always reminds me of its truth.

There is a pleasure that comes with having everything in order, isn't there? We all have a tendency to strive for it.

and stacked in their cabinets. When all of the laundry is not just washed and folded, but ironed and hung and all put away in their drawers and closets.

Order is when all of the beds are made and the throw pillows set at right an-When there are no gles. papers or books cluttering the living room.

It is when the floors are all swept and vacuumed and clean rugs wait at the front door to greet visitors.

It is when today's supper is on the stove and tomorrow's is planned.

A finishing touch is to go out and pick a couple of roses, or any of the many pink and yellow and lavender flowers blooming this time of year. The azaleas are blooming, wisteria, daffodils, and honey suckles.

Put the flowers in a vase in the center of your table on a lace doily, or maybe a hand-stitched linen cloth. Then stand back and enjoy the feeling.

Look at the flowers, smell them if you'd like. Then stroll through your orderly house. Enjoy it. Because it will last about half an hour before the first blossom falls, or muddy feet run through the front door, or a call comes through and changes your plan of order.

It is easy to live with order. But that is not the challenge in this life. What life really asks from us, is that we contribute and grow even with the challenges and disorder life naturally brings.

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By: Trisston Wright Burrows

"The Joy of Easter"

For Christians, Easter represents Jesus Christ's victory over death. His resurrection is proof He is the Son of God, and it is the reason we can find hope in an eternity spent with Him. During Easter, we celebrate what we believe to be the biggest moment in history.

Before celebrating Easter Sunday, however, many observe Good Friday. On this day, we remember how Jesus was persecuted and put to death. Jesus was crucified and took on the sins of the world, even though He was blameless. Because of this, many people wonder how this day could possibly be referred to as "good."

Romans 3:23 says, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

To understand the good news of the gospel, we must first understand our sinful nature and our need for a Savior. Without Jesus, we are hopeless. Our sinful nature causes us to fall short of His glory and the punishment we deserve is death.

But there is good news! While Jesus suffered a terrible death, it was God's plan to save us from our sins. Because Jesus conquered death, this made a way for all who believe in Him, and He reigns for eternity. If we believe in the death and resurrection of Jesus, we can receive forgiveness and salvation.

We are not meant to keep this good news to ourselves. Jesus died for the sins of the world and the gift of salvation is available to all who believe. As Christians, we are called to tell others about God and His great love for us.

Mark 16:15 says, "And he said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.'"

During this season, I encourage you to share the joy of Easter with others. Celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and reflect on the sacrifice He made on the cross. In telling others of His goodness, we can bring Him glory.

Happy Easter & Many Blessings!



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





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were asleep the entire time, you saw nothing and heard nothing and know nothing at all about what happened. Your testimony is self-defeating and totally worthless.

"These people were liars"

All other explanations having failed, skeptics say the disciples were liars.

But as the late Harvard professor of legal evidence Simon Greenleaf noted in his book An Examination of the Testimony of the Evangelists, by the Rules of Evidence Administered in Courts of Justice, With an Account of the Trial of Jesus (1846, 2007), this supposition is suicidal. Why would these men, who by all accounts appear to be decent and honorable, invest a false story and hold fast to that story despite persecution, impoverishment, ridicule, torture, and death? Surely, at least one of them would have cracked under pressure. "From these absurdities," Professor Greenleaf says, "there is no escape, but in the perfect conviction and admission that they were good men, testifying to that which they had carefully observed and considered, and well knew to be true.

And so...

As we can see, none of these explanations make sense. But some are reluctant to believe in the Resurrection, because ordinary people don't rise from the dead.

But Jesus was not an ordinary person. He was and is the Son of God, the Word made flesh (John 1:14). He came into the world to die for our sins and to rise for our justification.

Yes, it requires faith to believe that. But it is the only explanation that makes any sense at all. And it is also the only hope for the world.

On Good Friday, let us commemorate His death. And on Easter Sunday, let us celebrate His resurrection!

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Southern Cuisine

Chef David Spooner, *Retired Chef* Volunteer Fireman, Lowndesboro V.F.D., St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Lowndesboro Board of Registrars, Lowndes County



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Southern cuisine is known for its rich and flavorful dishes. It often includes high amounts of

carbohydrates, fats, and sugars. This makes it a challenge for people with diabetes to find suitable options with Southern Cuisine. I have not dwelt on this subject very much in the past. However, there are plenty of delicious and healthy dishes that diabetics can enjoy, Here are some examples:



Garden Vegetable Kabobs

MARINADE:

1/4 Cup of olive oil3 Garlic cloves, pressedJuice of 1 lemon1/2 teaspoon of dried oregano1/2 teaspoon of dried basilSalt and pepper to taste

INGREDIENTS:

Red bell pepper, cut into chunks

Yellow onion, outer skin removed, cut into chunks Zucchini sliced into thick rounds Yellow squash sliced into thick rounds

DIRECTIONS:

- Preheat oven to 400 degrees
- In a small bowl, whisk together olive oil, garlic, lemon juice, oregano and basil.
- Season with salt and pepper to taste.
- Thread veggies onto skewers and place on a



cookie sheet and brush

minutes. Place pan into

oil mixture onto the

oven and roast unto

Depending on thickness

be up to 15 minutes.

Serve promptly.

of vegetable slices: Could

• Let sit for 10 to 15

skewers.

tender.

- Grilled or roasted meats: grilled or roasted chicken, pork, beef, or fish can be a great source of protein for diabetics.
- 2. Leafy greens: collard greens, turnip greens, mustard greens, and kale are all low in carbohydrates and high in fiber, making them excellent choices for diabetics.
- 3. Non-starchy vegetables: okra, green beans, tomatoes, onions, peppers, and asparagus are all low in carbohydrates and rich in vitamins and minerals.
- 4. Seafood: shrimp, crab, and oysters are all low in carbohydrates and high in protein, making them a great option for diabetics.
- 5. Beans and legumes: black-eyed peas, lentils, and black beans are high in fiber and protein, making them a great addition to soups, stews, and salads.
- 6. Whole grains: brown rice, quinoa, and barley are all high in fiber and low in carbohydrates, making them a good choice for diabetics.
- 7. Fresh fruit: berries, apples, and citrus fruits are low in carbohydrates and high in fiber and vitamins.

Million Dollar Chicken Casserole

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 (10.5 ounce) can cream
- of chicken soup
- 1 cup cottage cheese ¹/₂ cup sour cream
- 4 ounces cream cheese, at
- room temperature 1 ½ teaspoons Creole sea-
- soning
- ¹/₂ teaspoon onion powder 1 teaspoon garlic powder,
- divided
- 5 cups shredded rotisserie chicken

DIRECTIONS:

yellow onion 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley 30 buttery round crackers (such as Ritz®),

1 cup finely chopped

- crushed 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1 teaspoon sliced scallions



- Step 1 Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
- Step 2 Stir together cream of chicken soup, cottage cheese, sour cream, cream cheese, Creole seasoning, onion powder, and 1/2 teaspoon of the garlic powder in a medium bowl until well blended and smooth.
- Step 3 Fold in chicken, chopped onion, and parsley until evenly coated.
- Step 4. Stir together crackers, melted butter and remaining 1/2 teaspoon of garlic powder in a medium bowl.
- **Step 5 Spoon chicken** mixture evenly into an 11x7-inch or 9-inch square baking dish. Sprinkle evenly with mozzarella then cracker mixture.
- Step 6 Place on a foil-lined baking sheet and bake in the preheated oven until crackers are golden brown and edges are bubbly, about forty minutes. Let cool for ten min-

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mist 9x13 baking pan with cooking spray.

Crème de Mint Brownies

INGREDIENTS:

4 ounces unsweetened baking chocolate

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- 1 cup unsalted butter 4 large eggs 2 cups granulated sugar 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup flour

FILLING:

- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar
- 4 tablespoons green crème de menthe (or use green food coloring plus a dash of peppermint extract)



ICING: 6 ounces semi-sweet chocolate chips 6 tablespoons unsalted butter

Prepare brownies: In double boiler, melt baking chocolate and 1 cup butter over simmering water; Cool slightly. In medium mixing bowl, beat eggs with a whisk until blended, and then add the 2 cups granulated sugar. Continue whisking until mixture is light and fluffy. Add cooled chocolate mixture, salt, vanilla and flour. Keep whisking until thoroughly blended. Pour batter into prepared pan and bake 25 minutes. Remove from oven and leave brownies to cool in pan.
Make filling: Using an electric mixer on medium speed, beat the 1/2 cup butter and confectioners' sugar together until well blended.

Stir in the crème de menthe and blend well. Spread over cooled brownies. Refrigerate in original baking pan until filling is firm.

Make icing: Melt the chocolate chips and six tablespoons butter in the top of a double boiler, stirring until smooth. (You can do this in the microwave, just monitor closely and stir a few times..Pour the warm glaze over the filling and tilt pan to distribute the icing evenly.

Refrigerate until chocolate hardens: To cut, allow brownies to come to room temperature in the pan so chocolate doesn't crack.

Cook's Notes on casserole: Dish will keep for up to 4 months in freezer, and to reheat thaw overnight or up to 6 hours in refrigerator then bake according to directions. To change up the flavor on this dish you can easily substitute in different types of rotisserie chicken like mojo or lemon-pepper, or garlic. You can also use just about any butter crisp cracker; Ritz has an assortment of flavored crackers that could be any easy way to switch up the flavor profile. This dish can also be made gluten free if you use gluten-free crackers and rotisserie chicken.



When preparing Southern dishes, it's important to choose healthy cooking methods such as grilling, baking, or roasting instead of frying, and using healthy fats such as olive oil instead of butter or lard. Additionally, it's important to watch portion sizes and to limit the amount of added sugars and carbohydrates in recipes. With this in mind, I am going to include some recipes in future articles that will be more suitable for a low fat and low sugar diet. There is no better time to start a healthier diet than right now. Besides being healthy this dish is also colorful.