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MILLENNIAL ENTITLEMENT

Hello. I am a millennial. I am 27 years old. I have \$130,000 in student loan debt. That's a lot, I know. I work hard, make sacrifices, and have the good fortune to be employed in a profession where I have a reasonable opportunity to pay that money back in the next decade (I am an attorney). Still, I have the pleasure of being routinely lectured by my "elders" for being a lazy millennial.

By the way—and this is a point that I and countless others of my peers cannot reinforce strongly enough—KIDS IN HIGH SCHOOL (AND COLLEGE FRESHMAN) ARE NOT MILLENNIALS. They were born in 2000 or later. They are not part of our generation. Do not call them millennials.

Back to my original point: I am drowning in debt. Fun! I am a member of the most educated generation in American history, was raised in an education system that stressed, above all else, that college is the only way to advance economically and socially, took on a hundred thousand dollars in debt to make sure that I did, was



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released into adulthood amid the worst financial crisis in 80 years of American history, and am now forced to read fun editorials about how my generation is the laziest and most entitled group of humans to ever roam these American lands.

Incidentally, I and my millennial-brethren also happened to be born into a world in which there are legitimate economic rivals to the American super-economy (the first Americans to experience this since WWI which, checking my calendar here, appears to have ended in 1918). Moreover, the average starter home in 2010 was approximately 2.6 times the buyers' income, while that figure in the 1970s stood at only 1.7, despite the fact that wages have essentially been stagnant for 40 years. Millennials on average use about 15% less vacation time each year than workers did in the 1970. Incredibly long, Game of Thrones manuscript-length story short: it takes longer to save, longer to invest, and longer to build any meaningful safety net. Still, millennials work longer hours and are about 75%

or things."

And the selection of a Supreme Court justice in the Senate Judiciary Committee today has turned into one. A supposedly straightforward process provided for under the Advice and Consent Clause of the U.S. Constitution (Article II, Section 2, Clause 2) by which the president can exercise his exclusive power to appoint Supreme Court judges among many other public officials with the advice and consent of the Senate has turned into the disobliging, discourteous, and downright abominable menagerie that we see on display today. And the Founding Fathers did all that they reasonably could to avoid it, considering that they were thoughtfully balancing the concerns of finding individuals with "a systematic and accurate knowledge of the laws", the concern for possible intrigue and corruption that exist during the selection process for such appointments, along with the very significant power and interest that the individual states had at that time. [Gauch; see below]

It is happening because the elected officials of Congress at least since 1970 have abdicated their mutual authority to make difficult decisions and in their absence has granted more of Congress's authorities to the executive branch and the courts, much to the founders' chagrin.

The original purpose of the Supreme Court set out by the Constitution was to establish itself and inferior courts as needed to settle "controversies" between parties, not make law. In fact, the power that Americans most associate the Supreme Court today, judicial review of laws passed by Congress, state laws, or executive orders prepared and carried out by the president, is not even explicitly written in the Constitution. It is (rightfully) inferred by the Supremacy Clause of Article IV, Clause 2.

But the fact that it was not originally and explicitly stated as an authority should not be understated. The founders wanted the Supreme Court to adjudicate, not legislate, or take broad executive actions affecting all citizens. It was never intended to become a

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more productive than workers 40 years ago.

I point these things out not because I want to poor-mouth or to gain sympathy. Rather, I'd prefer a little empathy. Next time you scoff at the prevalence of avocado toast or participation trophies, or feel the urge to complain about my generation's entitlement, I would encourage you to remember that, statistically speaking, the economic ball has moved WAY down the field compared to where it stood for our forebears. If we feel like we're entitled to a little free time, or, God forbid, health insurance (*gasps*), just remember whose tax dollars are funding your single-payer, government administered healthcare-Medicare.



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Peggy and her husband, the late Dr. Ed Givhan have provided valuable gardening information to our readers for 20 years. They appeared in the first issue of the Gazette, 2000. Dr. Givhan began the articles in 2000 and upon his death Peggy has continued to be faithful contributor to the Alabama Gazette. Her commitment is outstanding and we cannot thank her enough. Her knowledge as a Master Gardner informs our readers each

month as how to grow and care for their plants. She makes their garden more beautiful each issue. Thank YOU!



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Inside the Statehouse with Steve Flowers

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Supreme Court Rules States – Can Collect Online Sales Tax

The State of Alabama's fiscal year begins next week on October 1. Our state's finances are not the best in the world. However, they got a boost from the U.S. Supreme Court earlier this year, The high tribunal ruled that states can collect sales tax on internet sales.

This was one of the most inequitable scenarios I have ever seen. If you went to the corner hardware store or Lowe's or Walmart to buy a hammer and paint, you paid sales tax. However, if you bought these same items online you did not. That is not fair to the store or the state. What is even more unfair is if your wife went down to the local dress shop and tried on an expensive dress she liked and then came home and bought it online. How fair is that to the store, the clerk at the store or the state.

Finally, and thankfully, the Supreme Court clarified this inequality that had persisted for decades, since the inception of the internet.

Alabama had already gotten ahead of the curve in regards to collecting online sales tax. Through the wise stewardship of House Ways and Means Chairman, Steve Clouse, R-Ozark, we had joined 19 other states in passing legislation that companies were to voluntarily pay the online sales tax.

The legislation passed in 2015 was entitled the Simplified Sellers Use Tax. It allowed companies the permission to collect sales tax to be remitted to the state voluntarily in exchange for locking in a fixed rate of 8 percent no matter where in the state an online item was sold. As you know, the sales tax rate deviates throughout each city and locale. In Alabama's case, the money collected under our SSUT Act was divided 50/50 between the state and cities and counties. The city's and county's half is disbursed based on population. The state's half is divided 75 percent to the General Fund and 25 percent to the Education Fund.

Chairman Clouse estimates that the state will reap an additional \$18-20 million from the Supreme Court decision. The Supreme Court's 5-to-4 ruling overruled decades of old decisions that had cost the state billions of dollars over the years.

The cases the Court overturned said that if a business was shipping an online customer's purchase to a state where the business did not have a physical presence like a store, warehouse, or office, the business did not have to collect sales tax and remit to the state. Over the decades this has been referred to as the Physical Presence Rule.

Retiring Justice, Anthony Kennedy, wrote the majority opinion. He said, "Every year the Physical Presence Rule becomes further removed from economic reality and results in significant revenue losses to the state." Retail trade groups praised the ruling saying that it levels the playing field for local and online businesses. President Trump praised the decision via Twitter. The President hailed the Supreme Court opinion as a "Big victory for fairness and for our country."



Speaking of President Trump and the Supreme Court, it is said and it is very true that the greatest legacy a U.S. President can record is an appointment to the U.S. Supreme Court. Trump has had two in the first two years. Regardless of what transpires in the next two years of Trump's reign, from conservative Americans viewpoint, this presidency has been a success.

The nominations of Neil Gorsuch last year and Brett Kavanaugh this year were BIG. Both men are in their early 50's and will make a powerful impact on public policy and law in America for decades. Long after Trump is gone, his legacy as a stalwart, conservative President will live on through Kavanaugh and Gorsuch.

Both are also men of character with impeccable credentials. They are strict Constitutional constructionists and adherents. Their intellectual prowess will be indelibly inscribed into the Law of the Land for generations.

As former President Barack Obama said, the night that Hillary Clinton lost to Donald Trump, "Elections have consequences."

September 26, 2018



I hear that Aretha Franklin had no Will; what will happen with her estate?



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Ronald A. a resident of Michigan and since she purportedly died without a Will or trust then the rules of **Holtsford** intestacy will prevail. It's like I tell my clients, if you have no Will then the State of Alabama has one for you under it's rules of intestacy.

I have read the same thing from many sources about Aretha Franklin having no Will. She was apparently



I don't know the laws of Michigan but I will tell you what I do know and compare it to Alabama law. It is reported that Aretha left about \$80 million dollars. I would suppose out of a mistrust by some older African American entertainers of unscrupulous agents or producers, Ms. Franklin was reported to have required payment of her fees in cash prior to all performances and the cash was kept with her in her purse on stage. That apparently worked well for her. I'm sure old habits die hard and may well have stemmed from low fees and attempts to cheat her in her early days of entertaining. Certainly Ms. Franklin earned her r-e-s-p-e-c-t for her talents and all loved her music. I know that this writer began to hear and enjoy her classics as a young boy.

From what I have read, she was divorced but has four sons, all-living. Her sons have all filed some type of document as "interested parties", which I am unfamiliar with in Alabama. It seems for now that all sons are on board together and are in agreement with a niece of Ms. Franklin who has apparently filed a document to be personal representative of the estate. In Alabama the Code of Alabama, 1975 reads, §43-2-42,

- (a) Administration of an intestate's estate must be granted to one of the persons herein named if the person is willing to accept and satisfactory to serve in the following order:
- (1) The husband or widow.
- (2) The next of kin entitled to share in the distribution of the estate.
- (3) The largest creditor of the estate residing in this state.
- (4) Any other person as the judge of probate may appoint.

In Alabama, any of the sons that reside in Michigan should be appointed as Personal Representative and not a niece.

Hopefully, as it sounds the sons are on board and would split everything four ways per Michigan law after all debts, funeral expenses, fees and taxes are paid. Apparently her attorney had encouraged her for years to make a Trust to keep her assets from becoming public.

If in Alabama Ms. Franklin's, Probate Court named Personal Representative would have to be bonded based on the value of her estate which can be a very significant amount and within sixty days of being appointed as Personal Representative would have to file an inventory of assets, debts and actual values all of which will be public record. During her life a few things could have been done to drop her estate tax exposure that will hit the estate so hard. In years past she could have gifted up to \$14,000 per person per year without having to file a gift tax return. This year could have been as much as \$15,000. As an example if all four sons are married she could have gifted \$28,000 per son and wife per year and \$30,000 per son and wife this year before her death. Greater amounts could have been gifted but would have dropped her maximum gift and estate tax amounts available. I realize \$112,000 to all four sons and spouses a year is a drop in the bucket even over several years when you are dealing with millions. Ownership of assets could have been protected somewhat by a trust both now

and in the years following her death. Her Personal Representative, if in Alabama could be paid as much as 5% (2 $\frac{1}{2}$ % that goes into the estate and 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ % that goes out) of the assets. This will be a minimum of six months in probate if it had been in Alabama. I would expect this process to take years to work out.

One interesting thing that I read in my research was from the Wall Street Journal. It brought up the question of legacy. How and who will benefit from her likeness, her music (maybe some previously unreleased) in the future. These things could have been addressed before her death and probably in a successful way. The Personal Representative will have to address these things possibly in litigation in the future from anyone outside that may have a claim to her digital and perceived values.

The big hit I would expect because of her lack of planning will be estate tax. If we base her assets purely on the \$80 million, there is almost \$11.2 million protected for 2018. After subtracting \$11.2 million from \$80 million we have \$68.8 million exposed to taxes. At a 40% tax bite from the Federal government, Ms. Franklin's estate can be contributing as much as \$27.52 million towards the national deficit. Talking about a lack of RESPECT! Fortunately, I read that Michigan does not pile on an additional inheritance tax.

You probably don't have anywhere close to the millions that Ms. Franklin had, but I hope than you will P-L-A-N.

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Tigers & Monkeys & Blue Tick Hounds – Oh My!!

Once again, we find ourselves inundated with progressive, non-sensical idiocy that defies all rational belief. Everyday it seems as though the progressive, oh heck, let's just call them what they are, socialists hell-bent on becoming communist, never fail to come up with new ways of demonstrating their brain decay. I honestly believe a lot of these people are crazy. I cannot necessarily say stupid, but certainly crazy. And I do not mean it in any kind of nice way. Perfect example of the insanity is Zina Bash, former White House special assistant for regulatory reform, legal and immigration policy who was sitting behind Judge Brett Kavanaugh during the first day of his confirmation hearings. As she sat there, here hand was positioned in such a way that the lamestream hacks and others insisted she was shooting a "White Power/ White Supremacy" like gang sign. The trouble? Uuuuuhh, she is half Mexican and half Jewish. Her grandparents were Holocaust survivors. White Power signs? Really? How about a hot steaming cup of "shut up and go away." But it just gets worse. Follow me here, folks.

> There's a dishonest tyranny in the liberal/progressive/socialist agenda that comes down and says 'we are here because we care about you; we want what's best for you'. But really what they want is the control of your life. Allen West

1. Tiger Woods: Yeah, he messed up. Big time. Lost both his family and his "mojo" but is nevertheless fighting his way back in 2018. I still have hopes that he and his wife will somehow restore their marriage and he will become the father and husband he is supposed to be. I do earnestly want and pray for that. But following the recent Northern Trust Golf Tournament in New Jersey, Tiger was asked a series of stupid and quite out of bounds questions having nothing to do with golf. Following this tournament, according to USA Today Sports writer, Christine Brennan, (a.k.a. editorial hack destined to disappear into the world of journalistic mediocrity), Tiger was asked, in her clouded mind, appropriate and reasonable questions. Sorry but they were not and she is dead wrong in her ignorance. Since when did it become appropriate to ask political/personal questions in a post golf tournament interview?

Instead of focusing on his much-improved play over the past several months and a second-place finish at the last PGA tournament, Tiger was asked both about his relationship with and how he felt about President Trump. (https://www.usatoday.com/story/sports/christinebrennan/2018/08/28/tigerwoods-successfully-straddles-fence-president-trump/1127549002/) Sorry folks, but I feel this line of questioning was way out of line. But for the sake of argument, let's say the questions posed to Tiger were indeed acceptable, what can we say about Tiger's answers? Tiger responded with, "Well, I've known Donald for a number of years. We've played golf together. We've had dinner together. I've known him pre-presidency and obviously during his presidency." Not satisfied with this answer well-reasoned answer and trying to pin Tiger down and force a damning media sound-bite, the most out from left field question one could imagine flew out of the reporters gob. "At a time, especially 2018, I think a lot of people, especially people of color, immigrants, feel threatened by him, by his policies, he's thrown himself into sports debates in terms of race with Le-Bron James, with the anthem — what do you say to people who might find it interesting that you, I guess, have a friendly relationship with him? Do you have anything more broadly to say about the state and I guess the discourse of race relations?" Tiger's answers clearly did not pass muster with the brainless leftist press and many a brain-dead Twitter types. To the first question Tiger responded with, "He's the president of the United States and you have to respect the office. No matter who's in the office, you may like, dislike the personality or the politics, but we all must respect the office." Heads explode! Then after the second question, clearly not in the mood for the press' special brand of race baiting and social engineering constructs, Tiger fended off the question with, "No. I just finished 72 holes and I'm really hungry." In other words, "Bugger off, loser." More heads explode! Tigers do tend to fight back. I love, not really, but I love how the social engineering experts term Tiger's answers as "straddling the fence." No, he answered with a well-thought out, reverent and cogent answer that these cretins simply do not want to hear. How dare he not bash Trump! Once again we have a man of color, who in their myopic world view has stepped off the plantation and is now an enemy of their fascist state. ESPN, for what it is worth arguably the most ridiculously biased "non-political," yet in reality very political outlet on television has seen fit, of course, to add their worthless two cents by two of their more popular commentators, Stephen A. Smith and Max Kellerman. Kellerman who history will also soon forget stated, "It really bothers me. I'm angry at what Tiger Woods said. It is a thoughtless statement held up as a thoughtful statement and it either holds in contempt the intelligence of the people who hear it or else it's just a stupid thing to say." Really, Kellerman? I actually looked up the definition of "stupid" and saw his picture there. So I guess it is stupid now, according to these socialist pigs, that disrespecting our flag and all that entails is the new moral high ground. And to say something so unimaginable as for people to respect the office of the presidency is the lowest of the low. Wow. Even a paragon within the black community, Hall of Fame football star Jim Brown has come under attack, by our own peeps no less, for not slamming the President. I would love to see any snowflake get in Jim Brown's face and call him a sellout. I would pay good money to see an 82-yearold man beat the snot out of some 21-year-old pansy. But it has to stop. Enough of this. The supposed most "tolerant" among us, the socialist-progressive left demonstrates daily why in fact they continue to be the least tolerant and more violent. Disagree with them and their goal is to shut you down, shame you or cry like little babies until they get their way. Don't believe it, just go back and watch the first two days of the Judge Kavanaugh confirmation hearings. Three words; Harris, Booker, Feinstein. Let's move on.

backed-republican-idUSKCN1LE1YH) No I am not talking about the 1931, 1952, 1998, 2007 or 2013 movies of the same name. Yeah, I am afraid so but this is among the latest, leftist insanity. No, Virginia, this is not made up. You cannot possibly make this stuff up. Republican U.S. Congressman Ron DeSantis was recently roasted when interviewed on Fox news after Democratic Mayor Andrew Gillum won his parties primary for the Florida governor's seat in November. Gillum, by the way is Black. DeSantis said, "The last thing we need to do is to monkey this up by trying to embrace a socialist agenda with huge tax increases." DeSantis also referred to Gillum as "an articulate" spokesman for far-left views which he does happen to be. But I guess the term "articulate" is another one of those racist, micro-aggressive terms.

Here's the rub folks. The left is hell-bent on making this a racial issue when none exists. Yeah, I get it. Words "monkey" and "ape" have been used to debase Blacks for centuries. But the point here is that in America, the terms "money with," "monkey around with," "throwing a monkey wrench" and "monkey up" have all been used to describe something as being done sloppily, incorrectly, carelessly, without much thought or just plain wrong. The left clearly knows this to be true yet Gillum told Fox News that DeSantis' "monkey remark" was "not lost on" him. He further ignorantly stated, "It's very clear that Mr. DeSantis is taking a page directly from the campaign manual of Donald Trump." Of course, he did. Of course he was going to go there. He has nothing else but his terrible track record, blatant ignorance and his socialist anti-American views to fall back on. Never squander a BS sound bite. Leftist playbook page 5.

So I guess when Barack Obama mentioned "monkeying around with elections" back in 2008 or when the always tiresome Diane Feinstein cackled, "No one has ever been allowed to Monkey around with our electoral system" while the perennially stupid Chuck Schumer pontificated, "Donald Trump threw a monkey wrench with the wall," all that was okay. (https://kprcradio.iheart.com/ featured/the-pursuit-of-happiness/content/2018-08-30-according-to-merriamwebsters-dictionary-desantis-is-not-a-racist/) I guess I should now go back through the history books and national archives and write what a rabid racist Manfred von Richthofen, Germany's Red Baron of WW1 fame clearly was because he said his Fokker Triplane "climbed like a monkey." But now, in the limited minds of the leftist hooligans, in the year 2018, whenever a conservative uses a term with the word "monkey," it is of course racist and a shame to whomever uses such a derogatory word. I suppose the next time I go to the zoo and want to see the monkey house, I will have to ask to see, "The, you know house, thing, where them hairy critters fling pooh."

3. University of Tennessee: Yeah, I went there and am a proud graduate. I loved my time there and will say it was among the happiest eight years of my life. Okay, I'm kidding, it only took me three and one-half years to graduate but here in 2018, let me say some of why I am getting fed up with my alma matter.

1. Rise in anti-Semitism. I do not get it. I don't. I hate it. Where I grew up in New Jersey, about half of my high school was Jewish. My first girlfriends were mostly Jewish and I have always loved my Jewish friends and the Jewish people. My best friend growing up was Jewish and yes, I went to more than my fair share of Bar-Mitzvahs. But over the last several years, there has been an ugly specter of anti-Semitism brewing on my old campus. UT has been called a "cesspool of anti-Semitic and racist behavior." (http://www.dailymail.co.uk/

news/article-3730310/University-Tennessee-cesspool-anti-Semitic-racist-behavior-anonymous-watchdog-group-alleges.html) Yes when I went there all fraternities and sororities were still segregated (may still be but I do not know nor really care) but when I heard from several of my UT pals, all white btw, that former QB T. Martin, the same T. Martin who brought us our national championship in1998, was not seriously considered for the head football coaching job for as they say, he is not the right skin tone. I have to ask myself, "Do I believe it?" Unfortunately yeah I do Perceptions become reality and it bothers me that numbers 2 and 3 below are embraced at UT whereas the thought of having a Black head coach is a foreign an idea as Klingons landing on the White House lawn. 2. Sex Week: (https://www.breitbart.com/tech/2018/04/11/university-of-tennessee-at-knoxville-hosts-anal-sex-workshop-during-sex-week/) Anal sex workshop at the annual sex week. Really? Is this a real thing? Everything I have uncovered thus far points to yes. So sad, disturbing and disappointing. (https://www.cnsnews.com/blog/michael-w-chapman/rev-graham-u-tennessees-sex-week-promoting-sin-sodom-gomorrah) Worse than it sounds if that is possible. More to come later. 3. The Push for Gender Neutral Pronouns: Yes, the University, to some degree actually supports this insanity. Here is a link to a 2015 article. (https://www.tennessean.com/story/news/education/2015/08/30/university-tennessee-genderneutral-pronouns/71416632/) Sheesh. Again, more to come. 4. Finally, UT Football: Yeah, we pretty much stink. Closing in on 20 years now. Pathetic. I tried to sum it up for a friend of mine why over my 23 years here in Alabama I have come to be a fan of the tide and to a degree Auburn as well. When I watch Bama enter the field there is a definite swagger. A confidence. An attitude of "we will not be beaten." Every year, rightfully so or not, every single Alabama fan EXPECTS their team to win the National Championship. It is expected and when it doesn't happen, for it cannot happen every year, there is disappointment (except in Auburn) throughout the state. Enter stage left, Tennessee. Whereas Bama enters the fray saying beat me if you dare. Tennessee enters much like Eeyore from Winnie the Pooh. "Oh me, oh my. I sure hope we don't lose today. Maybe if we do, it won't be so bad. Maybe we might even score once. Perhaps even a touchdown by our offense. Won't that be great!" Bama's measure of merit (MOM) as we say in military operations is a national championship. EVERY SINGLE YEAR. You have to love that. Tennessee's MOM? A winning season or perhaps if light shines upon Neyland Stadium, a Bowl Game. Oh my! If we can only dream of such a thing. A spirit of losing is a terrible thing and something that is hard to overcome. Accepting mediocrity on the football field when coupled with items 1-3 above has really soured and tainted my view of my old school. Perhaps if we clean up the rot festering at the heart of a great university, then maybe Tennessee will once again return to football prominence. In fact, if all I have read is indeed true, I really don't care if Tennessee ever wins another football game. Yes, Virginia, there are some things more important than football. Although I have not yet burned my UT gear, neither am I holding my breath.

2. Monkey Business: (https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-election/florida-governor-race-a-clash-between-liberal-democrat-and-trump-

This being the Alabama Gazette's Anniversary Issue, I just want to thank Mrs. Grant for affording me the opportunity to write for her and for all of you who may enjoy my column. I realize some out there may not but please understand that I always write what I believe. This is my 98th column for the Alabama Gazette and I hope to pen at least 98 more. But without our readers, this would all be for naught, so I thank each of you for lending your support to Mrs. Grant, Marie, her entire staff, her writers and her paper. She is a magnificent woman and each of us here at the Gazette love her dearly. Thanks again. T8er





According to a 19th century legend, the Truth and the Lie met one sunny summer day. The Lie told the Truth, "It surely is a very beautiful day today, is it not?"

Truth looked around suspiciously and raised her eyes to heaven for the day was indeed really beautiful. "Indeed, it is," she said. So the two spent all day playing together until they happened upon a swimming hole. The Lie said, "Hey, Truth, it is so hot right now and the water appears to be very nice, let's go swimming together!"

Truth, always suspicious of the Lie, tested the water with her toes. The water was deliciously refreshing, she agreed and the two quickly undressed and started swimming.

Suddenly the devious Lie rushed from the water, put on Truth's clothes and scurried away. Furious at the Lie's deception, Truth emerged from the water in order to expose the Lie and recover her own clothes. The world, ever watching however, seeing the Truth naked and uncovered turned its eyes with contempt, fear, horror and rage.

Truth, abandoned and dishonored, returned to the swimming hole and disappeared forever while hiding in her shame. Only occasionally does she make herself known but only to be quickly driven back into the depths of darkness.

Since that fateful day, the Lie has traveled the world over dressed as the Truth while satisfying the needs of deceived societies and a decadent world that does not want to see nor acknowledge the naked Truth. *Jean-Léon Gérôme*, 1896.

Special Feature Commentary...

August 20, 2018, snowflake and fascist ANTIFA types knocked down the Silent Sam statue on the UNC Chapel Hill campus. I am not here to defend Silent Sam or definitely not the guy who erected the statue, but anarchy is not my gig. When reading about this and other such statues being destroyed or taken down, I came across the biography of a truly evil guy but I cannot understand why people are not clamoring for his statue to be removed from a college campus. This guy was born way back in 1649 and served in several business capacities until his death in 1721.

Records show that this man participated in and profited greatly from a flour-



ishing slave trade. In other words, he was not just a slave owner but a slave trader. The worst of the worst. For example, in today's world he wouldn't be the Crackhead but the guy who supplies Crack to little kids. He wouldn't just lust over child pornography, but he would have made it and participated in



it. This is the kind of guy he was. He also enforced a law that at least ten slaves should be carried on every ship bound for Europe. In his capacity as judge he also on several occasions sentenced so-called "black criminals" to whipping and enslavement. When the demand for slaves began to increase rapidly, in order to keep up with growing demands, he and other English merchants apparently even began to kidnap young children and deport them to distant parts of the world, very much against their will.

In addition to being a slave trader, kidnapper and all-around dirt bag, he was eventually fired in 1692 for his illegal profiteering in a myriad of business dealings. Nice guy, huh? Yet his statue remains prominently on the college campus that bears his name; Yale University.

Yeah, you heard it right. Elihu Yale. I find it amazing how so many people, especially those from the north, hate and denigrate all things southern and feel it acceptable and their right to destroy historical monuments down here while keeping their monuments to horrific people intact and relevant school names in place. Before we allow any more destruction and social re-engineering here, let's all flood New Haven, Connecticut, rip down the statue of a ghastly man while forcing an acceptable name change. If it works for a Robert E. Lee high school, it should work equally well at Yale University. Yup the Lie is forever "at it."

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The Education Station... By Bobbie Ames

What Can We Do to Restore America's Christian Heritage?

Freedom

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31

Nowhere in History is God's Hand more evident than in the establishment of the United States of America.

The signing of that great and noble document, the Declaration of Independence, not only gave birth to a new nation, it gave birth to a new hope for all nations, ushering in a new era in the history of government on earth.

John Adams, our second president, and one of the signers of the Declaration, was so awestruck by the event in which he had participated, that he wrote his



wife Abigail, it "ought to be celebrated, as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to Almighty God. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of the continent to the other, from this time forward, forever."

President John AdamsWhile Americans have been faithful in following
the later part of Adams' suggestions---the pomp,
parades, and illuminations, we have been less so in
adhering to the first. Our celebration of the "day of
deliverance," like our celebration of Thanksgiving,
instituted by the Pilgrims at Plymouth, has tended
more and more to be exclusively secular in content.The "solemn acts of devotion to Almighty God," advocated by Adams, have not
only for the most part disappeared, but they would likely be mistakenly
rebuffed by many, as unconstitutional intermingling of Church and State.

To see the Declaration of Independence as merely a human document is to miss the underlying philosophy, and faith, which initiated it. To the Founders, it was a divinely inspired sacred charter to which they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor. To the Founders, it was

immortal for their sons, their daughters and all their posterity.

Let us prepare annually for Independence Day as the "day of deliverance." Can we throughout the year treasure a spiritual deliverance and celebrate our unique form of government, which gave us Christian self-government! Let us consecrate ourselves as individuals, as families, as churches, to the task of rebuilding our nations' Biblical Foundation. Let us be practical and let each of us start where we are. **Most of all let us remember, "with solemn acts of devotion," the God Whose mighty Hand brought our nation into being.**



Thomas Jefferson

IN THE FAMILY

In order to restore the Biblical principles of government which established our nation, these principles must first be restored in our homes. As God's first institution of society, the home is the first area of local self-government; its greatest contribution to our nation's well being is the bringing up of young men and women of Christian character.

It is in the home that the heart of the child is trained to righteousness or unrighteousness. The heart is the seat of character. Out of it comes either a "good treasure" or an "evil treasure," as pointed out by Luke 6:45. Every area of our society is affected by what the home builds or does not build in character.

A valuable, but often neglected practice in the home, is the use of literature to build character. To take advantage of using literature for the training of hearts, modern parents need to research and use the great literature which helped form the character of our early American generations.

You will not find this literature used today in government schools. However, it is a wonderful way to use this once treasured literature to restore our national character.

IN THE CHURCH

No institution should be better qualified than the Christian churches, to address the issue of the Christian's responsibility for the exercise of Christian Principles in government. It was through the Reformation, that this form of government was introduced in the Protestant churches of England. It was this representative and covenantal model that became the pattern for civil government in the American colonies. Later it became the form of government created in the U. S. Constitution.

Pastors of all denominations should dare to take the lead in affirming the vital link between the individual spiritual freedom granted in the Gospel, and the political freedom that established our nation.

One good starting point and an inspiring adventure would be to review the early sermons of the pastors who lived prior to and during the American Revolution. This blessing for the pastors, would hopefully lead to a life changing experience for their congregations. The results being the restoration of our nation.

But Adams' comment to his wife reveals a recognition that can be noted in the writings of all the Founding Fathers, that something far greater than the mere will of men was involved in the events surrounding our nation's beginning. Indeed, all bear reverent testimony to the sense that the mighty Hand of God was at work in the affairs of men. They, by responding to the crisis of their time, were involved in a turning point in the history of mankind that was almost incredible and certainly miraculous in the light of history.

Beyond their own recognition of indeed their firm reliance upon God and His Providence, the Founding Fathers represented a people well prepared for its moment in history. A people though from 13 various colonies, and loyal to sundry denominations, who were schooled in and submitted to the Gospel of Truth. Many of them were men and women, or descendants of men and women, who had come to America to escape religious tyranny in Europe. They were accustomed to liberty, and quick to recognize the tyranny, for example, in the following ACTS of the Mother Country: The Navigation Acts, The Revenue Acts, The Stamp Act, The Quartering Act, The Townshend Act, and The Boston Port Act.

However, neither the colonists nor their leaders were predisposed to rebellion. In response to the Stamp Act, Congress entreated England for fair play. Efforts to reason with the oppressors and reliance on God at the same time, characterized each political effort.

When it became evident that the King and his Parliament had hardened their hearts, the colonists acted in unison. In town meetings, one after another, the alarm was sounded! Thomas Jefferson spoke of the conviction of the multitude, when he wrote, "The God who gave us life, gave us liberty at the same time; the hand of force may destroy, but cannot disjoin us."

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessing of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity. Do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

The first three words of the preamble, "We the People," may be the three most important words in the history of American democracy!

A great resource for this can be found in *FACE.net*, the Foundation for American Christian Education, in Chesapeake, Virginia.

We the People

Following are ways that the individual can help restore our nation to its Biblical Principles of government.

- **1.** Research the Hand of God in our United States History. Study, meditate, and pray daily for our spiritual restoration.
- 2. Make your voice heard. Write to candidates, elected officials, news papers, radio and TV anchors to express your views.
- **3.** Become a public relations officer for America's Christian destiny. Set a goal of contacting a number of people every week to win support for the cause of restoring America's Biblical foundation.
- 4. With an election coming in November, support those candidates who stand for a Godly cause.
- **5.** Consider seriously the power of campaigning for Truth. *The greatest friend of Liberty is Truth.* Truth is contained in Biblical Christianity and will ultimately triumph. We are on the winning team.

This article first appeared in 1986, when Bobbie Ames was the Alabama State Director of the Freedom Council.



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onsequences of Failing Schoolhouse Rock?

Quite some time ago, I began to think that little in politics surprises me anymore, but the month of September has outdone itself in revealing the demise of civility in our culture.

So many thoughts and reactions from disbelief to disgust ran through my mind while watching the recent Senate confirmation hearings for U.S. Supreme Court nominee Judge Brett Kavanaugh. The disrespectful and childish antics of disruptors of the hearings (and the Democrats who encouraged them) was not "democracy in action" as touted by various leftist commentators, but a foretaste of the mob rule chaos that so many appear determined to inflict on our nation.

Now, the recent bombshell of a 36-year-old sexual assault allegation, deliberately withheld by Democrats for at least six weeks until days before the Senate vote to confirm, appears to me to be perfectly coordinated for the maximum political fallout to both derail Judge Kavanaugh's nomination and impact the November mid-term elections.

Sexual assault is a serious crime; however, with the woman in question now (as of my article deadline) unwilling to testify publicly at any time as initially indicated by her attorney across numerous media outlets, it's becoming harder for me to accept that this is little more than utilizing the #metoo movement as a delay tactic to extend the nomination process past the mid-term elections, and comments from elected Democrats such as Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-Hawaii) regarding the possibility of keeping the seat open for up to two years should Democrats take control in November confirms my suspicions.

Politically, our system is so incredibly broken, and no better explanation exists than the one given by Sen. Ben Sasse (R-Nebraska) during the confirmation hearings. As I listened live to his speech that day, I realized that Sen. Sasse was articulating everything I've attempted to write for the past eight years in my articles, and why I remain so frustrated and concerned by where I see us heading as a nation.

(If you haven't heard his remarks, I urge you to take the time to either watch on YouTube to the best and shortest 15-minute civics lesson available, or read his commentary submitted to The Wall Street Journal.*)

Sen. Sasse opines that the source of political hysteria regarding Supreme Court nominations is the result of a "new mentality" of how people believe our three branches of government work, and he suggests this would be a good time to introduce our children to the Saturday morning classic of my youth, Schoolhouse Rock. He's correct, but doesn't go far enough as I am of the opinion that a lack of solid civics knowledge concerning our constitutional republic also exists among the adults of our nation, extending all the way to our members of Congress. And with the decades of leftist ideology instilled into our children via our education system, it's little wonder as to the current chaos we're experiencing because an improperly educated citizenry is easily manipulated.

Sen. Sasse accurately explains that during the past century, legislative power has been increasingly transferred to the executive branch, by BOTH parties, resulting in a weak legislative body more interested in keeping their jobs than doing the hard work of legislating. To me, it's also why we've progressively suffered a legislative "kick the can" attitude of solving problems, as blame is quite easily shifted to another branch of government in an effort to survive another election.

Legislative authority has also been transferred to the ever-expanding

labyrinth of alphabet-soup bureaucratic agencies, led by unelected administrators charged with creating rules and burdensome regulations of which citizens have little to no recourse other than through lengthy and costly legal battles. As Sen. Sasse explains, it's why the courts have become political football and confirmation hearings are now little more than partisan circus events. The solution, according to Sen. Sasse, is to restore the balance of powers as originally intended



with Congress passing laws to which they are held accountable, an executive branch that enforces the laws passed, and a judiciary that applies the law rather than interpret it based on their ideology.

But that return to the proper balance of powers isn't what Democrats seek. For years, leftists have wanted and have succeeded in stacking the courts with liberal judges who will be policy makers for the ideology they can't pass into law, and in this Supreme Court nomination, Democrats have revealed the extent they are willing to go in order to destroy someone they deem to be a threat.

When a man's character and reputation, one that has been scrutinized numerous times in the course of his stellar public service career, can so easily come under a national smear campaign from leftist politicians and media with a politically-orchestrated, suspiciously-timed desperation ploy, it exposes the left as the enemy of our constitutional right to due process. It's not being a champion for women or for justice; it is using women for political gain. What has happened during this Supreme Court nomination process should strike fear into the hearts of every conservative in our state and nation, and should be all the motivation necessary to turn out a ground swell of the conservative vote in November.

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On this past August 25, after a long bout with brain cancer, Arizona's senior Senator, John Sidney McCain III, finally lapsed into a Neal Boortz "eternal celestial dirt nap."

Flags in Arizona, Washington, D.C. and other places were flown at half mast for several days. Most of the news media wrote glowing eulogies, claiming that he was a great American war hero, and a great American Senator. But was he?

McCain's grandfather was a four star Navy admiral, and his father was a four star admiral of the Pacific Fleet. Their high-ranking status provided a privileged environment for this spoiled brat with a "volcanic temper" who became a "holy terror" as a teenager.

With his father's blessings, McCain entered the Annapolis Naval Academy and graduated in 1958 in spite of "massive numbers of demerits and low academic performance." He took flight training in Pensacola, Florida and became a Navy aviator (pilot).

McCain was fond of "hot dogging" the Navy's planes, and within a few years, he had wrecked three of them-one into a power line in Spain. But his father, along with powerful connections and the Navy's "good old boy" tradition, saved him from court martials, time in the brig, and a dishonorable discharge.

A common practice among young pilots who liked to show off was a "wet start,"—flooding the combustion chamber of a jet fighter with extra fuel before ignition—creating a noisy, fiery blast. McCain did it regularly and earned his nickname, "Johnny Wet Start."

By 1967, McCain became a Lieutenant Commander and was assigned to the USS Forrestal off the coast of Vietnam to make bombing runs with A-4 Skyhawks. On July 29, during preparations for a strike on North Vietnam, the aviators fired up their engines, including Johnny with his wet start, blasting an F-4 behind him. Suddenly, an Mk-32 Zuni rocket from under the F-4's wing fired off, struck and punctured the auxiliary fuel tank of an A-4 and ignited it. (McCain claimed it was his fuel tank. Others say it was the one on McCain's right piloted by Lt. Commander Fred White).

In seconds, flames spread across the ship's deck, ignited other planes, and soon cooked off the 1000 pound bombs that were being loaded onto them. Extensive damage penetrated down through several decks and nearly sank the 82,000 ton carrier. 134 crewmen were killed and another 161 were seriously injured. *

With the Forrestal out of service, McCain was transferred to the USS Oriskany and continued bombing runs. On October 26, 1967, he was shot down while bombing a light bulb factory near Hanoi. The North Vietnamese captured him and kept him in the "Hanoi Hilton," where he stayed until the end of the war in March, 1973. After his release, he remained in the Navy and retired as a Captain with a disability pension in 1981.

In 1987, McCain began his Senate career, which continued for the rest of his life. He quickly became a member of the Armed Services Committee

Investigating John McCain's Tragedy at Sea

and teamed up with the military war hawks. He strived for aggression in Bosnia, Kosovo, Georgia, North Korea, Iraq, Afghanistan, Iran, Syria, Kuwait, Libya, Mali, and other places under Presidents Reagan, both Bushes, Clinton, and Obama.

After 9/11, he sided with George W. Bush and claimed that Iraq was "a clear and present danger to the United States of America." He promptly voted for the Iraq War Resolution in October, 2002. When "Dubya" commenced the bombing of Baghdad in 2003, McCain assumed that the Iraqi people would welcome the U.S. soldiers as liberators. But after thousands of civilian casualties, the destruction of homes and infrastructure, massive power outages, and the uprising of radical militant groups, they quickly realized that our actions were far more devastating than anything that Saddam Hussein had ever done. Soon they were chanting, "Death to America." In a few years, half of the Middle East hated Americans and called our nation "The Great Satan."

The casualty count in Iraq has been estimated to be up to a million Iraqis, about 200,000 civilians, and 5000 Americans. Contractors, relief workers, and journalists were also killed. Over 1600 other Americans lost arms and legs.

Here at home, McCain pushed for reckless spending and helped create useless and abusive agencies like Homeland security, the Patriot Act, the Military Commissions Act, and the National Defense Authorization Act. The TSA has not apprehended a single terrorist, but many people have witnessed agents opening their luggage and stealing expensive items.

And finally, his last hurrah: On July 28, 2017, McCain cast the decisive "no" vote to kill the repeal of Obamacare. It failed 49-51.

Thanks a lot, Mr. War Hero. Blood, destruction, oppression, hatred, Constitutional violations, and high treason are on your hands. May God have mercy on your soul.

*There is conjecture regarding the firing of the Zuni rocket. The official Navy opinion was an electrical power surge caused during preparations. Others said that the wet start either ignited the rocket or triggered the power surge.

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Empty screen before me once again, hands at the keyboard [see Mark 9:43-47 below] contemplating what to address for this month's column...

- The ray of hope for corrupt politicians upon reversal of Felon Hubbard's 5th count of the twelve jury convictions?
- The adulation of McCain? Boycott gubernatorial race voting to reduce signature requirements in our ballot access restricted State?
- The Anita Hill DC flashback?
- Explain the deleterious history of Nazis to those who are too blind/ignorant to understand they are the current iteration of hegemonic national socialists?

'Crash' and the Gus bust LSU result? Or another 'Ten Years After' type piece on the **2008** 'market' crash...This dilemma is nothing new, never a shortage of topics to consider for the space I've been blessed with as an Alabama Gazette columnist, a blessing worthy of some reflection upon this **19th** Anniversary issue. Sound accomplishment in a world of 'disappearing print' these past decades.

Ending the 'teen years' is strong evidence to suggest the Gazette has survived the formidable years and has undoubtedly been a righteous input in the 'Heart of Dixie' in general and on Goat Hill more specifically. I do not consider myself one of the 'marquee' writers; I think Ronald Holtsford is the best, Steve Flowers most read but I'm nonetheless delighted and honoured to be a writer for this wonderful paper for half of those years. I've addressed High School graduations, penned letters to Godchildren and nephews as they brought their teens to a close and often found Scripture worthy of the occasion. So I thought it apropos, poor wordsmith I've been throughout the years to submit the following text:

1 Corinthians 15:33 - Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

1 Thessalonians 5:21-22 - Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

Matthew 24:4 - And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you.

Isaiah 52:7 - How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

Mark 9:43-47 - And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:

Ezekiel 9:11 - And, behold, the man clothed with linen, which had the inkhorn by his side, reported the matter, saying, I have done as thou hast commanded me.

2 Thessalonians 2:11 - And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie,

Ephesians 4:29 - Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

Isaiah 21:2 - A grievous vision is declared unto me; the treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth. Go up, O Elam: besiege, O Media; all the sighing thereof have I made to cease.





Philemon 1:6 - That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

John 8:44 - You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

Revelation 12:9 - So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Philippians 4:8 - *Finally*, *brethren*, *whatsoever things are true*, whatsoever things honest, whatsoever things just, whatsoever things pure, whatsoever things lovely, whatsoever things of good report; if any virtue, and if any praise, think on these things.

Little surprise I've included Philippians 4:8 as the closing Scriptural text remembering Loretta Grant's nomenclature of my column space, THINK. The Bible is filled with many passages on the importance of honest reporting, shunning deception and righteous communication. Charlton Heston's powerful charge for Herod's soldiers to "report it well!" as John the Baptist in "The Greatest Story Ever Told" [1965] left an indelible mark in my memory as a child knowing this honest reporting would not bode well for John. Still today, those who speak Truth to the corrupt and powerful often do not fare well in this world.

H.L. Mencken is most widely cited for advancing the role of the press to 'comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable' although expressed long before by journalist Finley Peter Dunne (1867-1936) asserting the accomplishments of newsprint in society, "Th' newspaper does ivrything f'r us. It runs th' polis foorce an' th' banks, commands th' milishy, conthrols th' ligislachure, baptizes th' young, marries th' foolish, comforts th' afflicted, afflicts th' comfortable, buries th' dead an' roasts thim aftherward." Given the responses I've received, there's no doubt the Gazette has in fact 'comforted and afflicted' these past decades. I've found those comforted by columns written on things no other media covered more satisfying than afflicting the comfortable and corrupt. I do find it revealing when the 'Facebook community' blocks a link to what I've written - it speaks loudly about what their 'community standards' are in fact. Playing a role in getting a corrupt county commission to follow the law in bonding an engineer not following access management policies harming rural travelers and mostly black churches; addressing RSA fraud on auto allowances; helping investigation into our first 'Gig City' in Alabama to name a few have indeed been rewarding. I remain saddened by those who accept corruption and deception if the courts and the restricted ballot box allow with little regard for the ultimate Judge of our posterity into eternity. I rejoice at the rare Rep. Wren result who does come to contrition and sufficiently rebuked earning our forgiveness and welcome back as a prodigal son.

In closing, this may be my last Anniversary column as a Gazette writer and econ instructor as I bring teaching to a close after 30 years. I have no doubt what I've communicated and reported in the Gazette far exceeded all my professional publications in educating the public and making a difference. I pray the Gazette sees fit to allow me to continue in their blessed endeavour. Many thanks to all the wonderful souls who've made the Gazette what it has matured into these past 19 years and especially all the readers. As the Greeks say, "Chronia Pola!" - i.e., may God grant the Alabama Gazette many more years filled with blessings!

Exodus 23:1 - Thou shalt not raise a false report: put not thine hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness.

John 12:38 - That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?

Acts 6:3 - Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

Romans 10:16 - But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?

2 Corinthians 6:8 - By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true;

1 Timothy 3:7 - Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

Postscript: enjoyed comments sent on the "Write on Voter; Right ON!" column, esp. reminders of the Fayette County result where 2,556 voters re-elected Sheriff Rodney Ingle as a write-in a few years ago. Ingle cited his family and supporters' aggressive door-to-door, social media and billboard campaign for the result. Ingle's name was not allowed on the ballot because he did not win as a Democrat in the primaries saying, "In a primary, you have to vote for the party and that's what happened there. A lot of my votes crossed over to the Republican side." Further reason to allow voters to participate in both duopoly party primaries wrongfully funded by taxpayers. Ingle defeated two Republican candidates and another write-in candidate. Secretary of State John Merrill found only three modern victories in Alabama where a candidate won an election as a 'write-in.' Lowell Barron's 1983 election to the State Senate is the most often cited write-in win; Arthur Crawford won the 2012 Hale County Probate Judge race as a write-in. The incumbent in Lee County Commission (District 5) race running as a write-in is looking a little more hopeful...

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Welcome to Dan Sutter and Dr. Martin T. Olliff for their guest articles in this months' Alabama Gazette. We look forward to having their articles appear in the Gazette in the future.

Is Facebook Really Like Ma Bell?



By Daniel Sutter

Some commentators and politicians have proposed regulating Facebook, Twitter, and Google as public utilities. To make sense of this proposal, let's consider the economic role of public utilities.

Today's social media giants might meet the popular definition of monopoly, namely having a very large market share. Economists, however, use a much stricter definition, and public utility regulation applied only to the specific type known as "natural" monopoly. Natural monopoly refers to industries where the cost per unit produced or customer served falls due to a very high first unit cost and a very low cost of serving extra customers.

Consider the electric grid. Establishing the grid requires generation plants, transmission lines, substations, and finally the power wires in our communities. Once built, the cost of connecting one more home or business to the grid is very low. The same dynamic applies to water and sewer systems, landline telephones, and roads and streets.

One large firm will likely dominate such industries. Why? Competition drives price down to the cost of production. Here the largest firm has a cost advantage and profitably charge lower prices than its rivals. Smaller firms can either match leader's the price and lose money or maintain a profitable price and likely lose customers. After the smaller guys go bankrupt, the large firm can raise its price and earn big profits.

We frequently use anti-trust laws to prevent establishment of or break up existing monopolies. But breaking up a natural monopoly is unlikely to produce competition for long. The largest firm's cost advantage doesn't go away.

What are alternatives? On is government ownership of the utility, which we rely on for water, sewers, roads, and electricity in communities like Troy. Co-operative ownership by customers – electric and natural gas co-ops – prevents managers from trying to profit at customers' expense.

Public utilities regulation gives a private, for-profit company an exclusive service territory, albeit with restrictions. Government regulators, in Alabama the Public Service Commission, set prices and other terms of service. And the utility is a common carrier who must provide service to all customers willing to pay the regulated price. Economists and lawyers developed the public utilities doctrine around 1900. Another way to think about a public utility is that competition between profitseeking businesses normally best serves customers. But the enormous cost of power grids renders multiple systems and competition unattractive. Perhaps having one grid and economists deliver the benefits of competition through rules makes more sense.

Whether the public utilities doctrine served America well during the 20th Century is a question for another day. How about applying this model to social media today?

Facebook and Google meet the popular definition of monopoly – they dominate their markets. Twitter dominates its unique product, but alternatives exist to push out messages. None of the three has a massive, critical physical infrastructure creating declining cost per customer.

The social media giants do possess an advantage resembling natural monopoly. They have coordination value: the value of being on Facebook increases with the number of other users. Economists call this a network effect. Although many economists fear that network effects might lock us into inferior technology, in practice entrepreneurs can get consumers to switch: we do not still watch VHS movies and listen to cassettes.

The social media companies serve their customers very well. For instance, YouTube's advertising allows performers to earn money, with some stars earning millions per year. Facebook has offered users innovative features and an easy interface. Market domination due to better service benefits consumers.

Alternatives to Facebook currently exist, like LinkedIn and even MySpace. More significantly, a new rival would not have to duplicate a massively costly physical infrastructure. The economic case for regulating the fast-changing digital world with a model designed for the physical world is weak. Today's social media giants will likely have a much shorter time on our economic stage than phone and electric utilities unless we cement their positions via regulation.

Remember to check out Troy University news at Troy.Today. Photos are in *troyuniversity.photoshelter.com*.

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Alabama Celebrates Bicentennial in 2019



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Alabama will celebrate the bicentennial of its admission to the Union on Dec. 14, 2019. Such anniversary celebrations often lead to an uptick in interest in history.

This happened at the national level in 1826, the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, with many states funding historians to travel to colonial archives to copy papers and Congress funding publication of the American State

do to avoid merely celebrating and moving on?

Consider that history is what we can reconstruct of the past from the records and similar traces left to us. Enter the archives – not a repository necessarily, but collections of personal, family, and institutional records that are preserved and available for research.

Most of us don't consider ourselves important enough to merit being remembered, but even the most representative people are worth remembering because they represent the mass of our neighbors.

Here are 5 concrete things we all can do to keep the "spirit of the bicentennial": 1) Collect your stories and those of your family

1) Collect your stories and those of your family. For those without a paper trail, record their oral histories.

2) Collect your personal papers. We all have pa-

5) A final category: scrapbooks. These provide a wealth of information about what you or your organizations believe reflect them and are important.

Make sure that you have a landing place for your personal and institutional archives, and make sure that landing place makes your records available to researchers. Your public library might have a local history room or your local historical society might be willing to take your archives. But don't just appear on their doorstep with your trove; work with them now to make sure they will accept your materials in the future. Space is at a premium, so all libraries and repositories have limits on what they accept.

Contact regional archival repositories like the Wiregrass Archives. One of our collecting poli-

Wiregrass Archives at the Dothan Campus.

Papers series.

It happened again in 1876, the Centennial of the U.S.'s birth, with the U.S. holding its first

World's Fair in Philadelphia and President Grant calling upon Americans to write the histories of their home town.

It happened again in 1976, the nation's bicentennial, with celebrations all over, the Freedom Train traveling around the country, and historical societies casting off their narrow membership rules and democratizing membership.

Even though Alabama is in the middle of three years of commemoration, there's a danger that the "spirit of the bicentennial" will fade quickly, and with it the interest in our own history. What can we pers that document our lives. Keep such papers in a dark, clean and temperature/humidity controlled environment.

3) Do the same with photographs, and identify as many people in those pictures as possible. Write on the edge of the photo's back, in pencil, not across the full back in ink, or add a sheet of paper to each with the details.

4) Business, church, and other institutional records require a bit of thought, but keep anything they make public as well as year-end financials, policy records, records that reflect how the business is organized, and work product. Sensitive records can be closed for a long time — at least until the statute of limitations expires. A word to preachers: if you write your sermons, keep those with your church records, too.

cies is to accept papers documenting the lives of people and institutions in the Wiregrass of Alabama, Georgia, and Florida.

If you want to make a real contribution to the history of your state, the place to begin is not with devising a big project but with retaining and preserving your personal and organizational records. History is what we can document, and YOU are as significant a part of history as everyone else.

Keep the spirit of the bicentennial alive – document yourself, your family, and your institutions.

It Came from the Archives is an ongoing series spotlighting the fascinating collections at the Wiregrass Archives. To find out more, visit online at https://www.troy.edu/wiregrassarchives or in person in Everett Hall on the Dothan Campus.

Continued from page 1 "Entry of The Gladiators" The U.S. Constitutional and Government By Tobias Grant

political branch of government. The reason why Supreme Court justices are selected to lifetime appointments is precisely because they did not want the most senior judges in the land to be overly influence by political pressures. These pressures were to be felt to lessening degrees by congressional representatives, presidents, and senators. They wanted the legislative and executive branches to handle the functioning of government, and to only be forced to resort to the Supreme Court for far-reaching items of long-term national consequence when something was irreconcilably broken.

And even though the intent to depoliticize Supreme Court justice appointments got off to a rocky start as early as 1795 with the rejection of Judge John Rutledge, along with the other 28 nominees (1 in 4) that were rejected almost always along party lines in the 19th Century [Gauch], the trend seemed to become much more level-headed and congenial with only three nominees rejected for the majority of the 20th Century.

That changed considerably with the two Nixon nominees, the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision, and the rejection of the highly qualified but overtly pro-life nominee, Robert H. Bork in 1987. Afterwards, the concept of a depoliticized Supreme Court was turned completely on its head. As a consequence, what currently transpires with the menagerie of the Judge Brett Kavanaugh hearings is a symptom of American societal discord. Regardless of Judge Kavanaugh's nnocence or guilt concerning the increasing number of highly questionable accusations for sexual misconduct thrown against him, he is not the one who has made a mockery of the advice and consent function of the Senate. In this particular case, that fault rest entirely with congressional Democrats and their sloppy and self-serving muck up of congressional due diligence and procedure. It also ultimately rests with an electorate that continues to facilitate this insanity purely to perpetuate un-altruistic goals.

This is why we select individuals of high moral and intellectual caliber to the Supreme Court, in principle without regard to political ideology, because in theory the interpretation of law should not be political. We refer to the authority of the rulings of these justices during times of conflict within the executions of laws and among the various levels and branches of

government. These rulings are a repository of reasoning and thought that we use to seek clarity and understanding in moments of legal conflict or confusion. They are the repository of thoughtful debate conducted by individuals that have nothing to gain other than the healthy perpetuation of jurisprudence within the republic, whether we believe the court's ruling as correct or not. Supreme Court ruling opinions are produced to justify their decisions and dissents are also produced to explain what disagreements exist with their decisions, and with the clarity of the progression of time, the validity of such opinions are either verified or discarded.

This process is very different from the legislative and executive processes that derives their political power from the relative expediency of their decisions as well as their ability to change them as situations change. Unfortunately discord about what is actually just and right, good and evil, acceptable and unacceptable is growing increasing worse, and that void by necessity is being filled by the strained federal court system; that combined with the punishment powers that in theory rest uniquely within the judicial branch could very easily destroy this republic if we as citizens allow it. To paraphrase Sam Adams, Co-Owner of the Alabama Gazette: It is good to show our system, as flawed as it is, serving as a valuable tool to attain particular goals for the prevailing political philosophies of our nation, with the absence of wide spread protracted violence, unlike what we see in other cultures of this violent world.

We must always remember that ultimately simply passed laws or even judicial decisions do not both grant and guarantee individual freedoms in our system of government, only the Amendments of the Constitution do. We all should remember that when we argue about justice under the law, or when we vote for the representatives that make our laws in the first place.

(((As this article was going to print, this writer was referred to an article written by James Gauch regarding how the Advice and Consent Clause came into being and this writer made minor changes to his original article to accommodate the additional information. For a concise reading of how the clause came to be and how the ramifications of it affect the United States political system today, please refer to his article referenced below:

Gauch, James E. (1989) "The Intended Role of the Senate in Supreme Court Appointments," University of Chicago Law Review: Vol. 56 : Iss. 1, Article 7. Available at: *https://chicagounbound.uchicago.edu/uclrev/vol56/iss1/7*)))

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ELIGIBILITY CHAOS

Ed Jones Football Writer

Since Auburn first played Georgia in 1892, there have been many changes in the way the game of football is played. Many rule changes have been instituted since that time. Technics of playing the game have been altered as well. For example, blocking technics today would have brought down wrath from my coaches in the 50's. Use of the helmet has been taken out of the game except for serving as protection for the offensive player

mostly. The NCAA has morphed into a cumbersome monolithic rule make body controlled by the university presidents of member institutions. Many presidents are incapable of understanding the game of college football, the game which they ultimately control. The officers of the NCAA are subject to approval or removal based on the whims of these uninformed presidents. Now, that I've got that off my chest, let us look at the latest boondoggle created by the NCAA.

For years under normal circumstances, a player has five years to play football four years at his school. These five years should by consecutive. For example, a player can not play two years, drop out of school for three years, then come back and play two more years. He would be trying to fit four years into six years since his original enrollment. Therefore, he has no more eligibility left. There are provisions in the NCAA regulations that will allow a player a sixth year. Each case is handled on individual basis. An appeal must be made by the school to the NCAA to consider the player as having a particular hardship, or a situation beyond his control that did not allow him to compete his fourth year. An example of this would be a player who played in the first game of the season who was injured in the first game and could not reasonably come back from the injury and play the same year. A hardship year could be granted to give the player his sixth year to play four years. The rule for years was that once a player takes the field and participates in one play of the game, then, he would lose that entire year of eligibility. Thus, the practice of "redshirting" became the norm for most freshmen. A player could be held out of playing so that he would have four more years of eligibility. This was beneficial for the teams and the player. Some freshmen are just not quite ready to compete at the college level. Therefore, they have an entire year to mature, gain/lose weight, get stronger, etc. This does not apply only to freshmen.

In its infinite wisdom, the NCAA voted to change this system that had be been working successfully for at least six decades or longer. Through the urging of athletic directors and coaches, the NCAA adopted new ground rules for eligibility. Beginning with the 2018 football season, a player can play in only four games and still retain his eligibility for four more years. This change was not wrong considering its purpose, but, it is being used by any player regardless of their eligibility status to "back pocket" a year of eligibility. It negates the transfer rule which forces a player to "sit out" a year if he decides to transfer to another NCAA team in their division. This has nothing to do with the "graduate transfer" rule that was adopted a few years ago. Under this rule, if a player has earned his undergraduate degree, he can transfer anywhere and be immediately eligible for however many years he would have at his original school.

One of the scenarios that plagued the "Bama Nation" this year was that QB Jalen Hurts could play in four games this year. Then he could decide to transfer in December after graduation to another school, maybe Auburn or Florida Atlantic, where he would be reunited with is former mentor Coach Layne Kiffin. He would have been immediately eligible for the 2019 season. Because he has lead Alabama to a 26-2 record, including two trips to the national championship game during his freshman and sophomore seasons, and because of the kind of person that he is, Jalen decided not to transfer after four games. However, if he had done so this year, he would have had two more years of eligibility at another school. He will no doubt transfer after this season and have one more year of eligibility at his new school.

The absurdity of this new transfer rule is that a player who is unhappy, or is not pleased with the coaching, or decides that he would rather play in a colder climate, or for any reason whatsoever, can play in four games this year and transfer to any college in America and become eligible immediately in 2019 without sitting out a year. This has caused chaos for some teams. A freshman can play in four games, transfer and have four more years of eligibility, sophomore three more years, a junior two more years, a senior one more year.



Jalen Hurts ~ Alabama



Kelly Bryant ~ Clemson



It is totally unfair to the original school who has spent thousands of dollars and thousand of hours recruiting the athlete, paying for his tuition, room and board, providing spending money for three years, and benefiting from all the coaching, teaching, counseling, tutoring and efforts of the academic and athletic support staff, then decide to go somewhere else and benefit another program.

A prime example of this anomaly is **Kelly Bryant** at Clemson. He won the starting quarterback job at Clemson in 2017 and carried the Tigers to the national championship play-off. He was replacing an All-American QB in **Deshaun Watson** who should have won the Heisman Trophy for his play during the 2016 season and before. Watson is now the quarterback of the Houston Texans in the National Football League. That's how good he was. Bryant benefited from all the training and above mentioned services at Clemson. However, **Coach Dabo Swinney** decided after the fourth game of the season this year that his true freshman quarterback Trevor Lawrence had won the quarterback job for the rest of this year barring injury. Kelly would have played this year in the same way that Jalen Hurst is playing at Alabama. He could have even gotten his job back. But, rather than provide Clemson with two good quarterbacks, he "bailed out." His quitting the team could keep Clemson from having a chance to play for the national championship. Where he will be in 2019 at the time of this publication is unknown.

This scenario is happening at different positions all over the country and is giving what amounts to the "free agency" process of the NFL. I don't like it! I hope you don't like it! I hope Gus Malzahn doesn't like it. I hope Nick Saban doesn't like it, even though he was originally for it. I hope academia doesn't like. I hope the college presidents will come out of their "Ivory Tower" and ask athletic directors what they want to do to fix this problem. Next year will be one year too late. Come on presidents! Don't make it easy for players to quit on their teams and their teammates!

Editor's note: Jarred Stidham legitimately transferred from Baylor to Auburn after sitting out a year. QB Shea Patterson legitimately transferred from Ole Miss to Michigan because of the chaos in Oxford. He was granted a waiver by the NCAA, thereby becoming immediately eligible at Michigan. Both are starting and are making considerable contributions to their new teams.

Shea Patterson ~ Michigan



Jarrett Stidham ~ Auburn

Phil Norton Inducted Into The Faulkner University Sports Hall Of Fame



On September 21, 2018, Mr. Phil Norton was inducted into the Faulkner University Sports Hall of Fame. Phil was an outstanding linebacker and offensive guard on Robert E. Lee's state championship football team in 1960. He also became an astute football and basketball official for the AHSAA for 20 years. His philanthropic contributions to sports in Montgomery is unmeasurable.

Other inductees were Shane Reynolds, 11 year veteran pitcher for the Houston Astros: 2001 National championship basketball coach Jim Sanderson,

whose record of 481 wins, 297 losses in his 24 seasons at Faulkner will never be broken; Jacqi Hammond who was a star on the first Faulkner women's softball team in 1991 - Mary Renee Stewart, who was the first pitcher for the Faulkner Softball team in 1961.

Phil Norton is a long-time contributor to Faulkner Athletics. As owner of the Farmers Market Cafe, he and his wife, JoAnn, routinely provided meals to many Faulkner teams and coaches over the years. In the early years Phil helped Coach Tom Kelsey keep stats for the basketball team. Even though Phil and JoAnn have retired, they still actively support Faulkner athletics. He is currently on the Board of Trustees for Faulkner. His value to Faulkner Athletics and to the Faulkner Board of Trustees can never be measured in words alone.



George Bush visits with the Nortons at a Faulkner benefit dinner in 2011



Woods & Waters with Steve **Steve Long**

Watch your calendars, stay cool, and when the time gets here, go get'em!



By now, most of the Summer planting has been completed. As for me, I'm not really into Summer planting, as the areas I like to hunt all ready have

a rather large amount of browse for the deer to go through later in the year. But in some areas, that extra bit of green thrown in there can make a huge difference in improving deer habitat. Of course, aside from the usual Summer planting, there's another option that eludes most hunters; establishing soft mast in your neck of the woods.

Soft Mast

Some of you are probably not familiar with the term soft mast, but it refers to different kinds of buds or fruit produced by trees and shrubs. Think apples, pears, persimmons, berries, and other things of that nature. Mast, in general, are the things produced by trees that wildlife feed upon. Hard mast would be more like your nuts and acorns. Deer, though, are very particular to soft mast, such as crabapples and persimmons.

Now, the big advantage to hunters is that deer will frequently visit trees that produce fruit. During bow season, the prime spot to keep an eye on is near a persimmon tree; if it's producing fruit, you'll get deer traffic for sure. Of course, apples kick off in the fall as well, and deer love them too.

Some kinds of fruit trees don't produce during prime hunting season, at least, not naturally. However, through grafting, trees can be modified to produce more fruit and at different times of the year. Naturally, trees can't produce fruit without good soil conditions and proper sunlight, so you can't just go sticking saplings just anywhere and expect results.



The Wildlife Group of Tuskegee

Fortunately, there are folks out there who specialize in these sorts of things. Take The Wildlife Group of Tuskegee, for example. Allen Deese and the other folks there work hard to keep up with the needs of hunters and land owners to help them improve their property, and for us hunters, to improve the quality of hunting. If you want to check them out, feel

free to give them a call, toll-free, at 1-800-221-9703, or visit them at www.wildlifegroup.com.



Fawns

Another interesting thing I've read up on lately is how folks are seeing tons of fawns out there now. Of course, the folks at QDMA hear about it all the time, and I'd like to share a few pointers to bust a few commonly held myths about fawns. If you find a fawn all by itself, that doesn't automatically mean it's been abandoned. For the first few weeks, fawns will hide by themselves in order to stay safe and hidden from predators. Another common myth is that fawns are odorless. Momma does can identify their fawns by the unique scent each one has. In fact, fawns will urinate on their tarsal glands daily, even when they're just a few days old.

Does can produce twin fawns that are from multiple bucks. There's even been reports of triplet fawns born, each sired by a different buck. Another myth is that there are more does than bucks born each year; as it turns out, males edge out the females in birth count by just a bit. Lastly, picking up a fawn doesn't mean that its mother won't take it back. If for some reason you've had to tote a fawn around for a minute or two, you can return it back to where you found it, and odds are that it'll be just fine.

As for me, I'm still on the road, working with lots and lots of hunters all around Alabama and Mississippi. QDMA is still forging ahead with efforts and plans to ensure that our heritage of hunting will continue for generations to come. Of course, as much as I love my job, I'm still ready for that weather to cool down a bit so I can get back into my camo and go watch some critters run by.



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Five 80 year old Marines revisit the site of their "Boot Camp" training in 1956.



L-R: Spencer Bach, Ed Jones, Wink Conner, Judson Huett, Ray Parker at Parris Island, South Carolina on August 23, 2018

In 1956 a number of boys just graduating from Lanier and Lee boarded buses headed for Beufort, South Carolina, the nearest civilized community to the famous Parris Island. That is the location of the United States Marine Corp Recruit Training Depot, where every Marine recruit east of the Mississippi goes through basic training, referred to by most as "Boot Camp."

The month was June when the temperatures vacillate between 95° and 100°. It's the month when the "sand fleas" are the hungriest. A recruit is not allowed to kill a sand flea no matter how intense the bite may be. In the event that a D.I. (Drill Instructer) sees a recruit slap at a sand flea, the whole platoon must find the bug and hold a ceremonious funeral for it. Other punishments would follow the funeral.

In those days only approximately 60% of the original recruits graduated with the title of United States Marine. That was really important to us back then. Alabama boys were better suited to the intense and sometimes brutal physical and mental punishment required to "produce" a Marine who is capable of withstanding the experience of combat. The tradition of the Marine Corps is always the guide as to how the training is conducted. Only one of our 16 failed to meet those standards. He was unceremoniously sent home in his uniform wearing a pink tie. This could not be done today because this cruel and unusual punishment would be found unconstitutional and those responsible would be fired.

The training at Parris Island was tough on former civilians who chose to serve in the Marine Corps. But some of us had been on Coach Bill Moseley's 1953 and 1954 Lanier football team. The practices were conducted twice a day in the August heat and humidity at 6:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. on McCants Field, which was behind the three story school building. The huge school building blocked off air from the east. A tall stand of cedar trees lined the entire field which blocked off air from the west. A series of buildings, large oak trees and a line of "trash trees" blocked air from coming from the south. The north end of McCants Field was covered with a line of bushes and other thick flora and probably some fauna. It was possible to get some movement of air from the north, but not much. Mc-Cants was a natural bowl where during the morning practices the dew and the humidity was trapped in the aforementioned configuration. It was during those practices under the direction of Coach Moseley and his staff where we learned to survive excruciating discomfort.

All of the coaches at Lanier at that time except for one had played for Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant at Kentucky. They only knew his way.

The training we had at Lanier under Coach Bill Moseley prepared usmentally and physically to endure extreme hardship. Extreme hardship is what we found in abundance at Parris Island. We were glad to go there and we were glad to leave there. Sixty-two years later during the fourth week in August, 2018, we revisited "The Island" for the third time.

On the way home we decided that we would not be coming back. Let the memories be sufficient!

REEL Community "Building A Legacy"

You've probably driven by it on the way to enjoy a weekend at Lake Martin. And more than likely no attention was paid to the little ole country store under the caution light. You may have thought it was a bit pitiful to have no vibrant booming businesses. You just drove right on through, and that's ok because you didn't know. You may have inadvertently dismissed the magnitude of the support behind the doors of the small community. Nestled between the a thriving kiwi farm and the lush green pastures of Tallapoosa county sits a tiny school with the support of a big community. My husband and I have lived a lot of places. I have never experienced a sense of community that I feel in this place. I've never seen people be "all in." All in because they love this place. All in because they believe in the people leading and serving in this community. All in because they are simply invested.



This is where they were raised and this is where they will raise their families.

One thing that is the center of this great community is a thriving, growing athletic program, particularly Reeltown Rebel Football! Friday nights at Nix-Webster- O'Neal Stadium looks like a night under the lights of the SEC. Inclement weather won't hold this community back. In raincoats and ponchos they pack the stands in hopes of bringing another victory home. We call that "W" around our house! The crowd cheers loudly, they shake their cowbells and one man, well for as long as anyone can remember, he's been playing his bugle and yelling CHARGE! There is

a rich history here, a history that started about 60 years ago. Before the newest coach, Matt Johnson, graced the field as a head coach 3 seasons ago a long legacy had been left. Big shoes had to be filled.

Coach Duane Webster stepped into the position as head coach in 1956. He came from the rival school, but he brought with him a genuine sense of community. He brought with him the desire to win and win he did. Securing a state championship in 1987, he ended his career with a record of 217-94-9 following the 1987 victory. He was inducted into the AHSAA Hall of Fame in 1994. Following Coach Webster, Coach Jackie O'Neal who was a position coach for Coach Webster for 10 seasons, stepped into the role. Coach O, as he is known around our parts, led the Reeltown team to the playoffs all but 3 seasons in his 26 year career as head coach. He was able to secure two state championship titles during his tenure as head coach. In 2001 He led the Reeltown Rebels to the first of these two titles, beating Notasulga for the win. Again, in 2009 he was able to successfully lead the team to victory. Coach Jackie O'Neal holds an impressive record of, 241-110 over his 26 years as Head Coach at RHS. He was inducted into the AHSAA Hall of Fame in 2012. He retired after the 2015 season, leaving a whole community and an entire state wondering who would fill his shoes.

Matt Johnson entered the scene, though it was a very familiar place to him. Familiar because he was a player during the 2001 State Championship and an assistant coach on the 2009 winning team. This is home for him and this is the opportunity of a lifetime. This is the opportunity to serve the community that served him growing up and to be a part of something bigger. Coach Johnson started his coaching career in Reeltown under Coach O'Neal. He advanced his coaching career at Andalusia High School, where he coached for 5 seasons. A door opened at Upson -Lee High School in Thomaston, Georgia and Matt accepted a position as Assistant Head Coach there. With just one season under his belt at ULHS the opportunity arose for him to come home. He gladly accepted.

The first two seasons proved to be successful for the young head coach. He advanced to the first round of the playoffs during the 2016 season and the second round in 2017, each year building on the success of the year before. This year is no different for the Reeltown Rebels. With only half way into the season the Rebels hold a 5-0 record, and the momentum is high. The last time there was a 5-0 record was in 2014. Reeltown has scored 186 pts this year and defense has given up 35 pts. RHS is 3-0 in the region with three key region games left. They are Ranked #3 in the state in 2A football. When asked what his thoughts on the season are, Coach Johnson stated, "You've got to buy into the process of doing the things it takes to become better each and every day. It's not solely about defeating the opponent, but

3 coaches in 62 years- Building A Legacy Coach Matt Johnson, Coach Duane Webster, and Coach Jackie O' Neal

more about self-evaluating, team evaluating and being the best at both, and especially better than you were yesterday. Our biggest opponent should always be who we were yesterday. That takes evaluating and then figuring out how to make it better. That's the focus and it must continue to be in order for us to be successful." With a promising season ahead of the team, a state championship is the focus and what is on everyone in the community's mind. No pressure, right? Though a state championship is what they all seek, the ultimate goal is more about unity and buying into something greater than we all are. As Coach Johnson frequently says around the house and the locker room, "keep the main thing the main thing." ' That main thing is Jesus Christ and pouring into the lives of the young men of our future. These young men are the future leaders, the future teachers, lawyers, business owners, husbands and preachers and hopefully if you invest your time correctly in them and they in their own future, then they are the future little league and high school ball coaches. As a wife and a mother, though I may a bit partial, I cannot wait for my own boys to be suiting up and playing on the Reeltown football field one day. These are ideals that were passed down from a mentor (Coach Webster) to a mentor (Coach O'Neal) to a mentee (Coach Johnson). These are the reasons they coach. These are the reasons they strive to win. This is where the legacy began and grew and continues to grow daily. These men are seed planters and they are tend to the crop daily.

Reeltown is the team to beat this year, as they are every year. Though, win or lose it won't matter to those supporters. It won't keep the crowd at bay. They are invested. They are a part of a real community. They are a part of something bigger. They are a part of a legacy building community that for 62 years has proven they can handle just about anything that is thrown their way. It's a little slower pace around these parts, but it's the perfect place to just simply enjoy life in.

No, Reeltown is not a real town. No we don't have a zip code we can claim but what we have is far greater than anything I could've ever imagined for my family. We get to live in a place that rallies behind each other and supports them in their failures and rejoices with them in their successes. Do you want to sense what real community is like? This place is special, but hey don't take my word for it. Just join us on any given Friday night under the lights. Start building a legacy here. Take a look behind the closed doors of the unassuming little community. Blue and white runs deep. Just take a peek and see. This is Reeltown and this is what a real town looks like.

Signed,

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Air Force Reserve Unveiled the Trojan Warrior Spirit C-130

TROY—The United States Air Force Reserve showed off its "Trojan Warrior Spirit" Tuesday at the Troy Municipal Airport with the unveiling of a C-130 Hercules airplane with Troy Universityrelated "nose art."

The 908th Airlift Wing, stationed at Maxwell Air Force Base, has added University-related artwork to one of its aircraft, designating it "The Trojan Warrior Spirit."



Former U.S. Rep. Terry Everett, right, unveils "Trojan Warrior Spirit," a C-130 Hercules of the 908th Airlift Wing at Maxwell Air Force Base, during ceremonies at R. Kenneth Campbell Field at Troy Tuesday. With Everett are from left retired Air Force Mai Cen Walter Civinan

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are, from left, retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Walter Givhan, Senior Vice Chancellor for Advancement and Economic Development at Troy University; Troy Mayor Jason Reeves, Senior Master Sgt. Adam Childers, TROY Chancellor Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., Col. Don Richey, 908th Operations Commander; Troy City Council member Wanda Moultry, and Chief Master Sgt. Tina Carlson.

"This is one of the most famous and venerable aircraft in the storied history of the Air Force," said retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Walter Givhan, Senior Vice Chancellor for Advancement and Economic Development and a former command pilot. "We are certainly honored to have this aircraft at Troy Municipal Airport on the ramp with the opportunity to dedicate it as the Trojan Warrior Spirit."

The C-130 is the longest continuously produced military aircraft at more than 60 years, and is used for tactical airlifts among other missions. It has been used as a gunship, for airborne assault, search and rescue, weather reconnaissance, aerial refueling, maritime patrol and firefighting.

The C-130 also played a prominent role in the Vietnam War, and Troy University will highlight the service of Vietnam War veterans during its upcoming Military Appreciation Day game on Saturday.

"My father was a Vietnam vet, and when he came back from Vietnam in late 1960s, military appreciation wasn't something those veterans got to experience," said Col. Don Richey, commander of the 908th Operations Group. "Things have gotten a lot better. For the University to recognize us for the contributions we've made is really fantastic, and we're more than happy to provide any service we can, on and off the field."

The festivities included remarks by TROY Chancellor Dr. Jack Hawkins Jr. and Troy Mayor Jason Reeves. "All my life, Troy University has had a special relationship with the Air Force, and this is representative of that," Reeves said.

The Trojan Warrior Spirit C-130 will highlight pre-game festivities at The Vet on Saturday as it performs a flyover for Military Appreciation Day.



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An anniversary is the celebration of a recurrence of a date marking a notable event. Even though I was not a part of the Alabama Gazette when it first started, this October will be the anniversary of when I started writing my articles named SOUTHERN CUISINE. My first article appeared in the October 2014 issue. I have shared about one hundred and fifteen recipes, given advice on cooking methods, and told stories about some of the people and places that helped define Southern Cuisine.



My first topic was about family and I said that topic would be explored many times. As I stated then, you cannot talk about Southern Cuisine without talking about the influence of the family. The stories told to each succeeding generation, the recipes taught and handed down and even the favorite utensils used for certain recipes. I included two family recipes in my first article. So keeping with tradition, I will be including another family recipe in this article.

A topic for discussion when celebrating an anniversary, is reminiscing how things used to be

"back when". There is never a shortage of topics since everything changes over a period. This is true in the culinary world. Case in point is when did you last have a Tomato Aspic? Or enjoy a pear half nestled on a leaf of iceberg lettuce with a dollop of mayonnaise and shredded cheddar cheese on top? Over a span of ten to twenty years, our tastes have changed and health concerns about what we eat have increased.

Some of the changes in the past ten years include the decline of a family sitting down to a meal. Evening meals are somewhat still popular. Breakfast is the meal being hit the hardest. Grab and go from the home or from fast food restaurants has made a sit down breakfast a meal that sometimes held on weekends. Even an icon of the morning meal is disappearing. Orange juice consumption has declined, partly because of the health concerns of consuming so much sugar early in the morning. The concern about sugar intake and other health concerns have dropped the sales of sodas and diet sodas to a thirty year low. The concern about sugar has not hit the yogurt and frozen yogurt sales but has hurt the ice cream popularity. Brussel sprouts and lima beans are out but broccoli, potatoes, tomatoes, and onions are in. A noticeable change in consumption has been with red meat, which has declined about 20% from 2005. Chicken has made the largest headway in the meals of today. Due to health concerns, peanut butter has been replaced with other nut butters, especially in schools where some ban peanut butter in the schools lunches.

There is a potential problem with using old family recipes. As with the concerns of too much sugar and the health problems some have with peanuts, old recipes should be updated to meet modern day concerns. I have recipes that call for SPRY. This is a commercial shortening containing a mixture of both lard and hydrogenated vegetable oil. Another concern to some people is the aluminum in baking powder.

Here is family recipe from my grandmother for banana bread. My mother and my wife, Anne, have made additions to the original recipe.

BANANA NUT BREAD

INGREDIENTS ¹/₄ pound cool butter (1 stick), more for greasing pan 1-cup sugar Two eggs, at room temperature Three large very ripe bananas. See note 2 cups all-purpose flour 1-teaspoon baking soda 1/2-teaspoon salt



1-teaspoon vanilla extract ½ cup chopped walnuts or pecans

sauce. This marks the beginning of a vacation that includes Hatch chilies in every meal. If you have not figured it out, I like Hatch Chiles. It has an umami that adds a depth of flavor that other peppers do not have. Do you remember that word from past articles?

This next recipe is a fusion of Southern, Indian, and Southwest cooking and flavors.

HATCH CHILE COUNTRY CAPTAIN CHICKEN

INGREDIENTS

- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2-3 cloves garlic minced
- 4 ounces Hatch Chiles, roasted, peeled seeded and chopped, see note
- 3 pounds boneless skinless chicken thighs cut into large bite-size cubes
- 1-tablespoon curry powder
- 1-teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 cup golden raisins or raisins
- One can (28 ounces) diced
- tomatoes, undrained 1 Granny Smith apple, cored
- and chopped

PREPARATION



1/2 cup chicken broth Hot cooked rice Garnish: Chopped fresh cilantro, slivered toasted almonds

- 1. In a 6-quart slow cooker, add onion, garlic, and chile. Arrange chicken pieces over vegetables.
- 2. Whisk the next two ingredients with the chicken broth. Pour over chicken. Cover and cook on high for 1 hour. Add raisins, apple, and tomatoes. Reduce heat to low and cook for 2 1/2 hours until chicken reaches 165°. Serve over rice.

Note: Hatch Chiles are found canned in most grocery stores, in 4-ounce cans.

No one who cooks, cooks alone. Even at her most solitary, a cook in the kitchen is surrounded by generations of cooks past, the advice and menus of cooks present, and the wisdom of cookbook writers. Laurie Colwin.

I want to share this recipe to show that a name for a recipe brings different images to different people. Case in point is the Shepherd's pie. It is not a sweet baked dessert with a pastry crust eaten by sheepherders. It is a meat, usually beef, or lamb, cooked with peas, carrots, and corn, and covered with mashed potatoes and then baked. Take the same idea and replace the beef with pork. Instead of peas and carrots, add apples and onions. Top that with mashed potatoes and you have Country Pork and Apple Pie. This a perfect dish for a 12

PREPARATION

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease a 9-by-5-inch loaf pan. Using electric mixer, cream butter until smooth and fluffy. Add sugar and cream together 2 minutes more. One at a time, mix in eggs. Mix in bananas until only small lumps remain.

Stir dry ingredients together and mix into banana mixture just until combined. Do not overmix! Stir nuts in with a spoon. Pour into prepared pan. Bake about 55 to 60 minutes and check at the 50-minute mark. Bake until a toothpick inserted into center comes out clean.

Let cool in pan 10 minutes, then turn out onto wire rack and let cool completely before slicing.

Note: We save the overly ripe brown soft bananas in a plastic food bag until we are ready to bake some loaves. We try to bake at least two loaves and a time. Yield: 4-6

Get in your kitchens, buy unprocessed foods, turn off the TV, and prepare your own foods. This is liberating. Joel Salatin

I made it to New Mexico during hatch chile season. And keeping to tradition every time I fly into Roswell, New Mexico, I eat at the Cowboy Café and have the Alien Omelet. A large hatch chili stuffed omelet covered with a Hatch green



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COUNTRY PORK AND APPLE PIE

INGREDIENT

One pound sliced bacon, cut into 2-inch pieces 3 medium onions, chopped 3 pounds boneless pork, cubed 3/4-cup flour 3 tart cooking apples, peeled and chopped One teaspoon rubbed sage 1/2-teaspoon ground nutmeg One-teaspoon salt 1/4-teaspoon ground pepper 1-cup apple cider 1/2-cup water



4 medium potatoes, peeled and cubed ½-cup milk 5 tablespoons butter, divided

PREPARATION

Cook bacon in the cast iron skillet until crisp. Remove bacon to paper towel to drain.

In the bacon drippings, sauté the onions until tender, remove with slotted spoon and set aside.

Dust the pork with the flour and brown about a third of it at a time in skillet. Add additional oil if needed. Remove from heat and add bacon, onions, apples, sage, nutmeg, salt, and pepper. Stir in the cider and apples. Cover and bake at 325 for about two hours until pork is tender.

In a saucepan, cook the potatoes in boiling salted water until tender. Drain the water and add heated milk and melted butter and mash. Salt and pepper to taste.

Remove the skillet from the oven and spread the mashed potatoes over the pork mixture. Brush melted butter over the potatoes.

Broil six inches from the heat for 5 minutes or until the topping is browned. Sprinkle chopped parsley over top and serve. Yield 10

Culinary tradition is not always based on fact. Sometimes it's based on history, on habits that come out of a time when kitchens were fueled by charcoal. Alton Brown

It is not too early to start planning for Thanksgiving and Christmas meals. If you are thinking of changing some of the menu items, try the recipes early and test for amount ant taste for flavor. You do not want any surprises the day of.

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Finishing a "Bucket List" Item! Everett and Alice Cole take time to enjoy the beautiful attractions of our great United States of America. Everett is a retired U.S. Marine. He enjoys traveling and does not miss a beat of living life to the fullest.

Kind of a neat thing we just finished....a bucket list item of visiting all 50 of the United States was concluded with the last 10 States being visited..in the North West. There is so much beauty to behold that often, we felt sensory overload. 4 places really stood out to us, but everything we saw was a true gift from God!



Indian woman is Dignity, a 50-foot quilt, located on I-90 at Chamberlain



Rocking Chair located along I-70 in Casey, Illinois.

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On the final leg of our quest to visit all 50 States, we enjoyed the beauty of the North Western States of South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Utah, Colorado, Alaska, and all States between there and Alabama

Driving over 6,000 miles through many mountain ranges, following the Lewis and Clark Trail, Oregon Trail, and Santa Fe Trails, at times, as well as the Yellowstone, Snake & Arkansas Rivers. The beauty to behold in America is awe inspiring.





a past-time he shared with his sons and wife. I follow him on social media. I see the graciousness in the eves of a man who has served and continues to serve well. I see the love for a community displayed in his every act. I've walked the rows with him. He's detailed. He shares life stories. I see the plants he's growing to share with

others as a sign of his unending love for a place he's invested his life in. Judge Dale Segrest originated from Shorter, AL, where he attended school with his beautiful bride, Betty Menefee, beginning in the first grade. He attended Huntingdon College for his undergraduate, majoring in Mathematics and Chemistry. He married Betty in 1964 after graduating from Huntingdon. He earned his law degree at the University of Alabama School of Law and a Master of Judicial Studies degree from the University of Nevada at Reno, where he completed his thesis on Punitive Damages in Alabama. He began practicing law in 1967. Judge Segrest was elected as the Alabama Fifth Circuit Court Judge for 18 years in the State Of Alabama. He served Macon, Tallapoosa, Chambers, and Randolph counties. Judge Segrest decided to begin a private practice in the county that he had served. He bought a historical home in Macon County, did an extensive restoration of the home and began his practice there, the day after he left the bench. He expanded his law practice and established a branch office in Tallassee in 2001. He has had a successful career in law over the last 51 Years. His love for politics has trickled into the lives of his children and has made a profound impact in his home. Both of his sons practice law. His namesake, Philip Dale practices law in Chicago. His son Mike is now running for election on the November ballot for the elected office his father once held. A legacy of law created from a man who devoted his life to serving others.

Judge Segrest was actively involved in his Alma Mater, Huntingdon College once returning home from law school. He served as National Alumni President. He was on the board of trustees, as well as holding the rank of chairman of the board of trustees from 1995-1999. He was awarded an honorary doctorate from Huntingdon College in 1989.

Judge Dale Segrest Retires Tallassee, Al



Agape. Wikipedia defines agape as a "term referring to love, "the highest form of love, charity" and "the love of God for man and of man for God".

You will find him most days in the garden. Toiling over each plant with intentionality. A job that was once a hobby now has new meaning. The garden that he pours his time into has become what some would refer to as an "agape garden." Judge Segrest is no stranger to gardening, a way of life growing up and later

Judge Segrest is looking forward to retirement after years of community service and dedication to justice.

Now is a new time for family, friends relaxation.

showing Tallassee what it means to unconditionally love others by selflessly serving and bettering the place in which he calls home. By believing that Tallassee could be more and have more. By believing the people of Tallassee are worthy of great things. He is a catalyst for change.

Judge Segrest tried a case for the last time this past week. He took a step in the direction of the much deserved retirement in

his near future. Judge Segrest said this about his departure from the world of law, "Retirement party had to be a BBQ! After I settled in to law practice in Tallassee, I helped start the Tallassee Now! Event as a BBQ event and it is now our biggest event of the year! I organized the Tallassee Community Development Corporation and it has helped with lots of fundraising: high school







proms, volunteer fire departments, Wall Street Senior Citizens, Scouts, bands, wrestling, Cheerleaders: several hundred thousand dollars! Cooking BBQ like Uncle R. V. Segrest taught me, and camp stew like Aunt Ruby used to make worked miracles. Join us on

October 20 at 4:00 PM at my place on Lake Tallassee: 463 **Riverside Drive. Retirement** party for me and campaign party for my son Mike! Let's get him elected to my old office!"

Thank you Judge Segrest. Thank you for planting seeds and sharing your talents, gifts and love with

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Judge Segrest also devoted his time to the community of Tallassee. He was instrumental in organizing the Tallassee Redevelopment Authority, a statutory municipal corporation charged with revitalization of Tallassee's business district. He served the Greater Tallassee Area Chamber of Commerce as president. It was there that he started the Tallassee Now! Event. During his time as Chamber President, he began the Tallassee Community Development Corporation or CDC. The CDC is geared toward the development of the city of Tallassee and works for the improvement of the quality of life of those in the greater Tallassee area. The CDC now hosts the big event each year called, Tallassee NOW! Which has proven to be very successful. Judge Segrest was a contributing write for The Alabama Gazette and in working with Loretta Grant, owner of the Gazette, collaborated to start the Tallassee Quarterly. The Tallassee Quarterly is a quarterly publication highlighting the city of Tallassee. Judge Segrest has been working to pass the torch to the next generation of community activists. He has been instrumental in teaching others the value of serving. He's been instrumental in Tallassee. He's been instrumental in

everyone you meet. Thank you for showing Tallassee the true meaning of the greatest from of love.

The Alabama Gazette wishes to thank him for his involvement as a contributing writer for the Gazette for several years and his support of the Tallassee Quarterly. We wish you the best!





Gazette Seniors...

Dr. John Bitter, Editor **Senior Section**

Ubiquitous Salem

When your writer was growing up in Salt Lake City, Utah, the name Salem was associated with the state of Oregon. Later on, now that home is in Alabama, it is learned that there is also a Salem in that state. And recently, in a letter from a sister-in-law in Utah, it was learned that there was also a Salem there. How many Salems, one must ponder, are there? Taking all the states in the U.S. where a city "Salem" exists, there are at least 53 - if not more.

There are three Salems in Arkansas, two in Indiana, and four of various varieties in New York. There's a Salem, North Carolina and a Winston-Salem, in the same state.

Trying to count the number of Salems in the U.S. gets confusing, since there are towns with a multiple name, on of which is Salem.

Further research is that there are also three Salems in Arkansas, one in Connecticut, one in Georgia, another in Illinois, another in Indiana, one in Iowa, and one in Kentucky. All tolled, there are 34 Salems in the United States.

The Salem most of us know is in Colonial Massachusetts, where, in 1692, the famous Salem Witch Trials were held., A total of 19 people were hanged, and another was crushed by a large boulder. No one was burned at the stake.

And while we're on the subject of names: in Florida, there's a city named: Aces of Diamonds; in Missouri there's a city named Panic, in Pennsylvania a Hornytown, and in the state of North Carolina, a Boring.

In Oregon there's a Chugwater, and a Cold Foot, Wyoming. In the state of Alaska there's a city called: Kill Devil Hills, and one called: No Name. In North Carolina, there's a Monkey's Elbow.

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There's an Eek in Kentucky, and in the state of Pennsylvania, there's a Pennsylvania Intercourse.

As one might conclude, telling other people, especially foreigners, where one is from, especially if he or she is from a Salem, it can be confusing.

When your writer first went to Germany at the end of World War II, people would ask "Where are you from?" After the response of: Utah, a perplexed look would come over their faces, and the reply would be: "From where?" They'd never heard of a Utah.

It's a confusing world in which we live.

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Patricia Killough

Wedding Announcement Congratulations Tammy & Terry



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October Birthdays



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Oct. 2	Allie Dibole		Nell Nesbit
	Jerry Hollingshead		Evelyn Roger
	Donna Karen	Oct. 21	Pam Anderson
	Janice Vaughn Majors (69th)		Ken Guthrie
	Bob Morris		Cheryl Horp
Oct. 3	Ladon Boyd (58th)		Spears Rhodes
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	Ben Sawada		Joyce Browning Mills
	Stevie Ray Vaughn		Tony Nemunaitis
Oct. 4	Hazel Campbell		Alicia Smith
Oct. 5	Chester Alan Arthur	Oct. 23	Earl Henderson
	Thomas Chesnutt (97th)		Mollie Ester Isacson
	Nikki Smith Womack		Mike Kirk
	Lynn Moore		Elfie Meredith
Oct. 6	Frances Grant		Betty Jo Richie
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	Matthew Sweet	Oct. 24	Thomas Norman
Oct. 7	Ashley James		Connie Thompson
	David Price (69th)		Norma Mitchell
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	Asia Patron		Judd Huett (81st)
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	Linda Stringer		Natailie Merchant
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	Ron Selvaggio	Oct. 27	BoBo Boyd
	Mason Williams (8th)	000027	Terry Boyd (58th)
Oct. 11	Bonnie Ashcraft		Amy Moone (44th)
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	Debbie Moore		Stephanie Selvage (44th)
	Anna Marie Sessions		Louise Lareson
	Christie Vazquez	Oct. 28	Roger Bryant (66th)
Oct. 12	Kirstin Boyd		James Cantrell (91st)
	Kim Moore		Heavenly Fanning (3rd)
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	Loretta Grant		Josh Hudson
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Macie with Grampa Skip Mainor of Montgomery, AL

Macie Lou Mainor was born on September 13, 2018 and weighed 7 lb., 7 oz and was 18 inches long.

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To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under Heaven. Ecclesíastes 3:1

Signed, Sealed & Delivered

By Hannah Wilkinson Johnson, Founder LIFT Ministries

Oftentimes we are in a state of waiting. Waiting for the next opportunity to open up, the next promotion at work, the next paycheck, the next "better" season of

life. We praise Him when the going is good. We plead with the Father and tell Him we will forever sing His praises if He will just send those blessings down upon us. We only like to praise Him for what He has already done in expectation that our praise will have a good return of yet another one of those fruitful God given blessings. Yes, there is blessing in a life of praising God, but when will we realize the grandest blessing has already been bestowed upon us? What's the old saying? "The blessings come down when the praises go up!" Don't you see the blessings have already come down upon us in Christ Jesus? Don't you understand that God sent His spotless Son to save you? Every single spiritual blessing is ours as believers in Christ, because we are In Christ Jesus.

Paul states in Ephesians 1:3 "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ."

When we put our faith in Jesus Christ, God no longer looks at the flawed sinner we are, but at the perfection of who Christ is IN us. It is for this reason, we get to experience the spiritual blessings we do not deserve. There are three ways to experience spiritual blessings. We are chosen. We are redeemed. We are sealed.

In Ephesians 1:4-6 Paul states, "For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will – 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves."

God predestined us, and unfortunately we all chose sin first over Him. I'm so thankful for a Father who followed alongside of me patiently, lovingly, faithfully. With expectancy He waited for my adoption to go through. See God chose me. He chooses each and every one of you. He will adopt each and every one of you whom chooses to be in Christ Jesus, into His Sonship- His kingdom as a child of God. He is the Father and we are the Royal Sons and Daughters of the King. Praise God. Notice the run on sentence in versus 4-6. Our blessings are bestowed by Him and they keep going, no room for a break. They are continuous and continually blessing us whether we realize it or not. We are to send praises to Him at all times.

Ephesians 1:7 Paul states, "In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace."

He sent His Son to redeem you. There was separation. A dark saddened separation from God that started in the garden. There was a debt to be paid. He paid it. Therefore you and I, we are able to receive the spiritual blessings from God. God's grace is sufficient. He sent His blessing to us to save us, long before we even existed on this earth. He chose us before the creation of the world. We understand and feel the magnitude of this adoption when we finally choose Him. We have redemption in Christ in accordance with God's grace.

Galatians 4:7 "Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then heir of God through Christ."

You aren't a slave anymore! You are free in Him! He chose you my friend and He sent His Son to redeem you.

We are sealed by the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 1:13-14 "And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory."

You know those old wax stamps they used long before the sticky glue on the back of the envelopes? The ones where you sealed your family crest before you sent your valuable mail on to its secured destination? That wax is like the Holy Spirit- He seals us. He seals us for delivery into the Promised Land if we only choose Him. The Holy Spirit seals us. Say it with me- "the Holy Spirit has sealed me for His secured destination." That's His stamp on your life. He is in you. The Holy Spirit is God's deposit (v.14) into ourselves to save us, to lead us, to guide us. Every single spiritual blessing is chosen by God, redeemed by Christ Jesus and sealed with the Holy Spirit. Every blessing you could wish for is in Christ Jesus.

So to link this all back together.... do you know what God's purpose in all of this is?

Do you understand the purpose of grace? We are chosen, redeemed and sealed to be the welcomed participants in a life full of praise. We were made for praise. No matter where we are, because we are already receiving the Spiritual Blessings bestowed upon us through the descending and ascending Son, we are to praise Him.

I've had a realization today. How blessed a people we are. Though I cannot begin to understand the magnitude of the grief facing us over the span of our lives, we must praise Him. He will continue to show grace to those who love Him and to those whom He knows will one day be His chosen child. Praise Him. Praise Him. Praise Him for His greatest blessing has already been bestowed upon us. When will we understand that there is immeasurably more awaiting us than our current relationship with Him? We can never know Him enough, love Him enough or need Him enough. Keep praying, keep reading and striving to be more like Him. His grace is sufficient and remember you've already been chosen, redeemed and sealed.



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g3 (Grace to the Third Power) ~ A Wesleyan View of Grace Prevenient Grace

Part One in a Series

Long ago in an ancient but not forgotten letter, a man named Paul wrote an encouraging word to his friends in a town called Ephesus. In this letter stands one of the most famous and exciting passages ever written about God's grace:

"God saves you by His grace when you believe, and you can't take credit for this. It is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." Ephesians 2:8-9 NLT

In this series of articles, g3, Grace to the Third Power, it's my prayer and my hope that you will discover the three ways that you can experience the power of God's grace; the grace that Paul so eloquently wrote about 2000 years ago. I don't know about you, but I am in constant need of God's grace!

I often stand in need of my wife's grace too! I don't know what it is about me that drives me to be selfish (and cheap) sometimes...even with the one I love most.

Recently, a few days before Mother's Day, I went to the local Sam's Club, and I was picking up some things there with one of my best friends, David Woods. We were standing in the checkout line, and then I saw them...these huge bouquets of flowers, beautiful flowers like I've rarely seen. They were gorgeous and expensive looking; the kind women like! The kind that your wife would think you spent a lot of money on at a local chic floral boutique. The kind for which guys get brownie points (good will). Brownie points that you can store up and use on a rainy day when the kids aren't home. They were the kind of bouquets you would normally pay \$60.00 for, but they were only \$14.99!! The hook was set!

As we were standing in the checkout line, David and I were just shooting the breeze about guy stuff. Suddenly, when I saw the flowers and the price, I said, "Man, those are beautiful flowers, look how huge those bouquets are; I think I'm going to get one of those for Janeese (my wife) for Mother's Day." David says, "You know, those really are beautiful, and so big." When he saw the price tag; "I think I'm going to get my wife (Donna) one too; but, you know, they're so big why don't we just split one?" I am embarrassed to admit that I actually considered, for a split second, this ill-fated option. But then I quickly came to my senses. As visions of Jeff Foxworthy came to my head, "If you've ever split a bouquet of flowers with a friend for a Mother's Day gift – you might be a redneck."

I looked at him and said, "David, my friend, my brother, do you realize what would happen to us if our wives ever found out that we had split a bouquet of flowers for Mother's Day? Do you have any idea? We would never hear the end of it. We would need a double portion of God's grace and theirs to survive Mother's Day weekend." In fact, we both knew that if we fell for this temptation and our wives found out, it could take years to build up enough brownie points to get a kitchen pass for future hunting trips, dive trips or fishing trips with the guys.

We all need grace in our lives, don't we? And our self-centeredness gets a whole lot darker than splitting bouquets for Mother's Day!! Yes, no matter how good we think we are, we all have a dark side. And, we know it! (More on that later.)

wonderfully complex. Your workmanship is marvelous. How well I know it." Psalm 139:13 NLT

Prevenient grace, it's the grace that goes before us, before we even know that God is there. A great English poet, Francis Thompson, wrote a poem entitled, "The Hound of Heaven." In this powerful poem Thompson paints a dramatic picture of a God that is the "hound of Heaven," and He's the hound of Heaven, because *He is <u>relentlessly pursuing you and me!</u>*

"But even before I was born, God chose me and called me by His marvelous grace." Paul, Galatians 1:15

Even before you were born! This is Wesleyan to the core. Wesley has many quotes, but one of his famous quotes about grace is this. "Grace for all and grace in all."

He goes on to say that "grace is free in all and free for all," that grace is universal; in other words, it's for everybody. It's not limited. You see, this was John Wesley's big problem with Calvinism. (No offense to my Presbyterian and other Calvinist/Reformist brothers and sisters.) Wesley's big problem with predestination (a Calvinist theology) was that he felt like it limited God's grace. John Wesley preached and believed that the Bible said that God's grace is for everybody; "His prevenient grace is like the air we breathe," as stated by United Methodist Bishop William Cannon.

The Bishop also had this to say about prevenient grace, and I like the way he put it:

"To be sure it is free to all in the sense that it is given without price, that it does not demand anything of us before it is bestowed and that it flows free from the mercy of God. But note the change. Grace is free for all. It's not free only for those whom God has ordained to life, but it is like the air we breathe or the wind that blows in our faces. It is for everyone who dwells upon the face of the earth."

That, my friends, is prevenient grace!

Since God wants to be in a relationship with us, He wants us to be moving in the direction towards Him. Even before we may believe there is a God or know there is a God, God's prevenient grace is acting in our lives. God's prevenient grace is active in our lives even before we acknowledge his actions or turn towards Him and make a commitment to follow Christ.

Now, get this – we came from God; it was He who formed us. We came through our parents' union – but we came from God. We were the apple of God's eye, before we were a twinkle in our parents' eyes. And so even before we were delivered, the Bible says in *Psalm 139:13, "God knit us together"* and *"He knew us before we were even born" He knew us in the womb.* His prevenient grace was active in our lives from the start.

But exactly what is grace? Grace is when you get something that you don't deserve. Grace is God's unconditional love. Through all of these acts of prevenient grace (remember, prevenient = before you even know God is there) God is wooing you to Himself. So, prevenient grace is a wooing grace; the grace that goes before. Even before there's any conscious, personal experience of God, God's grace is wooing us to Him. He is working in our lives! God is up to something!

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Enter John Wesley

John Wesley founded the Methodist movement back in the 1700's, impacting the world and the church in ways that most people, even most Christians, don't really understand. Most people don't even have a clue who John Wesley was. And many Christians, many believers, really have no idea the influence that Wesley's teachings, his thoughts and his writings have upon us today. But John Wesley gave the world, the Church and, I believe, every person, a great gift. He explained to us the three ways that we can experience the power of God's grace, and, in this series of articles, we will explore them together. Wesley revealed to us that we can experience God's prevenient grace, His justifying grace, and His sanctifying grace.

Prevenient Grace

The word prevenient means to go before, to precede. So, prevenient grace is the grace that goes before us. The Bible is full of references to prevenient grace, even though it doesn't call it by that name. Here's one from Psalm 139 that says it so clearly. I really want to encourage you to take some time to read and reflect on the entire Psalm 139. It will bless, encourage, and comfort you!

But read this part out loud and listen to the message:

"Oh, Lord, you have examined my heart. You know everything about me. You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away. You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do. You know what I'm going to say even before I say it, Lord." Psalm 139 NLT

(Slowly read this next verse – Verse 5)

"You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand." Psalm 139:5 NLT

And then in Verse 13, he goes on to say:

"you made all the delicate inner parts of my body. You knit me together in my mother's womb. Thank you for making me so

The First Move

It's important for us to understand something else. The first move towards you, towards your relationship with God, is always God's move. You may say, "I thought the Bible was mostly about humans seeking God, humans' search for meaning, humans' pursuit of God." No! To be sure, that is part of the scriptural narrative. But the Bible is primarily story after story after story of God seeking us.

God seeks out and speaks to men, women, boys and girls in the Bible. He spoke to the boy Samuel, who was only 10 or 12 years old at the time, but Samuel later became the great prophet of the nation of Israel. God's angel Gabriel appeared to a teenager named Mary who was about 15 when she became the mother of Jesus the Messiah. God spoke to Abraham when he was 100 years old and told him he would be the father of many nations. The Lord spoke to Sarah when she was 90 and told her she would bear Abraham a son named Isaac. She laughed in disbelief. The stories go on and on...Isaiah, Jeremiah, King David, Esther, Peter, Paul and many more.

God acted in prevenient ways in their lives to woo them to Himself and to lead them to greatness...to be all that He created them to be...to fulfill their purpose!

Do you believe – do you understand that God is seeking you? Why? Because he loves you. He wants to be in relationship with you. He is relentlessly in pursuit of you because of His love for you.

In Jeremiah 31:1, the Lord says, "I have loved you with an everlasting love!" Through His prevenient grace, he draws you to Himself. That's the goal of God's prevenient grace; the grace that goes before. God always makes the first move!

Next month, as a part of this g3 series, we will explore "Justifying Grace".

By His Grace

St. James United Methodist Church 9045 Vaughn Road, Montgomery, Al





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



Jears and Langhter:

County line signs, yellow butterflies, deer hunters, and lavender skies

By Amanda Walker

The Wilcox County line sign is missing on Highway 41 in Hybart.

I stopped once to take a picture of it. I guess that's why I noticed its absence. I'm sure others have noticed too. It has been gone for several months now. I keep waiting to see how long it will take for it to be replaced. Currently, we are building on at least six months or two seasons, depending on how you want to look at it.

By this time of year, yellow butterflies are darting along the sides of all highways leading into Wilcox County. They can be trailed along county roads and dirt roads and narrow lanes that lead down to the river too.

It is still steamy hot, but their fluttering, fleeting presence is supposed to be a sign of cooler weather coming.

For now, fishing remains strong. Campers are steadily streaming in and out on weekends. But soon it will be November and lavender will fill the afternoon skies, letting darkness loom nearer, earlier.

Already the parade of Duramax's and Power Strokes pulling trailers are making their annual sojourn into Camden to buy beer and sausage and begin preparation for deer hunting season.

It's tradition.

Dove hunting, hog hunting, turkey hunting, coon hunting, and squirrel hunting are popular too, but deer hunting is king.

Our local economy depends on it.

Although also locally, we are already having to carefully dodge deer day and night while driving, but evidently proper deer hunting requires tedious preparation.

Their trailers carry tractors, ATV's, discs, and many, many pallets of seed and stacks of sacks of corn. They come from other counties and states away to put out deer feeders and erect shooting houses.

They are bush hogging their way back through log roads into the quiet backwoods. They are airing out camp houses left empty since February.

They are positioning game cameras to capture pictures of area wildlife, trespassers, and potential thieves.

The hunters seem to like it here. They always return. They like the pause between the tick and the tock. The space to unwind, reconsider and breathe.

There is silence and solitude found here still, in places. It's different. Even the flora changes, I think because of the frequent fog. It allows the moss to cling to the bark of water oaks. It drapes down through the branches. Ferns pop from the round. There is a constant dampness beneath the canopy of shade. Its depth and density never allows the sun to prevail.

There are echoes, and the sense of spirit that comes from knowing history was witnessed here, where this black soil stops and the white river sand starts.

People can probably already feel it when they get here, but we sure do need that Wilcox County line sign replaced...so they will know exactly where they are.



Trisston Wright Burrows Ms.Wheelchair America/ Alabama 2005

"God is a just God and He will repay the exact compensation owed you. He will settle and solve the cases of His people." Hebrews 10:30

has stolen.

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Tidbits...

"He is My Defender"

By: Trisston Wright Burrows

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Are you dealing with an "unsolved case or situation" from your past that needs resolution?

Are you waiting for your day of justice or repay-

ment? God promises in His Word that He is your

vindicator. He is your defender. He will settle

your case and repay everything that the enemy

To allow Jesus to settle our debts, you have to forgive others in the same way He forgave you when you were guilty of sin. You have to release those who have wronged you from what you think that owe you. Freeing others, so that you can be free...that's true forgiveness!

As you walk and live in forgiveness, you show that you trust in God to repay and defend you. You show that you have faith in God to be your defender. God will honor your faith in Him and move on your behalf...every single time!

Many blessings!





Southern Gardening Potpourri for October by Peggy Givhan

And who does not love the fall of the year especially children thinking about and getting ready for Halloween. I can remember hay rides, high school football games, and going to outdoor movies theaters with a car load of friends. Kids today probably would not know what I am referring to. However it was great entertainment, and

most times the parents were involved. I am just reminiscing

of times gone by.

Judge

Peggy Givhan

The month of October can be counted on for bright sunlit and clear blue skies in which the humidity is greatly diminished. Now is the right time to restart geraniums that were cut back in July and set aside with a good dose of fertilizer. It is funny how some years I forget to do this simple task and let them get leggy. However, it is not too late. These plants love cool nights and will even take some very cold temps. There is nothing prettier that seeing a mass of potted geraniums blooming their heads off around Thanksgiving. This is also a good time to gather seed from zinnias, cosmos, for sowing in later winter. And talking about seeding, this is a good time to throw out the old fashioned poppy seeds, larkspur toward the end of the month. Mark a date on your calendar for this task, as the time can easily get away from you.

See below for flowers which have become stars in my garden for longevity of bloom, low maintenance in the beds, and purchase availability.

1. Longevity of bloom:

These would be the old fashioned canna lilies and the newer dwarf varieties. For the dwarf cannas, I have both the yellow and a shrimp color which have multiplied abundantly over the past 3 years and are disease free. These come back reliably, do not need to be mulched in winter, and make great cut flowers in an arrangement that needs some drama. The regular tall red leafed cannas with both red and orange blooms are easy to grow and also make a dramatic statement in the beds. I have seen these tall cannas used almost as a hedge, but of course this hedge would disappear in the dead of winter. The pests on cannas are mostly white flies, which can be controlled by spraying with a winter dormant after the first hard freeze.

Perennials would include: Phlox, Shasta daisy, lantana, coreopsis, daffodils, elephant ears, lycoris or spider lilies, iris, Mexican petunia, canna as stated above, ginger lilies, geraniums, hosta, chrysanthemums, roses such as knock-out varieties, tropicals, salvias, daylilies, golden rod, but these must be protected from the cold of winter.

Annuals which have a long bloom period include begonias, which do come back after winter freeze, but not reliably; ageratum, dianthus (a perennial which we treat mostly as an annual in the south), , zinnias, cosmos, larkspur impatiens.

2. Low maintenance

Many of the above mentioned flowers are low maintenance also. One of the features about these flowering plants is that they do not need dead heading. In other words, they drop their spent flowers with out the gardener shearing off these dead heads, one by one. Although I love marigolds, the one of the drawback is that about one time per week, one must clip, clip, clip. The Dragon Wing begonias must be

cut back by at least a third sometime in July so they do not get top heavy and flop over.

3. Purchase availability

In my wanderings of garden center, nurseries, plant stands on the side of the road, and in farmers' markets across Alabama, all of the above are sold. And with the full range of colors, your garden can be a colorful or muted as desired.

PLANT OF THE MONTH FOUNTAIN GRASS

Talk about a carefree landscape plant, Fountain Grass gets an A in all departments. It is a perennial, easy to grow and requires sun or light shade. Fountain Grass is a member of the Pennisetum family but not to

be confused with the flowering plant, of the Penstemom family. We use these grasses in the landscape or in the flower beds for texture or for a filler. The flowers on this grass are prized for a fuzzy foxtail quality that is usually pink. Plants do well in pots and also in the ground. In the fall, the leaves turn to russet and taupe which adds to the other array of fall color. The bloom period is from summer and through out the fall. The flower heads do reseed, and can be invasive if not controlled. But these grasses are so beautiful and dramatic, it is worth the trouble.





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Halloween has become an 👔 🖓 Kalloween has become an 👔

BY RUSSELL K. TARDO

Long considered harmless fun, many are now questioning its history, nature, influence and fruit. The revitalization of Satanism and Witchcraft and their obvious association with Halloween has caused Christians to wonder whether they should participate in it at all. There is no denying the bizarre and occultic nature of Halloween decorum (certainly witches, devils, ghouls, monsters, vampires and ghosts are not Christian in character!). But in spite of that, some Christians defend their participation in the holiday asserting their "liberty" in Christ from the bondages of "legalism", or shrugging it off as innocent fun. Many churches see the whole thing as evil and will have nothing to do with the celebration whatsoever. Others see no harm in it and participate fully, with costume parties, Halloween decorations and trick-or-treat. Still others try to find a "middle-of-theroad" approach, allowing trick-or-treat and masquerades, but as "Bible characters" instead of demonic and occult figures.

What's wrong with Halloween? And, what should be the attitude of the conscientious Christian towards it? Is it harmless, or is it sinister? The facts we present below should help you to answer that question once for all.

1. THE HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION IS THOROUGHLY ROOTED IN PAGANISM AND THE OCCULT.

History traces it back to the ancient religion of the Druids, a religion so evil that Rome forbad its practice. The AMERICAN PEOPLES ENCYCLOPEDIA explains: "The origin of Halloween customs antedate Christianity. The Druids, members of pagan orders in Britain, Ireland and Gaul, held a celebration on October 31st, the eve of the Festival of Samhain. It was a night of ghosts and fairies, in which bonfires were built and futures were foretold and witches rode through the sky."

Superstitions linking cats with reincarnation made them special objects of notice on Halloween. Unquestionably, the holiday had its origin with the pagan Druids, only they called it the "Festival of Samhain – lord of the dead". Samhain was nothing more or less than a demon (a demon spirit of death at that, or perhaps he may have been Satan himself!) who was given special homage on Halloween. This is where the emphasis on death comes from on that night. Death symbols such as coffins, tombstones, skeletons, skulls and crossbones, ghosts, mummies and graveyards are common Halloween decorations.

Numerous legends surrounded the holiday, but two significant things supposedly occurred on that night:

First, It was believed that the dead would rise out of their graves and wander the countryside, trying to return to the homes where they formerly lived. Frightened villagers tried to appease these wandering spirits by offering them gifts of fruits and nuts. If not placated, villagers feared that the spirits would kill their flocks or destroy their property. This is the origin of our present day "trick-or-treat"! It's a custom born out of superstition, and pagan superstition at that! Anyone familiar with witchcraft would tell you that there are certain rituals and spells that can only be cast on Halloween night. That is the night when the "veil" believed to separate the living from the dead is thought to be the thinnest, and futures are easier and more accurately foretold by diviners.

Those who oppose Christ are known to organize on Halloween to observe Satanic rituals, to cast spells, to oppose churches and families, to perform sacrilegious acts, and to even offer blood sacrifices to Satan. Last year, Newscasters in numerous cities warned their viewers to guard their animals on Halloween night. Dogs and cats are thought to be the most often sacrificed animals on Halloween, and many S. P. C. A. centers will not allow black cats to be adopted until after Halloween. In rural communities, it is not uncommon for farmers to awake to find the mutilated remains of their farm animals (cows, calves, chickens, even horses) that were ritualistically slaughtered in Satanic sacrifices. The practices that accompany such sacrificial rites are almost too revolting to believe-the drinking of animal (or human) blood and urine, the digestion of entrails and organs, orgiastic rituals, substance abuse, and something becoming more frighteningly common across the U.S.human sacrifice. The 700 CLUB interviewed several people last Halloween (several of which were teenagers) who actually participated in or witnessed human sacrifices while involved in Satanism. No one scoffs at such stories anymore, as police departments around the country have had to scurry to develop a whole new field of investigation dealing with the gruesome reality of Satanic sacrifices.

Isn't it sad that while Satanist, Witches, Occultists and Police are taking Halloween very seriously, many in the church protest our "spoiling all of the fun for the children," by urging Christians not to participate in it.

3. HALLOWEEN TREATS OCCULTISM AS "HARMLESS".

When Christians participate in Halloween, it sends a message to children that Witchcraft, Demonism, Satanism, and the Occult is something fun, entertaining and harmless. It gives the false impression that what is actually lethal, is innocuous! It's the spiritual equivalent of painting a loaded gun to look like a toy and giving it to a child to play with!

On another recent 700 Club testimony, one man said that it was while he was out trick-or-treating on Halloween night as a boy that he had a profound psychic experience that led him on an occult odyssey that kept him bound and oppressed for dozens of years! Halloween participation led him into deeper forms of occultism, until he was swallowed by it.

Christians, we betray others and deceive ourselves if we consider this celebration a harmless or innocent one. It is more deadly than a rattlesnake, and God says **such things are an abomination (cf. Deut. 18: 9-12; Lev. 18: 24-30)**.

5. IT IS DISOBEDIENCE TO GOD!

God repeatedly forbids his Children's participation in such demonic activities, as the following passages attest: Deut. 18:14; Ex. 7:11-12, 22:18; Lev. 19:26, 31; 20: 6, 27; 1 Chron. 10:13-14; 2 Ki. 21:5-6; Isa. 2:6; Jer. 27: 9-10; Zech. 10:2; Mai. 3:5; Acts 8:9, 16:16; 19:19; Gal. 5:16-21; 2 Tim. 3:8; Rev. 21:8, 22:15.

A careful examination of these Scriptures reveals God's unreserved condemnation of all who participate in any occult activity.

What's wrong with Halloween? Everything about it is wrong! It does not have even one single redeeming virtue. It is a demon inspired, devil glorifying occult festival! Those who love the Lord Jesus Christ should have nothing to do with it!

"Learn not the way of the heathen...for the customs of the people are vain." (Jer. 10:2-3).

"When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations." (Deut. 18:9).

"Let us cast out the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light." (Rom. 13:12)

"And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." (Eph. 5:l1)

"Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness." (1 Thess.5:5)

"For what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing..." (2 Cor. 6:14-17).

WHAT SHOULD OUR POSITION BE?

Clearly, we should have nothing to do with the Halloween celebration whatsoever. If Christians assemble on Halloween it should be to worship, sing, praise, pray, intercede, wage Spiritual warfare and pull down demonic strong-holds. Under no circumstance should we compromise with this celebration or attempt to imitate the world in any manner. It should not be observed as any kind of a festival or "party" (masquerades, applebobbing, games, treats, etc.), but rather as a time to wage holy warfare and be separate from the world.

The Christian should not fear Halloween or any of the powers of darkness, for we have authority over them (Mk. 16:15; Lu. 10:19), and "God has not given us the spirit of fear..." (2 Tim. 1:7). But at the same time, "We are not ignorant of Satan's devices" (2 Cor.2:11)

Some may call me "legalistic" for doing so, but I have forsaken this pagan celebration altogether. Perhaps

Furthermore, its a blasphemous perversion of the Christian belief in the Resurrection. In Christianity, the righteous dead are resurrected in a glorified, immortal body. In Druidism, the dead are raised as horrifying creatures of the night, hideous monsters, decaying skeletons, vampires, etc. They received not glorified bodies, but grotesque ones; not immortal bodies, but inhuman ones.

Second, Samhain was the supreme night of Demonic jubilation. This was a celebration of the beginning of Winter and darkness, as daylight grew noticeably shorter, and nights lengthier. The hoardes of hell would roam the earth in a wild celebration of darkness and death, all in honor of Samhain! Pity the poor mortal forced to travel on such a night! The only thing the superstitious people knew to do to protect themselves on such an occasion was to masquerade as one of the demonic hoarde, and hopefully blend in unnoticed among them! This is the origin of Halloween masquerading as devils, imps, ogres, and other demonic creatures.

The question is, should Christians adopt such practices? Can we borrow the pagan customs and superstitions of ancient peoples and "Christianize" them? The Bible is not silent on the subject:

"Learn not the way of the heathen....for the customs of the people are vain." (Jeremiah 10: 2-3), and,

"When thou art come into the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations" (Deut. 18:9). Ephesians 5:11 declares, "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them."

2. HALLOWEEN GLORIFIES SATAN.

When America and the world celebrates the powers of darkness by masquerading as evil creatures or decorating our homes, schools, businesses and churches with occult symbols, Satanic power is glorified. While you may have participated "all in fun", be assured, Halloween is serious business for Satanists and Witches.

4. IT IS THE APPEARANCE OF EVIL.

The Bible says, "Abstain from all appearance of evil." (1 Thess. 5:22).

Who can deny that virtually all of the symbols of Halloween are evil? Witches, monsters, ogres, vampires, ghosts, ghouls, goblins, devils and demons all portray evil! On the other hand, Christians are called to be "followers of God" (Eph.5:1), and "lights" to a sin darkened world. How can we justify our masquerading as creatures of darkness in the light of the Scriptures? And if our houses and churches are dedicated to God and are to glorify Christ, how do we justify decorating them with demonic and occult symbols?

Virtually all of the common Halloween decorations represent something Demonic or Occult. For instance:

The "Jack-o-lantern" is the ancient symbol of a damned soul.

The "black cat" has long been associated with Witchcraft and numerous superstitions are still connected to it.

Witches and Witchcraft are a dominant theme of the holiday, but are an abomination to God (Exodus 22:18; Deuteronomy 18: 8-14; Leviticus 18: 24-30).

Even the "trick-or-treat" is a threat! It's nothing less than extortion! "You either give me a treat or I'll play a trick on you."

HALLOWEEN DESTRUCTION

Vandalism and wanton disregard for the property of others is common on Halloween night, as even normally well behaved children are driven by unseen forces to destructive behavior. Police officials everywhere report great increases in such activities at Halloween. Worse yet are the horrifying accounts of poisoned candy and fruits booby trapped with razor blades and needles. Such threats are so real that many hospitals offer free X-Rays of Halloween treats in order to prevent children from being harmed. Who but Satan could inspire such monstrous actions? its time you considered doing the same.

"For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light." (Eph. 5:8).

FOOTNOTE

Halloween and other common festivals which people observe in the Christian professing world have no Biblical basis. Nowhere in the Bible (which, by the way, should be the foundation of our beliefs) does our Lord tell us to participate in pagan festivals, in fact, God clearly tells us that we should have no part in them. We as Christians cannot (according to God) change the name of a holiday and then participate in it. "During the early Middle Ages, the Roman Catholic Church often incorporated modified versions of older religious traditions in order to win converts." Pope Gregory IV wanted to substitute Samhain with All Saints' Day in 835, but All Souls' Day (Nov. 2nd) which is closer in resemblance to Samhain and Halloween today, was "first instituted at a French monastery in 998 and quickly spread throughout Europe." If the so called "Christian" holy days of the Roman Catholic church were in fact solidly based on the Christian Bible, then why do so many non-Christians observe them? Have you ever really reflected on your motives for celebrating so called "Christian" holidays? Or by nature do you tend to follow the crowd, whether they are right or wrong? Changing the name while playing according to the same rules changes nothing. If this offends you, then why don't you really find out for yourself.

The following secular dictionaries and encyclopedia confirm the Pagan origins of Halloween.

Online Etymology Dictionary says of Halloween:

c.1745, Scottish shortening of Allhallow-even "Eve of All Saints, last night of October" (1556), the last night of the year in the old Celtic calendar, where it was Old Year's Night, a night for witches. Another pagan holiday given a cursory baptism and sent on its way. Hallowmas "All-saints" is first attested 1389. (Online Etymology Dictionary, © 2001 Douglas Harper)

Webster's New Millennium[™] Dictionary of English says of Samhain:

October 31, Halloween; a day of celebration for Wiccans and other pagans; also called November Eve, Halloween, Feast of Souls, Feast of the Dead. (Webster's New Millennium[™] Dictionary of English, Preview Edition (v 0.9.7) © 2003-2007 Lexico Publishing Group, LLC)

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BARD - verb. Past tense of the infinitive "to borrow." Usage: "My brother bard my pickup truck."

JAWJUH - noun. A highly flammable state just north of Florida. Usage: "My brother from Jawiah bard my pickup truck."

MUNTS - noun. A calendar division. Usage: "My brother from Jawiuh bard my pickup truck, and I aint herd from him in munts."

IGNERT - adjective. Not smart. See "Auburn Alumni." Usage: "Them N-C-TWO-A boys sure are ignert!"

RANCH - noun. A tool. Usage: "I think I left my ranch in the back of that pickup truck my brother from Jawiuh bard a few munts ago."

ALL - noun. A petroleum-based lubricant. Usage: "I sure hope my brother from Jawiuh puts all in my pickup truck." From CountryHumor.com





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