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**A father is neither an anchor to hold us back nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way.**

# Flag Day

*Flag Day is observed on June 14 to honor and commemorate the adoption of the American flag which occurred on this day in 1777 by the Second Continental Congress.* The United States Army also celebrates its birthday on this day. One year earlier the United States declared Independence from Great Britain with the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.

**Celebration\ Observance**

Flag Day highlights the symbolism of the country's foundational ideals and nation's freedom. It honors the United States flag as that symbol and an opportunity for the country to reaffirm their belief in liberty and justice. People honor this day displaying the American flag outside their homes and in public. Other ways to celebrate are parades, flag raising ceremonies, music, and services.

History

The American flag was adopted in 1777 after the Continental Congress decided to replace the British Grand Union flag with a new design of 13 white stars in a circle and 13 red and white stripes, representing all 13 states. The first annual observance was in June of 1886 by Bernard Cigrand. His effort brought the proclamation made by President Woodrow Wilson as a national observance on June 14, 1916.



## How to properly dispose of a worn or damaged American flag

Since our country was conceived, the U.S. Flag has been a symbol of our country's freedom. Our country's Flag Code provides specific guidelines for how to "retire" a damaged or worn-out American flag.

**When should my American flag be retired?**

The US Flag Code (4 USC Sec 8 Para (k) Amended 7 July 1976) dictates that a flag should be destroyed "when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem of display". This includes the flag becoming tattered or overly worn or sun-bleached.


**How do I dispose of my American flag?**

The same section of our Flag Code states that the flag "should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning". When I was first researching how to properly dispose of my U.S. flag, I was surprised to find that the proper method is to burn the flag. Burning the flag just seemed wrong -- but apparently this is how it is done. This short guide will show you how to perform a flag retirement ceremony properly.

**What if I can't burn my American Flag?**

Burning the flag is the only preferred method of flag disposal per the U.S. flag code. However, if you live in an area where you cannot perform the burning ceremony, there are still many other accepted options for respectfully retiring your flag:

- Contact your local VFW Post and they can perform the flag ceremony for you.
- Bury and/or shred the flag: use a pair of scissors to carefully and methodically separate the thirteen stripes and leave the blue star-spangled section intact. Then, place in a wooden box and bury the flag, giving it a short "funeral" ceremony (e.g. recite the Pledge of Allegiance or other respectful words).



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## Road Rage and Deer Hunting Bills Await Senate Action

Over 20 years ago when I was a legislator the State Trooper assigned to my county asked if he could come visit with me. “Of course,” I said. When he came he had a somber look on his face. I thought maybe he had a serious personal problem or had lost a loved one.

He began, “This may not sound like a major highway problem, but one of the things that causes a good many accidents and incidents on our roads is people driving slow in the left lane and not moving over.” I never pursued legislation to this effect. However, he made me aware of the need to remedy this problem.

Well, finally, a legislator has taken up this legislation. Rep. Phillip Pettus, a Republican from Lauderdale County, who by the way retired as a captain in the Alabama State Troopers after a 25-year career, has passed legislation to remedy this problem. He calls his Bill, “The Anti-Road Rage Act.”

The Bill would prohibit drivers from staying in the left most lane on interstates for more than a mile and a half without passing another vehicle. Pettus explained, “People get ill when they come up behind people driving slow in the left lane and they are wanting to get by. Interstates were set up for the movement of traffic. This will make interstate traffic move better if the said road rage causes more wrecks than accident records would indicate, like when angry drivers cut in front of another vehicle and cause that vehicle to run off the road.” The House has passed the Bill on a 61-24 vote. It awaits action in the Senate.

It has been 20 years since I was in the Legislature, and during the entire time I was there we had a perennial issue that would surface every year; whether or not to let deer hunters hunt deer with dogs. Today the issue has evolved into whether or not to allow hunters to use bait to attract deer. This Bill has become an annual debate in the Legislature. Both sides are ardent and take their deer hunting seriously. Well it looks like the baiters have finally won. Rep. Danny Crawford (R-Limestone) has passed legislation that gives hunters the option of hunting over bait. The bill passed overwhelmingly in both chambers.

The deer hunting issue has been around forever. During the 1950’s and 60’s there was a legendary legislative sage named Rankin Fite of Marion County. Ole Rankin had been in the Legislature a long time. He was actually Speaker of the House well into the 1970’s when the first Ethic Laws were passed. Rankin was one of only six House members to vote against the Ethics Law. After the vote the media asked the former Speaker why he voted against the Ethics Law. He wryly replied, “It wasn’t tough enough.” He further pontificated this advice, “I voted for every tax, voting for taxes won’t beat you.” “I just voted against the Ethics Bill, voting against ethics won’t beat you.” “The issues you need to avoid are voting on daylight savings time or hunting deer with dogs.”

Gov. Kay Ivey has done a good job with her judicial appointments throughout the state. In 2017, she appointed Circuit Judge Brad Mendheim of Dothan to the Supreme Court to fill a vacancy. Mendheim is a very well qualified jurist to sit on the state’s highest judicial tribunal. Mendheim is extremely well liked and respected in his native Houston County.

In the 2018 elections, Mendheim lost a close election to Judge Sarah Stewart of Mobile. Gov. Ivey wisely reappointed Mendheim to the Court in the place of Justice Tom Parker who was elected Chief Justice.

Former Chief Justice Lynn Stuart, who Tom Parker replaced, has taken a seat on the State Ethics Commission. Judge Stuart was a Baldwin County Judge for 12 years prior to being elected to the Supreme Court in 2000. She served 18 years on the Supreme Court. Her term on the Ethics Commission is for four years, through August of 2023.

Gov. Ivey has set the Special Election dates for the seat of Dimitri Polizos in Montgomery. Dimitri, a popular restaurateur in the Capital City, died in March. The first primary is June 11 with a runoff on August 27. It is a Republican seat, which has drawn a crowded field of candidates.

May 22, 2019



Ronald A. Holtsford

## How Can Alabama Possibly Change The Freedoms of Women and Abortion When Abortion Has Been Legally Available For Over 45 Years?

The fact is the anti abortion laws in Alabama have never been repealed. It was the case of Roe v Wade from 1973 that allowed legal abortion in the United States, During the first trimester of a pregnant woman, the United States Supreme Court required that the procedure be performed by a licensed doctor in medically safe conditions.

During the second trimester it is the health of the pregnant woman that is the determinate when the Court decided that a state may regulate abortion.

During the third trimester of pregnancy, the state's interest is that the potential human life outweighs the woman's right to privacy. For this reason, the state may prohibit abortions unless abortion is necessary to save the life or health of the woman. Historically, it has been the viability of an unborn child on the outside that has distinguished it’s “humanness” and not the fact of it’s beating heart or even its humanoid form.

Justice White, dissenting in Roe v Wade said, *The upshot is that the people and the legislatures of the 50 States are constitutionally disentitled to weigh the relative importance of the continued existence and development of the fetus, on the one hand, against a spectrum of possible impacts on the woman, on the other hand. As an exercise of raw judicial power, the Court perhaps has authority to do what it does today; but, in my view, its judgment is an improvident and extravagant exercise of the power of judicial review that the Constitution extends to this Court.*

As time has rocked on, Alabama passed the Alabama Partial Birth Abortion law aimed at physicians who might perform such; a partial birth described as the baby’s head exiting the birth canal or in the case of a breech presentation birth at least to the baby’s navel. This is a class C felony by the physician.

Certainly as an observer and not privy to the discussion of Alabama legislators, I believe that the conservative changes to the United States Supreme Court make this a time for those states who had previously or whose voters would have voted against abortion to move forward with anti abortion legislation. Alabama did in it’s Fall 2018 election largely affirm that abortion is murder.

It is interesting that an intentional act that kills the unborn child of a pregnant woman is deemed murder but in the protections afforded a pregnant woman’s privacy, that an intentional abortion is not so considered as murder. In a former life I performed diagnostic medical ultrasound examinations at a local hospital under the guidance of a radiologist and I could see a fetal heart beat as early as 5 weeks gestation. It was not a viable life outside of the woman, but it was clearly life.

Truly, rolling back the clock on abortion will be difficult if the laws of Alabama survive a Supreme Court review. The signed law by Governor Ivey on May 15, 2019 does not become effective until November 15, 2019. The new law does not make the pregnant woman the criminal but rather the physician that is willing to perform an abortion. The woman is free to go to any other state

that is willing to perform the abortion. Only in the case of a woman whose health (mental or physical) is at such stake that an abortion is allowed. The law is clear to also define things such as an ectopic pregnancy where the pregnancy occurs outside of the uterus and without the support needed for a full term.

Part of the law states, *(d) In the United States Declaration of Independence, the principle of natural law that "all men are created equal" was articulated. The self-evident truth found in natural law, that all human beings are equal from creation, was at least one of the bases for the anti-slavery movement, the women's suffrage movement, the Nuremberg war crimes trials, and the American civil rights movement. If those movements had not been able to appeal to the truth of universal human equality, they could not have been successful.(e) Abortion advocates speak to women's rights, but they ignore the unborn child, while medical science has increasingly recognized the humanity of the unborn child.*

The law seems to establish a basis of protection for the most vulnerable of all, the unborn. The law further quotes the most horrible genocidal acts of the 20th century and notes that the number of U.S. abortions since Roe v Wade in 1973 is triple those acts in numbers.

A physician that performs an abortion can be charged with a Class A felony and one that attempts an abortion a Class C felony. The law does not distinguish between rape and incest and a look at the facts shows that very few pregnancies occur from rape. Jane Roe or Norma McCorvey never had the abortion that Roe v Wade would have allowed and instead the child was delivered and adopted. The child is probably almost 50 now and you have to wonder about their life.

Norma McCorvey was 22 when her third child was born, the second and third children being adopted out. After working for abortion rights and living for years in a same sex relationship she finally saw abortion for what it is and began to work as a pro life advocate becoming a born again Christian. She later on renounced her same sex attraction. Norma McCorvey died at 69 in 2017.

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# ROBSERVATIONS...

by Robert Tate

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## Don’t Hate Me Because I’m Right

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

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

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

Finally in 1993, people pulled their collective heads out of you know where and authorized women to fly combat aircraft. That year, **Jeannie Flynn** (now **Jeannie Leavitt**) became the first female USAF fighter pilot while **Cara Hultgreen** became the first Navy fighter pilot. Since that time, we have females flying every aircraft in the Air Force, Marine Corps and Navy inventories and we have even had at least two female USAF Thunderbird pilots.

In 2012, the US Army decided to open jobs to women in some of its all-male combat units. Since practical experience already showed there was much cross over anyway, the Army simply decided to make it official. This change opened up close to 14,000 new jobs for women although some 250,000 jobs reportedly still remain closed. Some of the jobs opening up are tank mechanics, artillery and rocket launcher crewmembers. Yes, the world, rightfully so, is opening up to those who are qualified and want to contribute.

So here I sit in my study and unfortunately have to ask a most important and extremely unpopular question. Why is it that only men, aged 18-25, are required to register for the Selective Service System (SSS)? In other words, register for the draft? I’m throwing this out there only because I really have not heard a good excuse as to why. You know why? There is none! Look, according to the SSS, they say that male citizens and immigrants, documented and undocumented, residing in the US and its territories must register. Why not women too? For crying out loud, even illegal immigrants are required to register. The form states all males between ages 18 and 25 who are, “U.S. born and naturalized citizens, parolees, undocumented immigrants (illegal aliens), legal permanent residents, asylum seekers, refugees, and all males with visas of any kind which expired more than 30 days ago.”

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

Well FINALLY, a judge **Gray Miller**, this past February, ruled that the



## Selective Service Registration

Military Selective Service Act actually discriminates on the basis of gender. In other words, the wheels have finally been put in motion to require women to register for the draft. All I can say is that it is about time but unfortunately, nothing quickly will happen. If it ever does. Congress will have until March 2020 before it has to think seriously about this issue.

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

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

Do I really want to see women drafted into combat? No, but neither do I want to see men drafted into combat. But should the draft ever again be necessary, I think all of us will have “bigger fish to fry” than this single issue. But living in the greatest democratic republic on this planet should require potential sacrifices of all its citizens; male and female. No group should be allowed to pick and choose which sacrifices they want to make. In my view it is all or nothing and if women really want America to be the sex-blind society they have fought so hard to create, they should be the first ones to step up to the plate and say, “Yes, we will stand shoulder to shoulder with our brothers, do what is right and register for the draft.” Certainly most women should willingly admit that they have more of a vested interest in this great country of ours than the illegal immigrant who is required by law to register.

Now that I’ve stated my case, I’m ready for the eggs and tomatoes. Let ‘em fly.



## The Abortion Dilemma

By John Martin

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**The topic of abortion is probably the most controversial political issue that exists today.** Opinions range all the way from abortions on demand to outright prohibition in all cases no matter what. These two polar opposites could be at each other’s throats until the end of time. Is there any way we could arrive at a solution that would satisfy both sides?

This past April 30, the Alabama House passed the most extreme anti-abortion bill in United States history with a 73 to 4 vote. On May 14, the Senate passed it 25 to 6. Governor Kay Ivey signed it the next day. Virtually all abortions would be outlawed, and any doctor who performed one would be charged with a class A felony—up to 99 years in prison. Exceptions were minuscule. Not even rape or incest would be allowed. Imagine a woman who had been brutally raped being forced to propagate the rapist’s genetics for another generation.

Of course, this law is not enforceable. Current federal law overrules it. Nevertheless, the ACLU, Planned Parenthood, and women’s groups are proposing legal challenges just in case.

For decades, instead of seeking rational objectives, the mindsets of typical politicians are that if “Big Brother” imposed enough penalties and punishment, problems of all descriptions would grind to a halt. But that is not going to happen—not with the economy, not with peace keeping, not with health care, and not with abortions. Even if we sentenced half of our doctors to life without parole and scared the other half out of even thinking about it, underground and primitive do it yourself coat hanger jobs will take their places.

Unfortunately, abortions—like obesity, heart attacks, and automobile accidents—cannot be completely stamped out. A certain number will occur regardless of efforts to punish them.

However, we can minimize the number of abortions to a small fraction of what we have today—without the radical, overbearing proposals in this legislation.

Stop and think why women choose to have abortions. They suffered traumatic unplanned pregnancies. That’s it. That’s the only reason. If people did not have unplanned pregnancies, there would be no abortions.

So instead of punishing women and their doctors, why don’t we go after the source of the problem? Go all out to prevent unplanned pregnancies, and especially teenage pregnancies.

Abstinence, of course, is the preferred procedure to prevent unwanted pregnancy (as well as syphilis, gonorrhea, AIDS, and other infections). But unfortunately, the sex drive in many young men overpowers their self-control. Consequently, they give in to terrible temptations.

Only a few decades ago, unplanned pregnancies were infrequent, and when one occurred, it was considered a serious embarrassment to a family. As a result, abortions were infrequent. Today, many more children are raised in one parent families, and some with no natural parents. The teaching of discipline and abstinence is largely inadequate and sometimes missing altogether. Adults, teens, and even pre teens are now much more promiscuous. And the social stigma of past years has essentially disappeared. Consequently, unplanned pregnancies have soared, and so have abortions.

How do we deal with this problem? For starters, make sure that all forms of contraception are readily available to everybody—over the counter, without prescriptions or any other constraints. Contraception is the backup that stops the tragedy of reckless child bearing, and also abortions.

Provide sex education to all teens and pre-teens. Teach them about the horrors faced by youngsters who can’t even take care of themselves bearing children they obviously can’t support. Teach them how to use all forms of contraceptives and how to use several each time to provide multiple layers of protection.

We have passed many new laws to outlaw abortions, including the one just mentioned. Like the others, it will likely be invalidated in the Supreme Court. Litigation will cost the Alabama taxpayers millions of dollars—enough to provide contraception for thousands. And in the unlikely event it might slip past the courts, would it really do any good?

Everybody has heard the old quote—“An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.” That is the rational way to deal with abortion. Prevent the pregnancies, and the abortions will never happen.

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## US 280 and College Avenue: 20 years of devastation...



Another horrific crash at this infamous “T” of US 280 & AL 147 has many decent folks angry again and our corrupt county commissioners running for cover. It broke my heart to once again see a medical helicopter taking off from the intersection to rush another terribly injured member of the Auburn Family to the trauma centers in Columbus. The course of this deadly result was set over two decades ago. Long before land (used as a rest area until widening) was wisely acquired by more economically efficient, honest ALDoT employees who understood this would be a costly future input. Instead of completing the planned lower cost, safer route to Columbus, the new 280 was placed for political purposes of enriching landowners who wanted it to go to “Tiger Town” and suck even more revenue into city limits versus a more market driven mix between rural and urban commerce. The overcrowded/overburdened segment of I-85 grows increasingly more unsafe with added traffic it wouldn’t share if 280 was constructed as planned to protect the safety of our travelling public. If correct estimates for acquiring right of ways, traffic devices, etc. had been properly assigned to place 280 on the observed dangerous path, it would’ve been extremely difficult to justify.

I was among the few who complained before construction about the Veterans Parkway result. An intersection clearly requiring a traffic device. How many died/injured before anyone would listen? Finally, the corrupt mayor of Opelika pressed for something to be done after the desired revenue stream was set in cement, more important than deaths and quality of life of the general public. ALDoT explained the moratorium policy of getting funds for traffic devices on newly constructed roads to discourage the exact type of death traps observed. Some say our mayors these past decades don’t have the ability to understand what will unfold - does it really matter if they are feeble minded or evil? -- the result is the same. When I came to Auburn in 1991 looking for a home well outside any city limits, the rational, safe plan told was for drivers to either take what would become ‘old’ US 280 (in front of where our home was located) and there was plenty of existing land already acquired to make for safe entrance right to go US 280 to Opelika/Columbus or safe median/sight distances to go left to Waverly/Alex City. How many have been victims of George Wallace type politicians (who stand for nothing but staying in power) because they didn’t vote ‘correctly’ or buckle to pressures of the day’s corruption.

Congressman Riley, in power when this corruption and violations occurred lectured us, “you know the road is coming - get out of the way.” Much like Congressmen of today - why would he show concern about citizens dying, injured and being made homeless who get in the way of wealth transfers to bankers, contractors, developers, corrupt politburo members, et al. Not to be bested as the ‘top dog’ extremist in Alabama, Gov. Siegelman, who was in power as we drove by our home we were kicked out of to see OTHERS LIVING in it (yet held legal title to, paying taxes on, etc.) said, “We’d like to give property owners their rights, but it would take too much time.” I find it difficult to feel one scintilla of sorrow about individuals in prison like Don Seigleman and Jimmy Butts, who harmed so many. The list of others - Dial, Hubbard (at the state level) to corrupt federal politburo members like Sessions who was too feckless to even take the file or Shelby too interested in campaign contributions to return calls are great. No other elected politician showed more vulgar disregard for citizens’ civil rights than Sewell.

Over time, I’ve come to understand I can make little if any difference (unwilling to sell my soul at any price) at the federal level. It seems similarly unlikely at the State level as voters either do not participate (as the politburo desires) or continue to waste their votes on duopoly candidates who care little about their lives, liberty and property. I’ve almost completely directed my attention to the local level where I’ve enjoyed some success at attenuating the cancerous growth again coming my way where the harm more directly attacks us. I’ve spent the last four years attending Lee County Commission Meetings with my eldest Godson Peter. It is chilling to watch the malfeasance in action. The corruption which generates this sort of devastation begins with the chair of the Commission/Probate Judge English. This ‘public servant’ (dare I type public master?) works in symphony with the County Engineer who brokers most of these corrupt wealth transfers. Perhaps our biggest victory is finally getting this deadly probate judge to follow the law and bond this engineer the entire cabal of corruption commissioners stand behind. I pray a wise attorney sues for all the poor discretion (I’ve had to get signs moved because of discretion on how long this engineers thinks a foot is or perhaps more importantly a sign in front of a commissioner’s home who doesn’t care about safety) and construction which occurred under this period of a unlawful/unbonded engineer in our corrupt county.

This is the 20th anniversary of wrongful eviction from our home by federal and state bureaucrats for US Highway 280 at the end of College Avenue in Auburn. Our corrupt politicians decided against following the Uniform Eminent Domain Code (UEDC) since 1995, which doesn’t matter if you’re blessed to be in a locale who knows right from wrong and respects civil rights. This is NOT so for Lee County and the death and devastation continues. When in Judge Nix’s court, there was a ‘hostile’ witness, who appeared to be one of the highway workers who relished coming at owners with his bulldozers, crushing our sewer line, burning fires over occupants, bitter anyone had the AUDacity to defending their home and fight for our civil rights. It was clear corrupt bureaucrats and contractors were spiteful owners were still in their home during the holidays after delivering the illegal eviction notice two weeks before Christmas. Our actions kept them out of the nice home and shop they wanted to live in and use while the owner still had legal title to and paying taxes on their property.

Little surprise these bureaucrats refused Judge Nix’s last noble effort to stop the fraud they were orchestrating. Bureaucrats willing to abuse eminent domain understand they’re no longer obliged by the UEDC to provide victims a ‘decent, safe and sanitary’ place to live. I can still remember when Judge Nix turned to us (me and my bride) as we were in the middle of the seats of his courtroom to pose his half statement/half query, “Y’all live in the nice brick house at the end of College Avenue - don’t you?” We nodded affirmatively. Then he again asserted/queried, “Well with all the trucks, earth moving, fires burning and dust being kicked up out there (I don’t know if he was aware of them cutting our sewer line) it must not be as pleasant to live in that nice home - would \$300/month be OK as you appeal?” We were relieved by this sage district Judge’s decision, which made it easy to stay in our home awaiting our day in circuit court to determine what we’d be paid for our home.

The facades of the so-called ‘public servants’ absolutely incredulous with this just, wise Judge’s decision were indescribable for this poor wordsmith. Simply put, they threatened us with a \$10,000/day fine if we stayed in our home under Judge Nix’s decision, knowing we only had 24 hours to turn in our paperwork to the court. Our attorney at the time, claiming fear of this threat, said she “refused to do that with our money,” seeming most certain we couldn’t get another officer of the court to do so on such short notice, nor would she consider asking for an extension so we may obtain one.

The real issue was lying about the public purpose/use in this case, and Judge Nix knew one can NOT prove someone is lying about what they WILL do until

they do NOT do it. After being made homeless for almost a year, we now know as fact they were lying. Owners weren’t being put out of their home for it to be razed immediately as stated in Judge Nix’s court, instead they were made homeless so others could live in the home/use their shop while owners held title to it, paying taxes on it, etc... Obviously this tactic is to ‘fatigue citizens into submission’ as the Declaration of Independence penned. Most do not have the resources to fight for their civil rights.

Shortly after lying in Judge Nix’s Court complaining we were holding up ‘progress’ putting them behind schedule - these same bureaucrats boasted to the Auburn-Opelika News they were ahead of schedule. Words cannot convey what it was like to read the article, drive by our home to see others living in it and using my shop while we were homeless and living off the kindness of a friend. I’ve always hoped Judge Nix didn’t think poorly of me and my bride - we wanted to stay in our home we paid off in 1995 as he allowed until we were compensated in circuit court. We didn’t want to be so great a burden upon so many of our church fellows, friends, etc. as was the result of this wrongful taking.

Most don’t understand the bigger ‘macro’ harm in play when our civil rights are violated generating this devastating result for many. It was nothing short of a miracle we unanimously won in the US Supreme Court making it all the way through the procedural minefields set up against a lowly civilian. Judge Thompson understood all he must do is keep delaying justice long enough to effectively remove our civil rights until people die, are ignored, miss one deadline etc... it took 13 years from when the first federal bureaucrat knocked on our door. Nothing in this world can compensate one for the many lies and vulgar things done to us during this episode which include 11 months homeless. Nonetheless there were some satisfying moments in the dozen years of depositions and filings which followed as we fought for others’ civil rights. One specific example comes from Judge Nix’s courtroom. When asked what I wanted as compensation, I said \$10,000/day for each day we were made homeless. The contractor’s attorney quipped back in a snotty tone that was an absurdly large number, asking where I came up with it. My unequivocal reply was I didn’t come up with this number, the highway bureaucrats did after Judge Nix allowed us to stay in our home! Little wonder why such a retort ended that line of questioning rather quickly. We never could get the bureaucrats or their attorneys to show where they were authorized to make such a threat.

The politburo said our property on US Hwy 280 at the end of College Ave. (AL 147) was worth \$59,800 - determined by our corrupt county commission chair/probate judge. Our reply was simple - find us another 3 bedroom 2 bath home a mile or so outside the Auburn City limits with a 30x30 200amp workshop where I could pull engines, frames and paint cars, and we’d move in a.s.a.p. -- doesn’t matter to us if they pay a \$1 for it. Otherwise, it appeared to a then young economist it would take about \$167,000 to replace/reproduce for us to remain in the same/similar area. A comparable property directly across from us on US 280 - i.e., on the side not taken from -- the year prior sold for about ¼ million dollars, so we were clearly being reasonable. Later, professional appraisers put it at \$175,000 so once again my \$167,000 seemed on target.

After making us homeless for about seven months, bureaucrats offered \$145,000 the day before they’d have to face a Lee County jury. They again lied on the date we’d finally be paid, making us homeless for over 11 months. Some expressed disappointment at our not going to court for the remaining \$30,000 to get to the \$175,000. My defense is simple - that would have just been over money (not our objective) and the ONLY thing [according to 18-1A- et. seq. of the Alabama code] Judge Jacob Walker’s court could decide was just compensation - by law he couldn’t have addressed the civil rights violations even if he wanted to. DoT bureaucrats and lawyers made it very clear they wouldn’t let the jury hear any civil rights violations and tactics used and if so, they’d carry it on even longer declaring a mistrial. They do not want a jury seeing the vulgar/unlawful tactics they systematically use - most victims settle because the small strip of land taken doesn’t include their home so it isn’t worth the effort. It would be more important to later show in the civil rights case, under their own accord, bureaucrats said our home was worth \$59,800 when making us homeless, yet \$145,000 the day before they’d face a jury. They CAN’T say it was a jury which ‘went wild’ feeling sorry for us - the DoT bureaucrats/lawyers did this on their own. It’s a compelling question: when were they lying? At \$59,800 or \$145,000? I think the arithmetic under the circumstances speaks for itself. The lie was to justify putting 280 on the killer path for political purposes/revenue - NOT the safety of the traveling public.

This gets to the heart of understanding tactics used by lawless attorneys, bureaucrats, and the jurists who aid and abet them. I want to again stress we’ve also had attorneys, bureaucrats and judges of great integrity and character as well - if not, our unanimous SCotUS victory in 2005 would’ve been impossible. Lawless agencies and their bureaucrats usually get away with policies of systematically violating citizens’ civil rights because most victims can not endure being made homeless, having to continue to pay mortgages, pay attorneys, find some other place to stay, etc... We were blessed with having our home paid off since 1995, above average ability to defend ourselves, support of church, family and friends. These are the sort of people who refuse to idly sit on the sidelines and watch victims like me and my wife suffer, because they understand it is the path to Auschwitz.

To once again recount the specifics of how we were harassed and humiliated, which include burning fires over us, peeping into windows at all hours, crushing our sewer line and coming at our home with huge earthmoving equipment would take too much text and are still painful. The most horrific events include coming at our home with a huge backhoe where I felt compelled to bear arms. Obviously something a lowly teacher wanting to live in peace and mind their own business had not planned to endure. Those who’d like to know more may want to go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FVtMW07XIIw>

The heroes of our case are the ones who came to our rescue, Judges Nix, Jacob Walker and Susan Walker, the eight Supreme Court Justices, my attorneys not letting it fail all those years, ones who suffered and where threatened for writing letters about this and esp. a score of witness like Professors Anderson, Beil, Blackstock, Laband, Stenrieche, Tittle, et al who are still living and Chris Taylor, Professors Byrd and Kaserman (to name a few) who’ve died over those many years of delaying justice.

Again, this is what happens when roads are placed for political/redistributive purposes instead of following the law to properly acquire right of ways, install traffic devices to ensure the safety of travelling public, etc. This is specifically stated as one of the few things our county commission is authorized to address. The number of people’s lives lost and damaged at this intersection (and Veteran's Pkwy) are more profound because if proper estimates were used for acquiring of land, traffic signals, etc. the road would've be placed more safely as originally planned. In closing, let us pray for those who've been so greatly harmed and those who've been so corrupt in creating these death traps in pursuit of their own enrichment.





# The Education Station... *By Bobbie Ames*

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## Alabama Territory Emerges as a State

*Hopefully, every school child in Alabama will know the meaning of 1492 when Columbus discovered the New World.*

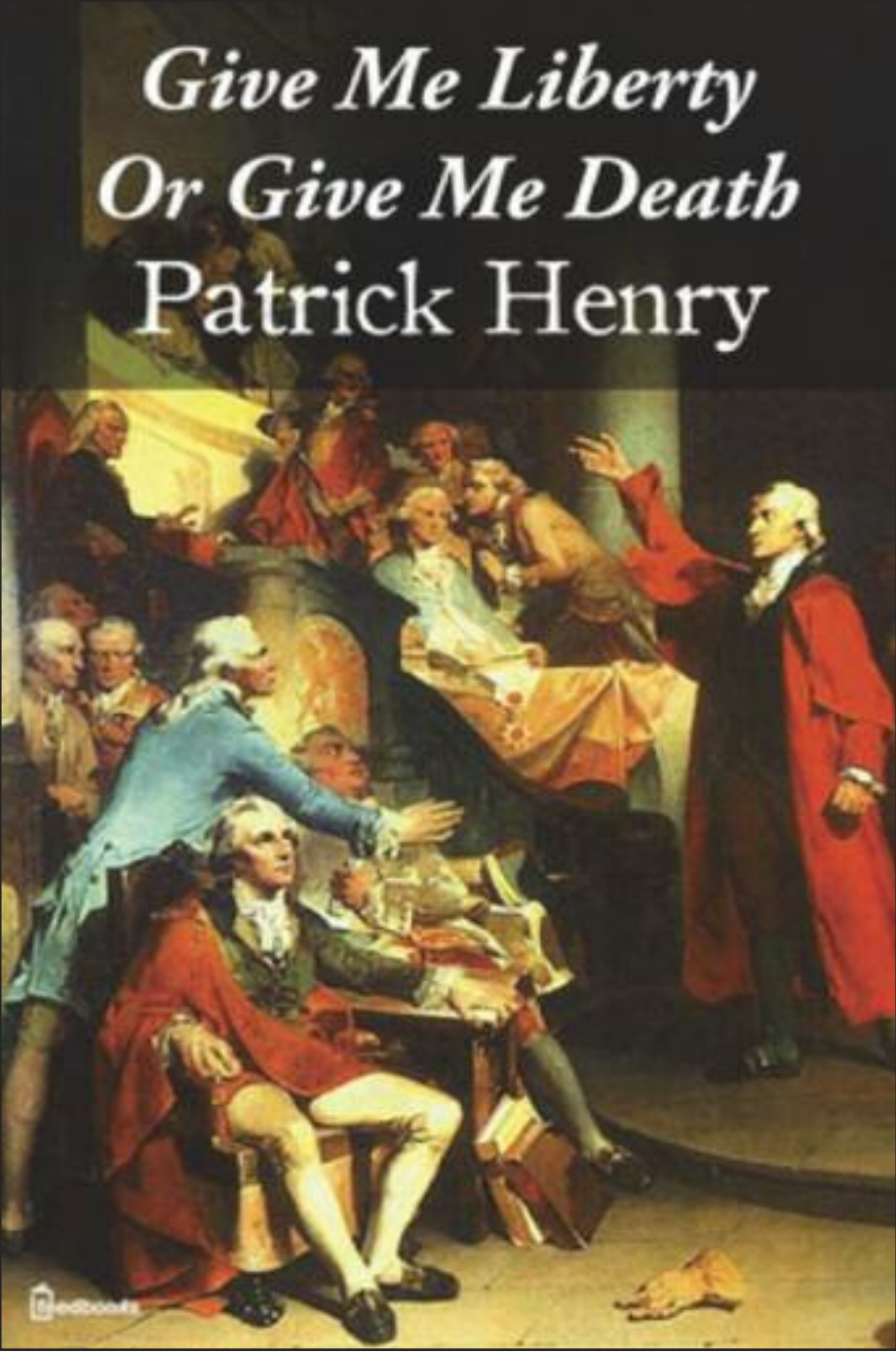
A few years later, in 1497, John Cabot claimed North America for England. By this time, it is important for us to realize that the English people had the Bible in their own language and could read God's Word for themselves. This is a dynamic event in the life of the English people who did embrace God's Word as Absolute and Eternal Truth.

This new freedom had a great effect on the people who came to America from England. Their confidence and their goals led them to envision the kind of government that they had never known before. A new concept of freedom was truly birthed in their spirits before it became a reality as "The United States of America," a new nation without equal in all of History.

It was not accomplished overnight. However, the American Revolution was the most amazing event in our history. The colonists became united in purpose, though it took some time. One writer wrote that the resentment against the Mother Country's aggression toward her colonies, turned to Revolution. Now, the colonists had a common goal, of Independence and Self-Government.

As happy and excited as the colonists were to reach the New World, the Mother country continued to place taxes on them without their consent. King George continued to pass taxes without their consent, such as The Stamp Act, and taxes on paper, glass, tea, paints, etc.

Fifty men met in Philadelphia, at the First Continental Congress in September of 1774. They signed complaints against England. When their complaints were not taken seriously, they began to drill and train soldiers and to hide ammunition and gunpowder.



In Virginia, Patrick Henry gave a powerful speech that changed the minds of many people, to fight for Independence.

***"Gentlemen may cry, peace, peace, but there is no peace. Why stand we here idle? What is it that gentlemen wish? What would they have? Is life so dear, or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it Almighty God, I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me Liberty or give me death."***

Those who agreed with Patrick Henry, became our first Patriots.

The King of England ignored that message of the First Continental Congress.

There was a Second one called in May of 1775. Two of the most important decisions made there was to organize the Continental Army and to place George Washington in charge. Only weeks later, the Battle of Bunker Hill was fought.

At the Second Continental Congress, five men were chosen to write the Declaration of Independence: Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman, and Robert Livingston. On July 4, 1776, the Declaration was signed by John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress.

True Liberty would be proclaimed throughout the land. Let us never forget that America is unique among all the nations of the world. May we return to the original intent of our Founders who paid the price for us to enjoy true Liberty.

George Washington commanded the forces in the Revolution and became our first president. Many in Alabama were involved in the war, but many were not. The frontier land housed many people loyal to Britain. Loyalists found safety in Pensacola and Mobile, and frontier land outside of what is now Alabama.

At the end of the Revolution, the British surrendered at Yorktown, in 1781. Spain still controlled much of Florida and lands beyond Alabama. The Federal Road allowed many more people to come to Alabama. With the Creek Indians, one can understand a clash of old ways with new ways of life. As farming increased in Alabama, competition was inevitable for securing the best land by both newcomers and the Creeks.

The problems among the Creek Indians increased and The Creek War of 1813-1814 grew out of complications involving politics and economics on both parts. The War of 1812 between England and America also involved politics and economics: trade matters and ports of entry.

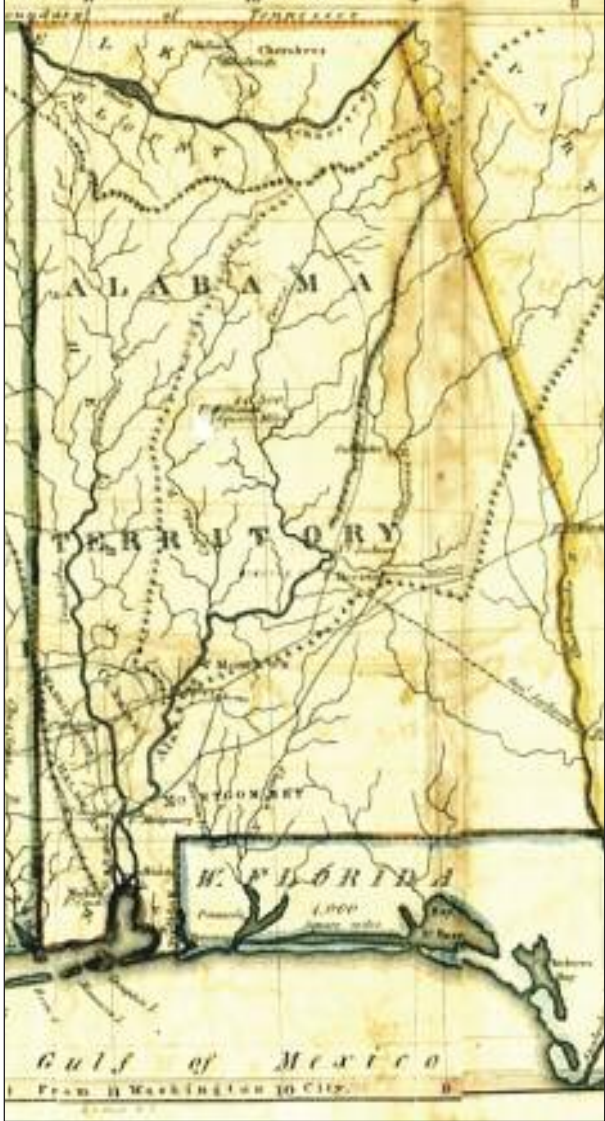
The Creek War was really a civil war. General Andrew Jackson took the leadership, when the support of the Choctaws, Cherokees, Chickasaws, and the White Sticks, all wanted peace. They were successful in defeating the Red Sticks. General Jackson accepted the surrender by Red Eagle, at Fort Jackson on the Alabama River. He later became President of the United States, and was known as "Old Hickory." This name was given to note that he was "Tough." He was smart and a great leader.

General Jackson was born in South Carolina and moved to Tennessee. He and his wife, Rachael, lived near Nashville on a plantation named the Hermitage. They had one adopted son.

The surrender of the Indians in their battles brought many more settlers into Alabama. Many relatives of earlier settlers moved here to unite families. Alabama was attracting merchants, craftsmen, professional people, and of course, more farmers.

After the war was over, things settled down for a time. In the 1830s, many Alabama Indians were moved to Oklahoma to live on reservations. This was called the "Trail of Tears." This must have been a very sad time in our State, although it did not involve all of the Alabama Indians.

In 1817, Mississippi became a state, and Alabama began to prepare for Statehood as well. To become a State, the people must prepare a Constitution. Hopefully, we can look at our Alabama Constitution next month.



**Red Hills Salamander**  
**Official Alabama Amphibian**  
Act 2000-232, Acts of Alabama,  
April 13, 2000



**Brown Shrimp**  
**Official Alabama Crustacean**  
Acts of Alabama 2015, NO. 124



**Wild Turkey**  
**Official Game Bird**  
Acts of Alabama, May 28, 1980



**Hematite (Red iron ore)**  
**Official Mineral**  
Act 67-503, Acts of Alabama,  
September 7, 1967





# Honoring Our Heroes

By Dr. Martha Poole Simmons



## Jacob Thomas Chesnutt, Jr.

For three years during WWII, Thomas Chesnutt served as a 1st Class Petty Officer radar technician on the destroyer, U.S.S. Fletcher (DD 445) which was named for World War I-era Atlantic Fleet commander Admiral Frank Friday and which traveled over 250,000 miles in the South Pacific. The Fletcher destroyer measured 376 ft.



with a speed of 36 knots with the capacity of carrying 273 officers and enlisted men. This was the first combat application of what came to be known as the CIC—the “combat information center,” whose battle station was the PPI (SG radar) scope in the chart house. From there, Chesnutt in the CIC processed communication reports, radar contacts, air plots, and other information and fed it to the captain a few feet away on the bridge, keeping him continuously advised of the tactical situation, selecting targets and directing gun and torpedo control. The use of radar improved scouting, gunnery aim, and navigation anti-aircraft guns. Chesnutt worked with SC radar for air-craft search, with SD radar for surface detection of ships and with sonar to detect sounds below the surface of the water such as those coming from submarines. On vessels that served as flag-ships, the CIC was extremely important in aiding the task force commander while he controlled ships in operations and battle. “The effectiveness of the Fletcher’s engagement was due principally to his intelligent analysis and cool judgment,” wrote Capt. Cole in his action report.

There were 175 of these destroyers built during World WII, and 164 were sunk or completely disabled. These flush-deck “2,100-tonners” became the most successful of the American destroyers: fast, roomy, capable of absorbing enormous punishment yet fighting on. Their armament included: 5 × 5” guns, 10 × 40mm anti-aircraft guns, 7 × 20mm anti-aircraft guns,10 × 21” torpedo tubes, six depth charge launchers and two depth charge racks.

During the South Pacific campaigns of World War II, the United States Navy faced a formidable challenge in waging nighttime surface battles against the Japanese Navy. U. S. Naval Fleet Commander Admiral William Frederick Halsey coordinated the Naval forces in the Pacific Theater. In a war that emphasized the carrier and battleship, the destroyer became a key player in these actions. Even though the naval surface battles in the Solomon Islands involved other ship types such as battleships and cruisers, the use of destroyers proved to be an essential key in winning these clashes. Due to their size, availability, and versatility in accomplishing different tasks, destroyers participated in every crucial naval battle. Certain key technological factors, however, such as radar and torpedoes proved to be the crucial areas in which these battles were lost and won throughout the south Pacific.

Chesnutt’s hazadous duty aboard the Fletcher took him to many of the famous Naval battles in the South Pacific. In 1942, Chesnutt was aboard the Fletcher which arrived at Nouméa, New Caledonia, and began escort and patrol duty in the Guadalcanal operation, bombarding Lunga Point. Sailing from Espiritu Santos to cover the landing of reinforcements on the embattled island, the

destroyer joined in driving off a heavy enemy air attack on the transports splashing several enemy aircraft. This was the opening phase of the Naval Battle of Guadalcanal, a 3-day air and surface action. Fletcher played an important part in the surface action off Guadalcanal firing guns and torpedoes in the general melee which sank two Japanese destroyers and damaged the fast battleship Hiei, later sent to the bottom by carrier and Marine aircraft. Fletcher led the force through Lengo Channel, and made the first radar contact with the enemy off Tassafaronga Point just before midnight. The resulting Battle of Tassafaronga saw one Japanese destroyer sunk, and one slightly damaged, and four American cruisers badly damaged, though all but one were saved by superb damage control measures. Fletcher rescued survivors of Northampton, ingeniously using cork-floated cargo nets to take great groups of them from the water.

Chesnutt continued his radar surveillance aboard the Fletcher as it was involved in battles in the Solomon Islands, the Marshall Islands, New Guinea and the Philippine Islands. The destroyer operated in the Solomon Islands, patrolling, bombarding shore targets, driving off Japanese air attacks, rescuing downed aviators, destroying Japanese landing barges, and covering new landings on the northern coast of Guadalcanal. Then the destroyer sortied with an aircraft carrier task force to provide air support for the invasion of the Gilbert Islands, fighting off a Japanese counterattack from the air. The Fletcher shore bombardment at the Marshall Islands, New Guinea and the Philippine Island proved effective. Fletcher sortied screening transports clearing Leyte Gulf before the great battle for its control broke out, and Fletcher began four days of operations in the occupation of Bataan and Corregidor. Because of effective use of radar technology by Chesnutt, the Fletcher received fifteen battle stars for World War II service making her one of the most decorated US ships of World War II. The Fletcher class destroyers are still regarded as the best destroyers produced by any navy during World War II.

Chesnutt was born to his parents, J.T. Chesnutt and Annie Mosley at Hope Hull, AL, October 5, 1921, attended schools at Pintlala, AL, for nine years and graduated from Sidney Lanier High School, Montgomery, AL, in 1940. While serving as an auto-aviation mechanic at Maxwell Field, he volunteered with the U. S. Navy. Having almost no basic training, he was sent to San Diego for only two weeks, to Treasure Island at San Francisco, a major receiving and departure port for sailors for the Pacific aboard submarines and surface ships, for one week and then with 3,000 others transported to Pearl Harbor. From there he boarded a cruiser for the South Pacific. Without any training whatsoever, thirty-three sailors were put ashore on Espiritu Santos Island part of the New Hebrides, a military supply and Naval support base and air field where Marines, Army and Navy personnel were stationed prior to combat. A month later, he and 29 others were put aboard the destroyer, Fletcher. He was assigned to work with radar learning to do the job by studying the radar book while on board. As WWII was winding down, Chesnutt went to Minnesota to begin Naval flight training where he met his future wife who was training to become a nurse; however, WWII ended before he could complete training at the Naval Station at Pensacola, FL, and he was discharged December 2,1945.

After discharge, Chesnutt worked for an asphalt company and then returned to Hope Hull, AL, to assist his father in operating a dairy farm. For 23 years, he later worked as a trouble-shooter for Suckeys, a roadside convenience store found along highways. He enjoyed playing golf and playing softball on a men’s team. He and his wife, Betty Jean, have been married for 74 years, and they have four children, 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Having survived the dangerous missions on the Fletcher which was attacked by Japanese kamikazes and torpedoes, Chesnutt stated, “God protected me.” In the book, Tin Can Titan by John Wukovits, Chesnutt was often quoted. For example, while he was only twenty-one years old on the Fletcher, he saw and heard enough to believe that his future was drastically limited. While in the Guadalcanal area, he told himself, “You’ll never live through this war.” Because of an unexpected delay that caused him to be posted to the destroyer, Fletcher, rather than the cruiser, Juneau, Chesnutt recorded in his diary, “I didn’t realize it at the time, but it was the Lord protecting me---not only in battle, but also not allowing me to catch up with the Juneau which went down.” Chesnutt concluded, “We had a job to protect America, and we did it!”



## COL Thomas Benjamin Blake

COL Thomas Blake is the consummate American veteran, who served 28+ years including three years as a U. S. Marine during WWII and over 25 years in the U. S. Army. His citations and decorations for valiant service included: (1) Legion of Merit, (2) Bronze Star for action in the Korean War, (3) three Army Citations and (4) one Joint Staff Citation.



COL Blake was born at Faunsdale, AL, August 6, 1923, to his parents, George H. Blake and Sarah Thomas Blake. After his mother passed away when she was 31 from double pneumonia, his father and the four children moved to Autauga County where he lived until he graduated from high school in 1942. COL Blake volunteered to serve in the U. S. Marine Corps and served from November 5, 1942 to November 20, 1945.

COL Blake completed Marine Boot Camp at San Diego and achieved the rank of corporal very quickly. He was sent to Hawaii, to the New Herbides Islands in the South Pacific and then to Efate Island, which served as an important WWII military base. As an ordnance man, he loaded planes for combat at Bougainville, Green Island and Guam. At the end of WWII, he was sent to the Naval Base at El Centro, CA. In January, on a 30 day leave, his youngest brother wanted him to meet his 3rd grade teacher. They met, fell in love and began plans to marry. In June, Mary Claire Reid and her mother traveled 3 1/2 days

by train to California. Tom and Mary Claire married in Yuma, AZ, to avoid the three day wait and put Mrs. Reid back on the train for the long trip home. He was discharged from the Marines in November and began school at the University of Alabama on the G.I. Bill. He served as the Cadet Colonel in the Army R.O.T.C. He graduated in physical education in 1949.

He resumed his military service, selecting the Army. He was assigned to Ft. Riley, KS, attending the Ground General School; then he went to Ft. Benning, GA, to participate in the Infantry Officers Course. Next, he went to Japan, and on to Incheon, Korea, to serve as a 2LT Platoon Leader of “E” Company, 17th Infantry, 7th Division where, in one operation, four out of 30 men in his platoon were killed along with 20 others, who suffered wounds. He witnessed the mass invasion of Chinese troops in the frigid temperatures of the Korean winter. His return to the U.S.A. was followed by assignments at Columbia, SC, the Panama Canal Zone, the Command and General Staff School at Ft. Leavenworth, KS, and the Army’s 1st Division on the staff for military operations at Ft. Riley, KS. Early in the Vietnam War, he worked with province commanders, setting up Strategic Hamlets. Later, COL Blake was assigned to the USAEUR Headquarters in Heidelberg and served as the commander of the 2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry of the 8th Mechanized Infantry Division, in Mannheim, Germany (over 700 men). This was followed by two years at the Pentagon. While serving as the Professor of Military Science with Army R.O.T.C. at the University of Mississippi, he was promoted to full Colonel. He retired at Ft. Benning, GA, in 1974.

He and his wife, Mary Claire, were married for 56 years. After she passed away, he married Joyce Harrell, and they have been married 17 years. He is proud of his three daughters, ten grandchildren, twenty-one great-grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren. Since retirement from the military, he has enjoyed playing golf with the Alabama 60+ Golfer's Association, bird hunting and making furniture. Men from his battalion still get together for reunions every other year in various locations. He has been an active leader in the Hayneville Methodist Church and in the Military Retired Officers Association at Montgomery, AL, where he served as the liaison with the Alabama Legislature.

COL Blake concluded, “Serving in the military was my job, and I was doing the best that I could in what I was supposed to be doing. I did that for the entire time. I encountered a lot of problems in combat, and I was shot at many times. I was almost killed when a grenade was thrown into my foxhole in Korea. I got out just in time, but later discovered shrapnel in the soles of my boots. In my class in advanced infantry, almost 80% of the 100 officers were killed, and I never received a nick on me at all. It just wasn’t my time.”



## Kidney Victims' Fund

**\$53,888—That's Texas-Size Help**

PHAN RANG, Vietnam (UPI)—A disease-stricken brother and sister in Austin, Tex., will receive more than a year of medical help because of donations from American, Australian and Vietnamese servicemen and civilians in South Vietnam.

A military spokesman said Saturday that a final accounting showed that \$53,888 had been collected in a fund-raising drive at Phan Rang Air Base, 165 miles northeast of Saigon, on behalf of Paula Holt, 17, and her brother, Gary, 20.

They are victims of acute nephritis, a rare, hereditary kidney disease which requires them to spend 15 hours a week channeling their blood through a machine to stay alive. The machine, which processes the blood, consumes a non-reusable liquid chemical which costs the H.V. Holt family at least \$360 a month for each person. The family was unable to meet the costs.

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# PACIFIC STARS AND STRIPES

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## 15,000 at D.C. Win-War Rally

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**WASHINGTON—Win-the-war demonstrators** paraded along misty Pennsylvania Avenue Saturday and rallied at the Washington Monument, where the Rev. Carl McIntire urged President Nixon to repent his South Vietnam policy and "use the sword as God intended."

Park police estimated the crowd at 15,000 while McIntire claimed his National March for Victory had drawn about 25,000 people from every state in the Union.

Washington police estimated 5,000 to 6,000 people were in the procession that paraded from the foot of Capitol Hill to the monument to the strains of "Onward Christian Soldiers" and "The Stars and Stripes Forever" played alternately by a 28-piece volunteer band. Many who attended the rally skipped the 90-minute parade.

At the monument grounds, about 1,000 people gathered

## Mars Shot Fails

**CAPE KENNEDY, Fla. (AP)**—The first attempt to send a spaceship to orbit the planet Mars failed Saturday night when the second stage of the booster rocket did not function properly.

total cost of the two missions is \$153.6 million.

Because of the difficulty with Mariner 8, the Mariner 9 flight might have to be postponed until the trouble is pinpointed. The space agency has until June 17 to launch the craft, otherwise it would have to be postponed at least 36 months, the next favorable period for a launching to Mars.

## Fund—

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Their plight came to the attention of Air Force Sgt. Robert L. Jones, 22, of Turlock, Calif., who read about the Holts in Stars and Stripes and spearheaded the drive. He flew to the United States in April to present the teenagers with a check for \$30,000.

The remaining \$23,888 was raised at the base by Jones' colleagues in a drive which concluded last week. A check will be mailed to the Holts in a few days.

## Companies Start Four-Day Week

**BOSTON (AP)**—Two Boston-based insurance companies — Rockland Mutual, and Brokers Premium Acceptance Corporation — are going on a four-day work week.

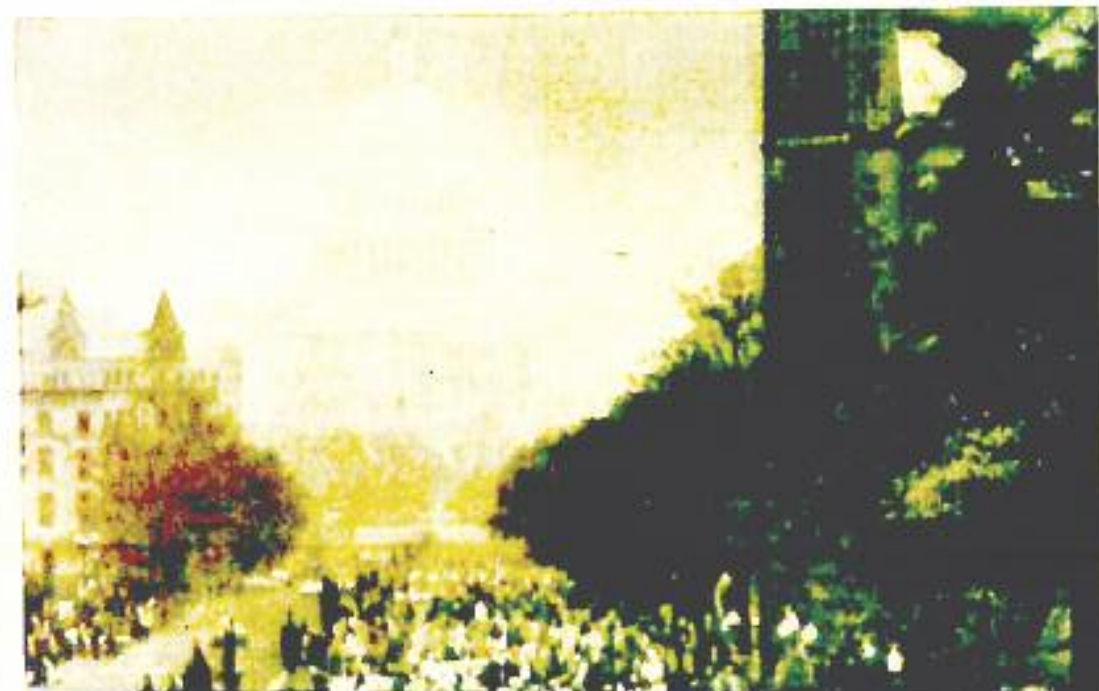
The working hours will be 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., but with half the employees working Monday through Thursday and the remainder Tuesday through Friday. Spokesmen for both firms say their aim is to improve employee recruitment and retain trained personnel.

## Russ Astronomer Dies

**MOSCOW (AP)**—Nikolai P. Barabashov, the noted Soviet astronomer who helped map the far side of the moon, has died at the age 77.

## Weather

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Chitose	61	23	Saipan	88	77
Guam	81	76	Seoul	43	45
Honolulu	85	44	Taipei	77	44
Manila	92	78	Tokyo	61	55
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Albany	71	36	Alonsi	87	75
Albuquerque	67	47	Altoona	58	29
Amarillo	72	43	Anchorage	66	50
Altoona	82	66	N. Orleans	87	72
Birmingham	84	64	NYC	75	58
Boise	76	47	N. Platte	67	37
Boston	71	47	Oakla.	88	83
Chicago	55	47	Owensbo	60	47
Cleveland	68	40	Phila.	72	52
Denver	53	28	Phoenix	76	63
Des Moines	54	40	Pittsburgh	68	43
Detroit	66	41	Portl. O.	83	50
Duluth	71	38	Rehoboth	83	58
El Paso	61	28	Rocky City	58	25
Fort Worth	62	58	Reno	62	36
Hong Kong	82	77	Richmond	69	57
Houston	83	74	Singapore	89	79
Jackville	87	59	St. Louis	72	58
Jakarta	95	80	St. Paul	70	43
Kansas City	65	57	Soft Lake	84	50
K. Lumpur	90	71	San Diego	87	57
Las Vegas	67	49	San Fran.	59	52
London	66	59	Seattle	77	43
L.A.	68	53	Shanghai	84	64
Louisville	71	58	Sydney	67	51
Melbourne	82	61	Tucson	83	53
Memphis	82	62	Wash.	64	56



special embassy to Cairo in a move that indicated Egypt and Israel were seriously exploring the possibilities of reopening the international waterway, closed since the 1947 war.

The envoy, assistant secretary of state Joseph Sisco, carried to Egypt's President Anwar Sadat new details on Israel's terms for reopening the canal.

## France Denies Forced Return

**PARIS (UPI)**—France Saturday denied it forced a Chinese diplomat to return home against his will because of possible political embarrassment.

The French Foreign Ministry issued a short statement denying as "slandorous" the charge carried in newspapers here. The denial centered on the case of Chang Chi-jung who was detained by French police April 28 as 16 Peking officials from the Chinese Embassy here tried to physically carry him to a Shanghai-bound airliner while he was heavily drugged.

French officials said the man had asked to return to Red China.

## Escape Try Puts Ray in Solitary

**PETROS, Tenn. (AP)**—James Earl Ray will be stripped of all privileges and confined to a single cellblock in Tennessee's maximum security prison for 30 days.

The confessed slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. lost his status as an "honor grade" prisoner at Brushy Mountain State Prison for making an unsuccessful escape attempt.

24 Pacific Stars & Stripes  
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war from North Vietnam to a neutral country as "an act of humanity."

He recalled that the South Vietnamese government recently announced it was ready, under the terms of the Geneva prisoner of war convention of 1949, to intern 1,200 North Vietnamese prisoners in a neutral country and immediately repatriate 500 who are ailing.

Rogers said Nixon endorsed the South Vietnam proposal.

"We believe such internment should be agreed upon as an act of humanity. We hope that North

overall Mideast solution, Rogers said there seemed to be agreement on both sides that:

— The waterway should be opened.

— It would be operated by Egypt.

— There should be some withdrawal by Israeli forces now stationed on the canal's east bank.

— Fighting should not be resumed.

— A Suez agreement should not be an end in itself but a step forward toward an overall solution.



Secretary of State William Rogers discusses U.S. prisoners of war held by North Vietnam with Pope Paul VI in the Vatican. (AP)

## John Lakeos

John Lakeos served in the U. S. Air Force for 24 years reaching the rank of Master Sergeant. His M.O. was aircrew pararescue/recovery technician. John



wounded and dying. From the helicopters, John went down by cable and secured the wounded to a cable which hoisted the person up to the helicopters. Escort WWII dive bombers assisted in protecting the rescue helicopters and their crews. John stated, "We brought a lot of pilots back that would have been killed there." John spent 19 months in S. E. Asia, with his first tour at Udorn, Thailand, during 1970-1972 and again in 1973 for 30 days. He had three tours in England RAF Woodbridge. Other tours included his jobs as instructor, flight examiner, senior NCO in charge of the 23 Special Tactics Squadron in special operations command at Eglin A. F. Base, Hurlbert Field, FL, which was his last tour. John served as an instructor, as a flight examiner and as superintendent of instruction in pararescue.

John's decorations include: Distinguished Flying Cross, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with five devices, Aerial Achievement Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal and Distinguished Presidential Unit Citation.

After discharge from the Air Force and having graduated from Selma High School before entering military service, John completed nurses' training at Pensacola Junior College and worked as an RN at a hospital at Selma. His wife, Phyllis, and he had one son.

He credits his development in his life with the way he was reared by his parents and his church. When asked why he chose to serve in pararescue, John stated, "Two recruiters convinced him to do this. Among a class of 5400 pararescue personnel-students, only 11 were accepted. It was an honor to serve my country, and I did my duty."

John Lakeos was born September 18, 1948, at Selma, AL.

went to S.E. Asia, flew helicopters into Cambodia, Laos and N. Vietnam where he rescued downed pilots and took them to medical units. He witnessed many



### Dr. Donald E. Hayhurst

Dr. Don Hayhurst landed on Omaha Beach with a U. S. Army tank recovery unit about 10 days after the initial landing and invasion of the Allies. Although his unit was supposed to land on June 18th and then convoy across the country, the waves were coming in making it just too tough to get to shore immediately. Hayhurst and his men finally



made it. He received five battle service stars for his participation in combat including Normandy, the Battle of the Bulge and the Rhineland Hayhurst continued fighting until the War was over. He received the French Legion of Honor for United States Veterans for his heroic participation risking his life in the liberation of France. During his service in WWII, Hayhurst’s rank was platoon sergeant; however he received a battlefield commission at the end of WWII with the rank of 1st Lieutenant. Later Hayhurst was recalled and served in the Korean War.

Hayhurst grew up in the hills of West Virginia during the Great Depression, and when he reached his 18th birthday, he was drafted to serve in the Army and sent to Europe, the other side of the world. When he returned to the U.S. after the War, Hayhurst earned his Ph. D. in political science at the University of Pittsburgh. At Auburn University, he helped create the department of political science where he taught with

the rank of full professor. While teaching at Auburn University, Hayhurst applied his knowledge of political science by being elected and serving as mayor of Auburn for four years. Under his leadership at Auburn, he obtained a \$600,000 federal grant for urban renewal used to improve the streets of downtown Auburn. A marker for this project can be observed at Toomer’s Corner at Auburn.

Recently while attending an event at Auburn University, he bumped into a former student, Alex Moore, with an offer he couldn’t turn down. The student said, “Would you like to go to Normandy again?” Hayhurst replied, “Yes, I always wanted to see that area again. I have thought about it for a long time and have just never done anything about it. He said that all I had to do was get on the plane with him.” However, Hayhurst replied, “I can carry my own weight. I did it when I came on shore at Normandy, and I can do it now.” In November, 2018, Hayhurst and his former student flew to France and toured the five landing sites for Allied forces during World War II. On the flights to France and back to the U.S., Don and Alex were moved to first-class seats when the flight crew discovered that Don who was wearing his WWII hat had served in Europe during WWII. The pilot on the return flight made an announcement recognizing that the flight had a WWII veteran aboard. This return to Normandy meant much to Don who says, “It means so much to your life. You ought to have the opportunity to re-examine it. It’s like the idea of completing something in your life. You want to have a post script or a final assessment of it.” At the Normandy American Cemetery where 9,400 American military are buried, he probably answered more questions than the tour guides and shared something most people could not. He had been there and seen all of the bodies; however, Hayhurst had survived. Don said that the sand that he had run across with military boots meant something to him. In fact, he brought some sand from Omaha Beach back home to Alabama.

Don and his wife, Joyce, were married 17 years. Joyce was reared in poverty. She trained as a RN and served as a surgical nurse for 30 years. At Millbrook, she had a special place in her heart for the library’s youth reading program at the Millbrook Public Library. Don recently donated \$5000 to the Library in honor of her memory. Don and Joyce were members of the Open Door Baptist Church and participated in the Millbrook Senior Center.

Hayhurst says “I’ve been so blessed and protected so many times that I’m embarrassed to complain about anything. I have been blessed more than I ever deserved. I was always a competitor. I always wanted to be the best at whatever I was doing. That’s what I tell young people today which is if you want to succeed in life, you have to compete. You have to get in there and work harder than everyone else. That’s why education is so important. It gave my wife and me the opportunity to succeed and make that hard work pay off.”



### COL. Alton R. Barnes, Sr.

Col. Alton R. Barnes, Sr., was born December 27, 1923, and grew up on a dairy farm. In 1943, after Barnes finished the 11th grade at Prattville, AL, he was drafted for service in the United States Army along with every other such male from his school. He entered the service during WWII and served in the Pacific. Barnes trained in R.O.T.C. at Ft. McClellan, AL, where he developed skills in taking a machine gun into action and out of action and helped to train others with these procedures. In April, 1945, he was deployed to the Philippine Islands where his unit encountered sporadic fighting and made preparation for an invasion of Japan in a plan called Operation Downfall. His unit was the 158th Regimental Combat Unit from a National Guard Unit that was composed of predominantly Indians and Mexicans. His unit landed in Japan October 13, 1945, at Yokohoma, and then his unit was sent to an old Japanese military garrison camp. He returned to the United States and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U. S. Army based on his outstanding performance and top grade passing tests.

Returning to the United States, Barnes entered Jacksonville State University and earned a B.S. Degree in Secondary Education. He taught science and coached basketball for one year at Munford High School. He was called to active duty a second time during the Korean War. In 1950, in the Army National Guard, he served as a 1st Lt. with the 31st Infantry Division activated to Ft. Jackson, South Carolina. Returning to Japan for a second assignment, he spent 19 months with the 24th Infantry Division. Then he went to work full time as an administrator with the AL National Guard in 1954. Barnes began and organized an officer candidate program in 1957 for the Army National Guard at Maxwell Air Force Base. Barnes established the AL National Guard Military Institute at Ft. McClellan, ran the program for 21 years and served as its commandant. A building at the Institute is named for Barnes. He completed his 31 years of military service as AL National Guard Assistant Adjutant General as a full colonel in 1979. After retirement from military service, he worked three years as an assistant administrator at the AL A.B.C. Board.

On February 17, 2017, the Senate of Alabama passed Senate Joint Resolution No. 17, commending Alton R. Barnes, Sr. for outstanding service to the State of Alabama.

Now Barnes enjoys leisure time playing golf and writing. He is also a published author. Three titles of his publications are: (1) It Had to Be You, (2) Night Visitor and (3) Silent Courage. A synopsis of each book can be found at : <http://www.amazon.com>, and books may be purchased from that web site.

Barnes and his wife, Mary Jo, have been married over 73 years since May 11, 1946. They have two children, five grandchildren and five greatgrandchildren.

Barnes knows that the Lord has blessed him beyond his years. He recalled



having his life spared when he was scheduled to be on a military flight. For no reason that he could determine, his name was removed from the flight list, and the next day news came that all people on board that plane had perished when the plane crashed. Reflecting on WWII with Japan, Barnes said, "I think it is great the things that happened over there in Japan on the way that the people have come back."



### Alabama’s Rosie the Riveter: Jessie Mae Smith

Jessie Smith is Alabama’s Rosie the Riveter who worked in the aircraft industry assembling planes at Hickman Field, Oahu, Hawaii, for two years during WWII. The massive conscription of men led to a shortage of available workers and therefore a demand for labor which could be fully filled only by employing women. At the age of



18, Jessie, courageously volunteered for this service leaving her small town of Danielsville, GA, to undergo two months of training at the Warner Robins Army Air Depot where 60,000 field repair mechanics trained and worked for every WWII theater during 1941-1945.

Rosie the Riveter is a cultural icon of World War II, representing the women who worked in factories and shipyards during World War II, many of whom produced munitions and war supplies. These women sometimes took entirely new jobs replacing the male workers who joined the military.

Rosie the Riveter is used as a symbol of American feminism and women's economic power. Images of women workers were widespread in the media as government posters, and commercial advertising was heavily used by the government to encourage women to volunteer for wartime service in factories. Rosie the Riveter became the subject and title of a song and a Hollywood movie during WWII.

Because the world wars were total wars, which required governments to utilize their entire populations for the purpose of defeating their enemies, millions of women were encouraged to work in the industry and take over jobs previously done by men. During World War I, women across the United States were employed in jobs previously done by men. World War II was similar to World War I in that massive conscription of men led to a shortage of available workers and therefore a demand for labor which could be

fully filled only by employing women.

Nearly 19 million women held jobs during World War II. Many of these women were already working in a lower paying job or were returning to the work force after being laid off during the depression. Only three million new female workers entered the workforce during the time of the War. Although most women took on male dominated trades during World War II, they were expected to return to their everyday housework once men returned from the war. Government campaigns targeting women were addressed solely at housewives, likely because already-employed women would move to the higher-paid "essential" jobs on their own, or perhaps because it was assumed that most would be housewives. One government advertisement asked women: "Can you use an electric mixer? If so, you can learn to operate a drill." Propaganda was also directed at their husbands, many of whom were unwilling to support such jobs. Many of the women who took jobs during World War II were mothers. Those women with children at home pooled together in their efforts to raise their families. They assembled into groups and shared such chores as cooking, cleaning and washing clothes. Many who did have young children shared apartments and houses so they could save time, money, utilities and food. If they both worked, they worked different shifts so they could take turns babysitting. Taking on a job during World War II made people unsure if they should urge the women to keep acting as full-time mothers or support their getting jobs to support the country in this time of need. Being able to support the soldiers by making all different products made the women feel very accomplished and proud of their work. African American, Hispanic, White and Asian women worked side by side. Once women accepted the challenge of the work-force, they continued to make strong advances towards equal rights.

The term, "Rosie the Riveter," was first used in 1942 in a song of the same name written by Redd Evans and John Jacob Loeb. The song was recorded by numerous artists, including the popular big band leader Kay Kyser, and it became a national hit. The song portrays "Rosie" as a tireless assembly line worker, who earned a "Production E" doing her part to help the American war effort. The name is said to be a nickname for Rosie Bonavita who was working for Convair in San Diego, California. The idea of Rosie resembled Veronica Foster, a real person who in 1941 was Canada's poster girl for women in the war effort in "Ronnie, the Bren Gun Girl."

Jessie Smith who goes by the nickname, "Smitty," was reared by her parents, Jessie and Sarah Frances Smith in rural Georgia. After graduating from Madison County High School in Danielsville, GA, near Athens, GA, she worked briefly at the five-and-dime retail department store, S. H. Kress, and then she volunteered to become trained in working with sheet metals assembling planes for the U. S. Army Air Corps. After training at the Warner Robins facility in GA, she traveled across the U.S. by train to Seattle and then via ship to Oahu, Hawaii, where she truly worked as an example of Rosie the Riveter.

After WWII, she returned to the South and worked in the mail order department at Sears Roebuck. Jessie applied for work at the Maxwell Air University Library at Maxwell Air Force Base at Montgomery, AL, and after passing a library clerk civil service exam, she was hired. This resulted in her living in Alabama and serving there at that Library for over 50 years. She and her husband, Joe Stone, were married 20 years, and they had one son, Jeffrey. At age 94, Jessie reflects upon her WWII service in airplane mechanics saying, “I loved my job. They were truly good to us women at Hickham. I liked working with planes. In some ways, I was sorry that the War was over.”





Ed Jones Football Writer

**Bart Starr** has fallen many times during the last few years, mostly due to heart attacks and strokes. On Sunday May 26th, he fell for the last time in Birmingham with his life partner by his side. Cherry, his wife of 66 years, has been his loyal care giver since 2014 when the physical problems began. They moved to Birmingham after Bart’s final retirement from the NFL. They operated several businesses during that time under the corporate name of **Bart Starr Enterprises**. They were all successful of course like everything else Bart was a part of. Bart died at home in Birmingham but his heart was always in Montgomery where he was raised. Bart Starr was 85.



*Lanier 1951 - practice field talk with Bobby Barnes (left) and Bart Starr.*

There is so much to be said about Bart that it is hard to find a place to start. Almost every native of Montgomery and every citizen of Green Bay, Wisconsin knows a lot about Bart Starr. They know all about who he was and what he has done. I think for my tribute to Bart, I will tell about who he was not and what he did not do.

Bart was not born to be a great football player. I think that the first position he played on a team was at guard. That was because **Ray Scott**, of Bass Master fame, got up enough money from Montgomery merchants to buy the football jerseys needed to participate in the YMCA Youth League. Ray, being Ray, decided since he raised the money, he should be the quarterback and Bart should play guard. That was the last time Bart played guard and also the last time Ray played quarterback.



*Bart and the University of Alabama*

team. He did his best to protect Bart because of how little he weighed. But, Bart took to football like a duck on water, even though there seemed to be little future in it for him. However, Bart started growing and by the time he got to the 10th grade he was about 5-10 and about 140 lbs. This was not an indicator of a potential All-Pro NFL quarterback, but it was a start in the right direction. Bart’s daddy was a master sergeant at Maxwell Field. So he had a little time in the afternoon to toss the ball around with Bart. Ben took an old tire and hung it from a rope in the back yard. He helped Bart get started passing the football at the hole in the tire. Bart must have thrown 10,000 passes at the hole in that tire. He got very accurate as a result and began to have confidence in his ability to play quarterback. In 1949 Bart finally got a break. **Coach Bill Moseley** was hired as the head coach at Sidney Lanier High School. Moseley played at Kentucky before World War II. He came back to Kentucky after the war to finish his eligibility and his education. By that time **Coach Paul “Bear” Bryant** had been hired by Kentucky. In 1946, Coach Bryant made Moseley his fullback and the captain of the team. I saw Bill Moseley and Bryant’s ‘46 team play Frank Thomas’ last Alabama team in Cramton Bowl in 1946. I remember the game well. Alabama won 21-7. I was only eight years old and had no clue that Moseley would be our coach one day.



*Bart Starr lead the Green Bay Packers to numerous championships including the first two Super Bowls.*

*not gonna sit on the bench anymore.*” Mr. Ben said *“Git in the car.”* Ben took his boy to the Lanier gym. He found Coach Moseley. Ben said, *“Coach,”* Bart seems to have made a mistake. He wants to talk to you about it.” With that he left and went home. That was the last time Bart thought about quitting anything.

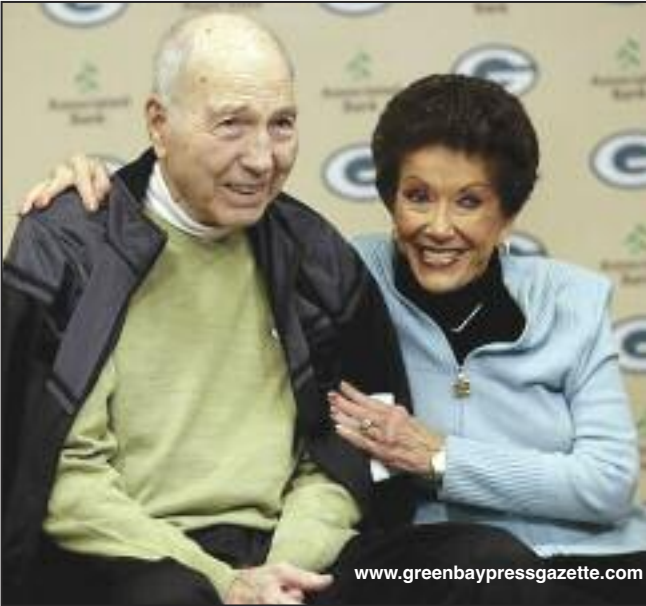
Bart was playing behind a quarterback named **Don Shannon**. Don was number 20 and Bart was number 21. Shannon was a senior who was also a good athlete. He was doing well until an injury opened the door for Bart. Shannon was a friend of mine who lived on the same street as

# A STARR HAS FALLEN

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

I did. We played touch football in the street. So, he was a favorite of mine. But, one night at Cramton Bowl in the second half of a game against Tuscaloosa, Don ran an option to the left and was tackled very hard on the sideline. His leg was broken. Tuscaloosa was ahead of Lanier at the time. As an eight grade wee football player, I was devastated that Shannon was out for the season. In came a tall lanky quarterback wearing number 21. His name was Bart Starr. I did not know anything about him. I didn’t need to. He knew a lot about himself. Starr marched the Lanier team down the field to the winning touchdown without a single penalty, mistake or even a pass if my memory is correct. Bart was not born a star, but a Starr was born that night.



*Bart and Cherry Starr*

With Coach Moseley’s connections and the fact that Coach Bryant wanted Starr to come to Kentucky, a very important agreement was made after Starr’s junior year. He would spend a few months in Lexington working out with Bryant’s All-American quarterback, **Babe Parelli**. This is where Bart honed the skills that would one day put him in the NFL Hall of Fame. With Bart at quarterback, Coach Moseley’s Lanier football teams only lost two games.

Somewhere in here, there comes a pretty young coed at Lanier by the name of **Cherry Morton**. Bart was confident but shy especially when it came to girls. He told his friend Richard Fulmer about Cherry and how he would like a date with her. Richard told him to ask her. Bart said, *“I don’t know if I can.”* At which Richard said, *“I’ll get you a date with her.”* He did. They double dated and the future was set for Bart Starr. He has said may times. *“I have never met a woman quite like Cherry.”* I don’t know if he ever looked at another one.

Bart was trying to decide to go to Kentucky while Cherry went to Auburn. Football at Kentucky and Cherry in Alabama just didn’t fit well in Bart’s mind. So, he told Coach Bryant that he had decided to go to Alabama. That didn’t sit well with Bryant. As head coach in the Blue-Gray Game in 1955, he hardly let Bart play at all. However, Bryant did quite well without Starr and Starr did quite well without Bryant.

Coach **Red Drew** had recruited Bart to play at Alabama. Drews teams were doing well at the time. He brought his great ‘52 team to Cramton Bowl to play Mississippi Southern coached by the famous Pie Vann. It was a fairly close game for three quarters. With Alabama leading 14-7, I was thrilled when Coach Drew let the freshman Starr take the team on a drive to its last touchdown. Bart Starr and Nick Germanos had been the stars of that famous Lanier team of ‘51. Nick also signed with Alabama and played four more years with Bart. He played end for Coach Drew.

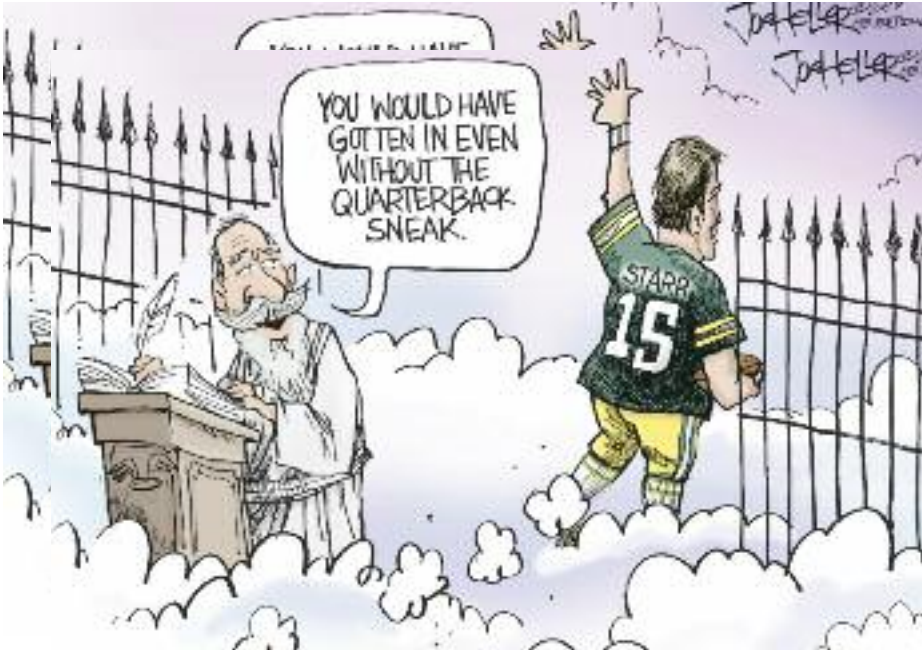
Bart was not braggadocios, cocky or arrogant as so many NFL stars are. He always gave credit to his father, to Coach Bill Moseley and to Coach Vince Lombardi for his success in football.



*Bill Moseley with the best quarterback he ever coached on the left and the worst quarterback he ever coached on the right. The occasion was Coach’s 90th birthday party.*

He never failed to give the credit to his Cherry for his success in life. He was a Godly man. He was a good man. He was a proud man. He was a humble man. What else can you say about a man that is better.

*In my opinion the Gates of Heaven opened up Sunday, May 26th and took in a fallen Starr!*





**Steve Long**

# Woods & Waters

## with Steve



### Good Stewards of The Woods and Waters!

Conservation. It's a word with a whole lot of different meanings to different people. While the general idea might be the same, it's a distant after thought for many Americans. To those of us in the outdoors, hunting, fishing, hiking or camping, conservation is a constant effort to maintain the precious resources we have.

As a member of **QDMA**, conservation is one of my primary goals. After all, you can't go deer hunting if there aren't any deer left! The amount of research and education we invest in is tremendous, but the constant effort pays off in spades. We've seen Alabama become, and remain, a deer hunting destination, which brings in plenty of cash flow to both our State and local businesses. With careful management, it'll surely stay that way, too.

There are plenty of challenges, of course. Chronic Wasting Disease, or CWD, is a serious illness that can absolutely decimate a deer population. It spreads easily and quickly throughout the herd, silently eliminating the deer population, out of our sight. Careful management and regulatory action can help stymie the spread of CWD, and Alabama has so far been up to the challenge. Keeping deer from being brought across state borders, for instance, has been a wise move.

Speaking of regulatory action, Alabama's red snapper season is going incredibly well, so far. There are some real big fish being caught down in the gulf, and we

Naturally, we've still got plenty of work ahead of us. As most of you Turkey Hunters know, we're in the middle of a rough spot for turkey conservation. Simply put, there ain't a lot of turkeys out there. Both the experts and us good ole boys agree that something is going on out in the woods, and it's going to take some work to address it. Between habitat loss, over predation, and some unusual weather, the turkey population has seen better days. If we drop the ball on this, we will probably end up like it was decades ago, when seeing a bird was near a miracle, much less harvesting one.

Fortunately for both the critters and us, there's a lot of help to be given in the name of conservation. Private organizations like QDMA work hard everyday to help improve and maintain deer herd numbers and quality. The state also has plenty of fine folks in charge of public lands and the wildlife in our state, doing everything they can to protect what resources we have.

Ultimately, the responsibility for conservation falls to each one of us individuals. If hunting, fishing, and other outdoor activities are gonna be around to enjoy for years to come, we've all gotta work together to see it through. My work with QDMA has only strengthened my resolve to help maintain what we have, and I encourage all of you to keep conservation on your mind this year, going forward. Engaging in programs like Game Check, Snapper Check, and the like can only help out the cause. If you're fortunate enough to be a part of an organization like QDMA, spread the word and study up.

The way I see it, the Outdoors is a gift to all of us, and I intend on leaving that treasure for those who follow behind us, better and richer than I found it. I hope all of you can share in that belief as well, because, if we Outdoorsmen win the fight for conservation, then every one of us also wins. So get out there, keep those woods and waters looking good, and go get'em!



*Gulf Coast Snapper Season opens June 1st in Alabama, interested in booking a trip check out FinActics Fishing Charters out of Dauphin Island Alabama.*

have our state government and its it's hard working officials to thank for that. The federal regulators wanted to keep us to a meager handful of days to fish, using the data they had. However, through programs like Snapper Check, the data obtained convinced the powers that be to let the State determine the season for itself. Conservation, when all the gears are moving smoothly, lets us enjoy our hunting and fishing heritage, not only today, but tomorrow as well.



## Quality Deer Management Association

# Kritter Korner

## Philander gray four-eyed opossum

Gray four-eyed opossums (Philander opossum) are Neotropical marsupials with a range that extends from northeastern Mexico in Tamaulipas, to south-eastern Brazil. Within this range, they may be found from Brazil's Atlantic coast, west-ward into Peru and Argentina and throughout Central America in tropical lowlands and the Amazon and Parana basins. They are found mainly in tropical



forested areas such as tropical evergreen, secondary growth and gallery forests. These opossums generally prefer damp areas near swamps and streams and usually reside in areas that receive more than 1,000 mm of rain per year.

The common name, gray four-eyed opossum, is derived from their gray coat and the white spots located above each eye, which makes them appear to have

four eyes.

These animals produce 2 to 4 liters per year, however, success is low; many pouch young do not survive, especially during the dry months. Gray four-eyed opossums may live up to 2.5 years in the wild. In captivity, these animals may live for up to 3.5 years. They are primarily nocturnal.

These animals generally construct nests from dried leaves in the lower

branches of trees, 32 feet from the ground. Although gray four-eyed opossums are solitary, these animals are generally not considered territorial, with overlapping home ranges and up to 150 individuals per 1.25 miles. Their home ranges are not firmly established, animals may travel nomadically, particularly when food availability is low.

They are not known as vocal animals, however, these animals do communicate with a series of clicks, chirps and hisses. Unlike many other opossum species, these animals do not 'play possum' when threatened, instead these animals will fiercely fight perceived threats. When they are in duress, they also make a series of threatening visual displays such as opening their mouths and hissing.

They are omnivorous about half of their diet consists of small animals such as insects, earthworms, birds, lizards, eggs, frogs, snails and small mammals, particularly spiny rats. The remainder of their diet includes leaves, bark, seeds, nuts, nectar and fruits such as papayas, bananas, sweet lemons and plums.

They are preyed upon by a variety of mammals, owls and large rep-tiles such as Amazon Tree Boas, South American Bushmasters, Ocelots, Jaguarondis, Tayras, Greater Grisons, Gray Foxes, and Barn Owls. Compared to other species of opossums, these animals are extremely fierce fighters, defending themselves violently as needed.

The white fur spots located above their eyes gives the appearance of always being awake and vigilant, which may detract some predators. If you would like to see one we have a Philander four eyed opossum in our zoo his name is Oscar he's a very handsome boy.

**Ron VanHerwyn**

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**June 11, 2019**



**House of Representatives  
District 74  
Republican Primary**



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**GRANT**

**District  
74**



**Born and raised in Montgomery County.**

**A University of Alabama graduate.**

**A retired United States Army Officer who was both a commissioned and non-commissioned officer. Served a combat tour as a maneuver and operations officer in Afghanistan.**

**Assignments included service as an Intelligence Analyst in the Washington D.C. area and Texas.**

**Experience as a Spanish translator and teacher, as well as a technical writer and Emergency Management Planner.**

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## Key Concerns for District 74

### EDUCATION

Implement policies that encourage more school funding, which reaches our students and frontline teachers; while reducing unnecessary administrative expenses and personnel.

Enact standards that ensure that students are prepared for economic success.

Secure policies that grow our public school population.

Ensure accountability of elected educational officials.

### MAXWELL AFB AND GUNTER ANNEX

Support policies that ensure the long-term security of Maxwell/Gunter within our communities. These bases are critical to the long term survival of our city.

### BUSINESS

Supporting and growing District 74 businesses. Create policies that will encourage business stability, growth, and prosperity within District 74.

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### Youth Fishing Rodeo

**Saturday, June 22, 2019**

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

**Montgomery County ponds, Highway 231 South across from the Sweet Creek Farmer's Market.**

Sheriff Derrick Cunningham and the staff of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office will host their annual Youth Fishing Rodeo. Montgomery County youth accompanied by an adult are invited to grab their rods, reels and bait and come out and join the fun and outdoor recreation with Sheriff Cunningham and Staff! This event is held annual and is a great learning experience for our youth so please plan on attending!



### Senior Fishing Rodeo!

Check back next month for more information on our Senior Fishing Rodeo!



### Sheriff's Office APP

If you haven't already heard, the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office has a phone app called "Montgomery County AL Sheriff" that can be accessed through your phone's app store. Once you have added this app to your phone, you can easily set your phone up to receive important push notifications. Push notifications are quick, important messages that can notify you of road closure(s), blocked road(s), anything pertinent to your travel, escapee, etc. While our app can help you with many things including checking to see if someone is in the county jail, it is most helpful to receive push notifications. After you have downloaded the app, go through the following steps to make sure your phone is set up to receive the push notifications:

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

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

### Firearms Familiarization Course

**Register NOW for any of our 2019 Firearms Familiarization Courses!**

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#### Course Requirements:

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

#### 2019 Course Dates:

**July 13                      September 7**  
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## Beware of people pretending to be from social security

**Social Security is committed to protecting your personal information.** We urge you to always be cautious and to avoid providing sensitive information such as your Social Security number (SSN) or bank account information to unknown people over the phone or internet. If you receive a call and aren’t expecting one, you must be extra careful. You can always get the caller’s information, hang up, and — if you do need more clarification — contact the official phone number of the business or agency that the caller claims to represent. Never reveal personal data to a stranger who called you.

There’s a scam going around right now. You might receive a call from someone claiming to be from Social Security or another agency. Calls can even display 1-800-772-1213, Social Security’s national customer service number, as the incoming number on your caller ID. In some cases, the caller states that Social Security does not have all of your personal information, such as your SSN, on file. Other callers claim Social Security needs additional information so the agency can increase your benefit payment, or that Social Security will terminate your benefits if they do not confirm your information. This appears to be a widespread issue, as reports have come from people across the country. These calls are not from Social Security.

Callers sometimes state that your SSN is at risk of being deactivated or

deleted. The caller then asks you to call a phone number to resolve the issue. People should be aware that the scheme’s details may vary; however, you should avoid engaging with the caller or calling the number provided, as the caller might attempt to acquire personal information.

Social Security employees occasionally contact people by telephone for customer-service purposes. In only a very few special situations, such as when you have business pending with us, will a Social Security employee request that the person confirm personal information over the phone.

Social Security employees will never threaten you or promise a Social Security benefit approval or increase in exchange for information. In those cases, the call is fraudulent, and you should just hang up. If you receive these calls, please report the information to the Office of the Inspector General at 1-800-269-0271 or online at [oig.ssa.gov/report](http://oig.ssa.gov/report).

You can also share our new “SSA Phone Scam Alert” video at <http://bit.ly/2VKJ8SG>

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**Judge Peggy Givhan**

## Southern Gardening Potpourri for June by Peggy Givhan

With school out, and Memorial Day behind us, summer has begun for those in our region. Suddenly the big box stores such as Lowe's and Home Depot are swamped with customers searching for something to plant. I can see in their shopping carts 2 of this plant, 2 of another and so forth. I talked to one lady about her selection, thinking they were being planted in a group in a pot, but no, she told me she was planting them about 4 feet apart because they would spread. Obviously she had not thought out her plan and had not spent anytime reading the information on the tab which would have told her to plant these flowers about 4-6 inches apart. So be mindful when buying to look to the proper sun exposure, water requirement, and the height of the full grown plant. Bloom time is also important.

One gardening topic that is in the news is several lawsuits against Round-Up with the potential harm it can cause. I would suggest that anytime you use the product in your own garden, read the instructions for use, wear rubber gloves, long sleeve shirt and pants, plus glasses. I try not to use this product if it is windy, and wear glasses so not to get it in my eyes. In other words, keep it off your skin, which can absorb the chemical. I also make it a habit to wash my hands when I am finished.

I was reading some gardening materials and something caught my eye that I will share with you about making changes in your garden scheme. You may be tired of planting the same flowers, with the same color combination year after year. Your flower beds are screaming for change. But before you jump in to tackle the boring scheme, pause for a minute and analyze this object of your displeasure. **1.** Take note of what you have today and if you have any pictures of this flower bed, look at this record. **2.** Decide what you like about the present garden plan and things you do not like. **3.** Ask why there should be a change...is it the color scheme? is it because the plants look overgrown? is the area too small? is there something missing? **4.** Now get out some books or magazines with flower beds you think are spectacular, and try identify plants, features, color combinations that you could utilize. Sometimes just the addition of a large urn well placed can give a focal point that had been missing. **5.** Just don't think about, do it.

**PLANT OF THE MONTH--DAYLILIES**

Daylilies (Hemerocallidaceae Lilliacae) are one of the most popular perennials used today, which have their origins in ancient times. 2,500 years ago, the Chinese used them for food, for medicinal purposes, and for ornaments. Their roots and leaves were utilized as pain killers, with the flowers, flower buds, and young

leaf shoots used as food. After moving into Europe by way of Venice, Italy, the Arabs introduced them into Lisbon through the Portuguese merchants. Both the lemon daylily and the tawny daylily arrived about the same time. They were later hybridized by the 19th century and exported to the United States. This is



a plant born to naturalize, and spread and naturalize it did. We call the ones we see along roadways and highways, escaped or ditch lilies. They migrated from the large plantation houses where the owners could afford the imports, to cemeteries, and everywhere in between. Some refer to them as "outhouse lilies" because they were planted around the foundations of out houses. The old fashioned lemon colored and the brownish tawny ones are some of the tallest. They have been hybridized to incorporate all color and texture combinations. These are easy to grow, need full sun to partial shade, and bloom spring and summer. The variety named Stella doro bloom for most of the summer. To have a wonderful sequence of bloom, mix several varieties in the bed so that when early spring bloomers fade, the next group carries on. If the different varieties are not separated, they may cross pollinate which means that the next years plants may not be true to form. For those who do not want to be helicopter moms to their plants, Daylilies should be perfect for you.

**GOOD GARDENING.**





# Dr. Lester Spencer Soul Searching

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## The Greatest Leader Who Ever Lived!

Who was the greatest leader who ever lived?

Before you answer, let me give you a definition of leadership.

John Maxwell defines leadership this way:

*“Leadership is influence. Nothing more and nothing less.”*

So, to put the question another way, who has been the most influential person in history?

It’s not a trick question. You may be thinking like the little boy when the preacher was doing a Children’s Moment one Sunday morning. The Preacher asked the kids, “what is brown, furry, climbs trees and has a bushy tail?” The little boy said, “I know I’m supposed to say Jesus, but it sounds like a squirrel to me.”

So, what is the answer to the question, who is the greatest leader, the most influential person who ever lived? It is Jesus of Nazareth!

I say this not because I’m a Christian or because I’m a Pastor. I say this because it is the truth. There is not even a close second. Over two billion people follow Jesus today and hundreds of millions more have followed him over the last 2,000 years. There are 37 million churches in the world not counting many more missions and ministries.

Yes. Jesus influenced people and they followed him. You aren’t a leader if no one is following you. “If you think you’re a leader, but no one is following you...then you are only taking a walk.” To quote John Maxwell again.

In the Gospel of **Mark Chapter 3 verses 7-10**, we find huge crowds following Jesus.

Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the lake, and a large crowd from Galilee followed. When they heard about all he was doing, many people came to him from Judea, Jerusalem, Idumea, and the regions across the Jordan and around Tyre and Sidon. Because of the crowd he told his disciples to have a small boat ready for him, to keep the people from crowding him. For he had healed many, so that those with diseases were pushing forward to touch him.

This is true throughout the Gospels, wherever Jesus went, great throngs of people followed him. Why? Because he was a leader.

But what did Jesus do to have such great influence on so many?

Wouldn’t you like to know?

Would you like to be a person of greater influence? Do you want to grow as a leader?

Then you might want to know, what did Jesus do to have such amazing influence on so many? What made him the greatest leader?

I believe it was at least these things:

### Number One

Invest in People!

Jesus invested in People!

Great leaders invest time, energy and effort in other people!

In **Matthew 4: 19**, Jesus invites some ordinary fisherman to be his disciples.

Later he calls a tax collector and other people from the marketplace to be his followers too.

There were also many women who followed Jesus as well. But the interesting thing about most of his followers is that they were just very ordinary people.

He took these average, ordinary people and invested in them for the next three years. After his death and resurrection Jesus appeared to these same average men and women who were his disciples and sent them out to change the world. *“Go, therefore into all the world and teach them everything I have taught you.”* (**Matthew 28:19-20**) Because Jesus invested in them, these ordinary people went out and did extraordinary things to advance the Cause of Jesus.

How to win friends and influence people, by Dale Carnegie, was written in 1936. But it is still a best seller and a classic. Using many Christian principles, Carnegie reveals to us and teaches us how to have greater influence on other people. I recently bought our youngest son Joshua a new copy of the book and challenged him to read it this Summer. I am proud to say I still have my Dads original copy printed in 1940. The book is so good everyone should read it every year as a reminder of how to have a greater positive impact with your life. In the book, he talks a great deal about investing in other people, and when you do, you will win them as friends. You will also increase your influence with them.

Whatever your business may be, your business is all about people. Ultimately, your business is not about the bottom line, money, strategic plans, long range goals or better products. Ultimately, your business is about people regardless of what business you are in.

Take time for people and invest in them and you will enrich their lives and your own life too. Put down the cell phones, close the laptops, turn off the TV and tune in to those around you. You will be amazed at the results!

Great leaders are people of influence who invest in other people!

### Number Two

Believe in People

Jesus believed in people. Leaders and people of influence believe in others and look for the best in them.

There is a story in the Gospel of **John 8:1-11**.

Jesus returned to the Mount of Olives, but early the next morning he was back again at the Temple. A crowd soon gathered, and he sat down and taught them. As he was speaking, the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They put her in front of the crowd. “Teacher,” they said to Jesus, “this woman was caught in the act of adultery. The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?” They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger. They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, “All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!” Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust. When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman. Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, “Where are your accusers? Didn’t even one of them condemn you?” “No, Lord,” she said. And Jesus said, “Neither do I. Go and sin no more.”

This is one of my favorite stories in the Bible. The religious leaders are trying to trap Jesus. If he says let her go, he will be breaking the law of Moses. If he says stone her, he is breaking the law of the Romans who did not allow the Jews under their rule to carry out capital punishment. He literally holds this woman’s life in his hands.

But then he does something very strange. He doesn’t answer them right away. He kneels down and writes something in the sand. The Bible doesn’t say what he writes, but many have ventured a guess. Did he write the sins of the accusers? Did he draw a line in the sand? Maybe he just wrote the word “Forgive”. But what he did next was amazing and brilliant, he stood up and said, “He who is without sin cast the first stone.”

One by one they dropped their stones, hung their heads and walked away.

“Woman, where are your accusers?” She replies, “Sir, they are all gone.” Jesus says, “Neither do I condemn you. Go and sin no more.”

He gave this woman a second chance when no one else would. He believed in her when no one else did.

People need people to believe in them. Do you want to influence people? Then start believing in them! Look for their potential. See the good in them even when no one else does.

Some bible scholars speculate that this woman caught in the act of adultery could have been Mary of Magdala. This woman, also known as Mary Magdalene, became one of Jesus’ most ardent followers and played a big role in spreading the Gospel in the early church. She traveled with him and the disciples and was there at the cross with Mary the Mother of Jesus and John the disciple during the crucifixion of Jesus. She was also one of the women who went to the tomb on that first Easter morning. He made a huge impact on her because he believed in her. She was the First person to see the Risen Christ! Jesus believing in her changed her life forever!

Think about all the people that have believed in you over the years! Have they made a difference in your life? I have so many people that have invested and believed in me. They have influenced me in ways that completely changed the trajectory of my life no doubt.

Do you want to have greater influence? Believe in people. Look for the potential in them. Choose to see the good in them. It could change their life forever. And yours too.

### Number Three

Love Unconditionally

Jesus loved people unconditionally!

People of influence chose to offer grace and forgiveness to others. They chose to love unconditionally.

People don’t care how much you know until they know how much you care. If you want to influence people... If you want to lead people.... they have to know you care about them! If they know you love them unconditionally, they will do anything for you.

Jesus gives us the ultimate example of unconditional love while he is hanging on the cross. In **Luke 23:34**, Jesus offers unconditional love and forgiveness to the people who have just arrested him, tortured him, mocked him and nailed him to a cross to die.

With some of his last words he utters from the cross, “Father forgive them, they don’t know what they are doing.”

I don’t care what you have been through or how bad anyone has ever treated you; you and I will never go through anything worse than what Jesus went through. No one will ever treat us worse than they treated Jesus. Yet, Jesus offers unconditional love to them. They didn’t ask for it or deserve it, but he offers it to them anyway, unconditionally!

In **John 15:12**, Jesus instructs his disciples to “Love one another as I have loved you.” But in **Luke 23:34** while hanging on the cross, Jesus doesn’t just teach it or tell his followers to do it, he models unconditional love by his own example.

If you want to influence other people, they need to know you have a forgiving heart. They need to know you can and will extend grace to them.

Jesus was the greatest leader who ever lived, because he influenced more people than anyone else ...ever!

If you want to be a person of greater influence...If you want to grow as a leader of people...then start investing in people. Start believing the best in people. And by God’s Grace start loving people unconditionally!

Follow the example of the greatest leader who ever lived, and you will become a person of tremendous influence!



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and save it to make breakfast tacos to snack on or for lunch at work. Dinner was a buffet of taco meat, grated cheese, salsa, cilantro, black beans, chili con queso, guacamole, sour cream, and tortilla chips. Everyone made their own plate of nachos and melted everything in the microwave. Dessert was leftover Key Lime Squares and Amaretto Brownies that my wife, Anne, made for a baby shower. What you have in your icebox can make for an enjoyable evening and an easy breakfast. The month of May was dance recital time again. And like a good grandfather, I was at my youngest granddaughter's recital.

This year only the oldest girls participated which made it shorter and much more bearable. These girls can actually dance. It was a time for her to shine and show how much she likes to dance.

A side note to the recital was a lady at a table selling a book. It was Martie Duncan and her book, *Alabama Cravings*. To quote from the inside cover, “She represented Alabama and home cooks everywhere on Season 8 of the popular Food Network competition cooking series *Food Network Star*, where she was runner-up.” Her book is a must, filled with quotes from some of Alabama's famous folks that have not gotten all of the notoriety they deserve. And Alabama restaurant recipes that are Southern favorites. As the back cover says, this book “is the ultimate Alabama dining guide.” We talked about her travel around the state and the people she met, and she has a playlist of her favorite songs with Alabama roots in her book. It was a pleasure to chat with her about each of our experiences with the *Food Network*. And she signed my book!

A big change around my house is I now have my own bee suit and equipment to start taking care of my own bees and two hives. It is official, because I have the health department certificates from California and Georgia saying that my bees are healthy and free from Africanization. My barn is temporarily storing brooders, supers, and frames waiting for each new hive to become established before I start another. Each box depending on the size can contain 30 and up to 80 pounds of honey. I will keep you posted on the busy bees.

I like finding lists on the internet. Lists for anything, best places to live, best places to raise a family, best places to eat. The last list is my favorite. [Yelp.com](#) lists submitted by readers can be a guide to seek out new places that you may not have heard about. I found a list of the best places to eat in each Alabama county and in the large cities. In addition, did you know that there is a TACO TRAIL and a DOUGHNUT TRAIL in Alabama. Where else to start the Taco Trail than at La Coronilla in Montgomery. The reviews say it is deceiving from the outside but it is what's inside that counts. After your taco, for a sweet, head to Donuts D-Lite in Millbrook or Wetumpka to start your DOUGHNUT Trail. Try the cake donuts! It is on the trail and not too far away and sells a different doughnut. D-SQUARE DONUTS in Auburn. With a square doughnut you get four more bites. Make sure you get the orange and blue sprinkles!

Another list that I would like to share is a list of AL.COM list of the best restaurant in each county according to Yelp.com. I am not going to mention all of them but I will highlight one or two every month because we need to support these establishments and our neighbors. First , Autauga county: Uncle Mick's Cajun Cuisine, in Prattville. And Elmore county: Our Place Cafe, in Wetumpka. Go out to eat this week and support these people. I am going to throw in one more that I don't eat at enough but I like it and that's Montgomery county: Central, in Montgomery.

All this writing about food is making me hungry. So to use up more of my leftovers from Nacho night, I found some recipes that would also use up some other things in the icebox.



I went to a business/training meeting last month for my work. I like going to these, especially if they are in another large city or on the coast. The last one was in another city that I have not visited before, Tuscaloosa. My only experience with the home of University of Alabama was a drive through it on I.H. 20 from Birmingham to Dallas. So the first thing I look for are restaurants and menus. I want to be prepared. There are some highly rated restaurants in Tuscaloosa but unfortunately I was not able to go out because that evening was the time that a large storm was planning to go through there. So I ate in the hotel but it wasn't a waste because I ate at the bar in the Hotel Capstone. There was an item on the menu that I thought I would try. An Apple Pizza sounded good. No greasy pepperoni, tasteless cheese, under spiced red sauce. No recipe but this can not be too hard to make just from the description.

Also I did not think of taking the picture until I ate almost half of the pizza.

## APPLE PIZZA

**INGREDIENTS**

Served me but I think it is meant for two.

- 10 inch Nan (or any soft flatbread you like)
- Granny Smith apples cored and thinly sliced
- Blue cheese crumbles
- Roasted spiced pecans
- Spring mix with chard

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Cover most of the flatbread with the apple slices
- Sprinkled blue cheese over apple
- Spread pecans across blue cheese
- Quickly heat in a hot oven just to partially melt the cheese and warm the flatbread.
- Remove to serving plate and loosely cover with spring mix

Serve while warm.

## SWEET POTATO FRITTERS with GUACAMOLE and FRIED EGG

**INGREDIENTS**

- 1 medium size sweet potato peeled and grated
- 3 eggs
- 1 Tablespoons chives chopped
- sea salt freshly ground pepper
- 2 Tablespoons olive oil
- a few cherry tomatoes if desired
- Leftover guacamole
- Sour cream as needed
- Fresh cilantro as needed
- Salsa of your choice if desired

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Place a paper towel in a colander and set aside
- Peel and grate potato using a food processor or box grater, sprinkle potatoes with sea salt, toss and place in paper towel lined colander
- Whisk 1 egg, pinch of sea salt, a few turns of freshly ground pepper and chopped chives
- Slice tomatoes if using
- Use paper towel to squeeze out any extra moisture from potatoes
- Place in a bowl and stir in egg mixture
- Heat a medium sized pan on med/high heat for two minutes, add olive oil, covering entire bottom of pan
- Drop potatoes by 2 large spoonfuls into pan, using the back of the spoon to spread fritters into a 4-5" circles (will make two fritters)
- Turn down heat if needed and cook first side for 2-3 minutes or until golden and crispy, carefully flip and cook second side. When second side is done, place fritters on plates
- Add more oil to pan if needed and carefully crack two eggs into pan
- While eggs cook, spread guacamole onto fritters, leaving edges exposed or wait until eggs are done then top fritter with egg then the guacamole.
- When eggs are cooked to your liking remove with spatula and place on fritters
- Season with more salt and pepper and if desired, garnish with salsa, sour cream, cilantro, and tomatoes

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Alabama’s Un-Sung Pro-Family Hero



John W. Giles

Alabama is one of the most conservative states in America when you look at our statewide votes on the marriage and human life constitutional amendments, and now the Human Life Protection Act. Embedded in the strong infrastructure of all of these effective statewide movements in the state, is a quiet yet strong unwavering pillar, Eunie Smith. When I write about economic, social, moral and constitutional conservatives, Eunie Smith for five decades has been our Alabama role model for across the board conservatism. She always volunteered her time and personally invested immeasurable financial contributions for the noblest of missions.

Eunie has served on the National Eagle Forum Board since the Board’s inception in 1975 and as First Vice President since 1996, on Phyllis Schlafly’s recommendation. She is a cum laude graduate of Vanderbilt University, where she was Vice-President of the Women’s Student Government Association. Her volunteer activities in Alabama began with the Junior League, other service organizations, her church, and her children’s schools. As President of Pro-America (1970), she invited Phyllis Schlafly to speak in Birmingham. In 1972, Eunie co-founded Alabama Stop ERA, which she chaired for its 10-year existence. She was a founder of Eagle Forum of Alabama (1976) and is its longest serving President. She was President of the Womens’ Committee of 100 for Birmingham. She was Chairman of the Ethics and Religious Committee (2011) of the Southern Baptist Convention. She currently serves as a member of the Alabama Supreme Court Standing Committee on Judicial Ethics (2008-2016). She is the recipient of numerous awards for her lifetime of volunteer service, including a 1992 Joint Resolution by the Alabama Legislature “for outstanding service in support of pro-family and pro-life causes”. In 2016, she received the “Salt and Light” Award from ALCAP (Alabama Citizens Action Program). Eunie is the widow of former U.S. Congressman Albert Lee Smith, Jr., the mother of three and grandmother of six. She was singularly honored by Phyllis Schlafly in 2014 with the Eagle Forum Homemaker of the Year Award.

We met Eunie about forty years ago, when we first started in pro-life work. Eunie had already been active with Eagle Forum about a decade ahead of our introduction. I had the pleasure of working with her husband Albert Lee Smith (he too was a champion for conservative causes) on the Alabama Republican Executive Committee. I can remember as if it was yesterday, August 12, 1997, when the phone rang and it was Eunie asking for our prayer for Albert Lee who fell on a ladder cleaning out his gutters. You have to understand, these folks are family, so my wife Deborah and I drove at Mach I to UAB to be with Eunie. When we got off the elevator, Eunie and her children were heading into the room to say goodbye to Albert Lee who was

on a ventilator. A few minutes later, our dear friend Eunie emerged; shaken, disturbed, but ever so strong in her faith and trust in God for taking her husband home to heaven at the prime of his life. Likewise, when we lost our son Micah, Eunie was immediately in Montgomery at our home giving us warm words of love and encouragement.

As you may recall, I worked for two of Alabama’s Republican Governors, Hunt & James. Eunie’s impeccable reputation with both of these Governors was at the highest level. If she called, they stopped what they were doing to talk to Eunie, because they knew she did not call, unless it was very urgent. Eunie was NEVER calling about anything personal; she was great counsel for these governors on a wide range of issues impacting the state. Eunie always did her exhaustive research, had her facts together and her positions were always sound and substantive. Working right in the office suite with the Governor, from experience I know firsthand there are certain folks that may call the Governor, where all of the staff know this call goes to priority one, Eunie was one of those people. I was in the Capitol early one morning and Governor James called me. He overnighted in Dothan for an economic development announcement and was furious after reading the Dothan Eagle about the Superintendent of Education sending out a memo to all School Principals. The memo instructed them to not allow any Christmas Programs or the singing of Christmas Carols. He instructed me to get the press team enroute to Dothan when they got to the capitol. He was holding a press conference at the hotel after the official ribbon cutting. I asked him did he want any local citizens to attend, he said yes. I made one call to Eunie in Birmingham and she was able to assemble over three hundred people in a matter of two hours for a standing room only crowd at this local hotel. As a side note, prior to even the news conference, the Superintendent had reversed his order.

In life, it is rare to meet someone who is authentically humble, sound, steadfast, extraordinary, principled, dedicated, devoted, laser focused, effective, heartwarming and just plain out saintly. Mrs. Eunie Smith, President of Eagle Forum of Alabama meets and exceeds these aforementioned attributes. As we pan across the landscape of life, there is no question; one of the finest Christian women we have ever met is Eunie Smith.

My wife Deborah and I often say and have said for years, Eunie can do no wrong. Eunie, as a Southern Baptist will probably one day be recognized by Rome as a saint.

Moms and dads, if you are raising your daughters and want to point them to a role model here on earth, your search is over.



Eunie Smith





**Patricia Killough**  
**Community Editor**

Please send Patricia your family birthdays, anniversaries and weddings to [alabamagazette@gmail.com](mailto:alabamagazette@gmail.com)

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



**Daniel wishes all Dads Happy Father's Day!**

## Home Town Community News

### June Birthdays

- |                               |                        |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Ruby Henley                 | 14 Kerry Brown         |
| 2 Christian Grant             | Julie Echols           |
| Amber Holbrook                | Kelly Kilgore          |
| Pat Moseley (80th)            | 15 Angie Ashurst       |
| Mike Moseley (80th)           | Greyson James Looney   |
| Barbara White                 | Caty Jane Turnipseed   |
| 3 Eleanor Haynie              | 16 Saralu Belkofer     |
| Margie Johnson                | David Morrow           |
| Kade Wallace                  | Terri Ratliff Taylor   |
| 5 Braden Crowe                | Carson Tucker          |
| Michelle Crowe                | Garrett Tucker         |
| Lane Carter Johnson           | Anna Shay Wasden       |
| Maggie Mills                  | 17 Susan McGuire       |
| Johnny Rush                   | 18 Mary Jane Flurry    |
| 6 John Michael Higgins        | Marion Grant           |
| William Grant                 | Jonathan Lowe          |
| 7 Jeannie Handey              | 19 David Vinson        |
| Frank Litchfield              | 20 Linda Reynolds      |
| James Stanley                 | Michael Taylor         |
| 8 Georgie Harris              | 21 Mary Raley          |
| 9 Faye Boyd (62nd)            | 22 Nita Tidwell (96th) |
| Laura Smith                   | 23 Thomas Berrey       |
| 10 Juanita Beckman            | 24 Alice Ivey          |
| Jeffery Horton                | Joe Sedinger           |
| Seth Lumley                   | 25 Janet Treat         |
| Justin Manning                | 26 Jan Morris          |
| Melinda Newell                | 27 John Donahey        |
| Sylvia Phillips               | 28 Paul Hanson         |
| 11 Betty Gentry Holmes (63rd) | Nadean Holley (105th)  |
| David Livingston              | Tricia Norris          |
| Ashley Owens                  | 29 Ansley Brown        |
| 12 Gary Crowe                 | Lauren Moffitt         |
| Charlotte Gaston              | Dot Rebre              |
| Beverly Ming                  | 30 Kathy Blount        |
| Mackenzie Richardson (11th)   | Gordon Davis           |
| Madilyn Sellers (11th)        | Wyatt Echols           |
| 13 Rachel Miller              | Jonathan Killough      |

## Vacation Bible School

Dates: June 17-20  
Times: 5:30 - 8:00 PM

Ages: 4 years through 6th grade



Registration:  
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### Birthday Celebrations



*Daniel Selvaage celebrated his 11th birthday on May 21, 2019.*

*His aunt Leen had a supper with a dinosaur ice cream cake. His GoGo delivered cookie cakes to him at school to share with his classmates*



*Brad Williams celebrated his 40th birthday on May 22, 2019.*

### Happy Anniversary

- |                                |                                 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 Bill & Harlan Ratliff (63rd) | 12 Bobby & Nicole Burton        |
| 2 Glenn & Sue Borders (63rd)   | Tommy & Jennifer Champion       |
| Tony & Kate Smith              | 15 Mr. & Mrs. Tim Nester        |
| 3 Joe & Amy Boyd               | 18 Lera & Kim Evans             |
| Tom & Vivian Ledbetter         | Eddie & Rhonda Spivey           |
| Rick & Ann Pascal              | 21 Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Cobb        |
| 4 Claude & Joan Collier        | 22 Mr. & Mrs. Mike Crutchfield  |
| 5 Frank & Linda Clayton        | 23 Harold & Susie Van Patten    |
| Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ming (64th) | Mike & Mary Pat Sikes           |
| 6 Shayne & Patrice Wasden      | Matt & Melanie Smith            |
| 8 Ken & Karen Deavers          | Dan & Marcelle Thompson         |
| Jim & Joy Fleming              | 25 Mike & Brenda Moseley (58th) |
| 9 Slade & Skeeter Rhodes       | 28 Vance & Ruth Cordle          |
| 11 Jason & Hope Marsh          | 29 Billy & Betty Gallops (51st) |
| Mr. & Mrs. Steve Young         | 30 Gary & Linda Beaty           |

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

Lyon, III, Dr. Henry L. (83) .....died April 30, 2019  
 Salter, Ernest Will .....died May 1, 2019  
 Free, Sr., Jerry (66).....died May 3, 2019  
 Renfroe, James "Jim" Gross (62) .....died May 8, 2019  
 Pruitt, Courtney Harman (19).....died May 9, 2019  
 Turnipseed, Charlotte Worley (83).....died May 11, 2019  
 Buechner, William .....died May 19, 2019  
 Bramblett, Rob .....died May 25, 2019  
 Bramblett, Paula.....died May 25, 2019  
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 James David "Jamie" Byrd 5-22-2019  
 Donald Ray Smith 5-20-2019  
 Dora Nell Armstrong 5-15-2019  
 Nabeeh Daood 5-10-2019  
 Christine "Christy" Vannessa Boles Cripple 5-09-2019  
 Mary Helen Darnell 5-06-2019  
 Mary Helen Hood 5-06-2019  
 Brendie Elizebeth Bringham 5-03-2019  
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# TODAY'S WOMAN

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



## *Years and Laughter:*

### Exceptions For Rape And Incest Need To Be Added To The New Abortion Law

By Amanda Walker

I did not realize during the last election that we were electing legislators to try and overturn Roe vs. Wade.

Just like most Alabamians and all Christians, I would say I am pro-life. Some people say it because they sincerely are, and others because they feel they have no choice.

When Roe vs. Wade was decided in 1973, it ruled that the due process clause of the 14th Amendment gave women the right to privacy. It is up to each individual woman what she chooses to do with her body. Nobody has to agree with her. It is her choice...and if you want to believe it will also be her sin and that she alone will one day have to give her account to our merciful God – as we will each have the opportunity to do – then so be it. You can judge her, but you get no say in her decision.

Alabama is being plastered all over the national news again because of this new abortion law. It is the strictest in the nation. It was signed into law by a governor who has never carried, delivered, or raised a child. And I take it Kay Ivey hasn't had a recent pregnancy scare. Even President Trump agrees the abortion law goes too far. The law will likely never be enforced, but it makes us look backwards to the rest of the country. It would give doctors who perform abortions stronger sentences than rapists receive.

This uprising and renewed interest in overruling Roe vs. Wade is partly in response to a few other states passing laws allowing full-term abortions. Strongly disagreeing with that practice doesn't change the fact that biologically there is a time between a zygote becoming an embryo and an embryo developing into a fetus than will grow into a baby.

The proud sponsor of the bill, Senator Terri Collins – a Republican from Decatur – has been honest about her intention. She admits the bill was worded the way it was because it was meant to be a threat to Roe Vs. Wade – and if exceptions for rape and incest had been added it would have contradicted the personhood status. The purpose of passing such an extreme bill was to force a legal case that would cause the Supreme Court to review Roe vs. Wade.

Passing this law had nothing to do with what is in the best interest of the women of Alabama. It was not about what the voters of Alabama felt was important and should be addressed. This bill was conceived through Terri Collins's philosophy. This is her baby so to speak. And the rest of the lawmakers – the vast majority of whom are men – went along with it. Rather than passing laws that will benefit this state that is too often first at everything last – they have instead set out to change the law of the land for all women.

Simultaneously with this abortion law passing last week, the city of Selma received a million dollars in grant money to help fight gang violence and crime. The federal government awarded the state \$400,000 to fight the opioid abuse in rural areas.

Rape happens every day in Alabama. There are women in our state without homes who use their bodies to feed addictions.

There is also an active campaign within the state attempting to reach women who are victims of sex trafficking.

Not having exceptions for rape and incest in the new abortion law uses the least of us as pawns, and it will never earn anyone a jewel in their crown.



Trisston Wright Burrows  
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## *Trisston's Tidbits...*

### *The Joy of the Lord is Our Strength*

By: Trisston Wright Burrows  
[www.trisstonwrightburrows.com](http://www.trisstonwrightburrows.com)

My husband, Brian, and I recently wrapped up the weekly small group/bible study that we hosted in our home this past Winter/Spring. What a fun group! As a token of appreciation,

one of the participants surprised us with a gift...a beautifully framed bible verse. We decided to display it in our home office for all to see. It says, "**For the JOY of the Lord is your strength.**" **Nehemiah 8:10**

What a treasure! And, what beautiful words of truth!! Indeed, the JOY of the Lord is our strength...in good times and in not so good times. No matter what circumstance we may find ourselves, we must keep in mind that joy is not the same thing as happiness! Happiness is temporal and is dependent on your circumstances and the comfort of your flesh. However, joy is the opposite! Joy like faith is a spiritual force which needs to be actively stirred up.

As Christians, the Bible instructs us to walk by faith and not by sight so even if your world appears to be crumbling down, we are told not to focus on our circumstances, but on God's saving power to deliver us from our circumstances. We would do well to remember that the aim of the enemy is to shift our focus from dependence on God onto our current situation. When we do this, we are not walking by faith – instead we are walking by sight which essentially causes us to walk in fear.

The 'joy of the Lord' is a place where we get to where we can stand firm in assurance that for God there is no situation too hard for Him to deliver you and I from and that only He has the ability to do it. When we get to this place, we experience a supernatural peace which stirs up joy within our heart. This joy kicks fear and worry out of our heart and joy takes residence within our spirit and flows like blood through our spirit and causes our spirit to experience supernatural strength. God tells us that we must 'enter His rest' and to cease from trying to do God's work for Him and to let Him take full control of our lives. We are to cast ALL not some of our burdens upon Him so that He can exercise His full power in our lives! Some of us are too busy trying to do God's work that we have never entered into 'His Rest' and are constantly frustrated and tired with life – we are all guilty of this!

However, with 'the joy of the Lord', it doesn't matter the circumstances. You and I can feel rest assured that brighter days are coming. **Hebrews 12:2-3** reminds us,

**"Fix your eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. For the joy set before Him, He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endures such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."**

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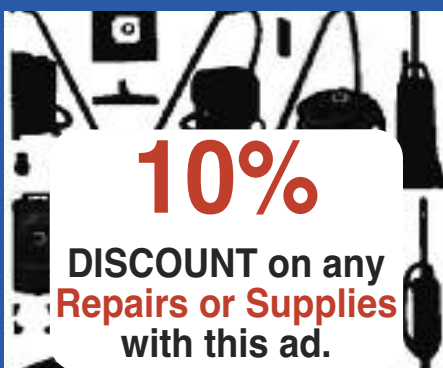
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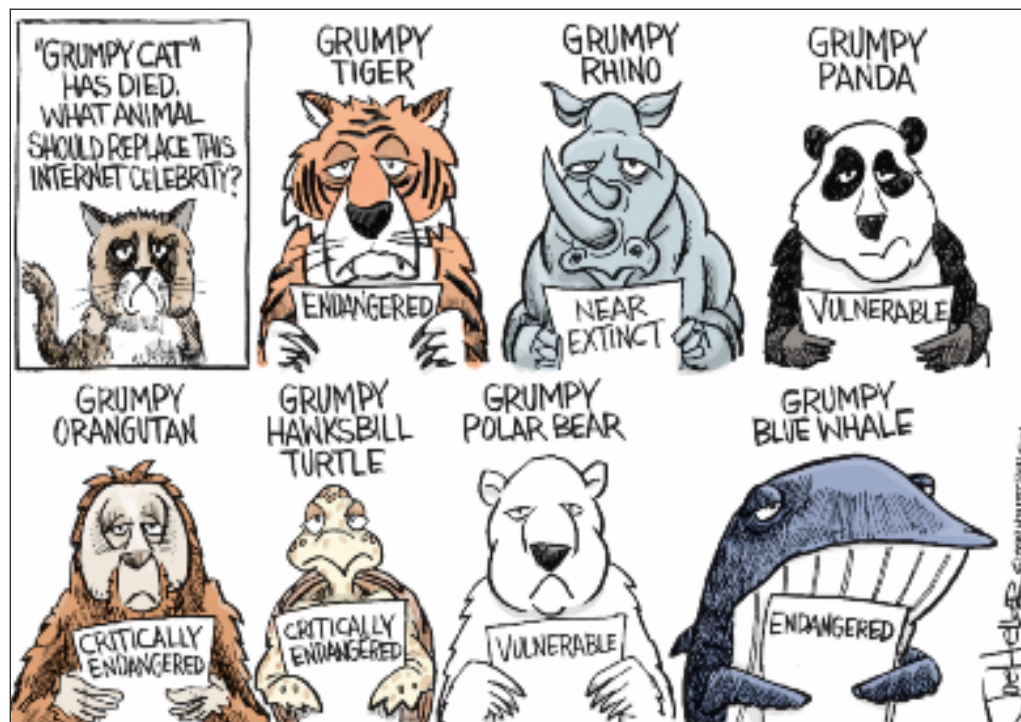


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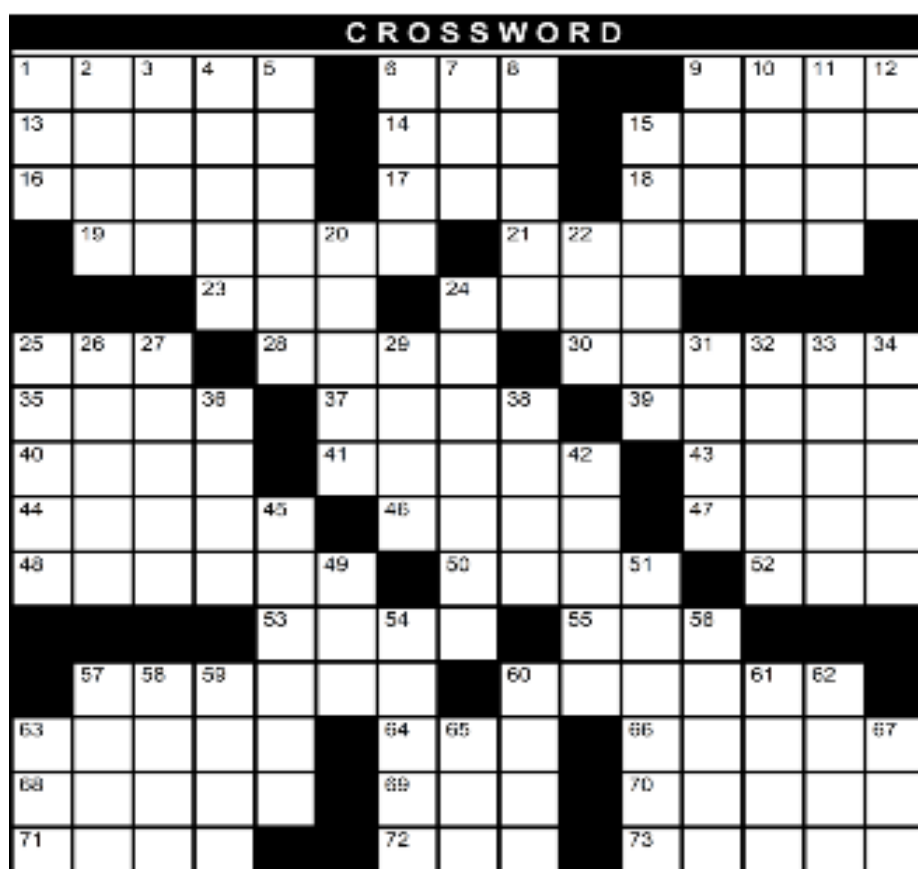
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6. \*Cool \_\_\_\_
9. Bid, past tense
13. Tire in the trunk
14. Eastern title
15. Provide food
16. Avian talker
17. Freight weight
18. “\_\_\_\_ came a spider...”
19. \*Calvin’s best friend
21. \*Internet celebrity \_\_\_\_ Cat
23. Urge Spot to attack
24. Not naughty
25. Smoker’s lung residue
28. \*Lioness of “Born Free”
30. Sweet dark purple plum
35. Sean Penn’s “\_\_\_\_ Am \_\_\_\_”
37. Wrong
39. Hawaiian veranda
40. Be charitable
41. Synagogue read
43. Officer-training program
44. Bodily swelling
46. Skier’s balancer
47. Hiker’s journey
48. Pierre-Auguste of Impressionism
50. Switzerland’s folk hero
52. Encouraging word
53. Choir attire
55. Actress Thompson
57. \*Cat of the Hundred Acre Wood
60. \*T. S. Eliot’s “Old \_\_\_\_’s Book of Practical Cats”
63. Last European colony in China
64. Female reproductive cells
66. Junk yard stuff
68. Oak fruit
69. “\_\_\_\_ the season ...”

70. Pigpen sounds
  71. Small body of water
  72. He is
  73. One born to Japanese immigrants
- DOWN**
1. Philosopher’s study
  2. Moonfish
  3. Chip and Joanna’s hometown
  4. Omani and Yemeni
  5. Inexperienced newcomer
  6. \*Andrew Lloyd Webber’s Tony winner
  7. Before now
  8. T in NATO phonetic alphabet
  9. \*Pain-relieving Tiger \_\_\_\_
  10. At the apex
  11. Refuse to accept
  12. Energy unit
  15. Relating to a tail
  20. “Bravo! Bravo!”
  22. “Maggie May” singer
  24. Strangulating device
  25. \*Siegfried & Roy feline
  26. Comment to the audience
  27. Three-Eyed \_\_\_\_ in “Game of Thrones”
  29. An equal exchange
  31. Kwik-E-\_\_\_\_ on “The Simpsons”
  32. Accidental laughter accompaniment
  33. Cowboy movie
  34. \*Little \_\_\_\_, famous cat clone
  36. Boss’ communique
  38. New Haven University
  42. \* \_\_\_\_ Kitty
  45. Pneumatic weapon
  49. Beluga yield
  51. Tutor’s offering
  54. Soup component
  56. Binary digits code



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58. Painting in Orthodox Church
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61. Coffee dispensers
62. Manufacture
63. Picture in atlas
65. Contend
67. Tire measurement

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