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Memorial Day or Decoration Day is a federal holiday in the United States for remembering the people who died while serving in the country's armed forces.[1] The holiday, which is currently observed every year on the last Monday of May, will be held on May 28, 2018. The holiday was held on May 30 from 1868 to 1970.[2] It marks the start of the unofficial summer vacation season,[3] while Labor Day marks its end. The holiday, from latest to earliest, is slightly more likely to fall on May 30, May 28 or May 25 (58 in 400 years each) than on May 27 or May 26 (57), and slightly less likely to occur on May 31 or May 29 (56).


Many people visit cemeteries and memorials, particularly to honor those who have died in military service. Many volunteers place an American flag on each grave in national cemeteries. Memorial Day is not to be confused with Veterans Day – Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving, whereas Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans.

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May 19, 2018

President Harry S. Truman led the effort to establish a single holiday for citizens to come together and thank our military members for their patriotic service in support of our country. On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force Days. The single day celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under the Department of Defense.



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Slavery in a Christian America

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This article is a summary of much longer articles written by David Barton and Stephen McDowell. You can access these articles by clicking on the links at the end.

Introduction

One objection to America being a Christian nation and our founders being strong believers is the question of slavery. How could we have been a Christian nation and have allowed slavery? And how could men like Thomas Jefferson and George Washington have been such great men when they owned slaves? These questions deserve an answer.

First, a Christian nation will still have some sins and problems, as it consists of men and women who are sinners. By analogy, I am a Christian, but I still sin. You could point out my sin and say, “You are not a Christian because you: have lied, eat too much, are impatient, are cross or critical, are ungrateful, etc. Get the picture? When held up to a standard of “no sin” we all fail, and every nation fails as well.

Slavery has existed since the beginning of time and there is slavery in the world even to this day, an estimated 29.85 million! The worst countries are Haiti, Pakistan and India. If one wishes to get involved with the terrible injustice of slavery, one should consider becoming involved in fighting for slaves to be freed today! But western nations, influenced by Christianity, America, England and countries of Europe, have rid themselves of slavery. The story of William Wilberforce, fueled by his Christian faith, fighting to rid England of slavery is a very inspiring one.

We must understand the culture of the time.

Our founding fathers lived in a culture that inherited and accepted slavery. For the approximately 150 years before the Constitution, slavery was for the most part reluctantly accepted. When the colonies tried to restrict slavery, they were overruled, not by the southern colonies, but by England.

Slavery was not illegal, although of course it was immoral according to God’s Word. Some of our founders and leaders owned slaves, a practice that was wrong but not illegal. However they did not allow other grievous immoral practices such as homosexual marriage or killing of babies in the womb.

Today, slavery is illegal. However we have allowed homosexuality including so called “same sex marriage” and we allow babies to be killed in the womb at the rate of 2,500+ per day! So, we need to be very careful when we judge a nation during another time period for their sins, when we have our own national sins that are different, yet are as heinous.

David Barton observes:

“Some people suggest today that all early Americans must have been despicable to allow such an evil as slavery. They say early America should be judged as evil and sinful, and anything they have to say should be discounted. But if we were to judge modern America by this same standard, it would be far more wicked – we are not merely enslaving people, but we are murdering tens of millions of innocent unborn children through abortion. These people claim that they would not have allowed slavery if they were alive then. They would speak out and take any measures necessary. But where is their outcry and action to end slavery in the Sudan today?” (And slavery there, is much worse than that in early America.)

Some say we should not listen to the Founders of America because they owned slaves, or at least allowed slavery to exist in the society. However, if we were to cut ourselves off from the history of nations that had slavery in the past, we would have to have nothing to do with any people, because almost every society has had slavery, including African Americans. For many African societies sold slaves to the Europeans; and up to ten percent of blacks in America owned slaves. The Bible, Slavery, and America’s Founders by David Barton

The Founders and Slavery

The overwhelming majority of early Americans and most of America’s leaders did not own slaves. Some did own slaves, which were often inherited (like George Washington at age eleven), but many set them free after Independence. Most Founders believed that slavery was wrong and that it should be abolished. Consider these statements of various founders.

“Domestic slavery is repugnant to the principles of Christianity. . . . It is rebellion against the authority of a common Father. It is a practical denial of the extent and efficacy of the death of a common Savior. It is a usurpation of the prerogative of the great Sovereign of the universe who has solemnly claimed an exclusive property in the souls of men.” Benjamin Rush

“Justice and humanity require it [the end of slavery] – Christianity commands it. Let every benevolent . . . pray for the glorious period when the last slave who fights for freedom shall be

restored to the possession of that inestimable right.” Noah Webster

“Every measure of prudence, therefore, ought to be assumed for the eventual total extirpation of slavery from the United States. . . . I have, through my whole life, held the practice of slavery in . . . abhorrence. My opinion against it [slavery] has always been known. . . . [N]ever in my life did I own a slave.” John Adams

“The inconsistency of the institution of domestic slavery with the principles of the Declaration of Independence was seen and lamented by all the southern patriots of the Revolution.” John Quincy Adams, the Hell Hound of Abolition

“Slavery is . . . an atrocious debasement of human nature.” Benjamin Franklin, who served as President of the Pennsylvania Society of Promoting the Abolition of Slavery.

“Every master of slaves is born a petty tyrant. They bring the judgment of heaven upon a country. As nations cannot be rewarded or punished in the next world, they must be in this. By an inevitable chain of causes and effects, Providence punishes national sins by national calamities.” George Mason

“Why keep alive the question of slavery? It is admitted by all to be a great evil.” CHARLES CARROLL, SIGNER OF THE DECLARATION

“As Congress is now to legislate for our extensive territory lately acquired, I pray to Heaven that they may build up the system of the government on the broad, strong, and sound principles of freedom. Curse not the inhabitants of those regions, and of the United States in general, with a permission to introduce bondage [slavery].” JOHN DICKINSON, SIGNER OF THE CONSTITUTION; GOVERNOR OF PENNSYLVANIA

“I hope we shall at last, and if it so please God I hope it may be during my life time, see this cursed thing [slavery] taken out. . . . For my part, whether in a public station or a private capacity, I shall always be prompt to contribute my assistance towards effecting so desirable an event.” WILLIAM LIVINGSTON, SIGNER OF THE CONSTITUTION; GOVERNOR OF NEW JERSEY

“But to the eye of reason, what can be more clear than that all men have an equal right to happiness? Nature made no other distinction than that of higher or lower degrees of power of mind and body. . . . Were the talents and virtues which Heaven has bestowed on men given merely to make them more obedient drudges? . . . No! In the judgment of heaven there is no other superiority among men than a superiority of wisdom and virtue.” Samuel Adams, Signer of the Declaration, “Father of the American Revolution”

“That men should pray and fight for their own freedom and yet keep others in slavery is certainly acting a very inconsistent, as well as unjust and perhaps impious, part.” John Jay, President of Continental Congress, Original Chief Justice U. S. Supreme Court

“Slavery, or an absolute and unlimited power in the master over the life and fortune of the slave, is unauthorized by the common law. . . . The reasons which we sometimes see assigned for the origin and the continuance of slavery appear, when examined to the bottom, to be built upon a false foundation. In the enjoyment of their persons and of their property, the common law protects all.” James Wilson, Signer of the Constitution; U. S. Supreme Court Justice

According to David Barton, “Many of the founders started and served in anti-slavery societies. Franklin and Rush founded the first such society in America in 1774. John Jay was president of a similar society in New York. Other Founding Fathers serving in anti-slavery societies included: William Livingston (Constitution signer), James Madison, Richard Bassett, James Monroe, Bushrod Washington, Charles Carroll, William Few, John Marshall, Richard Stockton, Zephaniah Swift, and many more.”

It is hard to understand, but many of our slave owning founders (in Virginia George Mason, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Richard Henry Lee) believed that slavery was wrong, and they worked to figure out a way to rid our nation of this injustice even while owning slaves.

We have to realize that even if an individual believed that slavery was wrong and wanted to free his slaves, this was not as easy as it would seem. There were laws in each state that governed slavery and these laws changed often. Slave owners were bound by these laws and could not just do what they wanted with their slaves.

Barton continues, “As Jefferson and Washington sought to liberalize the State’s slavery laws to make it easier to free slaves, the State Legislature went in exactly the opposite direction, passing laws making

it more difficult to free slaves. As one example Washington was able to circumvent State laws by freeing his slaves in his will at his death in 1799; by the time of Jefferson’s death in 1826, State laws had so stiffened that it had become virtually impossible for Jefferson to use the same means.” George Washington

David Barton elaborates on Washington’s slavery dilemma:

“Born in 1732, his life demonstrates how culturally entrenched slavery was in that day. Not only was Washington born into a world in which slavery was accepted, but he himself became a slave owner at the tender age of 11 when his father died, leaving him slaves as an inheritance. As other family members deceased, Washington inherited even more slaves. Growing up, then, from his earliest youth as a slave owner, it represented a radical change for Washington to try to overthrow the very system in which he had been raised. Washington astutely recognized that the same singular force would be either the great champion or the great obstacle to freeing Virginia’s slaves, and that force was the laws of his own State. Concerning the path Washington desired to see the State choose, he emphatically declared: I can only say that there is not a man living who wishes more sincerely than I do to see a plan adopted for the abolition of it [slavery]; but there is only one proper and effectual mode by which it can be accomplished, and that is by Legislative authority; and this, as far as my suffrage [vote and support] will go, shall never be wanting.”

Washington could not free his slaves; he could only sell them, but he refused to do so on principle. This decision cost him dearly as he had twice as many slaves as he needed for his plantation. The only other thing he could do was free his slaves at his death, which he did.

Abolishing Slavery after Separation from Great Britain

As we have stated, it was almost impossible to do anything regarding the institution of slavery while the colonies were under the authority of the Mother Country. King George III prevented every attempt to end slavery in America —or in any British colony. Thomas Jefferson had bemoaned in the Declaration of Independence, that the king had forced the institution of slavery upon them:

He [King George III] has waged cruel war against human nature itself, violating its most sacred rights of life and liberty in the persons of a distant people who never offended him, captivating and carrying them into slavery in another hemisphere or to incur miserable death in their transportation thither. . . . Determined to keep open a market where men should be bought and sold, he has prostituted his negative for suppressing every legislative attempt to prohibit or to restrain this execrable commerce [that is, he has opposed efforts to prohibit the slave trade].

Once Americans declared Independence in 1776, they were now free to deal properly with slavery.

According to David Barton:

Following America’s separation from Great Britain in 1776, individual States, for the first time in America’s history, were finally able to begin abolishing slavery. For example, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts abolished slavery in 1780, Connecticut and Rhode Island did so in 1784, Vermont in 1786, New Hampshire in 1792, New York in 1799, New Jersey in 1804, etc. Significantly, Thomas Jefferson helped end slavery in several States by his leadership on the Declaration of Independence, and he was also behind the first attempt to ban slavery in new territories. In 1784, as part of a committee of three, they introduced a law in the Continental Congress to ban slavery from the “western territory.” That proposal stated: *That after the year 1800 of the Christian era, there shall be neither slavery nor involuntary servitude in any of the said States, otherwise than in punishment of crimes, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted to have been personally guilty.*

Unfortunately, that proposal fell one vote short of passage.

For the years after the birth of our nation, many leaders worked to abolish slavery. Notably John Quincy Adams did so in the House of Representatives until his death. For his efforts he earned the nickname The Hell Hound of Slavery. Would that he could have prevailed through the legislative process as William Wilberforce did.

This is just a brief treatment of this subject. Please examine the articles below for many more details.

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Vindicating the Founders by Thomas West

History vs History...

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Lynching Museum

The origins of the word "lynch" probably originated during our revolution. *The verb comes from the phrase "Lynch Law", a term for punishing someone without benefit of a trial. Charles Lynch, an American, is given credit for coining the phrase. He lived in Virginia in the 1780s and was known to have used the term. In 1782, Charles Lynch wrote that his assistant had administered "Lynch's law" to Tories "for Dealing with Negroes."*

Lynch was a Virginia planter and American Revolutionary who headed a county court in Virginia which incarcerated Loyalist supporters of the British for up to one year during the war. While he lacked proper jurisdiction, he claimed this right by arguing wartime necessity. Subsequently, he prevailed upon his political friends to pass a law that shielded him from criminal prosecution. They did. This action by the Congress created a heated issue with Britain and it was in connection with this that the term "Lynch law", meaning the assumption of extrajudicial authority, came into common usage. Lynch was not accused of racial bias. He acquitted blacks accused of murder on three separate occasions. He was accused, however, of ethnic prejudice in his abuse of Welch miners.



Fast Forward:

Last weekend marked a solemn occasion as Bryan Stevenson's Equal Justice Initiative NPO opened the Legacy Museum and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice here in the Capitol City of Montgomery, Alabama. While many celebrities like Usher, Stevie Wonder, the Dave Matthews Band, to name a few, entertained the crowds with a river concert, the opening ceremony was a moving tribute to those 4,000 plus blacks who were wrongly killed during a period from 1870 to 1950 by all manner of lynchings, predominately in the South but also across the United States to include Colorado, Kansas, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio to name a few.

800 heavy metal blocks identified by county and state hung from the ceiling and slabbed the six acre grounds listing the name (when known) and date of the lynching. Graphic statues portrayed the plight of the poor during post war reconstruction all the way to the civil rights movement.

The constant waterfall provides a tranquil respite from the many brutal references to the degradation and torture suffered by those listed in the hallowed halls.

Stevenson's inspiration came from his travels to places like the Holocaust Memorial near the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin where he saw brass plates inscribed with names of those forcibly taken to concentration camps. Another experience in Johannesburg, South Africa forced him to face the brutality of apartheid. The Apartheid Museum gave him the motivation to act. America had left a void in recognition of the horrors wrongly perpetrated on blacks that occurred after the Civil war up to the genesis of the Civil Rights movement. Now is the time to fill that void.

As Bryan explains, "A story of survival, determination, resiliency, and hope emerges from the difficulty of our past. This story of endurance and strength is also important for us to understand if we are to eliminate racial bias in the 21st century."

THE LEGACY MUSEUM, about a mile away pays fitting tribute to the story and the efforts to find peace and justice. It is well worth the visit. The museum property location once held slaves. No photography is allowed. A

key message found in the museum explains why history is so important. "We will remember. With hope, because hopelessness is the enemy of justice. With courage, because peace requires bravery. With persistence, because justice is a constant struggle. With faith, because we shall overcome."

The EJI spent over five years collecting data to support and document every instance of lynching. All these resources are available for review and inspection through a four screen digital terminal featuring an interactive map and descriptions of select lynchings.

An "In Remembrance" section has a collection of 300 jars filled with dirt from the locations where lynchings occurred with an inscription giving a synopsis of the event. Several artistic renderings may be found throughout the museum including one by Sanford Biggers called, "BAM".

The Alabama Gazette reviewed Stevenson's book, Just Mercy, a few years ago, which delves into the true stories of victims of a flawed justice system not only in Alabama, but across the nation, with additional focus on the juvenile incarceration and the mentally challenged.

It should be noted that lynchings occurred across racial lines. According to research released by Tuskegee University, from 1882 to 1968, 4,742 documented lynchings occurred. Of that number, 3,445 were black and 1,297 were white.

Another interesting statistic, based on 2015 FBI information, shows blacks accounted for about half of the approximately 12,000 homicides in 2015. However, blacks represent only about 13.3% of the population. Further, of that roughly 6,000 homicides, 2,380 were black on black crime, with Chicago being considered one of the top cities of black on black murder. Surprisingly, while most of the US population believes crime is rampant, statistically, the nation has seen a 12% decrease in violent crime since 2007.

Regardless of any statistics, this part of our history is important to not only acknowledge wrongs, but find healing, forgiveness, and positive action for the future of everyone's peace and posterity.



Visit the Museum...

Pray that we never allow history to repeat itself in this great nation, where we all have struggled.

How do we bring UNITY from our experiences of the past?



ROBSEVATIONS...

by Robert Tate

Observations The Combat Report

People who know me, know that I consider myself a Luftwaffe WWII historian. I have studied the German Luftwaffe (Air Force) in WWII for almost my entire life and I cannot seem to get away from it. I may put it on the back burner in my life for a short season, but there it is again. Seemingly out of nowhere. But I have come to grips with that reality and it is certainly a part of who I am. If my spousal unit can deal with it, then I am okay.

What many people do not realize, however, is that I got my start studying WWI and WWII aviation history by watching the movie the Blue Max when I was a little kid. Although I do not know or even profess to know near enough when it comes to the German Air Force in “The Great War,” I have been fascinated by the exploits of Manfred von Richthofen, a.k.a. The Red Baron, since I was about five years old. Yes, that makes it 52 years for me. More than twice the length of his life. And although he, in my not-so-professional opinion was no Hans Marseille, the Baron was “The Man” in WWI. He was a skilled pilot, not the best, but he was a superb marksman and the consummate hunter. He loved nothing more than the hunt. Whether it be wild boars, stags, deer or British airmen, von Richthofen loved the thrill and danger of the hunt.

This past 21 April, 2018 was the 100th Anniversary of the Baron’s death in France. He made some grievous mistakes that day and paid for it with his life. Although forces opposed to the Germans cheered his death, they also mourned the death of a worthy adversary. Things were a bit different back then. But out of his death came many rumors

and guesses as to who actually killed the Baron. Was it Canadian pilot, Roy Brown? Or was it one of several possible Australian gunners on the ground all taking aim at the Baron’s red Fokker Triplane as it flew low overhead.

Last summer I had the opportunity to visit the historical archives at Auburn University here in good ole’ Alabama. If you ever get the chance, do it. There is so much information there. I was able to find some information on my guy, Hans Marseille, but other information as well. While digging through some original files on combat aviation in the First World War, I came across a combat report that I honestly believe will rewrite much of what we know about the death of the Baron. It was wedged in between several documents dealing with farm life in 1926 Germany. Go figure. Why would a combat report dealing with the Red Baron be there? Almost like nobody wanted it to be found. That being said, it is safe to assume that this combat report, written by the pilot who was actually on the scene, has not been seen since it was written on the 21st of April, 1918 and I plan on using it as the basis of my next book project.

This combat report is fresh and speaks with an air of immediacy not found in many similar Baron documents. If this combat report is true, and thus far it has been authenticated in terms of age and style, many Red Baron historians as well as museums around the world will be forced to rewrite much of their Baron histories. As for me, not being a “Baron historian” so to speak, I am excited at this find. I hope you enjoy it as much as I do.

Combat Report:
Date: 21 April 1918:
Duty: High Offensive Patrol
Location: Vaux Sur Somme
Place: 62D (Map Coordinate)
Altitude: 15000 feet - 50 feet
Time of Action: 1020 - 1045

My squadron of 15 Sopwith Camels, arranged in 3 flights of five aircraft, were providing top cover for three slow-moving reconnaissance R.E.8s of No. 3 Australian Squadron. We were flying wide combat arcs patrolling at an altitude of 15,000 feet watching the R.E. 8s below us photographing the German village of Hames at an altitude of about 5,000 feet. As section lead, my group

was circling over the village of Sailly-le-Sec. It was a cold April morning with fair visibility, few clouds and contrary winds blowing to the West toward our side of the front which was both unusual and a pleasant surprise for us. Any combat would have a tendency to drift toward our side of the front lines.

At approximately 1020, I spotted a circus of approximately 15-20 wildly painted Fokker Triplanes diving toward the slow moving R.E. 8s. Simultaneously, from the West, I spotted a squadron of 8 Sopwith Camels approaching the Tripes from above. As the two groups converged, the reconnaissance planes split-arsed and disengaged from the greatly unequal contest. Within 2 minutes, I saw no less than 4 Tripes and 6 Camel’s going down in flames. One gaily painted, lime green Tripe with yellow top planes hurtled to the ground like torch, spilling the pilot out of the bottom of the burning craft. Without a parachute, he hit the ground just moments before his airplane.

I signaled for my flight to prepare to attack. We charged our guns, winged over and dove down from 15,000 feet to the melee which was now close to 2,000 feet above the Vaux Sur Somme. As we charged into the German formation, my wingman, Ingus Thomas’ bird was hit by an orange and white Tripe and burst into flames. I immediately turned into the German pilot in order to spoil his aim. He overshot and I dove down into a small cloud bank in order to lose this most aggressive Hun sporting orange and white streamers on the top of his black leather helmet. When I emerged from the other side of the cloud, I was totally alone with no other aircraft near me. I searched left and right but still found myself eerily alone. Getting my bearings, I set a course back to home base.

At that moment, I saw a green Sopwith being chased by an all-red Triplane low over the ground above Morlancourt Ridge. I could only surmise that this all-red airplane was that of Manfred von Richthofen; the Red Baron. The Triplane was firing consistently and putting round after round into the Camel. It would only be a matter of time before the Triplane would down the Sopwith. Behind the Triplane, however, was a red-nose Camel closing in on the German. All three aircraft were at this point 2-3 miles behind our lines and it was clear the Hun was not aware of this. I winged over and quickly placed myself in a position 200 yards behind the second Sopwith.

The red-nosed Camel opened fire on the German Triplane and for some unexplainable reason immediately broke off contact with the German and turned away. At that moment, I could hear the constant rapport of dozens of Australian gunners on the ground now shooting at the Triplane. The German, now clearly aware of his tenuous position, swung his airplane around in an attempt to make it back over his lines. Meanwhile, his plane was being continually peppered by the relentless anti-aircraft fire. Unseen by me, I threw full left aileron and right rudder and skidded my bird down to an altitude of approximately 50’ above the ground which positioned me slightly below and 25 yards behind the Triplane. I took careful aim, fired a quick three second burst into it’s belly and saw as red fabric was blasted away from the Triplane. I saw the pilot’s head jerk back as he reached across his head and ripped his goggles from his helmet, unceremoniously throwing them over the side of the airplane. The wings leveled out and the Tripe pancaked onto the top of Corbin Hill. I could see the German’s face slam heavily into the machine gun and his body slump in the cockpit. I did a quick fly by and the Hun pilot did not attempt to extricate himself from the cockpit. He was clearly dead.

Saluting my fallen victim, my 8th, I climbed to 3,000 feet and set course for my home base.
Squadron C.O. 214 Squadron

SNOOPY BROWN, CAPTAIN, US AIR EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

~~~~~ STRANGE FRUIT:

*Southern trees bear strange fruit,
Blood on the leaves and blood at the root
Black bodies swinging in the southern breeze,
Strange fruit hanging from the poplar trees,
Pastoral scene of the gallant south,
The bulging eyes and the twisted mouth
Scent of magnolias, sweet and fresh,
Then the sudden smell of burning flesh
Here is fruit for the crows to pluck,
For the rain to gather, for the wind to suck
For the sun to rot, for the trees to drop,
Here is a strange and bitter crop*

Strange Fruit, Billie Holliday

After I had already submitted my Robservation this month about the Red Baron, Mrs. Grant asked me if I would like to write something about this past weekend’s (26-28 April) events at the Equal Justice Institute’s (EJI) National Memorial for Peace and Justice and the Legacy Museum. For my next Robservation, I will write about it in a little more detail. Until then . . .

Go to the Memorial and Museum! People who know me know I love history. Happy, sad, bloody, cheerful, uplifting, deadly, with few exceptions, I love history. This trip down America’s memory lane, however, may be too painful for some to bear. I get that. But that is what history is supposed to do; bring our past to light, teach us who we once were, no matter how dark, and upon reflection, make our future better.

These two new exhibits here in Montgomery may not, however, be an easy pill for many to swallow. In a country, and dare I say the city of Montgomery, where stark lines of division separate us based upon our race, I definitely see anger, bitterness and unforgiveness being the end result of these venues for some. Not all, but definitely some. I saw it on the faces of more than one person last weekend. Likewise, I saw a lot of tears and sadness from folks both Black and White. But as an historian, that is the price one pays for, you guessed it, history. Honest, blunt, in your face history. Walk through an old battlefield like Gettysburg or Verdun and that is exactly what you get.

For me, the excursion downtown was a little different because of course I am a black guy and these exhibits deal with my heritage. With parents and grandparents from East Tennessee, I have grown up hearing of stories of lynchings and injustices my family lived through growing up in Morristown, Rogersville, Thorn Hill and Puncheon Camp, Tennessee. Likewise, I have gone through the Holocaust Museum in DC and walked the grounds of the Concentration Camp Dachau in Munich, Germany on at least three separate occasions. Each of these have one common theme that links them all; hate. Man’s unspeakable inhumanity to man and our unbelievable ability to rationalize those evil actions.

For now, this is all I will say about the Legacy Museum and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice. If you can, I do recommend going to them. Little kids, not so much. Some of the images will certainly be disturbing to some; actually most. Also, I recommend going on YouTube and listening to Billie Holliday’s song, “**Strange Fruit**,” which is about lynching. I actually sent a letter to the EJI recommending they include this song and/or the lyrics in the museum. Just one of two small recommendations I made. I will share the other in my next Robservation. Likewise I will share both my hopes and fears with these two exhibits. But overall, I have very positive hopes for what they will bring to not only our city but to the country as well.

Robert Tate





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.
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We are less than four weeks away from our June 5th primary. Those of us who follow Alabama politics have pointed to this year as being a very entertaining and interesting gubernatorial year. However, last year's resignation by former Governor, Robert Bentley and the ascension of Kay Ivey from Lt. Governor to the Governor's office has put a damper on the excitement we anticipated in the governor's race.

Kay took over the reins of state government and her appearance as a seasoned veteran of state politics seems to resonate with voters. Polling indicates that the governor's race is hers to lose. Therefore, the less she does may be the best course. Her support is a mile wide and an inch deep. A slip and fall could derail her train.

Her perch reminds me of a story surrounding the last truly colorful southern governor, Edwin Edwards of Louisiana. Ole Edwin had a wide lead like Kay's in the polls a few weeks prior to his race for reelection as governor of the Pelican state. The press asked him about two weeks out about his significant lead in the polls. Edwin's reply was, "Yeah, the only way that ole Edwin can lose this race is to get caught in bed with a dead woman or a live boy."

Tommy Battle, the popular Mayor of Huntsville is poised to make a formidable run at Kay in the closing weeks. He has some money in the bank and will come out of the vote rich Tennessee Valley with a good friends and neighbors vote. The Evangelical Roy Moore voters appear to be coalescing around Evangelist Scott Dawson.

My guess is that Walt Maddox, the young 45-year old Mayor of Tuscaloosa is benefitting from a grass roots support among African American voters in the Democratic primary. If indeed this is the case, Maddox will be favored to capture the Democratic nomination.

Will Barfoot has emerged as the frontrunner in the closely watched open Montgomery/River Region Republican seat. Incumbent State Senator Paul Bussman is in a close contest with Cullman City Council President Garlan

Grudger. Polling indicates that this one may be too close to call. Bussman's departure from the GOP Senate Caucus has given his constituents the perception that he may be rendered ineffective. This district is politically savvy.

Veteran educator, Wayne Reynolds, may be poised to win the State Board of Education District 8 seat in the Huntsville-Tennessee Valley area being vacated by Mary Scott Hunter. Mary Scott and Sam Givhan are battling for an open state Senate seat in Huntsville. This race is one of the best Senate races in the state. Both Givhan and Hunter are heirs to great Alabama legacies. Givhan's grandfather was legendary Black Belt State Senator Walter Givhan. Ms. Hunter's daddy, Scott Hunter, is one of Bear Bryant's famous quarterbacks.

Speaking of legends, Alabama political icon, Milton McGregor, was laid to rest a few weeks ago. He would have been 79 today. Montgomery's Frazer Memorial Methodist Church was overflowing. A good many of the state's past and present political powers were there, including several past governors and a sitting U.S. Senator.

One of the state's most famous and personable preachers, John Ed Mathison, presented a masterful sermon. He is a great man. He and his wife were best friends with Milton and Pat.

It was actually a joyous political homecoming event. As folks were visiting and reminiscing, one of Alabama's most prominent pulmonary physicians, Dr. David Thrasher, who has been a doctor to many famous Alabamians and was one of Milton's pallbearers was visiting with me and said, "Steve, I was at Governor Wallace's funeral when Franklin Graham spoke and it doesn't compare to this." Then he quipped, "Steve, I got a call from Billy Graham. He said that he had met a nice guy at breakfast by the name of Milton McGregor. Milton said to tell John Ed to remind the people down here that if they did good and believed in Jesus that they could be a winner too and join him." That's what John Ed said.

May 9, 2018



Ronald A. Holtsford

What laws are available to protect my private information?



There are several laws, one of which is brand new and becomes effective in Alabama on 1 June 2018 and there is a Federal law in the works and a European Union law set to kickoff on May 25th.

Some of the existing civil and criminal laws that protect us against bad actors that might steal our personal information include criminal theft (various degrees), civil conversion, and the tort of invasion of privacy. Some of the defenses include negligence on the part of the plaintiff, private information that has become publicly known, need of knowledge for public safety and a few others.

A few things are going on now regarding various forms of protecting data. For health data the Health Information Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and subsequent HITECH Act (Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health) has safety and enforcement provisions. The purpose of HITECH was to increase the use of electronic medical records. A breach of data is investigated and penalized by Health and Human Services (HHS). Like many government enforcement arms they begin with very small enforcement budgets. But as fines are assessed and begin to come in, it's a "eat what they kill" so over time the increased budget allows for an increase in audits of covered entities (health care providers, hospitals, insurance plans, etc.) and business associates of those covered entities. Of interest a cause of action under a HIPAA breach is not a "HIPAA breach" but rather something such as an invasion of privacy should a lawsuit be initiated.

There are a variety of laws that also protect personal protected data which include the Federal Trade Commission Act, the Financial Services Modernization Act, the Fair Credit Reporting Act, The Controlling the Assault of Non-Solicited Pornography and Marketing Act, The Telephone Consumer Protection Act, The Electronic Communications Privacy Act, the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. Within the Federal Trade Commission Act there was an addition just three months prior to President Trump's inauguration with a subsequent repeal of certain regulations by President Trump within that Act and it's amendments.

Of special interest is the Alabama Data Breach Notification Act, which was signed by Governor Ivey on 28 March 2018. The law does not take effect until 01 June 2018 and includes any protected information of Alabama resident whether it is financial, health or otherwise. Only a week earlier, the South Dakota governor had signed their data breach notification act making Alabama the 50th state to do so. In this case any breach will be reported to the Alabama Attorney General's office. The protected data includes the first and last name of an

Alabama resident or the first initial and last name of the resident and the data breach of things such as (1) the full driver's license number, military ID, state issued ID number, passport number (2) financial numbers with PIN, security phrase or password, (3) email address with password, (4) full social security numbers, (5) health insurance information and of course (6) health information. This is the only state law that requires the notification of an Alabama resident when their personal information has been compromised. There are exceptions when it involves certain criminal activities or the information is already publicly known. So in addition to laws that already exist there may be additional reporting requirements and additional fines. As an example, if health records of five hundred or more are breached, HIPAA requires the personal notification, notification to HHS and notification to the media. There is a 60-day window. The Alabama window is 45 days with personal notification and to the Alabama Attorney General. When personal notification cost reaches a certain amount then notification can be by certain secondary means. There are certain costs associated with a breach that actually consider the size of the covered entity.

There is a current law in Congress, Data Acquisition and Technology Accountability and Security Act, being considered. This law would supersede all state laws and for this reason, thirty-two state Attorney Generals are contesting this.

Finally, across the "pond" the European Union will begin to enforce GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) as of 25 May this year. It covers all forms of protected data. The EU resident must sign consent for an entity to store their records and then they have a right to request that the records be destroyed. The destruction will not work in a medical setting. Many companies in non EU countries (such as the United States) have been preparing on how to protect and deal with its EU clients and maybe even patients. A breach involving negligence on the part of the covered entity can be a fine of two million Euro or almost \$2.5 million USD. While there is no set law on how the EU would collect from a U.S. company, there have been negotiations over the EU-U.S. Privacy Shield data sharing agreement, which could provide an additional avenue to international courts in fining U.S. companies. U.S. companies should be prepared by this point.

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Alabama Sheriffs Lawsuit: Outrage v. Issue



Much ink has been spilled these past months to highlight outrageous observed results from our Alabama law enabling sheriffs to transfer ‘inmate food provision’ monies in their favour. These monies are deposited into county Sheriff ‘personal’ accounts, not into any specific government account(s). Most noteworthy is Etowah County Sheriff Todd Entrekin’s four-bedroom house with an in-ground pool and canal access in Orange Beach for \$740,000; one of several properties (total assessed value of over \$1.7 million) he and his wife own together or separately in Etowah and Baldwin counties. The assertion is Entrekin has a lot of cash on hand because he keeps ‘leftover’ money (pun intended) from his inmate food budget. AL.com reported [3/13/18] over the past three years Entrekin has received more than \$750,000 worth of additional “compensation” from a source he identified as “Food Provisions.” For those who remember ‘Grand Theft Auto allowance’ from The Auburn Greed (March 2018 Alabama Gazette) column, it does bring into question how it was taxed, possible RSA implications, etc.

Monies put into the account were allocated by federal, State and local/ municipal governments to feed inmates in the Etowah County jail, but was not used for that purpose and was instead personally pocketed by Entrekin. In full disclosure, some of my perspective on the matter is influenced by conversations with my county Sheriff (Jay Jones - Lee Co.) who I see on a regular basis. As some will recall, I hold Jay in high regard and although I’ve had disagreements on a few issues (Hubbard, timing of pay raises, etc.) he’s always been civil and thoughtful when addressing my concerns, more importantly willing to educate/explain when he thinks I have incomplete information or wrong about an issue.

Readers know the distain I have for Hoover/FDR actions/responses to trigger and prolong the Great Depression which played a role in shepherding us to the current food provisions result for determinations like \$1.75/day. I couldn’t find any information and the lawsuit didn’t give much information on when this amount was last determined. It appears to go back to the 1930s when \$1.75 was a significant sum in an era where the first federal min. wage imposed was \$0.25/hr. Is it time for the legislature to consider an adjustment? What’s past is prolog - how do we move forward out of this despicable result. Sheriff Jones further educated me to understand the history prior to the 30s in an era where Sheriffs were oft housed next to the jailhouse (evoking Mayberry days of Andy & Opie) where a wife or ‘Aunt Bee’ would cook for inmates and it was fitting for a wife, Auntie, et al to keep the difference for their hard work/efforts to provide these meals. Obviously, the small town world of Mayberry no longer applies to many Alabama counties today...

I must type Sheriff Jones has never condoned/supported the current result highlighted by Etowah County observations in my conversations with him these past weeks. Jay seemed hopeful the legislature would quickly and sagaciously address the issue. Most noteworthy is how adamant Sheriff Jones is in his resolve to continue compliance with all court determinations. With this education and perspective in mind, onto my reading of the Southern Center for Human Rights [SCHR] and Alabama Appleseed Center for Law & Justice lawsuit against forty county sheriffs in Alabama filed in Hale County Circuit Court. I have no idea why it ended up in Hale County (I would think a GA non-profit would prefer an Alabama border county) but forecast readers will e-mail their facts/thoughts. Doesn’t appear Sheriff Ellis is similar to the Etowah couBnty result - perhaps it is driven by timing of responses to open records requests I find the specific issue before this court.

The Open Records Act has a nice sounding/reassuring title, yet the document is rife with gray areas enabling ‘public servants’ to circumvent the stated public purpose/intent of the law. As citizens (Prof. Johnson oft reminds is me the highest office holder in our system of govt.) of our State the Alabama Code of 1923 guarantees, “Every citizen has a right to inspect and take a copy of any public writing of this state, except as otherwise expressly provided by statute.” In 1989 our Alabama Supreme Court ruled, “the legislature intended for the Act to be liberally construed.” The implicit economic issue in this open records suit (again, not addressing Food Procurement abuse) is who will bear the cost/pay for data collection.

In my county the Sheriff has made it abundantly clear from my vantage point the records are open for AL.com or any other entity/individual to inspect. The requested relief in the suit includes (item H on p. 34) the “Defendants must waive all fees associated with Plaintiffs’ requests and produce the records by mail or email.” As one who has dealt with my corrupt County Commission for years, I’ve understood I must incur the cost of going to the agency (in most instances ALDoT) to acquire the desired documents (usu. under the watchful eye of some bureaucrat) and expect to pay for copies/scans - esp. original signed & dated paperwork.

It is easy to see why “Appleseed” plaintiff (as much as I may agree with their data-driven criminal justice reforms) wants someone else to incur the cost/effort of their data collection, but I do not want my State and local governments subsidizing this non-profit’s advocacy unless appropriated by my legislature. If history is any guide they’ll quickly become captured and ineffective once they become beholden to our corrupt politburo for funding. If allowed any ‘tin-foil cap’ ranting type at this juncture, I also find it odd SCHR, a Georgia non-profit is so interested in Alabama. Is there collusion in food contracting? Very believable in a post Felon Hubbard world of little discipline to the political prostitute and unindicted coconspirator ‘johns’ but then it is a corruption, ethics type violation to address to be pursued and applauded.

The lawsuit noted some counties (about a dozen) are excluded because the County Commission has control and oversight over inmate food procurement which opens the door to other jeopardy and corruption - esp. in an outlier county (like Lee, home of the Hubbard Gang) instead of keeping the firewall and responsibility with the Sheriff and staff to more directly discipline and address. Perhaps the most important part of the lawsuit is to get the Sheriff’s checkbook disclosing purchases/disbursements. If it is for the Sheriff’s office checkbook, I applaud it in the letter and spirit of the Open Records Law, if it is for Jay Jones (citizen) personal checkbook, it is out of bounds - i.e., “exempt from the law.”

Sheriff Jones is wise (as one who understands the sovereignty and importance of the position) to want this addressed and more oversight by the State legislature which was designed to keep one eye out for a tyrant at the federal level and the other eye for emerging tyrants as the local level. Do you really

care if the ‘shake-down’ and coercion comes for the central or the local government? Sadly, our forced coalition of states has impeded competition the founders designed and desired between the States. It seems Jones would like to see a standard/uniform system to guide meal provision for all inmates in Alabama. I’m guessing some wonder why something of this sort is not already in place; perhaps to use Jay’s analogy, we’ve not ‘progressed’ from Mayberry as quickly as others. When pressed for what he thought would be a wise outcome for ‘leftovers’ he didn’t reject my thoughts on ‘earmarking’ (I know that’s become a dirty word in M-town) it back to the inmate facility; he seemed a little more interested in still having some flexibility to use a Sheriff’s discretion on “operations” - and yes, I’m sure that doesn’t mean beach houses in Baldwin county for Jay and his bride.

Now that I’ve set myself up for the barrage of nastygrams asserting my advocacy of starving prisoners, other readers may recall my January 2018 writings on Macon County open record requests. The documents Mr. Dillman requested are not “expressly” exempt from the law. County Chair, Louis Maxwell, is one of our public servants who has repeatedly thumbed its nose at the 1989 Chambers v. Birmingham News Co., Alabama Supreme Court ruling “the legislature intended for the Act to be liberally construed.” As record custodian, Maxwell bears the burden of justifying non-release of requested records. In this ‘chain of custody’ between a citizen and a public servant, Maxwell is asserting specific records are not in his “custody” although those records are easily accessible to him via the county’s on-line contractor website.

As a means of retaliation and impeding Dillman, the county unilaterally suspended Alabama Open Records Act while drafting the county plan expecting to tax him \$1 per printed or electronic page records requested during the period of suspension and implementation of their new policy. Our State has not kept pace with the FOIA, specifically the Open Government Act of 2007. Section 9 provides for public records held and managed by government contractors to be classified as public records and available to citizens, regardless of their locations. Macon County has records managed by both WEX, Inc. and Revenue Discovery Service (RDS). RDS records were obtained and released to Dillman while picking and choosing which WEX documents were released.

The only recourse remaining is retain an attorney/expensive litigation Dillman would prefer to spend on paying for copying and collecting this easily obtained data. Seems Macon County is expecting (dare I type hoping?) this citizen will eventually be discouraged and walk away unsatisfied and broke while the county coffers have been enriched to ‘fatigue him into submission’ as grieved in our Declaration of Independence. AG candidate Alice Martin has mentioned the AG’s office has a ‘Consumer Affairs Division’ but lacks a mechanism where a citizen with evidence of a county violating this State law can receive assistance as compared to expensive attorney fees and litigation to obtain public records.

The Act is also silent on the defendant being responsible for citizens’ attorney and court fees if/when the defendant is found in violation of the law further discouraging action to disclose a Sheriff’s office or a county’s records. If the public servant is found guilty of a crime, the citizen(s) deserves to be made whole which is different from paying to aggregate/collect data. An AG opinion states the public entity “should provide free copies,” when possible and not levy unreasonably high cost/fees which undermine the citizen’s right to public record access. I’ll leave it to my readers’ discretion if it is in fact undermining citizens’ rights to examine public records at \$1/page regardless if printed or emailed. Rather than more limitations on the scope of the Act - e.g., specific records related to Agriculture, Railroads, Horse & Greyhound Racing -- demand our legislators review these exemptions and allow citizens to be more knowledgeable of government actions.

I doubt many readers are surprised open records requests have become an integral part of my columns these past months in a State exhibiting increasingly more resolve to discipline the current corrupt politburo members in power. As it has grown more difficult to remove Felon Hubbard types at the ballot box protected by double-dark money, restrictive ballot access laws, hyper-gerrymandering, etc. it takes longer and is more costly to remove them in the courts. Removing access to public records and impeding transparency is the natural progression for political thieves and thugs whether it is to promote athlete abuse, Canaries in the Drummond mine, RSA frAUd or protecting economic development spreading their unsustainable cancer upon our State. Some are looking for those independent and unsoiled by the duopoly crippling Alabama. “This sort of activity at any level of government shows not only a contempt for the law, but for the very voters that elected them. Transparency and fiscal responsibility are the guide stones every elected official should be held to,” said Laura Lane, Chair of the Libertarian Party of Alabama. “Corruption and the sense of being above the law at every level of government are out of control in our state.” Sadly most will keep voting for the duopoly, flip-flopping from blue to red poison wondering why their health in general keeps decaying in between short bouts of feeling better as the one toxin fades for the other to return.

Postscript: Candidate Casson participated in the 2014 Alabama GOP fundraising scheme paying \$3480 for access to the Republican primary. The fee allowed access on the ballot against 12 year incumbent Congressman Mike Rogers. Some economists argue this ‘user fee’ belongs to taxpayers funding private party primary elections the State is NOT obliged to provide; Alabama must provide general elections. During that campaign Casson was shunned by establishment Republican clubs espousing promises of ‘neutrality’ in publicly funded primary races. After receiving 24% of the primary vote Thomas decided to do some unorthodox campaigning in 2018. First he legally changed his name to Thomas ‘Sick of DC’ Casson to run as an independent in the November general election, claiming he could not again reward the GOP with another \$3480 after Hubbard, Bentley, and Strange scandals. The 5,000 signature requirement to run as an independent is nonetheless daunting; he must waste effort, money and time accumulating signatures the Secretary of State then wastes even more resources on as the arbiter of what’s a valid petition signature. It is time to have all Parties pay for their own primaries (or conventions, smoke filled rooms, etc.) and all candidates pay the marginal cost to be placed on general election ballots. Last month Casson submitted one-fifth of the required petitions, I’ll report on how many are validated by Secretary Merrill when recorded - Mr. Casson has a very long road to November...



Making America Great Again

By John Martin

*The views of this editorial may not
express the views of The
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Today, we are nearing the midpoint of Donald Trump’s second year. So far, he has done some very good things:

1. Ended our subjugation to the Paris Climate Agreement.
2. Put the brakes on mass migration of potentially dangerous people.
3. Reduced illegal immigration by 67%.
4. Re-opened the coal mines and re-established jobs for the miners.
5. Withdrew from the job-threatening

Trans-Pacific Partnership.

6. Revived essential pipelines that will ensure a dependable supply of petroleum.
7. Scrapped DACA.
8. Set restrictions on lobbying.

Here are some important duties yet to be done:

1. Amend (or repeal) the 14th amendment to end “birthright”

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Ed Jones
Staff Sports Editor

To Go or Not to Go That is the question

(Too Late for Pettway, Holland, Scarbrough)



Believe it or not, coaches are not just money hungry, self centered opportunists. They are not heartless, uncaring individuals who only care about winning. They are not manipulators who use players to advance their own agendas. With few exceptions, coaches become emotionally attached to their coaches and their players for life. For the players this occurs from the beginning of the recruiting process through graduation, through professional careers, through connections with their families and yes, through their entire life. The captain of my first football team, Charlie Goodson is 74 years old. He lives in Metairie, Louisiana. Charlie owns a very successful restaurant there. He has made a lot more money than I ever have and I am really proud of what he has accomplished. About every five years or so my wife, Betty, and some of Charlie's teammates and their wives usually Ricky Clark from Atlanta and Jack Davis from Mobile, get together in New Orleans, enjoy food, fellowship and a Saints football game. That is just one example of how I stay in touch with players. It is very rewarding to know that these guys that I "abused" enjoy being with us down through the years.

This is not to say that coaches are angelic in their pursuit of success on the football field. Sometimes coaches make mistakes in handling a player. This sometimes results in a player transferring, or just giving up football all together NFL great Jerry Cramer was asked about how Coach Vince Lombardi handled his Green Bay Packer players. Cramer, an All-Pro Guard replied, *"He treated us all the same, like dogs."* This was partially true. Successful coaches treat every player the same when it comes to team rules, team goals and team practices. However, successful coaches know who needs encouragement, who needs more discipline, who is struggling with outside issues, who he can push and who he has to pull across the finish line. It is a tedious and complicated process. Every player is treated the same, but every one is treated individually as well.

In addition to winning games, sometimes you watch a young man put his hip pads on backwards in his first practice. Then he grows to become a college player with a full scholarship, have a successful professional career in the field of his choice, have a successful family and personify what a good citizen should be like. These are the rewards that keep people in the coaching profession. Having gone way too deep into the psyche of a successful coach, let's look at some things more interesting.



Minkah Fitzpatrick

First of four Alabama players picked in the first round - 11th pick in the draft

Some of the products that Nick Saban, Gus Malzahn and Neil Brown have produced will get a chance to play in the National Football League this year.

It has always concerned me when a player with one more year of college eligibility declares for the NFL Draft. These juniors have a choice of going or staying. What should they do? Some are as ready for the NFL as they will ever be. Some are borderline and some definitely need another year to mature, work on their skills and improve their draft status after their senior year. These players seek advice from their head coach,

their position coach and other personnel on the football staff. Without exception, most head coaches want what is best for the player as well as what is best for the football team. The coaches will help the player get a professional opinion from their contacts in the NFL ranks. Early information can come from scouts who either have a geographic territory or an assignment to scout certain teams. They are not going to give the wrong information because their livelihood depends on their relations with the coach. Smart players listen to their coaches and to the scout's evaluation. There is even a process by which a player can get a comprehensive evaluation as to his draft status without affecting his eligibility to play his senior year. So, there is really no reason for a junior football player not know his best chances for the draft.

Armed with this information a player can seek the advice of his parents, his family attorney, his preacher, uncle Bob, aunt Susie, cousin Jeffrey or virtually anyone else whose opinion he would trust. As long as he does not hire an agent, the player has the opportunity to fully investigate what would be the right decision for him and his family. In some cases the family is in really dire financial stress which would encourage the player just to take his chances and hope that he gets drafted high enough to make that decision worthwhile. Most of the time this is not the case, but family and friends start seeing dollar bills floating into their bank accounts and put pressure on the players to declare for the draft. They can already see their piece of the pie. This puts enormous pressure on a 20 year old post juvenile. Unfortunately, players don't listen to the people who are trying to help them the most, the coaches. They declare for the draft and pass up their scholarship, their graduation and their opportunity to significantly improve their draft status by playing one more year in college. In the following few paragraphs, we will look at some decisions that were good and some that were not so good.

Coaches generally advise a player to go if they are projected in the first or second round. There is a lucrative signing bonus for these draftees, especially those taken in the first round. There is a base salary now in the NFL for rookies so the first contract for these players is not as lucrative as in the past. So, it is important to get a signing bonus. This is money in the bank regardless of how your career turns out.

Alabama set an SEC record by having 12 players drafted in the seven rounds of the NFL draft this year. In addition, five Crimson Tide players signed as undrafted free agents, making a total of 17 players that will begin the fall camp on the roster of some NFL team!

In the first round DB Minkah Fitzpatrick went to Miami, NG Da'Ron Payne-Washington, Rashaan Evans-Tennessee, WR Calvin Ridley-Atlanta. All four of these juniors at Alabama made the right decisions. In the third round DB Ronnie Harrison went to Jacksonville. This junior would have benefited from another year at Alabama. In my opinion, he would have been a top ten pick next year. Third round is not bad. In the sixth round LB Shaun Hamilton went to Washington and C Bradley Bozeman to Baltimore. I have some question about Hamilton being picked this late. He is at least a late

first round or early second round talent, but he fell this far because of two significant injuries to the same knee. This was a close call. He obviously was concerned about more serious damage to the knee or another debilitating injury in which case he would not have been drafted at all next year. He probably made the right choice.

In the seventh and last round, junior RB Bo Scarbrough went to Dallas. Scarbrough is a mystery to me. He bolted on the scene three years ago as the next great running back at Alabama. He has had a few good games, but has really not been reliable, game in and game out. At 230 lbs. and with excellent speed, he may catch fire at the pro level and become one of the running backs at Dallas. He would have never improved his draft status by coming back. Alabama has several backs that are better than Scarbrough. So, I think that leaving Alabama was really the only choice he had. He could have transferred to a 1AA or D2 team, made a name for himself, thereby improving his NFL stock.

Alabama's undrafted free agents were CB Tony Brown-Chargers, C J.C. Hassenauer-Atlanta, WR Cam Sims-Washington, WR Robert Foster and CB Levi Wallace both signed with Buffalo. These five free agents were all seniors.

Auburn had no first round picks, but All-American offensive lineman, Braden Smith and RB Kerryon Johnson, were drafted early in the second round. Smith is a senior and went to Indianapolis. Johnson is a junior and made the right choice to declare early. He was picked up by the Detroit Lions who are in dire need of an every down back. DB Carlton Davis, another junior, went deep into the third round to Tampa Bay. He would have improved his stock in a big way had he returned for this senior year. PK Daniel Carlson got a sweet deal in the fourth round being picked by Minnesota, which means he will be kicking in a controlled environment at home games in the dome. Undrafted free agents from Auburn were DB Tray Mathews-Minnesota, junior RB Kam Pettway-Minnesota and DE Jeff Holland, a junior, went to Denver.

Holland is one of those sad cases in my opinion. Someone convinced him to leave Auburn early and it cost him. He may make it in Denver but his decision costs him a "bundle" in guaranteed money had he come back. He would have been one of the top defensive ends in the country and probably drafted in the second or third round next year.

Kameron Pettway is a disaster. He has only played one full season at running back where he lead the SEC in rushing during the 2016 season. After a shoulder injury in the 2017 Arkansas game, he drifted away from reality and made some bad decisions that put him in the doghouse with Coach Gus Malzahn, so he didn't really have a choice to come back, but desperately needed to. He would have benefited by playing his senior year at Jacksonville State.

Coach Neil Brown has his Troy Trojans making noise. He had two players picked up in free agency, QB Brandon Silvers and RB Jordan Chunn. Silvers will learn from the master, Drew Brees at New Orleans and Chunn will try his power out on the Dallas practice field. Silvers has a good chance of playing in a few years. At 240 lbs., Chunn must battle through a lot of running backs but he has the talent to catch on with some NFL team.

It is just like in any other endeavor that we undertake. Sometimes we make the right choice and sometimes we don't. However, we always have to live with the consequences. At The Alabama Gazette, we wish all of these young men success in the NFL.

We will be watching!



Bo Scarbrough
7th round pick in the draft



Kam Pettway
Undrafted



Jeff Holland
Undrafted



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WHERE HAVE ALL THE TURKEYS GONE?

As we approach the end of the 2018 spring turkey season, I look back and cannot recall a season as rough and tough as 2018. This past season I only killed one gobbler and had a miss on video. I did not call in any birds for other hunters for the first time in a long time. What happened to the turkeys in 2018?

I did not hear or see the number of birds that I have seen in Alabama in the past, but I'm not by myself. According to the wonderful world of social media, all my fellow turkey hunters are experiencing the same difficulties that I have gone through; not hearing gobblers, not seeing birds, and just finding it very difficult to kill a bird this past season.

I think back to past seasons and remember the great success that I use to have in the Alabama Turkey woods. Driving down the Alabama highways and seeing flocks of birds strutting and displaying for the ladies in the meadows and the fields. 2018 arrives, and I'm not seeing the birds in the fields while driving down the highways. Where in the world have all the turkeys gone?

Last week on Facebook I posted a picture of a strutting gobbler and said, "There are only 7 days left in Bama turkey season and it has been a rough and tough year." Boy I could not believe the response I got from my fellow hunters, and the general consensus was the population is way down.

I'm no biologist but I have several ideas as to why the population is declining. Remember I am not a wildlife biologist but I do consider myself to be an avid outdoorsman and just like all my camo brothers and sisters, I have some opinions.

Number 1, Predators. There is no doubt in my mind that the coons are busting up the nests and sucking out the eggs. Coyotes and bobcats are also on the rise as I am seeing more of these critters each year and I believe they do a number on Turkeys. Hogs have the best nose in the woods and I'm sure they are getting into the nest and getting a belly full of eggs. We all know that a snake loves to get in a chicken house but I would bet a few nests fall to the belly walkers.

Number 2, Habitat. Alabama is certainly a predominately pine tree state, especially in the central and south parts of the state. Turkeys love to strut in a fresh clear-cut pine stand, and it's probably good for a couple years, but once that thick vegetation starts setting in the only thing it provides for the turkey is a nesting area on the edge. I do believe a pine plantation is good for the turkeys if it is properly managed, thinned, and burned every 3-5 years.

Number 3, Baiting, or Supplemental Feeding. I strongly believe that supplemental feeding or baiting has done more harm than good. The reason being



*Turkeys shot in South Dakota last year,
Dan Schofield, Terry Sieveke, Steve Long and Hunter Smith*

that our land has a natural land capacity, and by artificially providing for the wildlife, we have increased our predators' populations. Coons have increased in number, pigs are everywhere, and the coyotes and Bobcats have free reign to roam. We've also got a few folks in the legislature who want to legalize hunting over bait. Come on man, that's not hunting! Remember, feeding increases the chance of disease in deer and turkey.

I'm sure we could come up with several more reasons that the population is declining, but I feel that if we don't reverse this trend it will only get worse.

I do know that our Conservation Department is on top of this situation and has programs in place to help with this problem. Many studies are underway to possibly validate what we turkey hunters are seeing in our woods. The Avid Turkey hunter survey is in its 4th year of a 5-year study, and hopefully we will have some positive solutions to a very negative problem.

If you get a chance, and you have an opinion call Rob and I up on Cast&Blast on Saturday mornings at (334)240-9230 or 1-800-239-9544, because we want to hear from you. Here's to hoping we can keep our hunting tradition just as rich tomorrow as it is today, so get out there, enjoy the Outdoors, and go get'em!

Kritter Korner

Raccoons nocturnal or diurnal?

What to do if you encounter a raccoon out in the day. If you see a raccoon, no matter what time of day, leave it alone it's a wild animal. Never try to feed it or approach it. Seeing a raccoon out in the day isn't an immediate cause for alarm. There are many reasons why this nocturnal animal might be out and about. If you live in an urban setting, or if the year has been bad for food, raccoons will change their habits to fit when food is most available. If you always put your garbage out in the afternoon, the raccoons in the area will learn that and if you leave food out for your outdoor domestic animals they will keep coming and paying a visit in fact if it's a everyday habit feeding out side don't be surprised if you have

numerous raccoons and even opossums, skunks, etc feeding there. If you see several raccoons together during the day it's a mother with young called a "nursery" and a mother with young is like a grizzly bear with cubs so don mistake her grunting and growling at you for rabies they are teaching their young to forge for food. Raccoons are creatures of habit and

will stay close where there is a food and water source. A raccoon out in the daytime that is lingering in your yard, seems overly friendly, is acting unstable, lethargic, or is walking in odd patterns, should be reported to the animal control or your State DNR. Your local animal control or state DNR will come out and dispatch the raccoon that may be ill. The body is then sent to the health department where it will be evaluated for possible infectious disease. Aside from odd behavior, seeing a raccoon out in daylight does not always mean the creature is ill. Humans are active primarily during the day, but if you get up to go to the bathroom in the middle of the night, you hope your neighbor doesn't assume you are a threat.

Is a raccoon that is active during the daytime rabid? Rarely is a raccoon rabid when it is active during the daytime. While daytime behavior could be an indicator of rabies, finding a raccoon during the day isn't sufficient evidence to qualify that raccoon as rabid.

As most people are already aware, raccoons are primarily nocturnal creatures. They normally spend the lighter hours of the day near their den, asleep. However, since raccoons have high adaptability, and can change their habits to find the best available source of food, it's not surprising to see them active during the day. This is especially true of urban raccoons that forage from commercial and residential garbage cans, and of raccoons that are brave enough to seek handouts from passersby.

Rabid raccoons do exhibit abnormal behaviors, including walking around during the day, but finding one during the lighter hours isn't enough to call a raccoon rabid. Depending on the time of year, it's likely that a diurnal raccoon could be partaking in the mating season, if it has not done so already. Additionally, a mother raccoon out with her kits during the day is more than likely taking them on a hunting trip, to show them how to forage.

There are a number of reasons why raccoons will venture out into the sunlight. If a daytime raccoon is in fact rabid, it is easily distinguishable from its healthy counterparts. There are several, telltale symptoms of a sick raccoon which most

people can recognize immediately, with careful observation and a little forehand knowledge.

Normal raccoons behave deliberately, with steady physical movements, but sick raccoons will appear disoriented, and have been known to walk in circles, stagger, and even fall over. Also, sick raccoons will appear lethargic, overly aggressive, or overly friendly (though this may also be true of raccoons adjusted to being fed by humans). A raccoon with apparently paralyzed hind legs, or a raccoon dragging its hind legs behind it, are also indicative of rabies. Of course, foaming at the mouth and sensitivity to light and sound are both dead giveaways. In short, if a raccoon looks and acts sick, then it should be clear what's going on.

Caution should be exercised around all wildlife, including raccoons. If you happen to come across a raccoon in the daytime, do not approach. More often than not, a healthy raccoon out and about will be on its merry way without a human's intervention. If it appears that the animal is foraging from local dumpsters or garbage cans, try locking the lids or putting them out at different times of the day, respectively. The problem should then solve itself.

If you find a raccoon using your house as a den in your attic, contact a local wildlife removal expert for assistance. Raccoons left unchecked can cause severe damage to homes, leaving homeowners with massive repair bills.

If you suspect a raccoon is sick, contact animal control immediately. Only those who are licensed to do so may tranquilize any animal, in order to assess the animal's needs and put them down if necessary. If you are not sure, contact a local wildlife rehabilitator and they can help you determine whether the animal needs help.

Remember it is illegal for a private individual to trap wildlife without a license from your state DNR. The law says a wild animal is not supposed to be removed from its environment. So if you have wildlife nuisance problem contact license professionals. I specialize in handicap; disabled and special needs raccoons. If you have any questions about raccoons contact me at kritterkids@yahoo.com. When in doubt give a wildlife professional a shout.

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Social Security Honors The Nation’s Heroes On Memorial Day

On Memorial Day, we honor service members who have given their lives for our nation. Social Security acknowledges the heroism and courage of our military service members, and we remember those who have given their lives to protect our country. Part of how we honor these heroes is the way we provide Social Security benefits.

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Service members can also receive Social Security in addition to military retirement benefits. The good news is that your military retirement benefit generally does not reduce your Social Security retirement benefit. Learn more about Social Security retirement benefits at www.socialsecurity.gov/retirement. You may also want to visit the Military Service page of our Retirement Planner, available at www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/retire/veterans.html.

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In acknowledgment of those who died for our country, those who served, and those who serve today, we at Social Security honor and thank you.

Making America Great Again

Continued from page 6A By John Martin

- citizenship for illegal aliens’ children to terminate the “anchor baby” crisis.
2. Shut down all public assistance that has become a magnet for illegal aliens.
 3. Be choosy about who we allow to immigrate. Accept only those who treasure American independence and individual liberty. Reject those who want to transform our culture into collectivism and/or one that is alien to our values and principles.
 4. STOP the idiotic tariffs. Give us genuine free trade; in other words, don’t mess with it.
 5. End drug prohibition. It is just as dangerous as alcohol prohibition. Stop the outlandish incarceration of millions of people for victimless “crimes.”
 6. Stop civil asset forfeiture.
 7. Put serious restraints on over-reaching and abusive government agencies—EPA, OSHA, DEA, EEOC, ATF, FBI, and many others.

8. Shut down programs and agencies we are better off without—Education, Energy, etc.
9. Do everything possible to roll back government regulation and spending. Tax cuts are fine, but they must be tempered with spending cuts. The runaway Obama deficit juggernaut must be halted.
10. And finally, here is the big one. STOP the warmongering. Bring our troops home—ALL of them. Get them out of the Middle East, Africa—wherever they may be. Gather our ships, planes, and materiel, and bring them home.

America should never try to be the world’s overlord. We have no business meddling into the affairs of other nations. It does not help anybody. Look at our past wars since WWII. Every last one did more harm than good. When rulers of other countries kill a few dozen people, why do we over-react by spending billions and billions of our treasure to slaughter and maim many thousands, including thousands of our own people?

How does that help anybody? Who are we

saving? For example, George W. Bush invaded Iraq, bombed it into oblivion, killed many thousands, destroyed the infrastructure, and finally assassinated Saddam Hussein. Guess who filled in the vacuum—the Taliban and ISIS.

Our war in the Middle East has killed hundreds of thousands, including several thousand Americans who had no legitimate business even being put over there. America’s tab for this unconscionable destruction, so far, has been about \$7 trillion dollars.

So Donald, you promised to get us out of the Mideast entanglement. When are you going to keep that promise? If you really want to make America great again, we must stop the wars and the meddling. Leave other countries alone. Let them settle their own disputes. When others commit terrible war crimes, DON’T join them.

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Southern Cuisine

Let us pray that May will be kinder to the food industry than it was with April. My wife and I spent an evening checking UPC codes on our egg cartons and trying to find out where our lettuce came from.

Luckily, our eggs were not of the 200 million eggs that were recalled due to Salmonella fears. In addition, the romaine lettuce we had was not part of a prepackaged salad mix. The lettuce recall was for about 8,750 pounds of salad mix. I am not going to say I told you so but I did tell you several times that the more the food is processed that more likely something can go wrong with it. If you bought your romaine and other lettuces separately and

practiced safe food handling procedures you will rarely be scrambling around locating UPC codes after you have consumed the product that has been contaminated. This is not the first big recall for lettuce that was bagged and pre-chopped romaine grown in Yuma, Arizona.

The egg recall is another thing altogether. Egg producers and suppliers must follow a host of safety measures since we wash and refrigerate our eggs. The washing removes a thin membrane form the eggshell that prevents moisture and bacteria from getting into the egg. Europeans skip the washing in favor of vaccinating the chickens. Washing and cooling the eggs lengthens the shelf life from 21 to 50 days. No matter what procedure is used, there can still be contaminated eggs. A properly cooked egg is the best defense.

After I read the articles about the lettuce and egg recalls, I started my usual surf through the web. Lo and behold, Sonic is selling Pickle Juice Slushies starting in June. This is the first pickle slushie sold by a national chain. There is a local spot in Sparta, Tennessee where the pickle slushie is available. There is a pickle snow cone called the Piccadilly that is popular in the Southwest. I guess it is just an extension of the pickle vodka, pickle Pringles, and Heluva Good dill pickle dip. You can dip your fried dill pickle chips in your dill pickle dip. The use of pickle brine has been common in southern restaurants for some time. Used as a marinade for chicken thighs before breading and frying and used to tenderize chicken wings before frying. It is added to the mayonnaise in potato salads and pimento cheese to subdue the richness of the cheese and mayonnaise. The pickle juice can also substitute for the vinegar in salad dressings.

Once you get your lettuce and eggs under control, besides celebrating that the third week in May is International Pickle week, you can celebrate that the month of May is National Egg Month and National Salad Month. Salads do not fill me up unless I load it up with everything besides greens. Eggs fill me up but they all taste the same unless you add many other yummy bits. My favorite item to add to salads and eggs is cheese. It fills you up and there are hundreds if not more types of cheese. Food fact: there are over 1800 specialty cheeses from over 70 countries. Just in the United States, the list starts at acapella, a goat milk cheese that has a buttery taste and comes from California, to zwister, a cow's milk cheese that is tangy and semi hard from Utah. These are two of the over 200 varieties of cheeses in the United States. I counted nine types just in the cheese drawer of my refrigerator.

Cheese adds a variety of tastes and textures to a menu. Moreover, it can be eaten for every meal during the day. Moreover, you will not be surprised to know that cheddar cheese and mozzarella are by far the most popular cheeses in America. Cheddar is typed by its taste, mild, medium, or sharp. In addition, it is classified as a semisoft to hard cheese. A low moisture content variant of mozzarella has been specifically formulated and prepared for use on pizza. Breaded mozzarella sticks and string cheese are popular snack foods.

There are cheeses that you can grill. The best to grill or fry is Haloumi due to its high melting point. It is delicious, and as such, one of the biggest issues it poses is the risk of overeating. Tip: An 8 ounce chunk equates to 680 calories, 54 grams of fat and almost 3000mg of sodium, hence when it comes to haloumi, portion control is crucial.

Like any perishable food, there are procedures to follow so you do not end up as a statistic from the CDC.

Keep your cheese refrigerated and in a sealed airtight container. Store between 32 degrees and 40 degrees Fahrenheit. Remember high-moisture and soft cheeses have a shorter shelf life. Hard and semi hard cheeses may be frozen for up to 8 weeks, but should then only be used for grating, shredding and cooking.

We have covered eggs, salad, and cheese. Let's make a pizza! The recipe I found did not want me to make the pizza crust from scratch, but I wanted something that would work eating it with my hands.

Breakfast Pizza

This easy, homemade breakfast pizza has bacon, eggs, tomatoes, spinach, and cheese. Note, I tried this recipe with garlic-flavored naan, but the pre-cooked bread over-cooked before the eggs were cooked.

I need to tweak the recipe some, because the naan worked well with this recipe. Serves 2

Ingredients

- Packaged store bought pizza crust, any brand you like, just do not use a pre-cooked crust. Enough to make two eight-inch pizzas.
- 2 ounces cream cheese softened (optional)
- Handful baby spinach
- 4 ounces (1/2 cup) shredded mozzarella cheese or more to suit your taste
- 8-10 cherry tomatoes, sliced in half



- Two large eggs
- Four strips cooked bacon, chopped
- Kosher salt
- Fresh ground black pepper

Directions

- Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
- Spread the cream cheese thinly on each crust.
- Top the crust with spinach, mozzarella, and tomatoes, leaving the center open for the egg. Make a slight indentation in the center of the crust to keep the egg from running out. Gently break an egg the center of each crust and finish with bacon.
- Bake 12 to 14 minutes, until the crust has browned and the egg white is set. Season with salt and pepper.

You have seen the warnings on menus about eating undercook eggs, so cook them accordingly.



I have been finding recipes for typical Southern meals that are not your run of the mill recipes. I am a fan of fried catfish, but it tastes so much better when someone else that has the right equipment and the practice to turn out corn meal battered catfish, steamy hot and tender. I have been cleaning up my BBQ pits, in anticipation for a long productive grilling season. And I plan to grill more fish this summer. Therefore, what better way to start than with grilled catfish?

Grilled Catfish

with Tomato Olive Relish

Ingredients

- 1 cup chopped Kalamata olives
- 1 ½ cups chopped cherry tomatoes
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- One tablespoon chopped parsley
- Zest from one lemon
- ¼-cup feta cheese
- Two six-ounce U.S. farmed raised catfish fillets



Serves two

Directions

- Pre-heat grill to medium high and wipe with olive oil to prevent sticking.
- Combine the olives, tomatoes, olive oil, feta, lemon zest, and parsley in a bowl.
- Gently warm the relish so it is not cold when you top the fish.
- Grill the fish fillets until they start to flake. About 3-4 minute per side.
- Place fillets on warm plates and top with relish.

If you were eating fried catfish at a fast food restaurant, French fries would be a common side. So why not have potatoes with your grilled catfish. Since the catfish is not fried, we will not fry the potatoes either. These potatoes will have a much better plate presentation than ordinary fries.

Tattooed Potatoes

with Parsley and Rosemary

Ingredients

- 2 ounces (4 tablespoons) unsalted butter
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 4 small-medium baking (russet) potatoes
- 8 fresh flat-leaf parsley leaves and/or fresh rosemary sprigs
- Coarse salt
- Fresh ground pepper
- Roasting pan or glass baking dish
- Serves 4 to 8



Directions

- Heat oven to 450 degrees F. Place roasting pan or dish in oven with olive oil and butter; once butter has melted, just a minute or two later, remove from oven.
- Halve each potato lengthwise. Place one parsley leaf in the center of four halves and a rosemary sprig on the other four, then sprinkle cut sides generously with salt and pepper.
- Arrange face down in pan with melted butter; try not to nudge them around or the leaves will move.
- Roast potatoes for 35 to 45 minutes (depending on size) until tender. There is no need to turn the potatoes over unless they get so dark underneath that they risk overcooking before becoming fully tender. This can happen with a metal roasting pan or an oven that runs hot. If the potato is tender, lift up one and check underneath for some browning of the potato. **Serve immediately; cut sides up.**

May is the last month of spring, so enjoy your days outside. Summer is coming!

“Preserve summer in glass jars. Make jam.” Helen Simpson

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Southern Gardening

Potpourri for May by Peggy Givhan

Where are all the May Day parades, and the fun children would have making May Poles and then dancing and weaving the colorful ribbons hanging down. Perhaps people are too busy, or have forgotten how much fun group activities can be. The garden can and should also be a location for group activity. With the beautiful weather this month, children and grandchildren would love to be included in outdoor endeavors, with gardening at the top of my list. Of course a little supervision is warranted, but letting them help with weeding, adding soil, planting new flowers fertilizing, plus making up a plan for the flowers and showing them how to follow the scheme. We all know in our hearts that adults and children alike need a break from social media "work". Also we may think about letting them have their very own garden space or container that will be theirs to tend. What a sense of accomplishment when their flowers grow and mature from their efforts. Not only a useful skill for children, but a good solid learning experience.

Garden tasks for May

1. If your garden includes climbing roses such a Lady Banks, or any climbers, now is the time, right after they bloom, to prune the canes back to 4 to 5 feet long. The new growth can to trained with supports or as the English use Wayward Vine supports which attach to walls or solid fences with a type of exterior putty. The pruning encourages new growth and makes for a more vigorous rose.
2. Whether it is a rose, fruit trees, other shrubs and trees, now is a good time to inspect for disease and/or other pests. It far easier to kill the culprits now, than later, when the plant has gone to wrack and ruin. For roses, we worry about powdery mildew and black spot symptoms. One must treat the rose with a fungicide. Remember overhead watering of the rose is not recommended, but rather to deliver water directly into the soil. In other words, do not wet the foliage. Gather up and throw out any dead infected leaves to prevent disease from spreading. Also, when applying any insecticide or fungicide, the better choice would be to don a mask. In other words, who would want to breathe in a poison.
3. If the garden area is cleared of weeds and mulch, a regular 10-10-10 commercial grade fertilizer will be fine, just make sure to water this in. The Osmocote or time released type of fertilizers are very costly and can be used after the plants are established. We use this fertilizer mainly in the summer when regular fertilizers may burn the leaves when applied. But always water after fertilizing whether the plantings are in pots or in the garden.
4. If your plan calls for flowers grown from seed, we can sow the seed throughout May. Zinnias and cosmos are great choices to add to the garden. In fact, these do better sown than getting up the seedlings and transplanting. Once the seedling germinate, you can always thin to the

- desired number of plants. Liquid fertilizers are the preferred food for these tender plants.
5. Herbs grown from seed or purchased plants adds novelty and interest to the flower garden or start an herb bed. I love my parsley, both the Italian flat leafed or curly; also basil, dill, fennel, cilantro and rosemary. These are herbs I use in recipes constantly. Thyme, oregano and marjoram are also easy to grow and make a great addition to any Italian recipe. All of these herbs can be purchased a garden centers and nurseries now. Remember that herbs benefit from picking which stimulates growth. Many herbs, especially the ones from the Mediterranean climates do not like to be over watered.
6. If you have an irrigation system, have it checked out before the heat of the summer when system repairs can take weeks due to the repair companies being swamped with calls. Otherwise, hours can be spent just to keep your beautiful garden alive.

Plant of the month---DAYLILIES (Hermeracallis)

We can thank the Chinese for this popular garden perennial, which was cultivated for food, medicine and ornament for over 2500 years. The roots and leaves were used for pain relievers and other medicinal purposes; the flowers and flower buds and young leaves were eaten as vegetables. These first appeared in Europe in the 16th century with the yellow or lemon daylily arriving first. Even today, we can see wild daylilies along the side of the road, in old cemeteries, and around abandoned houses. Some have even called them "out-house" lilies because of the propensity of gardeners to plant them around outdoor privies. They are tough, easy to naturalize, and beautiful when planted in large drifts. They range in every color, and even variegated. They bloom in spring and summer and require full sun to partial shade. There are varieties that thrive from zone 3 to zone 9. Buy a few and in a few years, you will have many more.



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Keeping A Positive Attitude

Most of us have heard or read many a message about the importance of having a positive attitude. However, if you are like me, I need to be reminded regularly in my life journey about the powerful impact my attitude has on myself and others around me! To a great degree, your attitude will determine your impact, your peace and your legacy.

My absolute favorite quote about the importance of a positive attitude is from Chuck Swindoll:

" The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failure, than success, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness, or skill. It will make or break a company, a church or a home. The remarkable thing is that we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change the past. Nor can we change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We also cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is a our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10 percent what happens to me and 90 percent how I react to it. And so it is with you--- we are in charge of our attitudes."

Over the years, I have remembered and often quoted this to my myself and to others. Much of life truly is determined by how we respond to people and to situations. Our success in life and in business, regardless of the business we are in, is greatly determined by our attitude. We have all known people who had all the gifts, skills and head knowledge to be very successful yet for some reason they never seem to fully reach their potential. There are many others who may be somewhat lacking in formal education and/ or great skills, yet they have been able to reach a high level of success in business and significance in life. I believe that one of the key determining factors to their success has to do with their positive attitude. A positive attitude is a game changer and is often the key determining factor.

In a study done several years ago, The Carnegie Institute concluded that 15 percent of success is due to skill development, education and technical training. The other 85 percent is due to personality, and the key personality trait the research identified was attitude!

So, how does one keep a positive attitude? It's easy when everything is going your way and life is good. And, while some people seem to possess a naturally positive attitude, I believe most of us have to work at it. But how do you develop and maintain a positive attitude through the many ups and downs of your life as well as your business? Or, if you're struggling to be positive, how do you change your attitude?

As a Christian, I find my hope in Christ, and I look to the teachings of Jesus, the Bible and to certain Christian authors or teachers for inspiration, guidance and direction.

Here are **SIX IMPORTANT KEYS** I've discovered over the years that help me keep and maintain a positive attitude and/or change my attitude:

1) Take Heart in Christ

" I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."
- Jesus, John 16:33
"Guard your heart above all else for it determines the course of your life."
- Proverbs 4:23

By God's grace, I strive to be defined by how Jesus views me and my heart not by how others may view me. This is the condition of my heart - Through Christ I am saved by God's grace not by anything that I have done or need to do. (Ephesians 2:8-9) Therefore, I take heart in the fact that I am a new creature in Christ designed to live an abundant life and to fulfill His purpose for my life. He came to set all of us free to live life as an adventure. We can experience His peace in our hearts in the midst of the many trials and sorrows. Take heart, we are overcomers through Christ! Remember, the Word of God is your sword (Ephesians 6:17), and your greatest defensive and offensive weapon when it comes to protecting your heart and your attitudes.

2) Seek to have the attitude of Christ

" You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had."
- Paul, Philippians 2:5

Jesus was humble. Jesus looked for the best in others. Jesus didn't ever seek revenge. Jesus forgave. Jesus fully trusted in the Father as his source. Jesus sought to serve rather than to be served. I seek to remind myself each day to have the attitude of Jesus in my feelings towards others and my dealings with all people and circumstances.

3) Think on positive things

" Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable- if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-- think on these things."
- Paul, Philippians 4:8

Thoughts precede actions. Therefore, your thoughts will determine your ultimate direction. What you think about impacts what you talk about which impacts the actions you take and the decisions you make. That's one reason the Bible tells us to take every thought captive to make it obedient to Christ. (2 Cor. 10:5) If we will "think on these things", as described in Philippians, we will see a shift in our attitude!

4) Choose to be with positive people

" So encourage each other and build each other up... Paul, 1 Thessalonians 5:11
" A friend loves at all times." - Proverbs 17:17
" He who walks with wise people will be wise. But the companion of fools will suffer harm." - Proverbs 13:20
" Do not be deceived: Bad company corrupts good character." - 1 Corinthians 15:33

It is vital, I have learned, to choose my close friends very carefully. My closest friends are very strong Christ followers who have very positive attitudes. They build me up and encourage me, but they are also people who are not afraid to speak truth into my life.

I'm very blessed to have my wife as my best friend. I also have several very

close friends that I see and talk to regularly. It's hard for me to imagine having a positive attitude in my life without my wife, my kids, my close friends and my church family.

5) Speak positively

The Bible teaches that your words have the power to impact you and others!
" The words of the godly are a life giving fountain." - Proverbs 10:11
"How sweet your words taste to me; they are sweeter than honey." - Psalms 119:103
" Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them." - Paul, Ephesians 4:29

My friend, Dr. Jay Wolf, Senior Pastor at First Baptist Church in Montgomery, wrote an excellent article a months ago about the power of words. He is exactly right when he states we have to learn to manage our mouths for the sake of others and for our own sakes too. Because it impacts our attitude and the attitudes of others around us.

Author John Maxwell states that if you want to change your attitude then you must do the following two things:

First,
Say the right words
Read the right books
Listen to the right teachings
Be with the right people
Do the right things
Pray the right prayers

Second,
Do number one every day, not just once or only when you feel like it, and watch your life change for the better.

6) Pray Positive Prayers


I pray everyday. I try to pray specifically about particular situations, and, often, I pray out loud when I'm by myself. I'm honest with the Lord in my prayers and sometimes I will vent to the Lord if I'm discouraged or upset. But I also claim His promises and pray positively and boldly claiming His grace and power over my life, my marriage, my family, my church and my friends!

I close with this. One of my favorite prayers that helps me stay positive and at peace in the ups and downs of life is the Serenity Prayer written by Reinhold Niebuhr. I encourage you to look it up and read it in it's entirety. But here is the first part of this powerful prayer which I pray regularly:

The Serenity Prayer

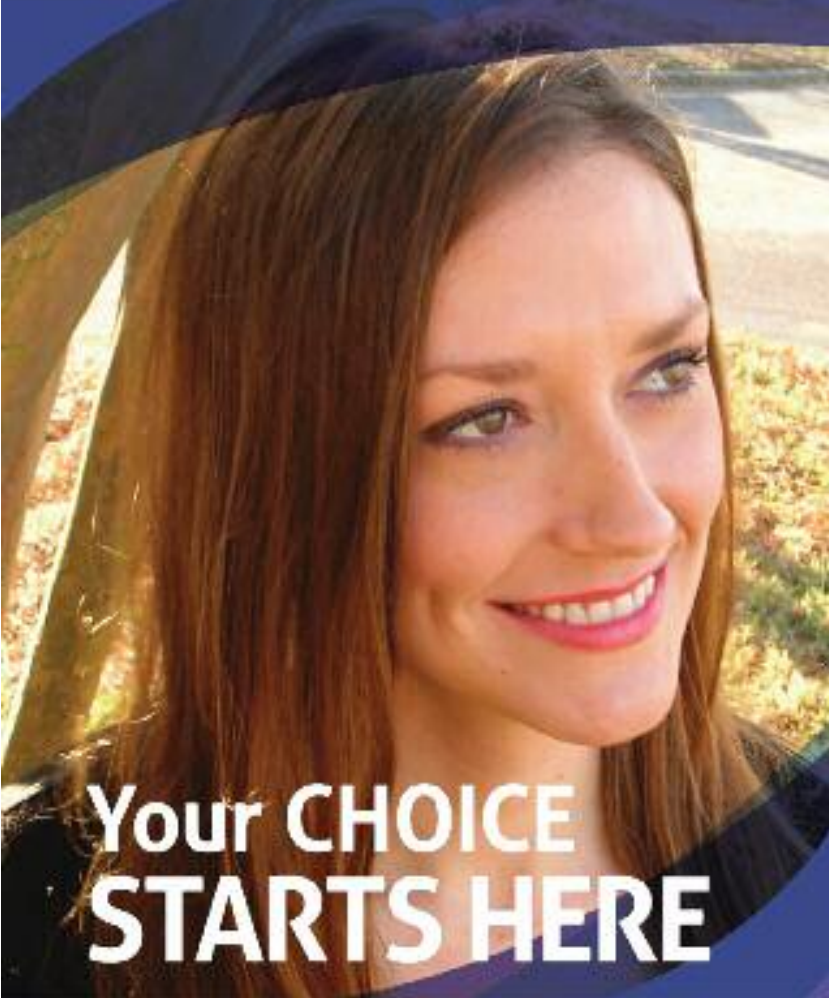
*"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change.
The courage to change the things I can.
And the wisdom to know the difference...."*

Practice these six keys to keeping a positive attitude, and I believe you will see a major difference in your outlook on life! You will also experience the joy of having a positive impact on everyone around you!




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THE MAKO SYSTEM ~ KNEE REPLACEMENT

Knee replacement is performed approximately 700,000 times per year in the United States. The history of knee replacement has been one of steady technological improvements, and the latest innovation has now come to Montgomery. Computer assisted robotic arm knee replacement is now being performed in Central Alabama.

While traditional knee replacement has been very successful in improving quality of life, studies have shown that robotic arm knee replacement is over three times more precise than manual methods and has reduced incorrect alignment by a factor of more than three.

According to Dr. Roland Hester of Southern Orthopaedic Surgeons, traditional methods remove the arthritis and shape the bone for the implant, then the surgeon must release tight tissues until the knee has similar tension in flexion and extension and from side to side. While a variety of methods can assist in balancing the cuts and soft tissue releases, in the end the surgeon works until the knee look and feels right. While surgeons become very skilled at this method, there is some variability in outcomes. Using the Mako robotic arm system, a CT scan of the knee is performed, and a computerized, virtual 3D image of the knee is made. Prior to surgery, the surgeon then is able to place the components on the model and make adjustments on the computer to achieve the desired alignment and balance. In surgery, a visual array system is then attached to the knee, the knee is mapped out, and this mapping is matched to the CT scan on the computer. The knee is tested and the system tells the surgeon exactly how the knee will perform if components are implanted as planned. Components are then adjusted on the virtual 3D image until position is optimal. The exact position is determined prior to any cutting of bone. The desired position is loaded onto the computer and robotic arm, and the surgeon guides the robotic arm to cut exactly as planned. Because most of the knee balancing can be done by adjusting component positions, less soft tissue cutting is done, which allows less trauma to the knee. The robotic arm also automatically stops if it gets out of the planned zone, which adds a significant extra level of safety to the procedure.

“The precision of the system has been pretty amazing,” says Dr. Jason Randall. “I have been very impressed with the system. It has greatly improved



our ability to give our patients the best possible knee.” Dr. Brock Howell stated that studies show that well aligned implants perform better, and this system optimizes implant alignment.

The Mako system is currently available at the Joint Center of Alabama at Baptist South in Montgomery. Dr. Joseph Curtis, Dr. Roland Hester, Dr. Jason Randall, and Dr. Brock Howell are the only surgeons in Montgomery currently certified and performing Mako robotically assisted surgery.

The Financial Corner

HOW OLD IS YOUR ANNUITY?



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Look back over the past decade at some of the things you have done or accomplished. You may have gotten married, graduated college, had a baby, started a business, bought or sold a house or retired. Now examine the financial moves that you made regarding those accomplishments. Other than right now, how often have you thought about or reviewed those financial decisions? If your answer is not very often or never, then now is the time to do so. Now, when you talk about looking back over that past ten years of financial decisions, there could be a lot to review. One popular investment that many people make is to invest in a variable annuity. It could be that you changed jobs and your banker or financial advisor advised you to roll your 401k into an annuity. If you are invested in a variable annuity and it has been over five years, consider reviewing it to ensure that it is performing in the way it was designed to perform. I bring up annuities simply because they can be easy to forget about. Usually, money that you invest into a variable annuity, is money that you do not have an immediate need for and therefore you invest it as part of a long term strategy for retirement or estate planning.

Interestingly enough, you might not be the only one who has forgotten about your annuity. The advisor who sold you the annuity could have lost track of the fact that they sold it to you or that advisor could, very well, not be an advisor any more. If the advisor is no longer with the company or is no longer an advisor, then the annuity company can reassign it or it could fall into an “orphan” status. If it is in an orphan status, it just means that it is not currently assigned to a specific advisor but the company still holds the investment. So it begs the questions, how old is your annuity? Is it five, ten even fifteen years old? Now I know that seems pretty old and that surely no one could go that long without reviewing their annuity, but it does happen. Some of my best clients I have, came to me as orphaned accounts. It can be a fairly common issue in this industry. You get wrapped up in life and it just falls by the wayside. I can’t help but to wonder, of those of you reading this article and that has an annuity, who has the oldest annuity? If you have an old annuity that has not been reviewed, contact your advisor to make sure that your annuity is performing the way it is designed to.

If you don’t have a Financial Advisor, please feel free to call me and I’ll be happy to set up a time to talk with you.

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Youth Fishing Rodeo

Sheriff Derrick Cunningham and the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office invites boys and girls ages 6-12 to grab their fishing rods, bait and tackle and join us for our annual Youth Fishing Rodeo. Please make sure a parent/guardian attends but only kids are allowed to fish.

Saturday, June 16, 2018

6:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Montgomery County Ponds, Highway 231 South (Troy highway)



Across from Meriwether Road

We will have our Senior Fishing Rodeo on Tuesday, September 11th... more details to come



Deputy Dave Family & FunDay

We would like to thank those that came out and made Deputy Dave Family & Fun Day a huge success! If you couldn't attend, we hope to see you there next year.



Employee Spotlight

We would like to recognize April Griffin, one of our hard-working MCSO employees! April has been with our agency since May of 2009 and goes beyond her call of duty! April came onboard as a dispatcher then advanced to our Legal Services Division. She has been filling in as secretary in our Administrative Division for the past two months doing a phenomenal job. She is very efficient, punctual and always asks to help others. April is married to Lee Griffin and they have one son, Leo. They enjoy kayaking and enjoying the outdoors. We couldn't ask for a better employee!



April, husband Lee and son, Leo

Thank you, April, for the hard work and dedication!

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

Camp Show n' Tell

July 31st - August 3rd

Slots are filling up fast for our annual Camp Show n' Tell! This week long, free camp is open to youth ages 9-11 and will be held July 31st-August 3rd. Youth will explore and enjoy a week of outdoor fun and recreation. This mentoring-based camp, also offers workshops addressing bullying and the effects of bullying behaviors, substance abuse awareness and prevention and environmental safety and education.

THIS IS NOT A BOOT CAMP!

Camp Show n' Tell is a camp to award those that have excelled during the school year. A copy of your child's birth certificate must be submitted with the camp application. We bus 100 (girls and boys) from Montgomery to the camp and remain at camp until Friday; at which time, they are returned to Montgomery. The camp fills up quickly so remember first come, first served.

For more information on obtaining and application, please call 832-1339.



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The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office has a new phone app called "Montgomery County AL Sheriff" that can be accessed through your phone's app store. Once you have added this app to your phone, you can easily set your phone up to receive important push notifications. Push notifications are quick, important messages that can notify you of road closure(s), blocked road(s), anything pertinent to your travel, escapee, etc.

While our app can help you with many things including checking to see if someone is in the county jail, it is most helpful to receive push notifications. After you have downloaded the app, go through the following steps to make sure your phone is set up to receive the push notifications:

- Go to your phone's setting icon
- Scroll down and click "Applications"
- Scroll down to "MCSO" or "Montgomery County Sheriff" OR
- Click "Application Manager", if it doesn't take you directly to the location
- Click "Notifications"
- Turn 'on' "Allow Notifications" and "Previews in pop-ups"

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

Firearms Familiarization Course

You can register for any of our 2018 course dates (listed below):

**May 12
June 9
July 14**

**August 11
October 13
December 8**

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- Complete an Application for the Course

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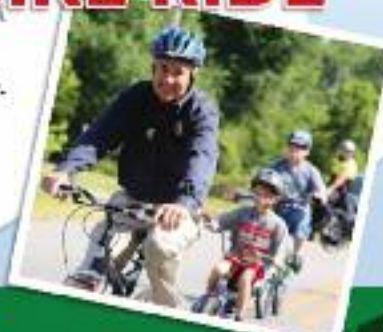
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Patricia Killough



Wishing a Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers

Please send me your family birthdays, anniversaries and weddings to alabamagazette@gmail.com
The Alabama Gazette will make every effort to include your submissions as space permits.



Pictured are granddaughter, Tori Patterson; son-in-law, Jimmie Roberts; daughter, Angie Roberts; Lonnie Smith, Pat Smith, grandson, Jay Singleton; and son, Chris Smith.



On April 6, 2018, Pat (Duffell) and Lonnie Smith celebrated their 50th Anniversary with 95 friends and family at Gail's Down the Street Cafe. The delicious lilac cakes were in keeping with the purple color theme and were made by their daughter, Angie Roberts. Angie's husband, Jimmie, provided the music for the evening. Everyone loved the amazing food provided by Gail Royal.



Hostess: Frances Ard, Rhonda Tatum, Cindy Smith, Laura Lane, Bride to be Haley Floyd, Sharon Harper, Paula Lansdon, and Terri Garrett (not pictured)

A wedding shower was given for Haley Floyd on April 22, 2018, at Woodland UMC. Haley is the daughter of Dane and Leah Floyd. Haley will be marrying Josh Bass of Dadeville, Alabama. A May wedding has been planned at the family farm.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SARAH KATE SELVAGE



Sarah Kate Selvage turned 3 years old on Sunday, April 22, 2018. She celebrated her birthday all weekend. On Friday she received fresh handpicked strawberries from Handey's Farm, on Saturday she had pizza at Pizza Perfect and then went to the Montgomery Zoo! On Sunday she started out at Woodland UMC with breakfast, met family at Firebirds for lunch and then had a birthday dinner at her aunt Leen's. On Monday, she had cupcakes at her day-care with her classmates.



Home Town Community News

May Birthdays



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| 1 Grace Zara "Tiny" Cantey (101st) | Lonnie Smith |
| 2 Maggie Brown | Stephan Turnipseed |
| Judy Grubbs | Devery Wright |
| Weston Ashley Sellars (7th) | 17 Wendy Haddox |
| Pat Duffell Smith | Bertha Graham |
| 3 Scarlett Box | Rosa Nell Watkins |
| 4 Brittney Belcher (19th) | 18 Georgia Armstrong |
| Teresa Grant | Ken Stafford |
| Forrest Taylor (24th) | 19 Connie Butts |
| 5 Ashton Box | Dorothy Hall |
| Connie Bowden | 20 Maggie Royster |
| Olivia Propst | 21 Rhonda Alexander |
| Jayne Ward | Al Barnett |
| 6 Ed Jones (80th) | Ashley Boyd (43rd) |
| Michael Mckenzie | Susan Johnson |
| 7 Tory Alexander | Daniel Selvage (10th) |
| Bryson Box (15th) | Sophia Vazquez |
| 8 John P. Hanson | 22 Tom Broadway |
| Michael Moseley (50th) | Aileen Kovacic |
| Mary Peoples | Hunter Meadows (21st) |
| Janet Suddith | Brad Williams (39th) |
| Trinity Woodall | 23 Rene Barnett (97th) |
| 9 Walter Cooper (80th) | Susanne Boyd |
| Jim Garrett | Frank Clayton |
| Bill Jones | Julia Grant |
| Paul "Moon" Jones | Hazel Norman |
| Jo Oswald | Mike Sikes (41st) |
| 10 Mary Ann Pickard (92nd) | Casey Woodall |
| Nicole Sansom | 24 Brantley Box (18th) |
| 11 Johnson Alexander | Sydney Ellen Grant |
| Pam Lynch | Wallace Smith |
| Barbara Strickland (68th) | Seth Meadows |
| Dee Dee Ward | 25 Wynne Ross (44th) |
| 12 Mary Ellen Grant | Norman Mitchell |
| Tanya Moore (52nd) | Hamer Phillips |
| Liz Morris | 26 Paula Burgess |
| Mary White | Mary Louise Dobbs |
| Zack Witherington | Rachael Doran |
| 13 Betty Casey | 27 Ronnie Broom |
| Chris Cordle | Emmie Abelia Johnson (3rd) |
| Raven Johnson | Coley Jones |
| Debbie Mills | Carrie Rhodes |
| 14 Luke Dickinson | 28 Brian McCord |
| Victor Chad Mason (Trace) (5th) | 30 Michele Blount |
| 15 Ann Macon Adams | Kate Sansom |
| Waldon Woodall (60th) | 31 Betty Crowe |
| 16 Milton Bridges | Susan Daffron (70th) |

Belated birthday wishes to Wilma Stough was 95 in April, Ann Orr was 81 on April 6th and Shannon Holmes was 39 on April 16, 2018

Happy Anniversary

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| 3 Thomas & Betty Chesnutt (71st) | 17 Carl & Faye Boyd (43rd) |
| 6 Corey & Alicia Smith (22nd) | 19 Billy & Ann Cox (70th) |
| 8 Billy & Courtney Whigham | 21 Allan & Shannon Vinson (12th) |
| 10 Clint & Tiffany Andrews | 28 Carl & Betsy Penn (56th) |
| Ashley & Susanne Boyd | 29 Joe & Gail Cotney |
| Al & Shirley Decker (61st) | 30 Richard & Gwen Walters |
| 11 Roger & Sandy Brown | Carma & Bill Marks (52nd) |
| 15 Travis & Christle Jordan (13th) | 31 Mike & Connie Northcutt (43rd) |
| 16 Austin & Ashley Owens (8th) | |

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

Sympathy to the families of...

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|---|---------------------|
| Martin, Mary Frances "Frankie" Law (70) | died March 2, 2018 |
| Winfield, Jewel Albert "Al" (84) | died March 21, 2018 |
| Baldwin, James "Jimmy" Barnhill (87) | died March 28, 2018 |
| Russell, Scott Chadwick | died April 5, 2018 |
| Boykin, Ben (94) | died April 12, 2018 |
| Davis, Rebecca Ann (82) | died April 12, 2018 |
| McDevitt, Joan Andrews (75) | died April 13, 2018 |
| Peeks, Hattie "Vivian" (94) | died April 13, 2018 |
| Lommen, James "Jim" Duane (76) | died April 14, 2018 |
| Stenger, Jr., James "Jay" Timothy (47) | died April 15, 2018 |
| Wilson, Amy Andrews (49) | died April 15, 2018 |
| Wingard, William "Cecil" (99) | died April 15, 2018 |
| Bush, Barbara "Former First Lady" (92) | died April 17, 2018 |
| Dekle, George Kells (90) | died April 19, 2018 |
| Russell, Sr., Jerry Claude (69) | died April 19, 2018 |
| Spencer, William Mitchell "Mitch" (54) | died April 20, 2018 |
| Segrest, Danny Lee (65) | died April 22, 2018 |
| Norman, James "Jim" Winford (91) | died April 25, 2018 |

TODAY'S WOMAN

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



Years and Laughter:

What does pretty look like?

By Amanda Walker

To all the boys who don't feel smart on paper.

I call them the lost boys, these young people who seem in one way or another to be left behind or forgotten by what we tend to consider as traditional school standards. Of course this includes a certain number of girls too.

I overheard one of my son's friends talking last week. He was talking about his own self saying, "I am so dumb." I couldn't help but interrupt and tell him that he most certainly was not dumb, and to not say that.

He told me that I didn't understand. That he can't take the advanced classes... that he has tried, and ended up dropped back to easier classes. The advanced classes are too advanced and the easier classes are too easy. And there is a lot of discrimination and stereotyping between these two groups of students.

He had spoken the truth. There was no pretending. No sugar-coating. I told him if he could recognize the divide that educators seem to have failed to see and describe it so accurately that he was anything but dumb.

He laughed. "Yes ma'am," he said, "I just don't show it on paper."

The divide he sees is not exclusive to him or his school. It is a gap that could likely be filled with a return of vocational classes.

The decades long push to remove vocational training from high schools has resulted in a shortage of a skilled labor force.

The vast majority of students today are not even taught to read a standard tape measure. They are taught to read inches and half inches and centimeters and millimeters on a ruler in elementary school, but high schoolers are not taught about the eighths and sixteenths on a tape measure. And this is unfortunate. Any line of construction, maintenance, or machinist work is going to require knowing how to read a tape measure. If you can master a tape measure, you will understand fractions, decimals, and money. Plus, you can get a job that will pay enough to make a living for yourself and a family. But currently...few students are taught to read a tape.

Four-year college opportunities should be available to every child. But it can't be ignored that the economy has shifted toward manufacturing.

College is not what all young people are planning. A percentage of those who do go to college do not finish. Another percentage of those who graduated are underserved by their education and are forced into jobs they could have been hired into with a high school diploma – many still burdened with student loan debt.

Vocational careers are becoming lucrative career path for high school graduates as well as those who are college educated but underemployed. Many of these jobs can be attained through apprenticeship programs, on the job training, or attending vocational classes at community colleges.

People who make a living by having a trade or working with their hands are far from dumb. They are often the more successful and financially stable among us. Vocational work is no longer looked upon as a dying profession. For many it is the fast lane to a secure future.



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“Happy 10th Wedding Anniversary”

This month my husband, Brian, and I will celebrate our 10th wedding anniversary. WOW!!! Double digits!!!! It's a little difficult for me to wrap my brain around this thought. We have been through countless testings, trials, joys, and valleys together. And even though we are long past that exciting “newly budding romance” stage in our relationship where we are winning each other's hearts, we are arriving at the “deep love and appreciation” stage where we are truly able to cherish each other's hearts.

So, how do we continually cherish each other even after 10 years of marriage (almost 12 year, if you count dating)? For me, the secret lies in keeping my personal relationship with Jesus Christ at the center of my existence. As a wife, there is always a temptation to look to my husband to meet needs and desires in my heart that only Christ can truly fulfill. Whenever I start expecting Brian to be the perfect Prince Charming of my childhood fairy tales, I end up focusing on his shortcomings as a husband. When I look to my husband to fulfill me at the deepest level, I put unhealthy pressure upon him. As wonderful as Brian is.... he is still human and he will still let me down at times. I find that I can only love and cherish my husband well when Jesus Christ is my first and ultimate Bridegroom. When I'm fulfilled in Jesus Christ, I don't spend all my time and energy trying to make Brian into my romantic fairy-tale ideal. Rather, I am free to serve him and love him, without constantly focusing on whether or not he's living up to my “Prince Charming” expectations every moment of the day.



As Brian builds his life around Christ, he is naturally a reflection of Christ in the way he treats me. And as I build my life around Christ, I learn to love my husband as God has called me to love him. That is what makes a marriage gain more and more beauty as the years go by.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 tells us, *“Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong doing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.”*

As this milestone anniversary approaches, I am filled with gratitude and amazement at the beauty of God's ways. *“I have found the one whom my soul loves”*
Song of Solomon 3:4

Brian and I are praying and expecting God to do wonderful things in our marriage and in our lives as we use our God-given gifts to serve others.

Happy 10th Wedding Anniversary, Brian!! I love you!

Many blessings!

No Name Literary Club 125th Anniversary Tea at the home of Mary McLemore ~ April 18, 2018

In 1893 a group of forward thinking ladies formed the first literary club in Montgomery and the second in the State at that time. They named their club No Name because they could not agree on a name, and it still goes by the same name today! Recently, the No Name Club celebrated their 125th anniversary with an afternoon tea at the home of Mary and Price McLemore in Rosemont Place. Guests included friends of members as well as Presidents and Vice Presidents of other Literary Clubs in Montgomery.

No Name members present their own programs and their presentations reflect the passions and scholarly research of the club's members and their continued dedication to a culture of lifelong learning.

The President this year is Beverley Amberg and the Tea Chair is Rennie Vainstein. The committee members were Rennie, Mary Miles, Helen Till, Peggy Joseph, Olivia Williams, Frances Durr, Georgia Carroll and Anne Tidmore. The



idea of the celebration was Peggy's. Members remembered fondly their 100th celebration, 25 years ago, which was in Mary Miles' beautiful home and garden, so they certainly did not want this milestone to go by unnoticed. Mary McLemore graciously offered her home and worked for months to have the garden just right for the occasion.

The afternoon of the event, Price McLemore was in his golf cart riding up and down the street, bringing guests to the house, and Alex Vainstein was at the front door to help the ladies up the steps.

Sarah Spratling did several beautiful floral arrangements in the house,

including bud vases containing the Organization's flower, the Narcissus, which were flown in from Holland. On the center of the dining room table was an exquisite arrangement of spring flowers, hydrangeas, roses and hyacinths, in Mary's antique punch bowl on a silver tray, both of which had belonged to Price's grandmother, May Powers Houghton, one of the original founders of the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts.

The food was expertly done by Sherri Tate of Daughter by Design Catering. It was presented on sparkling silver trays and included scones, banana nut bread, petite cucumber & dill sandwiches, ham & cheese pinwheels and many delicious deserts.

In the garden were round tables dressed in exquisite gold brocade cloths with white lace toppers, representing the Club colors of Gold & White. Mary's blooming flowers included bromeliads, bulbs, ground orchids, roses, canna lilies, geraniums and holly ferns to name a few.

The drinks were served on the patio, with a choice of hot tea in an antique silver samovar, French champagne or peach tea.

In addition to those mentioned above, the following No Name members were present to welcome the guests: Jane Albritton, Wanda Bigham, Nancy Bradford, Menelle Weiss, Judith Broadway, Jean Brown, Mary-Aileen Conniff (Mary McLemore's daughter and a third generation No Name member), Fru Garrison, Jo Ann Hall, Dottie Hannan, Kitty Harrell, Peggy Heard, Kittie Hill, Leah Slawson, and new member Lee Ann Hester.

Among the guests were Jane Barganier, Betty Beale, Jon Broadway, Debbie Caldwell, Leura Canary, Sue Ellen Carroll, Kitty Coleman, Julie Crane, Catherine Custard, Tyler Dunklin from Greenville, Camille Elebash-Hill, Jan Gill, Sarah Goodwyn, Catherine Goray, Gibson Graham, Saralee Green, Vivian Hamlett, Jane Hamn, Lynn Henry, Carol Henry, Mary Coleman Hester, Ilouise Hill, Jamie Hodges, Kitty Huffaker, Martha Jinright, Marian Joseph, Jelia Kershaw, Minnie Lamberth, Margaret and Bill Lamkin, Brandt LaPish, Caroline Lawson, Joan Loeb, Susan Mathews, Kathy McGowin, Laura McLemore, Mary Houghton McLemore, Dinah McLemore, Paul Miles, Randee Miller, Bonnie Moore, Danae Morgan, Guin Nance, Susan Noble, Pam Paine, Sandra Patrick, Jan Pringle, Mary Beth Reed, Katherine Rees, Michelle Roth, Cookie Ruth, Janey Sabel, Crystal Walker, Alex Saunders from Columbus GA, Mary Susan Seier, Lynn Simpler, Mary Augusta Slawson, Bette Smith, Emily Sparrow from Auburn, Laura Steiner, Suzy Stevenson, Jessica Taylor, Marguerite Wood, Anne Young and many others.

Special thanks go to hostess Mary McLemore, to Tea Chair Rennie Vainstein, to long-time member Helen Till, who has been the example and encourager of this Club for decades and to Peggy Joseph who spearheaded the effort to have the Tea.

As the time for departure drew near, members and their guests headed for their homes, but will keep the memory of this special afternoon in their hearts for years to come.

In my water safe?

Last year, as in years past, your tap water met all U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) drinking water health standards. Your local water officials vigilantly safeguarded the water supplies and once again we are proud to report that our system has not violated a maximum contaminant level or any other water quality standards. We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our current goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source is purchased from the City of Tallahassee, which is treated surface water from Lake Thacker on the Tallapoosa River. We have storage capacity of 1,100,000 gallons in 3 storage tanks, 4 booster pumping stations and 156 flush hydrants. The water we provide to our customers requires specialized treatment. The City of Tallahassee adds Chlorine Dioxide to the distribution process. Chlorine Dioxide is utilized as disinfection for taste and odor control, disinfection byproduct reduction and iron and manganese control. Chlorine is added to the water as disinfectant and the required residual is maintained to protect your drinking water from any possible outside contaminants.

The Wall Street Water Authority routinely completes a water storage facility inspection plan, and utilizes a Bacteriological Monitoring Plan and a Cross Connection Policy is in place to insure good safe drinking water for our customers. The City of Tallahassee has completed a Source Water Assessment Plan, which is available at their office for review. This report provides information about potential sources of contamination and is set up to help protect our source.

We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled Board meetings. They are held on the 2nd Monday of the month at the Wall Street Water Authority office that is located at 5059 Nidasalga Road and begin at 6:00 p.m.

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

Important Drinking Water Definitions:

Action Level (AL) - The concentration of a contaminant that triggers treatment or other requirements for a water system shall follow. Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCL-G as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCL-G) - The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.

MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDL-G) - The level of a disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDL-Gs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Millicuries per year (mrem/yr) - Measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) - Nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

Non-Detect (ND) - Laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/L) - One part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (µg/L) - One part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Parts per trillion (ppt) or Nanograms per liter (ng/L) - One part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000.

Parts per quadrillion (ppq) or Picograms per liter (pg/L) - One part per quadrillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000,000 years or one penny in \$10,000,000,000,000.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - Picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Treatment Technique (TT) - A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Threshold Odor Number (T.O.N.) - The greatest dilution of a sample with odor-free water that still yields a just-detectable odor.

Variances & Exemptions - ADEM or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.

Explanation of reasons for variances/exemptions

Based on a study conducted by ADEM with the approval of the EPA a statewide waiver for the monitoring of asbestos and disinia was issued. Thus monitoring for these contaminants was not required. The City of Tallahassee and Wall Street Water Authority routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in the following tables show the results of our monitoring period of January 1st to December 31st, 2017.

Table of Primary Contaminants

CONTAMINANT	AMOUNT		CONTAMINANT	AMOUNT		MCL	DETECTED	CONTAMINANT	AMOUNT		MCL	DETECTED
	MCL	DETECTED		MCL	DETECTED				MCL	DETECTED		
Bacteriological			Strontium (ppb)	50	ND	Epichlorohydrin	TT	ND				
Total Coliform Bacteria	< 5%	ND	Thallium (ppb)	2	ND	Barium (ppb)	200	ND				
Trinonyl	TT	0.11	Organic Chemicals			Barium chloride (ppb)	50	ND				
Lead Chloride & E. coli	0	ND	Acrylonitrile	TT	ND	Chlorobenzene (ppb)	200	ND				
Benzene			Acrylonitrile	TT	ND	Chlorobenzene (ppb)	200	ND				
Benzene esters (mrem/y)	4	ND	Acrylonitrile	TT	ND	Chlorobenzene (ppb)	200	ND				
Allyl esters (ppm)	15	ND	Acrylonitrile	TT	ND	Chlorobenzene (ppb)	200	ND				
Carbonyl sulfide (ppm)	5	ND	Acrylonitrile	TT	ND	Chlorobenzene (ppb)	200	ND				
Carbonyl sulfide (ppm)	30	ND	Acrylonitrile	TT	ND	Chlorobenzene (ppb)	200	ND				
Isopropyl			Acrylonitrile	TT	ND	Chlorobenzene (ppb)	200	ND				
Acrylonitrile	6	ND	Acrylonitrile	TT	ND	Chlorobenzene (ppb)	200	ND				
Acrylonitrile	10	ND	Acrylonitrile	TT	ND	Chlorobenzene (ppb)	200	ND				
Acrylonitrile	7	ND	Acrylonitrile	TT	ND	Chlorobenzene (ppb)	200	ND				
Acrylonitrile	2	ND	Acrylonitrile	TT	ND	Chlorobenzene (ppb)	200	ND				
Acrylonitrile	4	ND	Acrylonitrile	TT	ND	Chlorobenzene (ppb)	200	ND				
Acrylonitrile	19	ND	Acrylonitrile	TT	ND	Chlorobenzene (ppb)	200	ND				
Acrylonitrile	5	ND	Acrylonitrile	TT	ND	Chlorobenzene (ppb)	200	ND				
Acrylonitrile	4	ND	Acrylonitrile	TT	ND	Chlorobenzene (ppb)	200	ND				
Acrylonitrile	4	1.91	Acrylonitrile	TT	ND	Chlorobenzene (ppb)	200	ND				
Acrylonitrile	800	ND	Acrylonitrile	TT	ND	Chlorobenzene (ppb)	200	ND				
Acrylonitrile	1	ND	Acrylonitrile	TT	ND	Chlorobenzene (ppb)	200	ND				
Acrylonitrile	100	ND	Acrylonitrile	TT	ND	Chlorobenzene (ppb)	200	ND				
Acrylonitrile	Al=1.3	0.05	Acrylonitrile	TT	ND	Chlorobenzene (ppb)	200	ND				
Acrylonitrile	200	ND	Acrylonitrile	TT	ND	Chlorobenzene (ppb)	200	ND				
Acrylonitrile	4	0.77	Acrylonitrile	TT	ND	Chlorobenzene (ppb)	200	ND				
Acrylonitrile	Al=1.5	0.05	Acrylonitrile	TT	ND	Chlorobenzene (ppb)	200	ND				
Acrylonitrile	2	ND	Acrylonitrile	TT	ND	Chlorobenzene (ppb)	200	ND				
Acrylonitrile	10	0.76	Acrylonitrile	TT	ND	Chlorobenzene (ppb)	200	ND				
Acrylonitrile	1	ND	Acrylonitrile	TT	ND	Chlorobenzene (ppb)	200	ND				
Acrylonitrile	10	0.26	Acrylonitrile	TT	ND	Chlorobenzene (ppb)	200	ND				

Table of Secondary and Unregulated Contaminants

Secondary Drinking Water Standards are guidelines regarding contaminants that may cause cosmetic effects (such as skin or hair discoloration) or aesthetic effects (such as taste, odor, or color) in drinking water. ADEMA has Secondary Drinking Water Standards established in state regulations applicable to water systems required to monitor for the listed components. Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist EPA in understanding the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether state regulations are warranted.

CONTAMINANT	MCL	DETECT	CONTAMINANT	MCL	DETECT
Aluminum	0.2	ND	Formic Acids	ND	ND
Chloride	250	4.79	Formic Acids	ND	ND
Color (PCU)	15	ND	Magnesium	75	ND
Copper	1	ND	Mercury (T.O.N.)	5	ND
Citric Acid	N/A	ND	pH (SC)	7.5	N/A
Carbon Dioxide	N/A	ND	Sodium	10.50	N/A
Magnesium	0.05	ND	Specific Conductance (umhos)	N/A	ND
1,1-Dichloroethene	N/A	ND	1,1-Dichloroethene	N/A	ND
1,2-Dichloroethene	N/A	ND	1,2-Dichloroethene	N/A	ND
1,3-Dichloroethene	N/A	ND	1,3-Dichloroethene	N/A	ND
1,4-Dichloroethene	N/A	ND	1,4-Dichloroethene	N/A	ND
1,5-Dichloroethene	N/A	ND	1,5-Dichloroethene	N/A	ND
1,6-Dichloroethene	N/A	ND	1,6-Dichloroethene	N/A	ND
1,7-Dichloroethene	N/A	ND	1,7-Dichloroethene	N/A	ND
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1,9-Dichloroethene	N/A	ND	1,9-Dichloroethene	N/A	ND
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2,00-Dichloroethene	N/A	ND	2,00-Dichloroethene	N/A	ND

Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted.

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

Table of Detected Drinking Water Contaminants									
CONTAMINANT	MCLG	MCL	Range		Amount Detected		Likely Source of Contamination		
			Hazardological Contaminants		January - December 2017				
Turbidity	0	TT			0.11	NTU	Sediment		
Inorganic Contaminants - January - December 2016									
Chlorine	MCLM 0.4	MRLD 4	1.10	-	1.90	ppm	Water additive used to control microbes		
Copper (2016)	1.3	10 State AL=1.3	No. of Sites above action level 0		0.05	ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural mineral deposits, leaching from wood preservatives		
Fluoride	4	4	ND	-	0.77	ppm	Water additive which promotes strong teeth, erosion of natural deposits, discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories		
Nitrate (as N)	10	10	ND	-	0.26	ppm	Leachate from fertilizer use, leaching from septic tanks, seepage, erosion of natural deposits		
Total Nitrate & Nitrite	10	10	ND	-	0.26	ppm	Runoff from fertilizer use, leaching from septic tanks, seepage, erosion of natural deposits		
Organic Contaminants - January - December 2017									
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	0	60	29.10	-	33.90	ppb	By-product of drinking water chlorination		
Total Organic Carbon (TOC)	N/A	TT	1.35	-	2.64	TT	Naturally present in the environment		
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	0	80	43.90	-	54.50	ppb	By-product of drinking water chlorination		
Secondary Contaminants - January - December 2017									
Chloride	N/A	250	ND	-	4.79	ppm	Naturally occurring in the environment or as a result of agricultural runoff		
Sulfate	N/A	250	ND	-	7.86	ppm	Naturally occurring in the environment		
Total Dissolved Solids	N/A	500	ND	-	24.00	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits		
Special Contaminants - January - December 2017									
pH	N/A	N/A	ND	-	7.75	SD	Naturally occurring in the environment or as a result of treatment with water additives		
Sodium	N/A	N/A	ND	-	10.50	ppm	Naturally occurring in the environment		
Total Hardness (as CaCO3)	N/A	N/A	ND	-	12.40	ppm	Naturally occurring in the environment or as a result of treatment with water additives		
Unregulated Contaminants - January - December 2017									
Benzotriazoleamine	N/A	N/A	1.45	-	1.49	ppb	Naturally occurring in the environment or as a result of industrial discharge or agricultural runoff, by-product of chlorination		
Chloroform	N/A	N/A	3.40	-	3.40	ppb	Naturally occurring in the environment or as a result of industrial discharge or agricultural runoff, by-product of chlorination		

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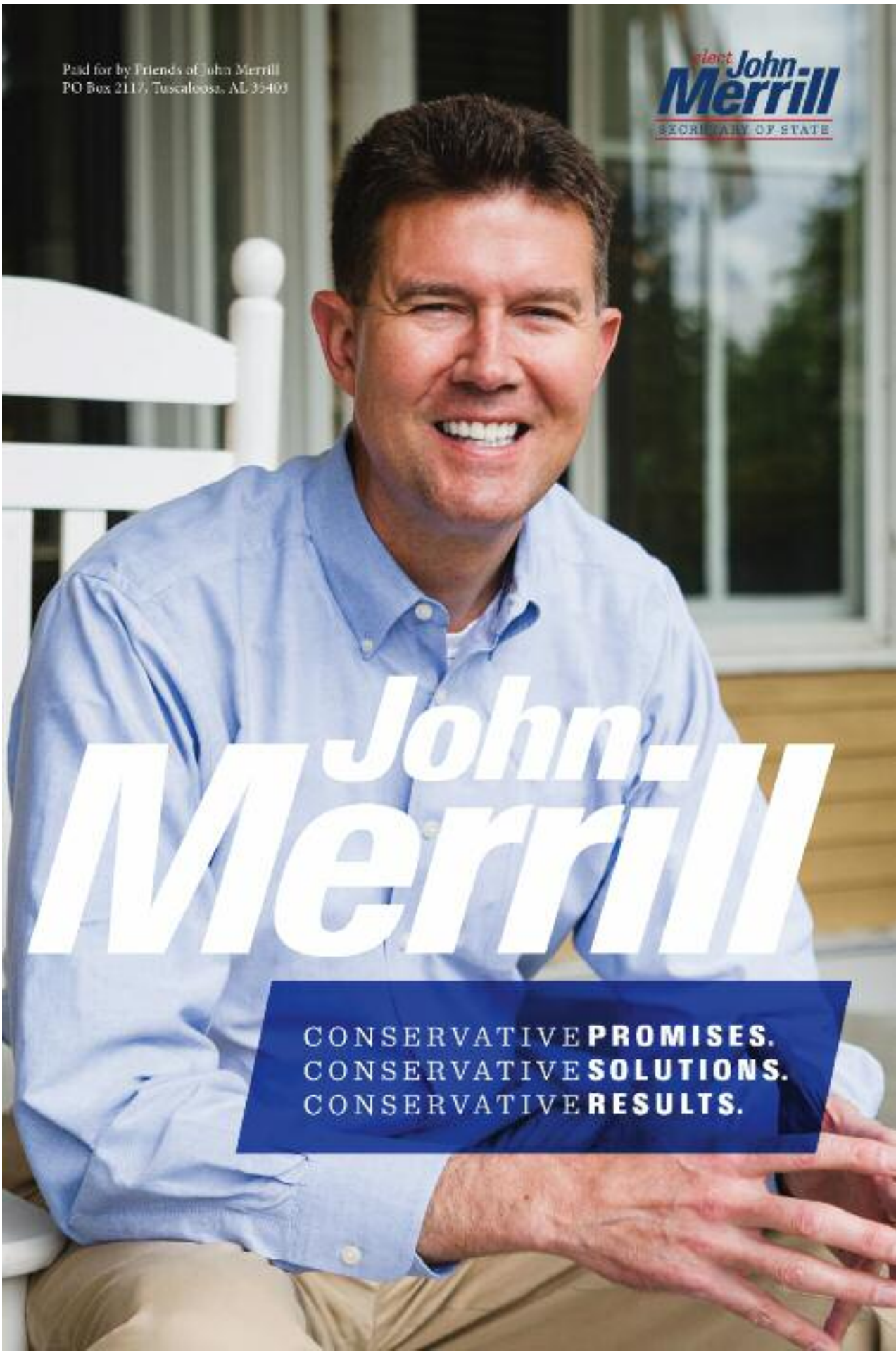
Readers! Take this important section of the Alabama Gazette to the poles.
Pre-mark your choices. Be an informed voter!

We hope this section informs and acquaints you with a few of the candidates that choose the Gazette to ask for your vote.
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2018 Elections

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| May 15, 2018 | Special General Election - Alabama House District 4 |
| May 15, 2018 | Special General Election - Alabama Senate District 26 |
| June 5, 2018 | Statewide Primary Election |
| July 17, 2018 | Statewide Primary Runoff Election |
| November 6, 2018 ~ Statewide General Election | |

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Secretary of State

Republicans
Michael Johnson
John Merrill

Democrats
Lola Albert “SGM Ret”
Heather Milam





Marcia Chambliss

The Chambliss Commentary

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Choose Carefully – and Wisely

With the June 2018 primary rapidly approaching, I hope that Alabama voters have already started their “homework” regarding the positions and goals of the various candidates running for elected office that will have immediate and long-term consequences for our communities, political parties, and country. My concern, as always, is that too often our electorate doesn’t recognize that their responsibility as a voter includes the research of candidates extending far beyond the soundbite political ads.

As a limited government conservative, my questions to candidates and/or their campaigns are really pretty simple. What are their beliefs as to the role of government? An answer that includes “creating jobs” is an immediate red flag, because for me, government should only encourage an environment conducive to the creation of jobs and growth of industry by reducing burdensome taxes and onerous regulations, but not take on the role of job creator. This question and its answer are of utmost importance to me in my choice of candidate at all levels of government because it’s indicative of a candidate’s willingness to grow government and the resultant deficit spending. What about term limits? Do they view political office as truly public service, or a permanent career?

On a federal level, what are the candidate’s beliefs and positions as it relates to our Constitution and Bill of Rights, especially the 2nd Amendment? Where do they stand regarding religious liberty, the sanctity of life, and traditional marriage? If an incumbent, what have they done in their term of office that supports their conservative campaign platform, not just with words, but with action that protects our constitutional rights but might not be advantageous for climbing a political ladder? Unfortunately, I’ve experienced far too much disappointment in some candidates I have supported and for whom I even actively campaigned who asserted their conservative, limited government principles, but then failed to adhere to those beliefs once elected as they quickly became part and parcel of the elite establishment. I am very human and have made mistakes in my past evaluation of certain candidates, but have learned crucial lessons that I well remember when it’s time to cast another vote.

As incumbents, have they remembered and honored campaign promises of

remaining in touch and fully accessible to their constituents, or have they succumbed to the lure of campaign donations from the powerful special interests and carefully staged any “meet and greets” for select participants? Speaking of the special interest endorsements, do those groups truly reflect my own positions, particularly as it relates to enforcing laws to stem the tide of illegal immigration, or do they favor open borders for the economic benefit to its membership without regard for the safety and sovereignty of our nation?

This June primary will also include candidates who wish to serve on the Republican and Democratic Party executive committees. As I have served as a poll worker over the last several years, I find that this is the area of the ballot that can be confusing and even irrelevant to voters as internal party politics are of little concern to the general public, but those positions are of great importance regarding the policy and agenda of the two major political parties. As someone who formerly served on the Republican Executive Committee as an appointed member, I now very carefully vote for those whom I know well and can completely trust to reflect my own values as a representative and influencer for the positions of the party. It’s not just a random name on the ballot for these positions because those elected can greatly impact the leadership’s course – and value system – of the respective party.

Choose carefully and wisely this primary season. While I can easily become cynical regarding the entire process, I want to instead be critical with my thinking, and discerning with my vote. With the almost epidemic corruption revealed at every level of government, each election cycle and every vote becomes more and more critical as it relates to saving what remains of our constitutional system of government and our liberty.

And I will continue, boldly, to pray for us to turn to God and ask for His mercy on our nation.

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U. S. CONGRESS - DISTRICT 2

Republicans

- Tommy Amason
- Bobby Bright
- Rich Hobson
- Barry Moore
- Martha Roby



Democrats

- Tabitha Isner
- Andri Scott Willaims

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Democrats

Sue Bell Cobb
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Will Boyd

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Steve Marshall
Alice Martin



Democrats

Chris Christie
Joseph Siegelman

TREASURER

Republicans

David L. Black
Stephen D. Evans
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Democrats

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Democrats

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Republicans

Tracy “T.O.” Crane
Gerald Dial
Cecil Murphy
Rick Pate



Democrats

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

PLACE 1

Republicans

Jim Bonner
Jeremy H. Oden



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Cara Y. McClure

PLACE 2

Republicans

Chris “Chip” Beeker Jr.
Robin Litaker



Democrats

Kari Powell



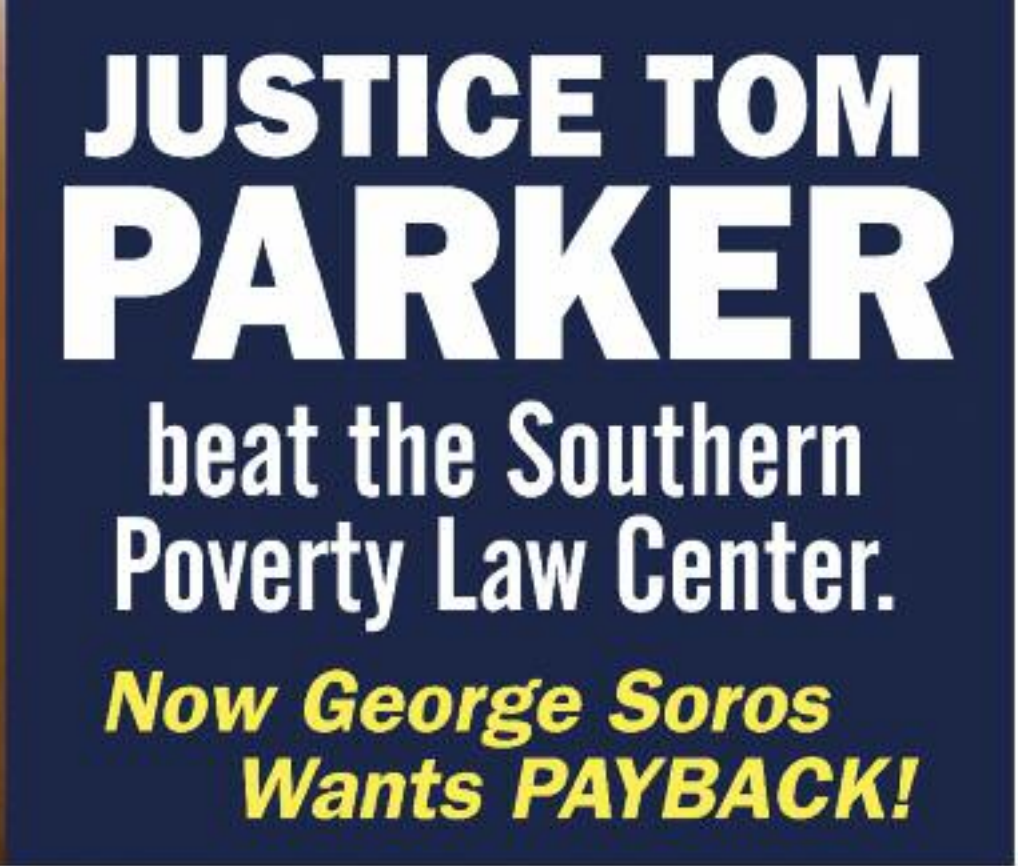
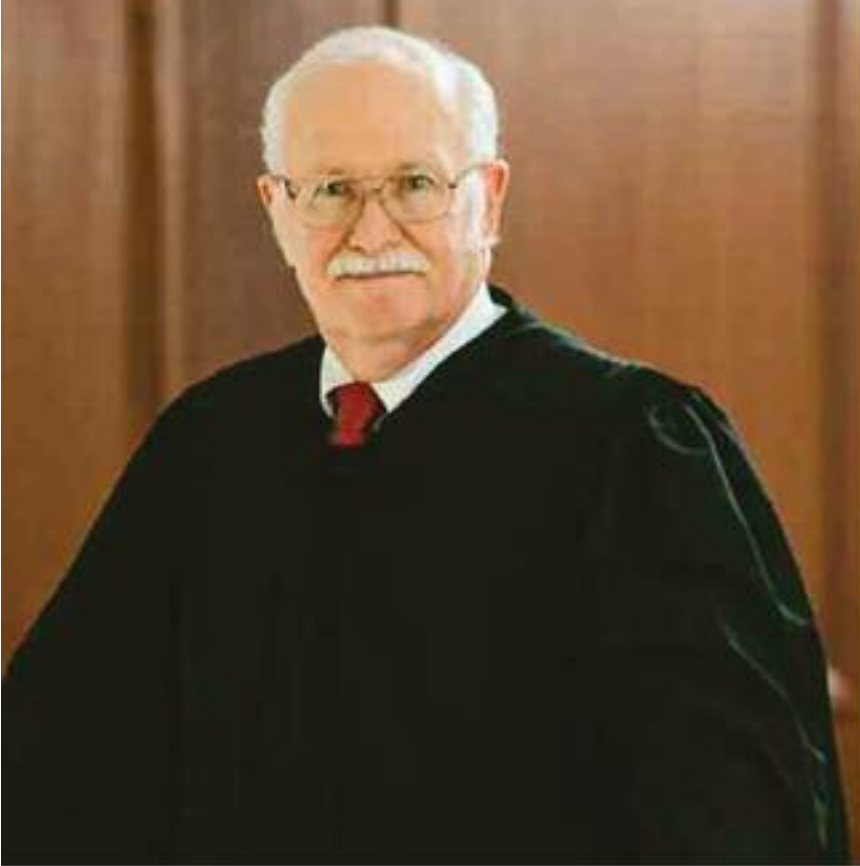
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ALABAMA SUPREME COURT CHIEF JUSTICE

Republicans

Tom Parker
Lyn Stuart

Democrats



ALABAMA SUPREME COURT PLACE 1

Republicans

Debra Jones
Brad Mendheim
Sarah Stewart

Democrats



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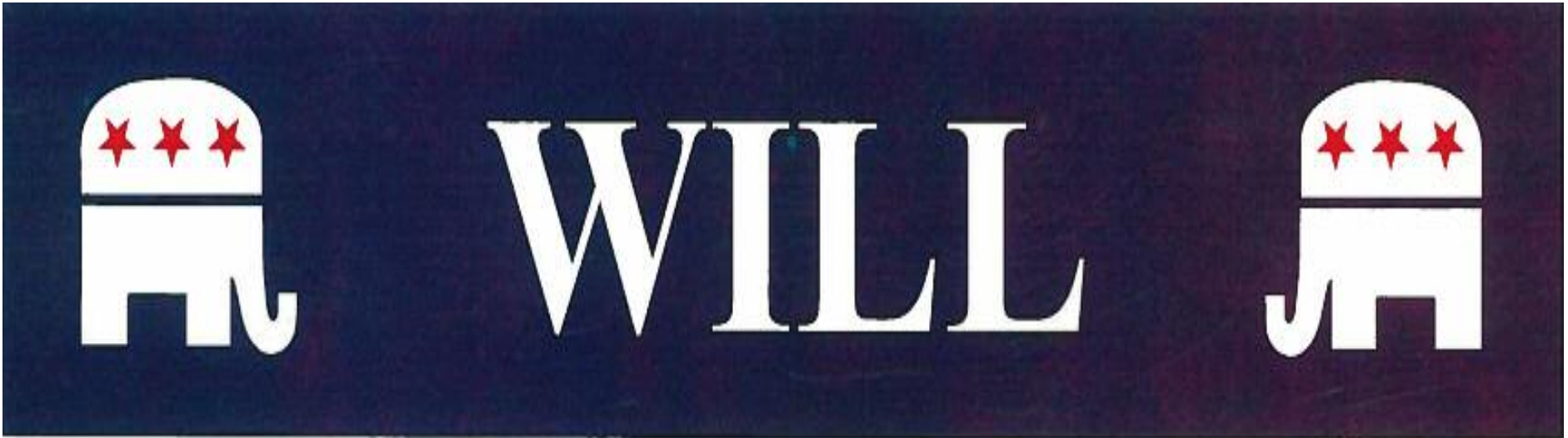
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Republicans
Dustin DeVaughn
Mike Holmes



Democrats



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ALABAMA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 88

Republicans
Jeremy Arthur
Al Booth
Will Dismukes



Democrats

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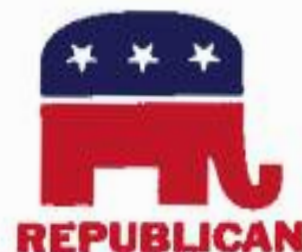
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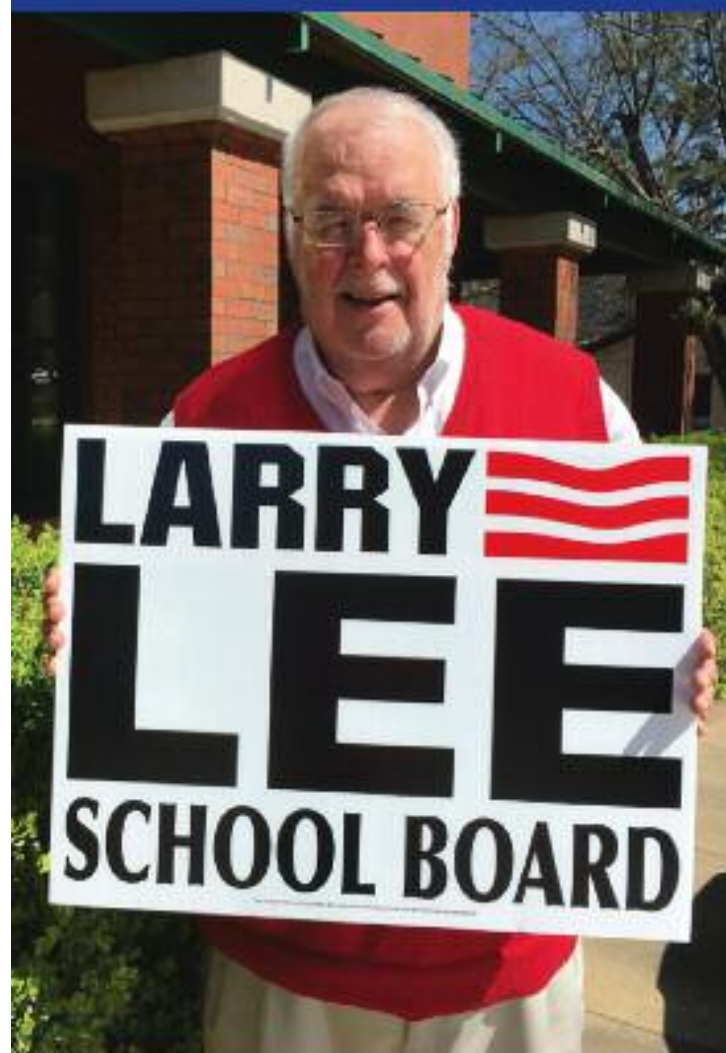


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