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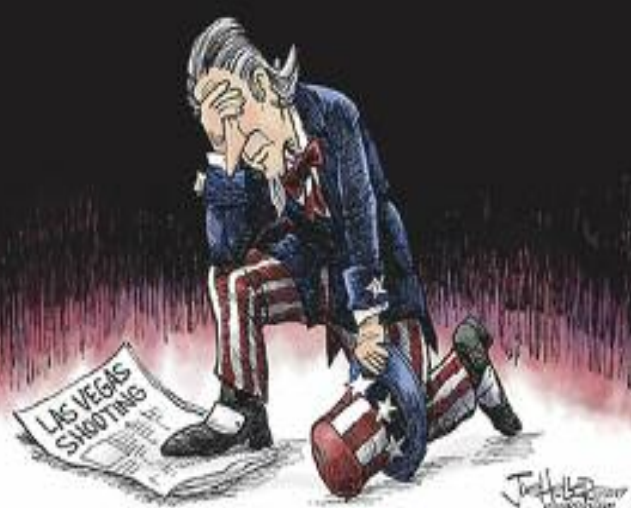
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TAKEN TO OUR KNEES



The NFL in Disgrace



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Grab your hat and your cane. We may not be coming back this way. You could be offended by my commentary, which is totally acceptable to me. Therefore, if you should decide to discontinue reading after realizing where I am going with this story, please understand that I am a red-blooded American patriot who served in the United States Marine Corps and retired from the United States Army.

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Darnell Hughley
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RANSOMWARE...\$

Okay, that title may be a bit alarming, if not in fact a bit of an overreach. Still, if you have found yourself falling victim to such an attack, it can seem like the proverbial "end of the world" scenario played right out of Edmund North's screenplay, "The Day the Earth Stood Still".

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Mooring the Ship of State



JUDGE ROY MOORE'S VICTORY
over Senator Luther Strange was no
surprise to 63 of 67 counties in Alabama.

It mirrored the initial primary election a few weeks earlier but for the Mo Brooks shift. The \$30 million spent from the Republican establishment PACS proved no match for a campaign based on prayers and a passion for the principles of God and country.

To be sure, Judge Moore evokes strong emotions from whichever political corner you are in. As a Constitutionalist, Moore narrowly interprets it based on its clear and unambiguous meaning which the Left decries as unfeeling and out of step with its mainstream. While Strange touted his NRA endorsement in commercials, Moore toted his 38 revolver on stage as permitted under our Constitution.

During the debate Strange spoke, no less than 38 times, of his allegiance, friendship and unequivocal support from a President he had met only a few months prior. Moore spoke of God. Strong negative ads from the Republican PACS filled the airwaves for weeks while Moore and his wife strolled through a veteran's cemetery with American flags waiving as they walked by. Strange carried the political baggage of a career lobbyist. Moore carried a Bible and two "Biblical" impeachments. Senator Strange's suspect appointment from a disgraced Governor (Attorney General Strange's office had prosecutorial authority over the wrongdoing) combined with a slap on the wrist punishment did not pass the smell test for most Alabamians.

Senator Luther Strange is a good man. He got played by powers far removed from the corn fields and choir lofts that cover Alabama. He is a conservative. He is a Christian. Had he not taken the appointment and completed his constitutional duties as required, the results may have been very different.

However, this election reached well beyond the geographical border of our state. Many Liberal pundits gleefully interpreted Moore's election as a loss for President Trump. However, it was just the opposite.

This fundamentalist Senator will side with Trump practically 100% of the time. This election sent a strong signal to sitting establishment Republican Senators that Trump's vision of America is rooting and they must either amend their position or face defeat in the next election cycle. Senator Bob Corker of Tennessee has seen the writing on the wall and is the latest Senator to announce he has decided not to run for reelection in part due to his unwillingness to support Trump. More will follow.

Moore's success in the primary runoff will translate to a solid victory in the general election December 12th.

The Democratic opponent, Doug Jones, is a Clinton appointee, who in 1998 successfully prosecuted members of the Ku Klux Klan for the 1963 Birmingham church bombing that killed four young girls. Jones has already attracted national attention. Both the New York Times and The Washington Post recently encouraged readers and contributors to consider getting involved in a race where Jones might actually have a chance to pick up a Democratic Senate seat in the "Deep South".

To avoid such a scenario, it will not be surprising if President Trump once again returns to Alabama to campaign for the Republican candidate.

Trump and Moore have common bonds. Both attended military school (Moore is a graduate of West Point and Vietnam veteran), both are rugged individualists, both have their own fire-brand style of leadership and both have a vision for a better America based on faith, a strong military, solid economic growth and traditional family values. Prediction: Moore 59% Jones 41%.

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THE NFL IN DISGRACE

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Who Would You Follow?



This Man... OR... These Men

Our founding fathers approved a constitution that begins with “All men are created equal.” Their reference in that time was to establish themselves as equal to any person regardless of their social or financial status. Especially, they wanted to send a message to the British Crown and all of its nobility that had been so oppressive to the colonies from their inception. Only after decades of the debate, did the leaders in the developing new nation realize that they had erred in the definition of free men in a free society. Slaves were not equal in any society in the world. This debate would divide America for two hundred years. The 20th century provided a resolution to this inhumanity to man. We must continue to be sensitive to the needs and desires of all of our citizens regardless of race, creed or national origin. Equality does not exist throughout the world. But the United States of America leads the cause.

Now, what does all of this have to do with football in general and the NFL in specificity? I have participated in or been associated in some way with the game of football for seventy years. This is not to say that my affiliation with football began when I saw my first football game. The first game that I have any recollection of was when my daddy took me to watch his brother “Tom Mac” play for Wilcox County High School in Camden, Alabama at the age of five or six. I sat on my daddy shoulders in order to see the field. He would say, “see Tom Mac run the football”. In all honesty, I could not see anything but a lot of players running around in shinny helmets. I wonder how they made those leather helmets shine. The first college game that I saw was in Cramton Bowl. **Coach Paul “Bear” Bryant** brought his Kentucky team to Montgomery to play **Coach Frank Thomas’s** 1946 Alabama team. I was eight years old but I do remember my daddy pointing out Alabama’s All-American tailback **Harry Gilmer** jump up and throw passes that day. Gilmer became my hero. Mother sewed a red 52 on a white football jersey for me. I still have a picture of me in that jersey along with a red and white helmet and red football pants. It is menacing!

The only professional football games we could see living in Montgomery were Washington Redskin games on television if we could find somebody with a TV. I was about thirteen at that time and had been playing in the 80 1b. YMCA League for fours years. So, the disease of football infected me at an early age. I am almost eighty now and it is worse today than then. On Friday, September 22, 2017 **President Donald Trump** was speaking in Huntsville, AL on behalf of United States Senate candidate **Luther Strange**. He took to task the owners of the National Football League in his nationally televised remarks. He said that he was ashamed of the NFL. He also said that if he owned an NFL team and saw one of his players kneeling during the National Anthem or disrespecting the American Flag in anyway, he would call down to the head coach and tell him to get the off the field. “Fire him”!

The President’s off the cuff remarks have caused a rebellion among the players in the National Football League. The original “kneeler” was

Colin Kaepernick in 2016. In 2017 other black players have followed Kaepernicks lead. They claim to be protesting the inequalities in the enforcement of the law in the United States as it relates to black citizens. Specifically, they wanted to bring attention to the shootings of black men by police officers in different cities by mostly white officers. Notice that my emphasis is on “cities.” These random acts of perceived undue violence are not occurring in rural areas where crime is not a constant threat to our citizens. In these rural areas of the country, blacks, whites, and Latinos seem to get along very well. Unfortunately, in the cities, blacks and Latinos are congregated in certain sections where crime is a way of life for young black and Latino boys.

Few have fathers to help with discipline. These young boys grow up to be young men who have been taught that the police are their enemy. So, it is a perpetual battle that so often ends in an early death for a variety of reasons. Some die from using drugs. Some die stealing money to buy drugs. Some are gunned down by each other because violence is their avocation. There is no escape from this way of life without being educated in the mores and the cultural society of the “white man”. They have been taught to reject the white man’s world. They are not aware of the fact that all European countries were founded by white people. Since the founders of America came mostly from European countries, the founders of America were white men. Now, before someone is offended that nothing has been said about white women, it must be understood that women were not involved in anything, except taking care of their husbands and their children until the 20th Century.

So, with the exception of most countries on the continent of Africa, white men set the standard for every nation in Europe, South America, and North America. There is nothing inherently wrong with this. It just happens to be the way that history unfolded. The big problem between blacks and whites occurred during the 17th century when the need for workers outgrew the population in the Americas. So, as it is with any need, that need will be provided by someone with a method of obtaining a solution.

Greedy African men were more than happy to provide greedy white men with slaves for the right price. This solved the need for workers in the Americas and in Europe. Unfortunately, through no fault of their own these people were sold into slavery by their own people and subjected to subservient status for centuries. This became an accepted way of life throughout all of the Americas. When **Thomas Jefferson** penned the famous words, “All men are created equal”, all slaves on the face of the Earth were considered chattel.

The reference creating all men as being equal is actually of biblical origin. However, throughout the scriptures there were stories of slavery being an accepted way of life. Only after the first Century A.D. did the practice of slavery being inhumane, immoral and unacceptable become a subject for debate. There were white slaves, Middle Eastern slaves, slaves

from all walks of life. At that time there were few black slaves because the European countries, the Middle Eastern countries and the people on the continent of Africa had not been in contact much, even for trade purposes. Only until the 17th century did the black slave traders find it profitable to sell their own people to the slave traders of the Western world and beyond, creating a subjugated society of people who were bought and sold by their owners in an inhumane process, that was no different from trading horses or cattle.

It is unbelievable that it took three centuries for the world to realize that the enslavement of human beings was a horrible, despicable and immoral system of conducting business in a free society. It would not be easy to convert society away from the acceptance of slavery. Slavery in the United States has been misunderstood, by most every ethnic entity, in the process of converting to a world where no one could be owned by anyone. Some slave owners were kind and benevolent to their slaves. Others were cruel and dehumanizing. In either case, it is cruel and unjust for anyone to “own” another person.

Slaves were being released throughout the United States prior to the Civil War and prior to **President Abraham Lincoln’s** Emancipation Proclamation. However, the system continued unabridged in most of the country. The process of freeing the slaves was not immediately successful. Old habits die hard. Some former slaves had nowhere to go. Some former slave owners created another form of control by allowing their former slaves to live and farm on their land.

Unfortunately, this created a system, of what we would call today, indentured servitude. Even though these individuals were free from slavery, without a way to escape from this way of life, they were expected to do certain favors for their former owners. Why would any person freed from the bonds of slavery live this way? Because they were uneducated and financially incapable of building a life of their own. As industrious, hard working former slaves became educated, skilled in many trades, they began to migrate from the environment where they have lived in bondage.

They became leaders, not only in the black communities, but in American political, financial and tutorial endeavors. This brought a new way of life where they were given the opportunity to participate in the “pursuit of happiness”, as promised in the Constitution of the United States. It was hard. It was slow in developing. But, the “American Dream” became possible, even though maybe sometimes improbable for decades. Finally “All men are created equal” became a reality and not just empty words.

Unfortunately, our American Dream does not exist for those who are penned in by corridors of buildings and unsafe streets of the inner cities in America. Many people, black, white, Latinos, Asians, Native Americans, have found an upward course for their lives and the lives of their families, through dedication to a sport in which they could excel. The rewards for developing their talents through hard work and perseverance could bring educational opportunities and untold riches from a professional career in the sport of their choice.

Well, where are we today? Some of our greatest professional athletes still have the mindset of the inner city ghettos. Some are products of this lifestyle. Some are raised “right” and given every opportunity to succeed in life. Our multi-millionaire ex-quarterback, Colin Kaepernick, began a movement that will eventually bring a negative affect to the most popular, the most successful gateway to financial freedom for those who are still incubated in high school or college.



Inside the Statehouse with Steve Flowers

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Judge Roy Moore and his wife, Kayla, made their traditional horse-back ride to their voting place in Gallant in Etowah County, last Tuesday and when all the votes were counted that night, they won a resounding victory. Moore's capture of the GOP Senate nomination was impressive. A 55-45 margin is not a total trouncing, but is considered a landslide.

Despite being outspent by the Washington establishment 15-to-1, Moore prevailed. His solid bloc of conservative evangelical voters stood strong against an avalanche of negative ads.

When the Washington Beltway Big Money interests pony up, they bring with them the best and meanest pollsters and media consultants in the country. They congruently polled and told Luther Strange to tie himself inextricably to Donald Trump. Luther stuck to the script perfectly. Trump even came to Alabama to endorse Big Luther. It was to no avail.

When you are able to have \$15 million spent for you and the president and vice president fly in to endorse you, you can look in the mirror the next day and honestly say; "I did all

that I could do to derail the 10 Commandments Judge. Four months from now Mitch McConnell and crowd will be saying, "Here comes the Judge."

The GOP Senate runoff was finalized last Tuesday, but it was probably decided last year and the dye was more than likely cast in February and April when the race officially began.

When disgraced and disregarded governor, Robert Bentley, gave Attorney General Luther Strange the Senate seat appointment in February it was the kiss of death. Folks in Alabama have never liked someone getting appointed to an office. When George Wallace was in his heyday of popularity, he would appoint someone to a political office, and they would invariably lose every time. Alabamians tend to resent this means of arrival into a political post. They especially look with a disparaging eye when they get selected by a governor who they are investigating for corruption while you are the state's chief prosecutor. It appears clandestine and casts a cloud of conspiracy over the deal. Perception is reality in politics.

Big Luther was likely laid to rest in

April when newly minted governor, Kay Ivey, changed Bentley's decision to delay the Special Election to fill the remaining time of Jeff Sessions term from next year's 2018 election to a Special Election this year.

Luther took the appointment with the assumption that he would have the luxury of nestling into the seat for almost two years and running as a veteran incumbent with two years under his belt and every race on the ballot the same day; two years for people to forget the appointment, plus 15 million dollars of Washington money is a lot safer bet than seeking election in a Special Election less than six months after the Bentley appointment against religious folk hero Roy Moore.

Judge Moore was poised to win whatever he sought in his next pursuit of office. When the state judicial inquiry commission removed him from the Bench for espousing his judicial opinion against gay marriage, it made him a martyr among conservative Alabamians. In the Heart of Dixie that was a very good hand to be dealt.

It made folks mad when the federal

courts took him out of office for displaying the Ten Commandments. However, the wrath that his removal from the bench last year evoked was enormous. Especially, after he had been elected by the same voters because they liked his socially conservative stances.

Private early polling of the 2018 Governor's race revealed that Moore was the frontrunner in that race. That is probably why Kay Ivey called for a Special Election as one of her first acts as Governor. She knew that Moore would be lured into the Senate seat, which better suits him.

There is a lot of talk and speculation that the Democratic nominee, Doug Jones, can make a race of it when the General Election is held on December 12. Jones is a good candidate. However, he is a true national liberal Democrat who proudly espouses the liberal agenda of the Democrats.

It is still very doubtful that a Democrat can win a statewide race in Alabama, especially for the U.S. Senate. However, it will be fun to watch.

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As one of America's most conservative states, we have a history of electing very conservative senators. **Jeff Sessions** proved to be one of the most archconservative members of the U.S. Senate during his 20-year tenure.

Another archconservative that served 10 years in the Senate from 1968 to 1978 was the great **Jim Allen**. Jim Allen had an illustrious career in Alabama politics. He was born and raised in Gadsden. He served in the Alabama House and the Alabama Senate from his native Etowah County. He was elected to his first term as Lieutenant Governor of Alabama in 1950, and to a second term in 1962. He was Lieutenant Governor during George Wallace's first term as Governor. He was also a very successful lawyer in Gadsden.

Jim Allen is known most prominently for being the most astute parliamentarian in Alabama political history. He developed this trademark early in his career and honed it during his terms as Lieutenant Governor. Most state senate observers, say that Allen had no peer when it came to knowing its parliamentary rules.

Allen went to the U.S. Senate in 1968. Many political experts expected Allen, the incumbent Lieu-

tenant Governor, to run for governor in 1966 when George Wallace could not succeed himself and failed to get the legislature to change the succession law. But Allen was a savvy politician who never lost a political race. He knew that Lurleen Wallace, as proxy for George, could not be beaten in 1966. He opted to lay low and take on the aging Lister Hill's seat in 1968.

As expected, Hill announced early that he would not run for reelection in 1968. However, he did an unexpected thing and endorsed Congressman Armistead Selden to become his replacement. Selden was an eight-term congressman from the Black Belt and Hill had grown fond of him.

Another obstacle arose for Jim Allen. Wallace also backed Selden although not openly. Wallace and Allen had become friends and allies, but Wallace blamed Jim Allen for not gaveling through his succession bill in 1965.

So Allen began the race with both Lister Hill and George Wallace on the other side. However, Allen had gotten to know a lot of the Wallace organization and wound up with at least half of the Wallace crowd.

As the campaign began, there were riots in Washington. It was a time of civil unrest over the Vietnam War and the civil rights marches and landmark civil rights laws were fresh on people's minds. Alabamians were sick of Washington.

Allen came up with the best campaign slogan of the last 60 years. He ran against "The Washington Crowd." He had a very graphic photo of the riots and used the photo in his message of running against the Washington Crowd. Of course, the subtle subliminal message was that Allen was against the liberal Washington establishment that had forced integration and civil rights on the South.

Jim Allen became the conservative, anti-civil rights, pro-South candidate with that slogan. He tied Armistead Selden to the Washington crowd and won.

When Allen arrived in the U.S. Senate, the Dean of its Southern delegation was the venerable Richard Russell of Georgia, a master of the rules and the filibuster. He led the powerful bloc of Southern U.S. Senators. Because of their seniority, they ruled the Senate. It had taken a massive movement to steam-roll the Civil Rights legislation over this bloc.

Richard Russell, knowing of Jim Allen's reputation as a parliamentarian, brought him under his wing and made him his protégée. He told Allen from day one that the only way that he would be a power in Washington was to master the rules of the U.S. Senate. Allen took Russell's advice. He learned the rules so well that he was considered the most able parliamentarian in the Senate during his first term.

Allen became the stalwart leader of the conservatives during his years in Washington. His positions were very reflective of his Alabama constituency. He almost single-handedly led the charge to thwart what he considered the giving away of the Panama Canal by President Jimmy Carter.

He had been fighting this battle for several months. He also had to fight diabetes. He came home to Alabama very tired one weekend during this fight and succumbed to a massive heart attack at his Gulf Shores condominium at age 65.

Jim Allen was a great Alabamian. Hopefully, the person we elected yesterday will be another Jim Allen

A Nation's Flag: Henry Ward Beecher, a prominent nineteenth-century Congregationalist clergyman and social reformer, stated: "A thoughtful mind, when it sees a nation's flag, sees not the flag only, but the nation itself; and whatever may be its symbols, its insignia, he reads chiefly in the flag the government, the principles, the truths, the history which belongs to the nation that sets it forth."

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Ed Jones

One would have to be a racist of the worse order, would have to be a mean spirited un-American person to not want these athletes to succeed. The overwhelming majority of the American people are kind, gentle, hard working, patriotic and spiritual in nature. They wish no harm to any human being of any race, religion, or ethnic background. I, for one, have been a fan of Colin Kaepernick since the first time I saw him play quarterback for the University of Nevada. His physical presence led me assume that he was of American Indian origin. Until his unfortunate discussion to disrespect the country that allowed him the opportunity to become one of the wealthiest athletes in the world, did I know he considered himself black. I knew that he had been adopted and raised by a caring white couple, who evidently taught him the necessary values that gave him a free college education, a job playing quarterback in the NFL for a outstanding organization in the San Francisco '49ers. There he was paid millions of dollars to throw footballs

to other millionaires. One of his duties as an NFL player is to stand with helmet in the left arm and with his right hand over his heart during the playing of the National Anthem as the American Flag is raised prior to the kick-off of every game. That is really not much to require in order to have the privilege of playing football in the NFL for the San Francisco '49ers.

I am stunned, ashamed and humiliated for the sport of football, when I see other millionaire players following the lead of washed up malcontent, ingrate millionaire quarterback who has given so little and gained so much from the system that gave him so many opportunities. He has become famous, wealthy and affluent by simply using his God-given ability to run fast and throw a football. There are school teachers, coaches, druggists, doctors, dentists, soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, even some politicians, that have accomplished so much more to make life better for those who are less fortunate.

Because of our national disease called **"Political Correctness"** the

franchise owners of most NFL teams have been reduced from men of power and influence to cowards. These cowards know the right thing to do but are afraid to do it for fear of losing the support of 13 percent of the American population, 70 percent of their employees and 100 percent of their favorable publicity from the "left wing media".

Jerry Jones, the owner of the Dallas Cowboys, looked like a confused, meek and frightened child Sunday, September 24 when he, the coaching staff and the entire roster kneeled with locked arms and gave the impression that they were praying. After this hypocritical display, they all left the field and went back to the dressing room before the American Flag was raised and before the National Anthem was played. The crowd booed vociferously. What a coward! **Coach Frank Broyles** probably turned over in his grave. Broyles was Jones' coach at Arkansas when the Razorbacks won their only national champion.

If the owners voluntarily want to support Colin Kaepernick, I can

accept that. They don't. They are paying there employees millions of dollars a year just to play football. Where are these "employees" going to go to earn this kind of money? Nowhere!

Evidently, these owner, coaches, players are not aware of what "my" flag means to genuine Americans. For starters, it represents my uncle **Thomas McWilliams (Tom) Jones** who saw "his" flag flying for the first time atop Mount Suribachi just prior to him being wounded on the Pacific island of Iwo Jima. You may have heard of Iwo Jima. If you have not, check out a WWII book on the History of the Pacific. You've heard of the Pacific. Maybe Not! Tom was in the third wave as his Marine Division came ashore. All in his platoon were killed. I am thankful that he is no longer with us. He will never have to see the most despicable sight that I have seen on a football field in my seventy years off affiliation with Americas "favorite pastime".

***I think that I will
quit writing before
I throw up again!!***

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ROBSEVATIONS...

Tribute to Hans-and-More Leftist Twaddle

by Robert Tate

With the Messerschmitt's left wingtip pointed vertically toward the bluish-green bay below, the hapless Hurricane fighter stands virtually motionless in front of the young Berliner's windscreen. Through the heavy metal framed canopy of the Messerschmitt Bf-109F-4, the brown and tan camouflaged British Hurricane with its yellow, blue, white, and red centered cockade remains clearly recognizable against the crystal blue, cloudless North African sky. Pulling back on the stick, the G-forces increase as the gut-wrenching turn tightens. The German pilot's body feels as though several hundred extra pounds have been saddled around him as the high-G turn presses his body firmly into his seat. From underneath his brown leather and mesh flight helmet, beads of sweat roll down the German's face, burning his eyes as they remain open and fixed on the rev-optical gun sight. 4G, 4.5G, 5G. The strain increases and the young man's arm starts to weaken and grow fatigued. Tired, numb, and aching from a mission already full of air combat, there are no distractions allowed; he mustn't let his quarry get away.

A quick, cursory look inside and a firm but positive input with right rudder, Hans-Joachim Marseille, Jochen, as he is known by his friends, corrects the aircraft's slight skid. Throttle full forward and maximum power, more pull on the stick and the Messerschmitt gains rapidly on the British fighter.

The Bf-109 shudders as the airspeed rapidly bleeds off from 300 to 140 knots. The tan Messerschmitt with the sky-blue underside responds like the thoroughbred she is. Physics demands the Messerschmitt's nose to drop as both the airspeed and corresponding lift falls away. Defying this law of nature, Jochen aggressively applies full top rudder with his heavy, fleece lined leather flying boot and the 109 now hangs precariously between stall and slow flight. A slight indication of stall warning and between 140 and 130 knots, a large metallic clang momentarily distracts the young German as the leading-edge slats automatically slam into the extended position. This unique aeronautical feature simultaneously decreases stall speed as well as the British pilot's chances of survival.

Like an artist molding clay to create the perfect masterpiece, the 22-year-old German works his aircraft as an extension of his own body. Sweat pours down his back underneath his black leather flight jacket. There is a definite chill in the cockpit at this altitude made even more noticeable by the cool winter sun hanging listlessly in the Libyan sky. The webbed shoulder harnesses bite into his neck and stings as the sweat creeps into the raw and irritated skin. He is suddenly aware of the additional weight of the flight helmet on his head as the crushing forces of high-G maneuvering continue to take hold of his thin 130-pound body. These minor distractions, however, no longer affect the German ace. He has been here dozens of times before and the only thing that now matters is another victory.

Looking over his left shoulder, the RAF pilot sees the Messerschmitt with white wing tips perched ominously at his seven o'clock position. The white propeller spinner housing the deadly 20 mm cannon and the twin 7.9 mm machine guns on the nose slowly pulls ahead into perfect proper firing position. Fear grips the British pilot for he realizes it is no rookie pilot on his tail. Every evasive maneuver attempted has been flawlessly countered by the German who at the same time has been able to close the distance between the two adversaries with every

turn. This is definitely an expert he is fighting today!

As Jochen's Messerschmitt closes in, the Hurricane disappears beneath the nose of the German warbird. Jochen cocks his head slightly to the left and bites down on his lower lip. His large green eyes see only the space in time where he calculates his deadly ordinance and the enemy plane will meet. With his fate evidently sealed, the ruddy faced Englishman, paralyzed with fear, takes a final look over his left shoulder and into eternity as the Messerschmitt opens fire.

Marseille's brown leather gloved index finger closes firmly around the red firing trigger and the control column shakes violently in his right hand. The cockpit immediately fills with the acrid smell of cordite as more than thirty pounds of steel per second of 7.9 mm machine gun and 20 mm cannon shells hurtle toward the Hurricane in beautiful yellow colored tracer arcs. A quick two-second burst and the German rolls his aircraft inverted and dives down and away, certain his aim was true.

One thousand feet above the melee, the young Berliner's wingman, Reiner Poettgen, a.k.a the Flying Adding Machine, watches the action in awe and a certain amount of disbelief. As if by magical forces guiding Marseille's ammunition, the shells and the Hurricane meet in deadly unison. With perfect timing and precision accuracy, the bullets and cannon shells first strike the Hurricane's engine with fantastic, dazzling sparks, immediately rendering it a furnace of uncontrollable fire. Angry orange and red tongues of flame lap hungrily from the engine, belching sickening black and gray smoke extending more than 100 feet behind the stricken airplane. The damage, just beginning, gets worse as the shells quickly walk their way back along the fuselage to the cockpit. The destruction there is swift and complete, reducing the once proud British fighter pilot to a bloody, lifeless form inside the burning cockpit of his winged tomb.

"Horrido, Jochen!!", exclaims his wingman. "Victory!!!"

"Hast du den aufschlag gesehen?" "Did you see them crash?"

"Jawohl, Jochen!" "Confirmed!"

Within seconds, the 7500-pound Hurricane, a sheet of flaming metal, thunders vertically into the ocean near the Libyan harbor of Tobruk. As German fighter ace Hans-Joachim Marseille turns for home, a total of four, oily black spills are left fouling the otherwise beautiful ocean surface, marking the graves of four British fighter pilots that will be mourned by family and squadron members alike yet celebrated as four more victory marks on the rudder of the German fighter ace known throughout Germany as "The Star of Africa," who is to become the most successful of all German fighter pilots in the North African theater and against the Western allies in WWII.

75 Years ago, 30 September 1942, my childhood hero, yeah, okay, still to this day a young man I have studied and admired for 40+ years, died in Egypt. In my not-so humble opinion, regardless of the side he fought for, Hans-Joachim Marseille, a 22-year-old Berliner, was the greatest, not highest scoring, but greatest fighter pilot to ever strap on an airplane. Yeah, he was German and no he was not a Nazi. Not even close. My book clearly proves this. And no, I am still not a Nazi. Black dude, remember? The first part above is some hopefully semi-creative writing about one of his aerial combats while below is a short synopsis of his flying career. I was in Seattle at the Museum of Flight one day, and they

had a short bio of Marseille hanging on the wall. I read it and thought, "No, no, nope, uh uh, nope, didn't happen." I found the curator and brought him over to the wall and showed him the errors. He asked how I knew what I said was true and I told



Hans-Joachim Marseille, 15 February 1942, after claiming his 48th aerial victory over Royal Australian Air Force pilot Flying Officer Briggs.

him I authored the book on Marseille that was sitting in their gift shop. I then asked him if I could rewrite the bio, no charge. He agreed and below is what is featured in the Seattle Museum of Flight today. Cheers, Jochen!!

After an unremarkable combat start during the Battle of Britain where Marseille shot down seven British fighters to the loss of four of his own Messerschmitts, the young Berliner was "sent packing" from his squadron commanded by Johannes Steinhoff and transferred to Jagdgeschwader 27, destined for North Africa.

Marseille, known as "Jochen" by his friends, arrived in Libya on 21 April 1942 with an extended list of military infractions and reports about his uncommon behavior. With his long hair and a penchant for listening to outlawed American Jazz music, Marseille quickly became the source of consternation from several squadron members. Recognizing his young protégée's unique talents, his commander, then Captain Edu Neumann, took the young and impetuous Marseille under his wing and carefully molded arguably the greatest combat pilot in history.

During a brief 18-month period, Hans-Joachim Marseille cut a swath through the North African skies. Blessed with exceptional eyesight, Marseille blended his outstanding aerobatic abilities, tactical knowledge and marksmanship to make his Messerschmitt Me-109 Yellow 14 the most feared aircraft in the theater. In 382 combat sorties, Marseille shot down 151 Allied aircraft. Even more remarkable is 138 of his 151 victories were multiple kills. No less than 45 times, Marseille shot down 2 or more aircraft on one sortie. 7 times he downed 3 aircraft, 10 times he downed 4, twice he downed 5 aircraft and once each he downed 6, 7 and 8 aircraft on a single sortie. On sorties where he engaged the enemy and downed an aircraft, he averaged 2.6 kills per sortie. During the last month of his life Marseille downed 57 aircraft, 17 of those on 1 September 1942.

MORE LEFTIST TWADDLE AND SUCH NONSENSE

I exhort therefore, first of all, that supplications, prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings, be made for all men; for kings and all that are in high place; that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.
1 Tim 2:1-2 (ASV)

For those of you who do not know, or more specifically do not care, television's "biggest night," the Emmys, aired this past Sunday night. Hosted by Stephen Colbert, I honestly would rather have shoved flaming meat skewers through my eyeballs than to sit down and watch a group of self-important millionaires pat each other on the back, give one another trophies and of course disrespect not only our president, our country but all of us who actually have brains and use them daily. I did read through several news agencies that discussed the shame also known as the Emmys and I am even more glad I did not watch it. According to the ratings, not many people in the country did either. Supposedly the ratings were the lowest in years. Hmmmm. Well, on the following website, the author lists the "Top 10 Most Tedious Left-Wing Moments." Let me go through just a few. <https://news.grabien.com/story-emmys-devolves-two-hours-celebrity-political-posturing>

1. The always classy Alec Baldwin, won an Emmy for his portrayals of President Trump on Saturday Night Live. During his acceptance speech, he said he and his wife had three kids in three years, but when he began portraying Trump on SNL, the "orange wig" that he wore was an effective "birth control" measure. Pretty dignified and classy, huh?

2. During comedian Kate McKinnon's acceptance speech, she actually thanked Mrs. Clinton for her "grace and grit" in her election loss. You mean like blaming everybody else for her lying (perjury), illegal (handling of classified data) and boorish (blame game,) behavior?

3. Actress Lily Tomlin, stated that, "We still refused to be controlled by a sexist, egotistical, lying, hypocritical bigot." Really? Wow. My F-18 copilot and I were talking the other day about cool stuff like guns, 2nd Amendment and free speech when one of our Los Angeles based flight attendants stepped

into the cockpit. (Yes we were still on the ground). You can imagine the conversation we had. To her credit, she took the beat down well and did not resort to name calling and actually listened to what we said. About five times during the conversation, she said, "I didn't know that." I told her that if she limited her information to MSNBC, she never would.

During one exchange, she said that Trump was a racist. My copilot and I had just had that same conversation the day before at dinner. Fish in a barrel. He asked her to tell him one racist thing trump said. Crickets. Come on, just one racist thing. Crickets getting louder.

Look people, if wanting to build a wall to help protect the sovereign borders of our country makes me a racist, then I will wear that stamp. Look, if all these hypocritical, leftist millionaires live in houses surrounded by fences to keep people out, why is that not acceptable for the country. Take your walls down first and let the homeless move into your house with your family. Then we'll talk. If exercising my 2nd Amendment Right makes me a "black, hill-billy," (Is there such a thing?), then I will wear that stamp too. If thinking that illegals do not deserve Medicare, free school, Social Security and blanket amnesty makes me a bigot, I can live with that. I really can. But when looking in the mirror, can the other side live with their ignorance and stupidity?

As for Tomlin's lying assessment, take a look at the following pages for President Obama. He was certainly no honest Abe. In the world of intellectual honesty, however, not all of these claims about our previous President are true while many are.

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Final Push for the F-35

For two years now, a partnership consisting of unit commanders, community and state leaders, local business leaders, and Alabama’s congressional delegation have been working together to bring the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter to the 187th Fighter Wing at Dannelly Field in Montgomery. The 187th is one of five Air National Guard units on the short list being considered, and the Air Force is expected to make its final decision in the coming weeks.

The F-35 is the military’s most cutting-edge war machine that will eventually replace many Cold War-era fighters like the F-16 currently flown by the 187th. Landing this mission would be a tremendous boost for the River Region community and the entire state, both econom-

ically and from a military standpoint.

As the Air Force nears a decision, I’ve been making a final push emphasizing to top Air Force officials five key advantages that I believe set Montgomery and the 187th Fighter Wing apart as the ideal candidate for this coveted mission.

First, there is cost and time efficiency. Dannelly Field offers the Air Force the least expensive option to base the mission at \$19.2 million. Additionally, the 187th Fighter Wing can accept new aircraft on the fastest timeline because their facilities need very little work and pilots can utilize the F-35 simulators located just three hours away at Eglin Air Force Base.

Second, the 187th is in close proximity to other Air Force assets. After Air Force officials visited Montgomery in their review process, they described the 187th as “well suited” for the F-35 mission

because of its proximity to other Air Force Strategic Command units. The site visit report states, “Available assets in the local flying area include: F-15C, F-16CG, A-10, F-22, ADAIR (T-38), F-35, KC-135, AC-130, CV-22, and U-28 in the local area. The ability of the F-35 to integrate with all these assets on a daily basis maximizes overall capability of the USAF.

Third, the 187th does not have a Homeland Security alert mission. Unlike other units under consideration, the 187th Fighter Wing is not on call to scramble its aircraft in the event of a domestic Homeland Security alert. If the Air Force selected a unit with this type of alert mission for the F-35, a new unit would have to be trained, equipped, and prepared to take on the alert mission, which would result in an expensive force structure shift.

Fourth, the 187th Fighter Wing doesn’t have a “double

move” potential. Other units under consideration fly A-10 and F-15 aircraft, which are set to remain active, so sending the F-35 to those units would require the Air Force to find a new home for their current aircraft. The 187th Fighter Wing flies the F-16 Falcon, which is scheduled to be retired, so our unit would not require the time and expense brought on by the redistribution of aircraft.

Last, but certainly not least, the 187th Fighter Wing has tremendous community and state support. The Montgomery community and our entire state are working together to support the potential F-35 mission by making efforts such as investing in the Montgomery Regional Airport and providing a tuition assistance program for Guardsmen. In fact, I want to thank all of our local leaders from Montgomery’s Mayor and City Council to the County Commission, the Chamber of Commerce, local

businesses, and media who have all supported the effort. Our community and state support could not be stronger, and I truly believe it can make a difference in this decision.

To follow up on our discussions, I detailed all this information for the record in a letter to Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson, who is the chief decision maker. As she prepares to make her decision, I want her to have all the correct information, especially as it concerns strengths that help make our case.

Whatever the outcome of the F-35 decision, I can confidently say that we gave it everything we had and left it all on the field. As your Representative in Congress, I will continue to support the critical military installations and programs in our state.



Ronald A. Holtsford

Has there been a particularly interesting Court case in the recent months?



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

Actually there has. Many of the Court cases involving religion are establishment clause cases where there is an attempt to separate any activity that seems to tie a governmental entity to a religious group. Many such cases have involved the display of Christian or Jewish symbols on city owned property especially during the Christmas or Hanukkah seasons. What has been very rare have been cases involving the Free Exercise of Religion clause.

Of interest is the Trinity Lutheran Church of Colombia, Inc v Comer, Director, Missouri Department of Natural Resources. This case stems from an issue in 2012 and was decided just a few months ago.

Trinity Lutheran Child Learning Center was initially a nonprofit that functioned as a day care and a pre-school. The Center later merged with Trinity Lutheran Church. In 2012, the Center wanted to participate in Missouri’s Scrap Tire Program which would allow the gravel surface where the play equipment was located to be replaced by a pour in rubber surface. The program was run by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and offered reimbursement grants to non-profits using surfaces made from recycled tires. The Department strictly denied grants to religious entities. Fourteen of forty-four applications were approved, but Trinity Lutheran was denied even though they had fallen as number five on the list.

Trinity Lutheran sued in Federal District Court asserting that the denial violated the Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment. The District Court dismissed the case saying the free exercise of religion was not denied and an appeal to the Eighth Circuit affirmed the decision of the lower Court.

Chief Justice John Roberts wrote the majority opinion with Justices Kennedy, Alito, Kagan, Thomas, Breyer and Gorsuch in agreement in part or with concurring opinions.

The United States Supreme Court has asserted “that denying a generally available benefit solely on account of religious identity imposes a penalty on the free exercise of religion.” The policy of the Department discriminates against recipients that would otherwise be eligible simply because of their religious association. The Court used as case law in *McDaniel v. Paty*, 435 U.S. 618, the rationale that it penalizes a institution in its free exercise of religion. The Department argued that the State had no obligation to provide the benefit and thus did not burden the free exercise rights. The decision went on to say that the Free Exercise clause protects against “indirect coercion or penalties on the free exercise of religion, not just outright prohibitions”, as decided in *Lyng v. Northwest*

Indian Cemetery Protective Assn., 485 U. S. 439. Noting *McDaniel*, the Department causes Trinity Lutheran to make a choice as to whether they wish to participate in a benefit program or remain a religious organization. Such conditioning becomes a penalty to freely exercise religion. The State of Missouri in trying to sidestep any Establishment issue has infringed on the free exercise of religion.

The decision of the Eighth Circuit was reversed and remanded.

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Robservations

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1. Donald Glover, rapper/actor/comedian, actually said, “I want to thank Trump for making black people number one on the most oppressed list. He's the reason I'm probably up here.” Really?

The list goes on and on. Colbert accused Trump of treason, defined as I have no idea. He also suggested that President Trump was a “morally compromised antihero.” Finally, while continually embarrassing themselves on the world stage by showing everyone how politically and socially ignorant they are, one Issa Rae, creator and star of HBO’s “Insecure,” was asked who she was rooting for at the Emmy Awards when she unabashedly said, “I’m rooting for everybody black. I am.” Can you imagine what would have happened if they asked Matt Damon the same question and he said

he was only rooting for white people? Come on, people. Give it a rest.

As I said before, I am glad I didn’t watch any of this garbage. And I never will. In the immortal words of Leonard’s Losers (showing my age), “Tonight’s loser, in a landslide, the Emmy’s. Get me outta here, Percy.”

C. EQUIFAX DATA BREECH – This breach has the potential to affect almost every adult in the United States, 400,000 in the U.K. and another 100,000 in Canada. On the news today, three top Equifax executives sold stock prior to the announcement (of their second such breach) and claim they didn’t know anything about it as Equifax stocks tumbled. Remember Sergeant Schultz from Hogan’s Heroes? “I know nothing, nothing.” If I was in charge, I would give these guys two choices. Sodium Pentothal or Water Boarding. The truth would come out. Then

prison and general population. Ouch!

D. Go to YouTube and type in, “Crazy lady argues with people about PTSD dog.” Strong language but it shows you the way this world is turning. Nuf’ said.

E. Two Afghan asylum seekers, ages 27 and 17, raped a 16-year-old girl in Bavaria. Their 18-year-old friend was stopped in the act. Refugees are suspected in 126 rapes, up from 66, over the same time last year in that state. Regardless of what some news outlets are trying to say in that these rapes are not occurring, check some European news outlets like I posted a couple of Robservations ago. Thanks again Angela Merkel for putting the hopes and aspirations of people who have no respect for your culture over the safety and security of your own population. Good job there.



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"The Surrender to Secularism"

Have we forsaken the God Who gave us this blessed nation?

The Story of Nations and the role of Secularism in America is a story of our nation that is unique in many ways. America was not "in chains" at birth as were other countries. The Founders and Framers of our government and nation were men of spiritual faith. They had inherited the Moral Law and the Bible from earlier generations, and they brought the concept and importance of religious liberty with them across the oceans. We think of emmigrants from England, Scotland, France, Germany and other countries bringing the Gospel, as a prime reason for crossing the oceans.

How unique that is, so very unusual in the birth of a nation. Many people in many countries wore chains for generation after generation before receiving the liberating Gospel.

Because our Founders were so strong with *morality* they incorporated many barriers to infringements by government to damage our religious liberty.

Thomas Jefferson spoke of erecting a "wall of separation" between church and state in order to protect both. This was not to diminish the importance and authority of both church and state. Each would have its Providentially ordered sphere of power and influence in building our Christian Constitutional Republic.

So long as men recognize that God is the Creator and that the rights of man have to come from Him, men can enjoy freedom. Why is it that so many nations have attempted and yet failed to recognize these Truths?

During my long lifetime, I have seen our nation move from Religious Liberty in practice, to Selfishness, to Secularism, to Complacency, to Socialism. As a teacher of American History for nearly half a century, I have made it my practice to try to understand how such a thing has happened in America.

The very founding documents of our nation have Christian references and refer to Divine Providence. The governmental structure of our three branches of government fit into our Biblical World View.

It is so evident that the entire globe is under siege with the primary goal of eradicating spiritual faith and replacing it with Secularism, Socialism, Fascism, Communism; whoever holds "the chains."

Recently, we had the privilege of sharing an article from the Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation, and I requested permission to quote from their booklet, titled, "The Surrender to Secularism," first published in 1967. A current reprint is available today in its 12th printing.

In the 1960's, the foundation shared the experience and writing of a Catholic Bishop, Father Cuthbert O'Gara, who was imprisoned by the Communists in China for a number of years.

Having gone to China as a Christian missionary in the 1940s, Father O'Gara became widely known throughout China as the "Stretcher-Bearer Bishop," as he was so often seen carrying the wounded to his mission hospital. When a stretcher was not available, he was seen carrying the wounded on his back.

He was twice arrested, once by the Japanese, and later by the Communists who took over China. In 1951 they took him before the altar of his church, stripped him of his robes, and cast him into prison, where he suffered every kind of inconceivable torture. After several years of suffering unbearable abuse, two priests managed to carry him to Hongkong on a stretcher.

The insights in his writing are so appropriate for us to read and to ponder in 2017 America. I quote some from his journal and pray that we can understand today's secular culture that predominates our present day.

From Father O'Gara's journal:

“When the Communist troops overran my diocese they were followed in very short order by the propaganda corps – the civilian branch of the Red forces – an organization, if anything, more disciplined, more zealous, more fanatical, than the People's Army of Liberation itself.

“The entire population, city and countryside, was immediately organized into distinctive categories – grade school and high school pupils and teachers, (Catholic, Protestant and pagan), merchants, artisans, members of the professions, yes, and even the lowly coolies. Everyone, for a week or more, was forced to attend the seminar specified for his or her proper category, and there willy-nilly in the servile submission, listen to the official Communist line.

“Now, what was the first lesson given to the indoctrinees? One might have supposed that this would be some pearl of wisdom let drop by Marx, Lenin, or Stalin. Such however was not the case. The very first, the fundamental, lesson given was man's descent from the ape – Darwinism!

“This naturally shocked the Christians, (Catholics and Protestants), attending the seminars and as might have been expected, they reacted violently. The non-Christians who constituted the majority in China, were equally antagonistic to the ape theory, because from time immemorial the Chinese people in a nebulous sort of way had believed in a Supreme Being, in a soul and in an existence after death.

“Are you surprised that the Chinese Communists chose Darwinism as the cornerstone upon which to build their new political structure? At first, this political maneuver amazed me. I had taken for granted that they would begin by expanding the economic theories of Marx. Later on when in a Red Jail, the reason for this unanticipated tactic became very obvious to me. By that time, I knew very well that the primary purpose of the People's Government in Peking was to extirpate all religious belief and practice from China, particularly to destroy the Catholic Church. After two years of house arrest and suffering with my fellow priests and religious Sisters every manner of annoyance and humiliation, I knew only too well that the clause "Freedom of Religion" written into the 1948 Constitution had been inserted there to hoodwink foreign governments, and had no relevancy whatsoever within the territorial limits of Red China. The official policy, rigid and ruthless, was transparently clear: Religion *delenda est*: Religion must be destroyed.

“Darwinism negates God, the human soul, the after-life. Into this vacuum, Communism enters as the be-all and the end-all of the intellectual human slavery that it has created. In the Red prison in which I was held, the slogan, ‘Bring your mind over to us and all your troubles will end’ was hammered into the minds of the prisoners with brutal and numbing monotony. Nothing but a groveling holocaust of the human person can satiate the lust for dominance of Peking's Red Regime.”

So wrote Father O'Gara.

When he returned to America, he spoke warning to the American people about John Dewey and Horace Mann, and the impact of Secularism in our American culture and in the schools. He saw America as surrendering to this secular way of life sweeping across the land.

Grieving over what he had observed, he warned us well, as God's Word is now banned from schools of the land, and unwelcomed in the public square. He reminds us: “Communism is an evil that menaces us from without; Secularism is a deadly cancer eating at the very vitals of our national life. The corrosive influence of Secularism has already made tremendous inroads into every phase of our national existence. Business and government, labor and education, religion, the arts, the sciences, all have felt its base impact. No department of our national life is immune.”

“Basically, Communism and Socialism are one; both are predicated on the same premise – the materialistic concept of life. They are one in their materialism, one in their pragmatism, and one in their atheism.”

Thinking of the American school classroom, Father O'Gara wrote, "Within the borders of the United States, the same perfidious principles are being continually expounded before our American youth, that there is no God, no soul, no after-life, no absolutes, no stable morality; that what the majority decrees and does, however outrageous to our Christian morality, or contradictory to the teachings of Christ, is the accepted standard of modern morals and good manners."

Father O'Gara is right!

"In other words we are nourishing in our breast at home the very viper whose head, with so much fanfare and sinister hypocrisy, we set out to crush in the far corners of the globe." How can we be so blind?

“Which Way Americans?”

America was clearly established as a Christian Constitutional Republic, and only in recent decades have we departed from this foundation.

Those radicals, who called themselves "progressives", reject Biblical Morality, Justice, Freedom, and Order. Their goal is to replace Creationism, Biblical Morality, and Law, with Darwinism, Evolution, and a march toward world government (Globalism).

Will we accept their radical changes, their views, and practices relating to human sexuality, polygamy, Shariah Law, Jihad, and the evolutionary "godhead" in the family; even promoting new structures and definitions for what is called "the family”?

Shockingly, “One federal judge declared in 1996, in a Texas court, ‘Parents give up their rights when they drop their children off at public school.’” (*Wall Street Journal* 10 /8/ 96)

We are in a war over God Himself, and His Word. Our national motto is "In God We trust." This is the line of battle. Our Founders stated the liberating Truth:

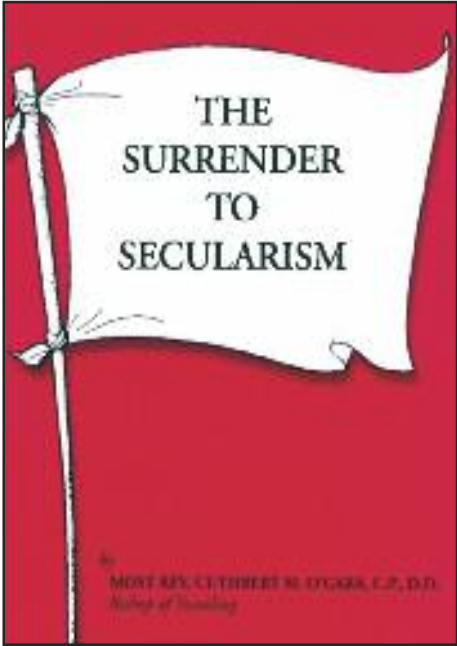
"We hold these Truths to be self-evident that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."
– Declaration of Independence 1776

This was once the heritage and legacy of every family and every school child. The Northwest Ordinance provided, before and after the adoption of the *Constitution*, free land for the placement of schools. For many years only Christian schools existed in America, and many families home schooled their children, as well.

Patrick Henry made it clear that the vital issue in life is LIBERTY, and that the only ground for Life and Liberty is in Jesus Christ, through our personal Christian faith and practice. In his will, Henry's charge to his own family was that “the religion of Jesus Christ is the only inheritance that can make them rich indeed."

Early government schools were promoted by Unitarians and early socialists. For real changes to be made in today's education, modern Social Studies would have to be abolished and replaced with true American Christian History.

The modern U.S. Supreme Court has outlawed prayer in school and defied the intent of the *Declaration of Independence* and the *Constitution*. So we ask the individual Christian believer who reads this article – *which way?* Will we restore this Christian Constitutional Republic by our faith and practice, or will we give satan the victory that he has been working for?



Which Way America?

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord...” Psalm 33:12

“...Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...But for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” Joshua 24:15

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Marcia Chambliss

The Chambliss Commentary

Conservative Voices Desperately Needed

More often than not, I’m experiencing days in which I don’t want to hear a single news story or read yet another sensational headline. One would think with the abundance of news that it should be easy for me to find a topic each month on which to express my opinion, but it’s actually quite the opposite because of the information overload every way I turn. It’s enough to make me wonder if I’m only “beating a dead horse” with words and that it might be time to take a break from everything and anything related to politics and culture. But I’m then reminded that our great nation wasn’t founded by men who decided that it was far easier and less controversial to accept the oppressive rule from King George of England than risk their very lives for the cause of liberty and freedom. What would our nation look like if they had simply accepted the way things were instead of standing for our God-given rights as expressed in our Constitution?

Sadly, there are increasing numbers of people who are being fed the lie that our nation is inherently evil. Is it perfect? Of course not, because we live in a fallen world and evil manifests itself everywhere in various forms. But the intent of the founders was to create a “more perfect Union,” one in which men and women could exist in liberty with self-rule. Have we had dark moments and ugly times in which we fell woefully short of that intent? Absolutely, but we strive to correct our mistakes and resolve to better ourselves and our government as we learn from our past.

When I was invited to join The Alabama Gazette as a contributing writer seven years ago, I felt that our nation was on a path leading us away from our God-given rights. As I reflect on the past seven years and the topics I’ve covered, I wonder if little has changed except an alarming acceleration of that movement towards more government and less individual liberty. Oh, we’ve experienced a switch in political parties at the top of the political system, and we may feel as if we now have a bit of breathing room, but what have we really regained as far as freedom?

Our ever-expanding government still controls our healthcare insurance choices, the public education of our children, and control of far too many industries with federal subsidies. Our religious liberties remain under attack by those intent on suppressing Christian principles and beliefs, and they are using our courts to do so. When I consider the amount of control our government has over our daily lives, I am reminded of just how important our voices are in whatever effort we make to either scale back that over-reaching control or sound the alarm to those who may not be fully engaged.

Our conservative voices matter and are desperately needed because the voices

on the left are becoming louder, angrier, and more intent on the dismantling of our Republic. Leftist organized groups within our nation, many being well-funded by George Soros* who is an enemy of our representative form of government, continue to grow with an intent to disrupt our cities and demonize our police forces with violent protests. That “Thin Blue Line” doesn’t only represent the protection afforded to law-abiding citizens from criminal elements, but it also represents the line of protection between democracy and anarchy. What better way to hasten the collapse of our society than to sow seeds of distrust towards those who serve to protect us?

Yet in this current culture of anger and hostility provoked by those intent on destruction, the encouragement of peace and a desire for unity as a nation remains. Two churches, Saint James United Methodist, Montgomery, and Greater Peace Missionary Baptist Church, Opelika, recently gathered for the purpose of “Building Bridges Together.” The event commemorated an address given by Booker T. Washington in 1895 at the International Exposition in Atlanta when he stated, “Cast down your bucket where you are,” and are words on which to reflect when wondering just what can we individually can do wherever we live and work to heal the division in our nation and encourage a more civil discourse in addressing our differences. As Washington also stated in his speech, “...cast it down in making friends in every manly way of the people of all races by whom we are surrounded.”

As I watched the WSFA news reporting on the meeting of church members, black and white, I was encouraged to hear pastors stating that the churches should be leading the way in unifying our nation by working on solutions to the hatred and violence that is rampant throughout our nation. But it was the comment by retired Col. Roosevelt Lewis that summed up exactly what each of us can do, daily, in our own corner of the world.

“We have to say to those people who work, unceasingly, it appears, to divide us...we have to say no.”

And as Booker T. Washington also stated in his address that day in 1895, “Opportunities never come a second time, nor do they wait for our leisure.” Amen.

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Commissioners Corner, PSC

Commissioner Chris “Chip” Beeker, Jr.
Rescuing, Relieving and Responding

A heartwarming story took place in Florida just before the arrival of Hurricane Irma. Pam Brekke was next in line at a Lowe’s when she burst into tears as the last generator was given to the person ahead of her in line. “My father is on oxygen and I’m worried about this storm,” she said. Ramon Santiago, who was that next person in line, saw Brekke’s tears and handed over the generator he was going to purchase. “He’s an angel from God is what he is,” Brekke said. “She needed the generator. It’s okay.” Santiago replied.

The people of our nation shine the brightest in the face of disaster. Strangers help strangers and the divisions that sometimes separate us disappear. Over the past few weeks, our nation has faced a series of natural disasters. We have suffered ravaging wildfires in the west, Hurricane Harvey in Texas, and Hurricane Irma in Florida, Alabama, and Georgia. And when those disasters struck, relief agencies responded, rescuing those in distress, and providing relief to all who needed it.

Although I hope that my doing so does not cause you to forget about other relief agencies, I would like to highlight a couple of those organizations that do a great job at responding to disasters. For nearly fifty years Samaritan’s Purse has been helping people around the world who need it the most. Samaritan’s Purse is a Christian-based organization that not only provides physical aid but also spiritual aid to those who have fallen victim to natural disasters, poverty, disease and a number of other circumstances. Samaritan’s Purse is strictly donor based and limits the cost of administering a gift to ten percent of the donation. Samaritan’s Purse mobilizes staff and equipment and enlists thousands of volunteers to provide emergency aid to victims of tornadoes, hurricanes, wildfires, floods, and other natural disasters. Of course, we are all familiar with the American Red Cross, which is also donation and volunteer-based. Ninety-one cents of every dollar the American Red Cross receives go toward their humanitarian services and programs. An individual who would like to respond after a natural disaster but can’t afford to make a financial contribution can help by donating the gift of life – blood. The American Red Cross collects and processes about forty percent of the blood supply of the United States. Maybe you have seen one of their busses outside a department store on a Saturday. The next time you do, please consider stepping inside to become a donor. By doing so, you will become someone’s hero; in fact, you might save more than one life.

Reaching out and helping someone else in need guarantees a double blessing; God blesses the one receiving and He blesses the one giving. Although we can’t prevent natural disasters, we can do our part by support those organizations that work to reduce the effects of natural disasters. I urge you to support those agencies that regularly answer the call to rescue, relieve, and respond.

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DEALING WITH NORTH KOREA

By John Martin

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Right now, a sizable portion of America’s elected officials and military leaders is running around like chickens with their heads cut off in response to Kim Jong Un’s belligerent displays of military aggression in North Korea. Most of them are screaming about what they can do to restrain him and are probably planning reckless actions that could very well start World War III.

Let’s set the record straight. North Korea is a sovereign nation just like any other. Yes, it is currently under the rule of a crazy dictator. But what goes on inside its borders is none of our business. Sending our troops, planes and ships over there to flaunt our military strength is about the craziest thing we could do. The only thing that we will accomplish is rile up Dictator Un even more, and (God forbid) even provoke him into doing something really crazy—like shooting a missile or two into South Korea.

Let the little dictator play with his toys. He certainly knows that if he ever commits any aggression against any of his neighbors, he and his so called “country” would be toast.

Even without America’s help, the firepower of South Korea could wipe Un and all of his armed forces off the map. South Korea’s population of 50 million is twice the size of the North’s. A much

Obviously, Un has no ambitions of invading South Korea, Japan or any other country. So what is he up to? What does he want? He wants a peaceful co-existence with the South without the United States’ nose poking under his tent. He wants the United States to respect his regime and vacate South Korea. That’s it.

But what if we don’t? Since Un cannot possibly fight America, his plan is to beat us down by agitating our leaders into doing something even more stupid than his reckless sword rattling—wasting billions of dollars in military exercises and diluting our heavily indebted economy.

China has already agreed that it would side and fight with the North, but only if the North did not strike first. If Un could goad us into attacking his pitiful fiefdom—like G. W. Bush did to Iraq in 2003—he would draw China into the fray and begin one more battle to bring our nation to its knees via thousands of casualties, depletion of our treasury, and universal hatred around the world.

Right now, our military industrial complex could very well be public enemy no. 1—our enemy, not North Korea’s. Even though it has made our national defense the most powerful in the world, it has

also set the stage for its blatant misuse as we threaten and invade other nations and become the world’s greatest bully—not to mention one of the greatest mass murderers. With an image like that, it is only a matter of time—perhaps a very short one—before the entire world revolts against us economically and effectively shuts us down.

So what should we do? The question is really what we should NOT do—have a temper tantrum and instigate an act of military road rage? That is exactly the reaction Kim Jong Un is seeking—to embarrass us into reacting like a spoiled child. So what should we do? Absolutely nothing. Just leave him alone.

Right now, it is up to President Donald Trump to declare non-action and withdraw our forces from the area. Even if our hostile military powers and Congress manage to railroad aggressive legislation down his throat with huge, veto-proof majorities, he can still halt it dead in its tracks. He is commander in chief of all of our armed forces. He can shut off all funding for reckless operations. He can order our troops, ships, and planes out of places they should not be and send them home. Even if Congress declares war, he can withhold funding and refuse to engage in it.

President Donald Trump really does have the opportunity to make America great again. And he can do it by the simplest means imaginable—withdraw and refuse to engage in another war. He can shun the paranoia that warmongering zealots are shouting. He can prevent thousands of future casualties. He can restore America’s friendship with the rest of the world. He can build America’s economy by free trade and the repeal of counterproductive sanctions, including Russia and the Cuban embargo. He can save trillions of our tax dollars that would otherwise be frittered away on military follies. And yes, he can even win a Nobel Peace Prize—a legitimate peace prize that is actually earned.



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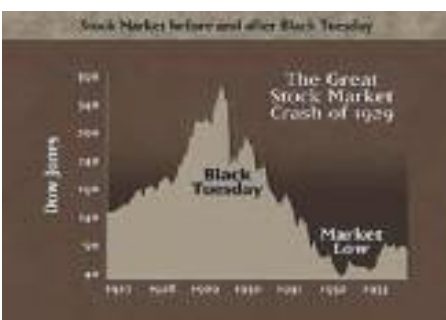
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The more commonly remembered (88th Anniversary) stock market crash of 1929 resulted from “an overbought, overvalued, and excessively bullish market, rising even as economic conditions were not supporting the advance,” according to pop press accounts and economists who like to describe instead of explain results. What proffered the overbought, overvalued unsupported exuberance is noticeably absent in the discourse of Keynesian economists and other lotharios of leviathan. The crash began on Thursday October 24, when the market fell 11%. Institutional investors and financiers attempted to attenuate the 'panic' selloff with above market bids so the day's sharp losses were blunted and stocks rebounded the following two days.

These feeble attempts failed to address the trigger (think fear) of this Wall Street selloff. Hoover's 'jawboning' for the Smoot-Hawley Tariff signaled further resolve toward another high-watermark of protectionism actually enacted in June 1931 where unemployment immediately spiked up from about 6% to 14%, long after the October '29 crash. Economists who understand Wall St. realize investors respond to a legislative event(s) when they forecast it will pass, not when actually signed (7/17/30) into law or enacted. European investors were also ripe for a selloff observing the looming clouds of protectionism forecasted to once again contract economies; high profile fraud cases are cited for the crash in the London exchange which also would not recover since fraud and forgery weren't the fundamental reason(s) driving the selloff. The following Monday (a.k.a. 'Black Monday' in retrospect) closed with the market down 13% on October 27th, exacerbated by margin calls. Bids disappeared the next day (Black Tuesday) as the market fell another 12% starting the long-term trend line down hitting bottom in 1932 as more informed investors who understood what was happening forecasted the Democrat likely to win the nomination wouldn't reverse the typical big-government Republican policies advanced by Hoover.

A month prior to the 1929 crash the market peaked September 3rd with the Dow Jones Industrial Average [DJIA]



at 381.17; the bottom was recorded on July 8, 1932, where the Dow closed at 41.22. A remarkable 89% drop from peak to trough which was even more devastating for small-cap and speculative stocks, some compelled to declare bankruptcy and unlisted from the market dropping them out of reported data. A quarter century later the DJIA returns to the 381.17 result on Nov. 23, 1954. As observed with many proactive command economy policies/programs, less stable results (i.e., higher peaks/lower troughs) with longer durations outside less amplified (more stable) cycles from the long-term trend line occur than if/when market forces are allowed to more quickly correct. A brief overview of some economic history is required pedagogy to understand what shepherded the October '29 crash as the US became a more dominant player on world stage, even if they didn't realize their increased standing. The newly formed Republican Party (morphed from the protectionist wing of the Whig Party) deployed federal armies to military accomplish desired wealth transfers after exited States proved it would not be achieved politically. Other nations (most notably Europe) witnessed our experiment in independent sovereignty over empire and nation building finally fail after a few score.

Thoughts of reclaiming New World riches faded following the War of 1812. How industrious the US shown itself to be toward ruthless consolidation and hegemonic empire (Lincoln-Marx mentality made it clear the New World was leading the way toward command and control/soviet-style government) discouraged further attempts of reclamation. Europe resumed their amplified cycle of death and destruction followed by rebuilding instead of decentralized peace and stability. Modern technologies more quickly ground European armies to a halt, bankrupting their nations toward stalemate. Whenever Europe goes to war demand for US exports explode, WWI was no exception. Instead of simply benefitting from the folly of this war to end all wars, the US entered to break the stalemate moving the end result to the 1919 Treaty of Versailles which many economists (including John Maynard Keynes) forecasted impossible for Germany to meet in the coming years. This shepherding Europe to the even more virulent national socialist result of WWII is fodder for a future column.

The end of WWI meant return to normalcy, those who benefitted from the short-run boon of war must adjust. As Europe began to clear their fields and reallocate resources to a peacetime economy (more interested in feeding themselves than producing arms) was quickly noticed by American farmers. The so-called “Emergency Tariff” [1921] was a response to Europe getting back on their feet. More formalized under the “Fordney-McCumber Tariff” [1922] the US imposed high tariffs on agriculture and raw materials which are our ‘comparative advantage’ often exported. Republicans promised this would lead to great wealth for the American farmer as they had always touted protectionism helps American jobs over a uniform tariff to keep commerce regular as proscribed in the Constitution. Since our manufactured goods are usually inferior, there's less demand to export them. Impeding the flow of refined steel, equipment, etc. increasing the price of inputs for production (esp. construction, manufacture) has a negative impact on employment, ceteris paribus. Political rhetoric of the next boon in farming fooled the dumb masses driving the ‘roaring twenties’ as the big govt. Repulocrats effectively fool the masses today with similar ‘feel good’ rhetoric.

Those who bought into this traditional Republican protectionist promise, reallocated their capital, effort, time, savings, etc. into farming. The ‘sodbuster’ distortion increased prices for farmland, mortgages, tractors, etc. but had very visible consequences. Once the usual protectionist result unfolded, demand for US exports decline as other nations react to our artificial trade barriers with ‘in kind’ raising of their protectionist policies in response. This time the folly was felt all the more enacting protectionist policies on our comparative advantage often exported; protectionism on inferior manufactured goods less exported was not as profound. As markets for our Ag and raw materials slowly closed while Europe further recovered from WWI, much of the newly sodbusted land along with longer/market established farmland was foolish to plant giving rise to the actual cause (contrary to modern politically trained student claims these past years of global warming) of the “Dust Bowl.” When struggling farmers press Hoover and the Republicans on where all the relief and promised prosperity was, Hoover's response was tariffs clearly were still not high enough. The 1931 Smoot-Hawley Tariff's average dutiable rate of 60% was a little below the 1828 ‘Tariff of Abominations’ record at 61% which triggered the Nullification Crisis a century before. The stage for war between the States was set with the 1828 Tariff, but cooler heads prevailed and tariff reductions narrowly avoided conflict. Enter Mr. Lincoln (the greatest politician this nation has ever produced)

October 1929 v. October 1987 Black Mondays: a tale of two crashes



and the newly formed Republicans wanting to return the tariff to 1828 levels mastering the use of slavery rhetoric to cloak their avarice; willing to accomplish their ends militarily when political machinations failed.

Just as warnings were sounded in the past, a thousand professional economist (before they ‘were all Keynesians’ as espoused today) sent an open letter to Hoover warning of the consequences (if history were any guide) of pursuing the path to yet another extremely protectionist tariff. Displaying his reputé for blatant hubris, Hoover ignored the economists’ prophetic caveat saying he realized consumers would pay higher prices but would be made better off... Whenever a politician claims higher prices will benefit consumers (or welfare in general) when those higher prices will NOT motivate more supply, innovation, etc. but are a result of wealth transfers from impeding commerce - hold onto your wallet and RUN AWAY! Easy to understand special interests who receive the transfer championing these policies/programs, but it will not promote the general welfare and allocation (esp. in capital markets) of resources to higher valued use(s) in our economy. Among the most ardent lotharios of leviathan in our pantheon of presidents, Hoover went to his grave lamenting how many of HIS big govt. programs were attributed to FDR. Once it was clear Hoover and the Republicans would not back off of this new high-watermark of protection, a crash with no foreseeable correction (until a change in Executive and/or Congress) was a rational forecast. Investors in fact observed Hoover and Congress remain obstinate even with the huge selloff response on Wall St. Some argue a 1929 Congress made more comfortable by the recently established 435 limited House of Representatives, enjoying less competition/discipline from voters, aided and abetted these recalcitrant protectionists.

Onto some more myth busting (to accompany “Republicans fought to end slavery” and “Protectionism saves jobs,” etc. rhetoric) w.r.t. Lincoln-like deification of FDR. It was an interesting time for the Democratic Party. After the Grover Cleveland era some considered a tipping point (as the only President to not serve consecutive terms as another popular vote v. Electoral College anomaly) a growing number of traditional Democrats grew tired of losing to the big govt. Republicans. The race was on to ‘out republican the Republicans’ and the socialists were accomplishing all the goals traditional big govt. Republicans (progressives) wanted without being elected under the Socialist Party moniker. It took four ballots at the DNC before FDR secured the 770 votes required to lock the nomination as Garner (who would be FDR's VP for most of his four term presidency) finally released his delegates to FDR. It was clear the traditional Democrats (Jeffersonians who rejected corporate AND social welfare redistributionists) could not carry the day. Perhaps Garner thought the ills of progressivism were somehow different from deleterious results of the corrupt political machines. While the direction of the transfer matters to the specific recipient(s) the contraction to the economy is nonetheless profound - esp. among those least able to weather tough economic times.

Contracting economies induce the worst out of mankind. As unemployment reaches unbearable levels the word ‘racism’ [1936] enters our lexicon when competition and merit attenuate as determinants of employment. More explicit, vulgar fallacies of inherent superiority of race carry the day as progressives become more emboldened and empowered over peoples’ lives desperate to get or hold onto jobs. Progressives gave birth to the first federal minimum wage in this era, one of the more effective tools still today to enable discrimination against minorities, single moms, etc.

Traditional Democrat voters, slow to see the realignments, think their candidate will come in and again clean-up the usual mess of Republican protectionism. Voters, unlike investors, are generally more ignorant of what specifically drives economic results. They were in for a surprise. FDR was NOT a traditional Democrat, he was a big govt. Republican enamored with his Uncle Teddy's progressive hard charging toward centralized command economy results. Much had already been accomplished (some say the ‘Revolution of 1913’ today) with a more certain federal income tax, direct election of US senators, federal reserve, debt less tied to specific federal projects, etc. Some of our top soviet economists say the fed didn't do enough with monetary tools at their disposal, but they DID - it failed because it was addressing a symptom, not the problem. Sharp increases in Discount rates, buying bonds, etc. were met with further increases in unemployment as it showed further resolve to continue the Republicans’ extreme protectionist policy. Tariff revenues declined - no surprise to anyone familiar with the Laffer Curve. The recently [1913] reestablished federal income tax is already in place (no delay/effort required to impose it as did Lincoln in our first federal income tax) to continue financing this tariff policy contracting the economy. The fiscal discipline designed in the Constitution to limit duration policies of this sort could be sustained was circumvented. We could now observe the result of high tariffs AND the ability to increase a federal income tax when tariff revenue drops from protectionism. Indeed as the federal income tax was raised, unemployment climbed to an even higher new record providing short-run revenue for the federal government to continue operating.

Unemployment in fact spiked down in anticipation of electing a Democrat executive, but when president elect FDR is silent on reversing Hoover's excessive taxation, unemployment returns to the record high level around 27%. Roosevelt takes office, still no promise of tariff reduction, as the bitter reality of no relief in sight for years sets in... he declares a Bank Holiday as marginal banks (about 6,000 already closed their doors 1929-32) hanging on will not survive a “New Deal” instead of relief from Republican protectionism. More unconstitutional policies/programs (y'all know the ‘alphabet soup’ many of us had to memorize in govt. schools - AAA, CCC, CWA, EBA, FCA, FDIC, FERA, FHA, FSRC, HOLC, NRA, NIRA, PWA, REA, SSA, TVA, et al) along with the revered Glass-Steagall Act, did nothing to address the source of the problem. Unemployment hovers around 25% from 1932 to late 1934 until MFN (Most Favoured Nation trading status) provides some tariff relief. MFN was also unconstitutional, but did reduce some specific tariffs (up to 50%) with other nations for reductions in kind at the pleasure of the executive (FDR was the first president to enjoy this empowerment) so finally unemployment slowly declined.

This downward trend-line in unemployment would end in 1938 as many State and local governments imposed minimum wage laws and the NLRB (soon after the Wagner-Connery Act was deemed OK by SCotUS) imposed our first federal min. wage. Unemployment again spikes up, hovering around 20% until the storm clouds of war in Europe overshadow the ills of protectionism where once again demand for exports from America increase. WWII is what brings unemployment down and keeps it down for the duration. I pray younger readers learn and understand this economic history to come up with more sane ways to get out of failed policies we appear to be headed toward yet again.

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Sheriff's Office APP



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

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

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Spooktacular

Tuesday, October 31st from 6:00-8:00pm

**The event will be held at the Alcazar
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Sheriff Derrick Cunningham, the Staff of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office and WVAS FM 90.7 radio will host their annual Halloween Spooktacular for Montgomery County children in costume between the ages of 1-13. Please bring your children out in their favorite Halloween costume and don't forget your trick or treat bag/basket to trick or treat local vendors and receive candy from our safe, friendly, one-stop location! Sheriff Cunningham will be in costume as well!



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Medication Disposal



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

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



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Thank you to those that took part in our Senior Fishing Rodeo! As always, we had a large crowd of senior citizens come out to enjoy food, fellowship and FISH with our agency!



Alabama National Fair

The Alabama National Fair is coming to Montgomery October 27—November 5th, and will be held at the Garrett Coliseum Fairgrounds. Please make plans to attend the Fair and come by our booths inside the Coliseum. Sheriff Cunningham will be there along with his Staff to greet Montgomery County residents.



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Autaugaville Town Hall Meeting



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**House District 88 Representative
Paul Beckman**

A Town Hall Meeting was held in Autaugaville on Monday, August 28, 2017. About 40 local residents were in attendance to hear from their local and state officials. This was the best turn out we had for the events. We would like to thank the citizens for coming out and showing their support. The speakers for the event were: District Court Judge Joy Booth, Autaugaville Mayor Curtis Stoudemire, Sheriff Joe Sedinger, District 88 Representative Paul Beckman, District 2 Commissioner John Thrailkill, Circuit Clerk Deb Hill, Secretary of State John Merrill, Circuit Court Judge Bill Lewis, Probate Judge Al Booth and Asst. Coroner Don Carroll. Each Speaker explained what their departments did for the citizens of Autauga County and answered questions from the attendees. We would like to thank the Autaugaville Fire Department for allowing us to use their meeting room to hold the Town Hall Meeting.



Secretary of State John Merrill



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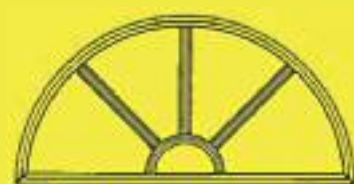
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The Secret of Contentment

After forty-five years of serving as a Pastor, I have asked myself what is the key to successful Christian living? Having served in small towns and large, churches of different backgrounds and styles, with Christians young and old as well as rich and poor, along with people from all kinds of personal experiences, one trait seems to cross all the individual, cultural and religious lines. It is one most often desired and available to all, but yet remains out of the grasp of those who do not seek it the right way.

Can you guess what it is? Paul said it was a secret. He didn’t mean God doesn’t want all believers to have it, but rather, that it is available only to those who learn it. Listen to his words, “I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.” (Phil. 4:11-13)

As I prepared to write this last article one subject kept coming to my mind. I became keenly aware how few really enjoy the blessings of contentment. Contentment is an illusive commodity. Tragically, Christian and Non-Christian alike fall for the world’s lies about the secret of contentment. Never, it seems, have so many wanted so much and found so little contentment once they got it. This is hardly surprising when we consider that we are bombarded on a daily basis with advertisements whose sole purpose is to breed discontent so that we will buy their product. We live in one of the most prosperous nations on the face of the earth and yet, still struggle with contentment. It appears that the more people have, the more discontented they are. In marked contrast with the widespread discontent of our world, Paul has given us urgently needed words about how to enjoy the blessing of contentment.

Let me offer just a word of caution. Do not misunderstand this word. To be content does not imply a lack of effort to be successful, to establish worthy goals in life or to enjoy blessings received. It is not against fulfilling your potential, but rather, possessing a God-given peace in your life without regard to outward and earthly circumstances.

Paul tells us contentment is a learned state, not something that comes naturally. His contentment was not instantaneous; it was the fruit of many years of faithful fellowship, learning from the experience that he could trust the Lord to provide what he needed.

Part of our problem is that we do not understand what contentment is nor where it is found. On one hand we have been taught to understand that contentment comes from people we know. Hope is expressed in seeking to meet the right people or in making a new set of friends. Yet people can’t meet false expectations.

The world also teaches us that contentment comes from positions we hold. “If I could just get the right job, that allows me to make a good income, drive a nice car, live in a nice house, I would be content.” But what happens if we don’t get that job or we get it and lose it?

Neither is contentment found in possessions. Read his words again. He is saying that regardless of our circumstances, whether we have money or not, whether we have abundance or find ourselves in very strained circumstances, we can still have contentment because the secret is something other than what we do or do not possess. Contentment is not about what we accumulate, it is about what we accentuate in our lives.

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Remember, the apostle told us it is something we learn by practice. If you want to be more content, to have the inner peace in life God wants to give you, you have to start practicing it. If the best athletes have to learn to practice, if the best airline pilots still have to practice their skills and if the best musicians keep practicing to be their best, so must we in the areas we desire to success.

**The question often comes down to “HOW”?
Here are three suggestions to start.**

First, avoid comparing yourself to others. Start by looking at what God has given you and how He made you. What are your gifts? How can you bless others and His work? Quit worrying about what others have that you do not have? When you start feeling deprived recognize that is not a feeling inspired by God.

Second, accept people as they are rather than the way you want them to be. You can’t fix people. Either accept them as they are or you will be miserable. The same thing is true of churches. Some of you may have a fantasy of what a church should be or do. Reality never measures up. It can’t because you are measuring it against a fantasy. Someone has said, “Churches are like people; they do not change in order that they might be accepted, they must be accepted in order that they might change.”

Third, accept things as they are and not like you would want them to be. Many people confuse circumstantial happiness and genuine contentment. “Happiness is based on feelings. Happiness depends on the actions of other people. Happiness is temporary. Contentment is born out of faith. Contentment finds peace no matter the circumstances. Contentment allows others to live their life. Happiness is based on things that are external. Contentment is based on things that are eternal.”

Please note Paul’s final words. This contentment is only possible with the strength the Lord gives us. Contentment is His gift to those who seek it by faith, not the product of our efforts alone. Along with Paul’s great affirmation that we can do all things through Christ, let me close this article with another of God’s great promises from the Old Testament in Lamentations. “Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.” I hope this article sums up what I have sought to convey in the years of writing in this place. God can be trusted. He will never fail you. The greatest expression of His love and our only hope in this life and the one to come is Jesus Christ. May you know Him by faith and never have to wonder if you are safe and secure in this life and forever no matter what may come. My prayer for you is that the contentment Paul found in His Lord might be multiplied in your life.

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were sent on a secret mission into the mountains of Afghanistan in 2005 to attack top Taliban leaders who were gathering in a small village for a high level meeting. It was supposed to be a quick in and out mission. But things went south fast!

The Navy Seal team was spotted by some shepherd boys and one thing led to another and some 200 well armed Taliban leaders and soldiers came up the mountain after them. A deadly and bloody battle ensued. They radioed for help from a nearby base and 17 Navy Seals and soldiers were sent in after them on a helicopter. As the aircraft neared the rescue spot to evacuate the Navy Seals, the chopper was shot down and all souls on board were lost. Marcus and his team were on their own.

During the relentless and heavy firefight that ensued, his three Navy Seal brothers were killed too. Marcus was eventually rescued and became the lone survivor of the deadliest day in Navy Seal history. Some 20 Navy Seals were killed that day. Marcus

You can be an Overcomer!

Marcus Luttrell, a former Navy Seal, wrote a book about the deadliest day in Navy Seal history. The book was entitled Lone Survivor and was later made into a very successful movie starring Matt Wahlberg as Marcus Luttrell. Marcus and three other Navy Seals

had been shot 11 times, broke his back, his pelvis and his right hand. Also, both his knees were blown out, his shoulder was pulled out of socket and his face was severely lacerated.

When asked how he survived, he said it all went back to his Navy Seal Training on the beaches of Coronado Beach, CA. To become a Navy Seal you are highly vetted and screened before you ever start the six month training which is by far the toughest military training in the world. In the forth week of the first month, you go through what they call "Hell Week". Only 25 to 30 of the 120 men in the class will make it though this week. They are only allowed four hours of sleep in this five day period and are forced to do continual exercises and obstacle courses. They spend a lot of time in the freezing waters of the pacific, and they are always wet, cold and covered in sand. During "Hell Week" they are constantly offered the opportunity to quit by simply walking up to the Dining Hall and ringing a bell located there. They ring it three times and lay their helmets down. They are told that there is no shame, no questions asked. They can go in and get a hot shower, dry clothes, eat a hot meal, take a nap, and then they will give them a bus ticket home. 75% of them will be home by day three. The ones that make it through "Hell Week" learn to never, never quit. They learn how to be an overcomer!

What are you thinking about quitting today because things are getting tough? Your marriage? Your job? Your education? A friendship/relationship? Some of you are thinking about quitting a dream or vision God gave you! Some may be thinking about quitting life (suicide is never the answer my friend - it is a

permanent solution to a temporary problem. Seek wise counsel now). Some quit learning, listening, giving or serving others. And there may be some who just might want to quit following the Lord, because it seems too hard to actually live it out every-day! Many have.

Whatever you may be thinking about quitting, I want to encourage you and challenge you do be an overcomer! Jesus and the writers of the Old and New Testament have a lot to say about how you can be an overcomer in life. The first step to becoming an overcomer, is to decide in your heart and mind that you are never, never going to quit! Then you must stand firm on the promises of Jesus and the Bible that claim you can be an overcomer through Christ.

Here are a few of those promises found in the scriptures:

" In this world you will have trouble (trials and tests). But take heart (be of good cheer)! I have overcome the world." -Jesus, John 16:33

" For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God." - John, 1 John 5:4-5

" You dear children, are from God and have overcome these things, because greater is HE that is in you than he who is in the world." - John, 1 John 4:4

"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him (Jesus) who loves us." - Paul, Romans 8:37

Take heart because through Christ, you can be an Overcomer my friend!

The Alabama Gazette welcomes Dr. Spencer as our new Soul Searching pastor/contributing writer.

I hope you will look forward to enjoying his column each month. We know you will be blessed and encouraged by his words



Halloween has become an issue among Christians !



BY RUSSELL K. TARDO

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

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

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

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

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

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

First, It was believed that the dead would rise out of their graves and wander the countryside, trying to return to the homes where they formerly lived. Frightened villagers tried to appease these wandering spirits by offering them gifts of fruits and nuts. If not placated, villagers feared that the spirits would kill their flocks or destroy their property. This is the origin of our present day "trick-or-treat"! It's a custom born out of superstition, and pagan superstition at that!

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

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

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

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

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

2. HALLOWEEN GLORIFIES SATAN.

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

Anyone familiar with witchcraft would tell you that there are certain rituals and spells that can only be cast on Halloween night. That is the night when the "veil" believed to separate the living from the dead is thought to be the thinnest, and futures are easier and more accurately foretold by diviners.

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

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

3. HALLOWEEN TREATS OCCULTISM AS "HARMLESS".

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

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

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

4. IT IS THE APPEARANCE OF EVIL.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HALLOWEEN DESTRUCTION

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

5. IT IS DISOBEDIENCE TO GOD!

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

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

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

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

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

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

"And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." (Eph. 5:11)

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

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

WHAT SHOULD OUR POSITION BE?

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

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

Some may call me "legalistic" for doing so, but I have forsaken this pagan celebration altogether. Perhaps its time you considered doing the same.

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

FOOTNOTE

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

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

Online Etymology Dictionary says of Halloween:

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

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

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

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Tech Talk

Ransomware - “The Day the Earth Stood Still”



Darnell Hughley

Okay, that title may be a bit alarming, if not in fact a bit of an overreach. Still, if you have found yourself falling victim to such an attack, it can seem like the proverbial “end of the world” scenario played right out of Edmund North’s screenplay, “The Day the Earth Stood Still”.

In this story, an alien lands and tells the people of Earth that they must live peacefully or be destroyed as a danger to other planets. The citizens of earth wanted to know if there was some technology we could use (no doubt relying on the advanced technological knowledge of our alien visitor) to save ourselves from such peril.

“There must be alternatives!” Professor Barnhardt asked. “You MUST have some technology that could solve our problem”, he further asks.

“Your problem is not technology. The problem is you. You lack the will to change.” Klaatu (alien visitor) responded. This exchange came to my mind as I was sitting and thinking of all the customers and clients I’ve encountered over the past several years. We look for more technology and software advances to help us fight against such attacks without changing our computing habits. As end users, we must personally become more vigilant and careful in the way we use our computers to search the internet, more cautious of the types of sites we visit and curtail our addictions to the countless “free software” we load onto our systems – all of which can often lead to the very attacks that we want to have more technology save us from.

In a world currently inundated with Viruses, Malware, Adware, Trojans – it makes you wonder when will it ever end and just how can we protect ourselves? Now, there’s an even more sinister “kid on the block”- Ransomware! This is considered "scareware" as it forces users to pay a fee (or ransom) by scaring or intimidating them.

So, just what is ransomware anyway and how can we protect ourselves from it? In its simplest terms, ransomware is a type of malware that prevents or limits users from accessing their system, either by locking the system's screen or by locking the users' files unless a ransom is paid.

Ransomware is often downloaded onto systems when unwitting users visit malicious or compromised websites. Once executed in the system, ransomware can either lock the computer screen, or, in the case of crypto-ransomware, encrypt predetermined files. In the first scenario, a full-screen image or notification is displayed on the infected system's screen, often purporting to be from Microsoft® or some other trusted company, which prevents victims from using their system. This also shows the instructions on how users can pay for the ransom. The second type of ransomware prevents access to files to potentially critical or valuable files like documents, spreadsheets or media files.

So, just how can you, as an end user, protect yourself? Brace yourself... wait for it... Backup! Backup! Backup!

Think of how many times you have thought about backing up your precious data and failed to do so just before the inevitable happened. Malware notwithstanding, consistent backup routines of your data, especially for businesses, are

simply a good practice against even such things as imminent hardware failure. Another great practice in protecting yourself is the use of software updates – specifically those updates for your operating system. Be sure you are using and updating security software in order to stay protected from the latest discovered versions of ransomware. Microsoft® does due diligence to send out update patches for its software. These updates are for security as well as performance in many cases.

Lastly, should you somehow find yourself victim to a ransomware attack, because it’s never a good idea to further empower a “cyber-bully” DO NOT pay the ransom! Instead, contact a local repair shop equipped to handle such cases first to see if your data can be decrypted.

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Southern Cuisine

It came to me while watching the news coverage of residents of Florida preparing for Irma. Of the homeowners that were staying and working to protect their homes from the wind and flooding, few mentioned that they had plenty of food and water to ride out the storm. Knowing that there would be no electricity and no water; did they think it out as much as they were concerned about the sand bags and plywood?

Some locations in Florida may be without electricity for a week or longer. There will be no refrigeration for food and the water may not be safe to drink if the treatment plants were flooded and without electricity. How do you prepare for an event such as Harvey or Irma? There are books and manuals that have details that I do not have space for, but sources such as the library, internet searches, social media, your County Extension Service, and neighbors, who have been through it, will have the information.



I will leave you with this starting point.
Keep foods that:
Have a long storage life.
Require little or no cooking, water, or refrigeration, in case utilities are disrupted.
Meet the needs of babies or other family members who are on special diets.
Meet pets' needs.
Are not very salty or spicy, as these foods increase the need for drinking water, which may be in short supply.

Tailgating!

I know that tailgating is serious business in the South but tailgating recipes have not been high on my list of topics for this article. Since the name of this article is Southern Cuisine, I figured its time I start adding my two bits to the food to eat at a tailgate. The usual chips, queso, hamburgers, hotdogs, onion dip, wings, chili, nachos, sliders, potato salad, and baked beans are usually served. Not that I would refuse to eat any of these.

My chore is to up-grade the common tailgate food. At least add a few new wrinkles to the standard recipes. My first up-grade is the lowly pimiento cheese sandwich, usually made with a slather of pimiento cheese between two slices of white bread.

The trick is to make as much as possible ahead of time and then at the last minute or even when asked for, make the sandwich. Make the pimiento cheese ahead using your favorite recipe and you only have five ingredients to assemble. I also recommend trying PALMETTO CHEESE SPREAD, “the pimiento cheese with soul”. I am including another recipe for the cheese spread and if you decide to make it from scratch, I recommend making it at home.

Pimiento/Avocado BLT

INGREDIENTS

1 pound thick-cut bacon
Cooked crisp and cut in half

For pimiento cheese recipe:
6 ounces sharp cheddar, grated (about 2 cups)
½-cup Duke’s mayonnaise
3 tablespoons chopped roasted red pepper from a jar
2 tablespoons chopped pickled jalapeños
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper



Three plum tomatoes, sliced ¼” thick
3 cups mixed greens or trimmed arugula
3-4 avocados thin sliced, moistened with lemon water to retain color

DIRECTIONS

Spread half of bread slices with pimiento cheese. Build sandwiches with bacon, tomatoes, mixed greens, avocado slices, and remaining bread slices.
DO AHEAD: Pimiento cheese can be made 2 days ahead; cover and chill. Sandwiches should be assembled as ordered to keep avocado from turning brown. (Serves 12)

Since a salad at a tailgate party will ease your conscience for eating all the fried, cheese covered greasy morsels that are the hits of every party, I will include one does include the grill in it preparation.
If you can find some just ripe and good-looking avocados, you can make a roasted corn and avocado salad. There are two ways preparing this salad. If you want to keep the avocados in chunks, you will need to keep them from discoloring. The juice from the limes in the recipe will suffice. If you plan to mash the avocados, add some Greek yogurt. Roasting the corn over an open grill adds a smoky edge to the salad. Prepare at home and choose your favorite.

Tomato and Pasta Salad

INGREDIENTS

1/4 pound kale, loosely chopped or baby kale
8 ounces dried short pasta
2 pounds of tomatoes, halved or quartered - lots of fresh basil, torn or thinly sliced
Arrange the kale in a large serving bowl. Cook the pasta in salted water per the package instruc-

tions, drain, and shake off any additional water.
Make the dressing:
1-teaspoon Dijon mustard
1-tablespoon wine vinegar
1/4 cup good quality extra virgin olive oil
pinch salt
few grinds pepper

DIRECTIONS

1. In a small bowl, whisk together the mustard and vinegar.
2. Slowly pour in the olive oil with one hand while whisking with the other.
3. Add salt and pepper to taste.
Just before serving, pour 1/3 of the dressing over the kale and toss well. Add the pasta, another third of the dressing, and toss again. Arrange the tomatoes, and basil on top of the kale-pasta, and give the gentlest toss, being extra nice to the tomatoes. Drizzle with the remaining dressing, and top with any of the suggestion extra toppings.
Additional toppings could be any or all of the following: chopped green olives, chopped toasted almonds, cold cooked black beans or lentils
Enjoy! Serves 6-8.



Roasted Corn and Avocado Salad

INGREDIENTS

Kosher salt
Four ears grilled corn, recipe follows
2 tablespoons canola oil
3 ripe avocados, peeled, pitted and diced
1 plum tomato, seeded and diced
2 green onions, chopped
One clove garlic, minced
1 serrano chile, finely diced
One small red onion finely diced
1 lime, juiced
1/4 cup nonfat plain Greek yogurt
1/4 cup chopped cilantro leaves



Salt and freshly ground black pepper
Blue, yellow, and white corn chips, as accompaniment

DIRECTIONS

Grilled Corn:
Heat the grill to high. Remove the husks from the grilled corn and discard. Brush the ears of corn with 2 tablespoons of the canola oil and season with salt and pepper. Grill the ears until the kernels are lightly golden brown on all sides, about 5 minutes. Remove the kernels from the ears.
Place the avocado in a medium bowl and yogurt and mash slightly with a fork. Add the corn, serrano, tomato, onions, lime juice, garlic, cilantro and salt and pepper and gently stir to combine.
Serve with fried corn chips or warm flour tortillas.

I was doing my usual internet search, reading food blogs, scouring food companies’ websites and Pinterest, when this tidbit of information struck me as something I will try.

If it is late in the season for tomatoes and the store bought fare are the same old factory raised tasteless poor excuse for a sandwich ingredient, get yourself some local offerings from the best source you can find and roast them in a low oven to concentrate their sweetness to at least a suggestion of summer's best. Roast slices, seasoned with salt, pepper and a smidgen of good olive oil, at 200°F for about 3 hours. You do not want to dry them like a sun-dried tomato, just concentrate the flavor.

Since I am talking about tomatoes, I found this recipe for a salad that travels well and should please every family member’s taste. Just use the best tomatoes you can find. From any source, any store, any garden. Spare no expense, up to a point. You still have to make it through the coming winter. Find some heirlooms, different color cherry tomatoes, like the ones sold at COSTCO. In addition, use up all that pasta you have stored in the pantry waiting for an excuse to cook it. The focal point of this salad is the tomatoes, do not be chintzy.

As I have said in the past, I do research on the internet and in my library of cookbooks. When I am searching through my books, I make the mistake of not remembering what book I saw this great recipe in and I have to go through the table of contents of all the books I looked at that day, if I can even remember which cookbooks I looked at.

When I am searching the internet, I often forget which website I was visiting. It is easier to get back on track because of one feature. GOOGLE remembers! Last week, I was searching hasselback potatoes and where did the word hasselback come from. I was searching new ideas concerning sous vide cooking and making sauerkraut and other fermented foods. I did not need to remember any site that I visited because there is a history embedded into the browser that has all the sites, with what day and time I visited. I wrote about this before; Google has a widget on my homepage called Culinary inspiration. It tells me where I was looking and it has new recipe recommendations related to the articles I have viewed. There is a section of Cooking utilities, such as “set a timer”, convert weights and volume, useful when I search foreign websites and recipes.

Someone once told me that it is scary that GOOGLE knows so much about you. It is no scarier than WALMART knows, that in case of a disaster such as a hurricane, that there will be spike in the sales of Strawberry Pop Tarts. Remember, “Information is Power!”

For grins, I decided to ask GOOGLE what was my favorite food. A test popped up at the first line of web sites. I took the test and it guessed correctly that my favorite was Mexican food. It is actually a fusion of all the different cuisines from the Southwest and Southeast United States all the way down to Argentina. For good measure, throw in Korean, Indian, and Mediterranean. If it were not for the internet and GOOGLE, I and many other people would have little knowledge to the lives and customs of other people of the world. It has been exciting just learning of the people and the traditions of the cuisine of the South. There are stories rich in tradition waiting to be told and dishes waiting to be eaten.

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Couples Baby Shower
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and the awaiting arrival of
Scarlett Mason Jones
was held on
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The many guests enjoyed a time of music, fun, fellowship and great food.

William and Loretta Grant

celebrate their 55th Wedding Anniversary
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William retired from Coca Cola after 38 years and now enjoys his family, grandchildren and working with his cattle. Loretta is the founder and Co-Owner of The Alabama Gazette. They serve God in ministry together at Snowdown Baptist Church.
Their love for each other and from family and friends are their greatest earthly blessings.

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Oct. 4	Hazel Campbell	Oct. 23 Earl Henderson Mollie Ester Isacson Mike Kirk Elfie Meredith Betty Jo Richie Mitzi Woodall
Oct. 5	Chester Alan Arthur Thomas Chesnutt (96th) Nikki Smith Womack Lynn Moore	Oct. 24 Thomas Norman Connie Thompson Norma Mitchell
Oct. 6	Frances Grant Jimmy Pugh Matthew Sweet	Oct. 25 Glenn Chesnutt David Alexander Dean Hannah Grace Johnson Dot Pouncey (67th)
Oct. 7	Ashley James David Price (68th)	Oct. 26 Alice Cole (67th) Carol Fowler Judd Huett (80th) Mike Horsley Natailie Merchant Brynlee Ashmore (7th)
Oct. 8	Jim Fleming Beck Tucker Madera Spencer	Oct. 27 BoBo Boyd Terry Boyd (57th) Amy Moone (43rd) Glen Raley (63rd) Stephanie Selvage (43rd) Louise Lareson
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Oct. 11	Bonnie Ashcraft Susan Guevara Debbie Moore Anna Marie Sessions Christie Vazquez	Oct. 30 Nellie Cole (92nd) Felicity Edwards Lee Sellars Grace Slick Josie Stanton
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Oct. 14	Margaret Batley Brian Burrows Elizabeth Miller Sarah Margaret Poundstone	
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Happy Anniversary

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Oct. 12	Mike & Lynn Davis	Oct. 27 Chuck & Janice Cole (26th)

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Lott, Clarence D. (Buddy) (79).....died September 7, 2017
Johnson, Dale Keith (Coach Dale) (53).....died September 8, 2017
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Merrill, David Charles (68)died September 11, 2017
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Ott, Patriciadied September 15, 2017
Smith, Frances Braswell (88)died September 20, 2017
Bailey, Floyd Everett (83).....died September 23, 2017

Dan Atkinson- “The News Legend” (1946-2017)

Former WSFA News 12 meteorologist Dan Atkinson passed on Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2017 at the age of 71. Atkinson, a beloved member of his community, held a Master of Divinity from Emory University’s Chandler School of Theology, played saxophone, recorded books for the blind, and was interested in Civil War history, among many other things. He lived a full and generous life, and will truly be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this difficult time.

TODAY'S WOMAN

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



Tears and Laughter:

Let's all plan to play on Family Day, September 25

By Amanda Walker

One of the most confusing days of the year in Wilcox County can be Father's Day. Mother's Day is not as complicated. This year the Mayor of Camden, Phil Creswell, is giving area residents another day to celebrate.

In connection with the national movement intended to raise awareness about the importance of parental involvement, Mayor Creswell has proclaimed Monday, September 25, as Family Day. He is encouraging everyone to take time out to do something family oriented.

Family Day in Alabama has evolved into Family Week, September 24–30, to further stress the significance of interacting with children throughout the day and week.

Statistics show kids who have parents and family members actively involved in their lives tend to engage in fewer risky behaviors. They have less sex, and are more likely to avoid lengthy stints in rehab or prison. Some also perform better in school, while others aren't as prone to being disruptive.

And I know what you are probably thinking. You are thinking about all of the spoiled brats you watched grow-up with parents who were overly involved – yet still found rolling papers in the laundry. About the helicopter moms who became grandmothers before they turned 42. Yes, and the proud Pop who couldn't have provided anything more, but still caught Jack Daniels riding shotgun with Junior.

You are thinking how there should also maybe be an annual Go to Work Day – in conjunction with Go Your Ass To Work Week – which could emphasize the importance of work. Some kids might perform better later

in life and potentially be more responsible by middle age if they know what work looks like prior to their 21st birthday.

Work Week could easily merge into Stay off Your Phone Day, the kickoff of Get off Your Phone Week – meant to encourage the precious youth of America to discover how to use both hands while performing simple daily tasks such as eating. This act of staying off their phones for a day – or 15 minutes for that matter – would allow for a moment of possible eye contact before complaining about it to their parents and other family members for the rest of the week.

The Alabama Family Rights Association and the Exchange Club of Shelby County have partnered to participate in this year's Family Week. They are inviting community leaders – such as Mayor Creswell – as well as citizens throughout Alabama to show their support for families and children by planning special meals and activities during the week of September 24.

There are few storms that can't be weathered when a child is anchored with family. It serves as strength, comfort, and a shield. Family is not confined to sharing ancestry, blood, or a last name. It is not defined by certificates, ceremonies, or signatures, but is formed in our hearts by choice.

Family is loyalty, commitment, and permanence. It does not seek perfection, but chooses instead to love, accept, forgive, and continue.

Plan time with yours September 25, and be inclusive. The love a family shares is like a flame. It loses nothing of its own, and will only grow stronger when its light and energy is shared with others.



Trisston's Tidbits...

By: Trisston Wright Burrows

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The Fall season is here! After a long hot summer the cool crisp air that comes in the Fall feels so good. Invigorating! From time to time, our spiritual life needs invigorating too. Don't you want your life to be filled with the invigorating power of Christ? I sure do!

“...that the power of Christ may rest upon me.” 2 Corinthians 12:9

Recently, I came across this acronym for the word Fall...

F - Fellowship with Christ (and with other Christians)

A - Abiding in Christ

L - Leaning on Christ

L - Living for Christ

Indeed! What if this season you go all in for Christ?!?! Fellowship, abide, lean, and live for Him! I assure you that your life will never be the same again.

So, let's fall for Jesus!

Getting to know Jesus brings pure joy into a believer's life. Spending time with Him is one way to show Him that we love Him. After all, God gives us His best. Shouldn't we give Him our best?!

Many blessings!

Ethleen Bazzell celebrated her 78th Birthday September 6th with roses presented by her niece Patricia Killough.



She also celebrated her 40th year of working for Jim Scott at the Cappell, Howard, PC Law Firm. The firm recently celebrated their 70th Anniversary.

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Some seventy six years ago your writer was earning his Merit Badges as a new Boy Scout, and was reminiscing over his first year in the “World of Work.” He was thinking over his bi-weekly salary

that put a handsome \$20. in his pocket twice a month—before taxes.

Yet to come that year was the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and the realization that our country was now engaged in World War II.

Now, nearly nine decades later, ushered into his life is a war-time era, replete with realities that never had existed before.

Manhood came earlier than expected for thousands of America's young men back then—some of whom would never return home.

Lounging around in countless senior citizen homes are gray-haired men and women who still have vivid memories of this earlier era, and fears of what could happen again, in their lifetime today.

So, what can our senior population expect over the next few years?

No sooner had the dust settled in World War II countries, than the Nation was involved in the Korean Conflict, followed by Vietnam. America has been engaged in “Helper Wars” of one stripe or another, and the country has been involved in one war or another ever since.

Now we have the strife in the Middle East that has consumed the lives of many of our young men and women, and there's virtually no end in sight.

And to complicate the turmoil, our country is being torn apart internally by political egomaniacs who are more concerned with their tiny part of the world than with the good of their own country. It's almost comparable to a resurgence of the Confederacy—and that was not beneficial to the concept of a United States.

Will we ever be permitted to again reap blessings our nation once promised?

Our nation's future looks bleak. Our very nation, the one our forefathers fought and died to preserve, is on the brink of a future so bleak we choose not to think about it.

Yet, here we are, thinking small, consuming our lives with petty peeves and personality assaults similar to our childhood playground spats.

If we don't grow up soon, and begin acting like adults, we'll be forced to watch our nation dissolve into a dismal future about which we'd prefer not to envision. We might want to consider St. Peter fleeing Rome; away from the prospect of crucifixion, only to meet Jesus on his way back to Rome to be crucified again. On seeing the Savior, St. Peter uttered the immortal question: “Quo vadis?” (Where are you going?)

Gazette Seniors...

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

Our choice now is to stand firm—as one—to insure that those who would do us harm; rather than to flee. To give up the nation our forefathers fought to build and preserve is not what America is all about; or is it?

You may be over the hill if you have a stretch medicine cabinet.



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13 Fearless THINGS TO KNOW about Your Social Security Number

While many of us look forward to Friday, with its end-of-the-workweek designation and our weekend plans, certain cultures consider it an unlucky day. Some people, suffering from triskaidekaphobia, are truly terrified of the number 13. Combine the two factors and it's not surprising that many believe that Friday the 13th is a frightening day.

While superstitions play an important part in the Friday the 13th jitters, we offer a different approach to this “unlucky” day with 13 fearless things to know about your Social Security number and card.

1. Your Social Security number is your link to Retirement or Disability benefits since we use it to record your wages and earnings.
2. There is no charge to obtain a Social Security number and card. This service is free.
3. We keep your records confidential and don't disclose your number to anyone, except when the law requires, or when your information connects you with other government health or social services programs.
4. To prevent identity theft, keep your Social Security card in a safe place with your other important papers and be careful about sharing your number. If asked for your number, find out why your number is needed, how it will be used, and what happens if you refuse to provide it.
5. While you need a Social Security number to get a job or for other services, you often don't need to show your Social Security card. Many organizations can verify your Social Security number directly with us.
6. If your Social Security card is lost, you can replace it up to three times a year with a lifetime limit of 10 replacement cards. Legal name changes and other exceptions will not count toward these limits.
7. You can request a replacement Social Security card with the ease and convenience of our online services if you have a my Social Security account and meet our qualifications. Visit www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount.

8. If you suspect someone is using your number for work purposes, contact us to report the problem so we can review your earnings and verify that our records are correct. You also may view your annual earnings by accessing your Social Security Statement, one of the many services available with a my Social Security account.

9. If you suspect someone is misusing your number to create credit or other problems for you, report the identify theft with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at www.identitytheft.gov or by calling **1-877-IDTHEFT**. We also recommend that you contact the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) if fraudulent tax refunds or reporting is involved, quickly file a complaint with the Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) at www.ic3.gov, and monitor your credit reports.

10. The nine-digit Social Security number was initiated in 1936 for tracking workers' earnings over the course of their lifetimes for benefits, not with the intent of personal identification. Since 1936, we have issued over 30 different versions of the Social Security number card.

11. Until June 2011, the first three digits of a Social Security number were determined by the geographical region in which the person lived. Numbers were assigned beginning in the northeast and moving westward. Residents on the east coast often have lower numbers than those on the west coast. Any number beginning with 000 will never be a valid Social Security number.

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John Sophocleus

The less remembered (30th Anniversary) but deeper stock market crash of 1987, “resulted primarily from program trading selloff and some secondary factors including excessive valuations, illiquid markets, balance of trade fears, market psychology, etc.,” according to pop press and the usual talking heads. Again, why programing to buy as the market dropped 508 points (22.6%) didn’t kick in and why sudden concern on the same day about valuations, liquidity, BoT results, etc. are noticeably absent among most economists who supposedly ‘are all Keynesians now.’ Computer trading was nothing new in 1987 and computers do not THINK for themselves. Investors decided to pull the plug on buy bids because what triggered the selloff was not resolved as stock prices plummeted toward record loss results. 1987 was another strong year for the stock market leading up to this ‘Black Monday’ crash, continuing the bull market which started charging up in 1982. Widely recognized as the ‘most extreme one week plunge in history’ - why is this crash largely forgotten, yet most know something about the 1929 crash? If one does not want an example/illustration of market forces disciplining political folly, 1987’s Black Monday is best forgotten.

A more reasoned explanation for the stock market crash of October 19, 1987 was published in the Journal of Financial Economics by a classmate from my grad school days at Clemson, Professor Mark Mitchell. He found the crash was triggered by legislation under consideration in closed Ways & Means Committee meeting Tuesday, October 13th. Just as the Mitch & Nancy types do their ‘public service’ behind closed doors to hide their evil, so did Dan. Mr. Rostenkowski (D - Illinois) was a fixture on this powerful committee for 13 years and a perfect complement to President Reagan who was another big govt. (modern) Democrat who ran as a Republican to grow government (champion corporate welfare, increase debt per capita three-fold, amnesty instead of Constitutionally based policy, etc.) while the masses reveled in Reagan rhetoric.



Rostenkowski was well paid by wealthy upper level managers and CEOs of companies who didn’t like being disciplined by ‘hostile takeovers’ exposing their poorly managed firms. Some may be more familiar with ‘Corporate Raider’ nomenclature or terms like ‘poison pill.’ Hollywood certainly makes it clear with movies like “Pretty Woman” (Richard Gere’s epiphany) and “Wall Street” (not heard subliminal names like Gordon Gecko and Bud Fox since Caddyshack) how they want the ignorant masses to think about their role in society. The lesser known “Other Peoples’ Money” is my favorite, can you cast anyone better than Danny DeVito as an obnoxious reviled corporate raider going after Gregory Peck - a.k.a. Atticus Finch? Corporate raiders buy into firms so poorly managed their stock price does not even reflect the firm’s asset value. Let that sink in... millions of dollars of ‘stuff’ are so misallocated by the firm’s managers the company is worth less than if the assets were sold. It is the LAST firewall of protecting investors, retirees, etc. from stock prices going far below asset value. When news leaked from this closed Tuesday October 13th caucus meeting to protect high level execs and managers from corporate raiders, the selloff began. Rostenkowski knew his legislation would trigger fear - the reason for the closed meeting. Investors who understand how markets work realize stock prices would be less likely to at least reflect the firm’s asset value and now ‘the cat was out of the bag.’ Corrupt Dan didn’t have time to get his minions to buffer the response in a pre-circuit breaker/curbed Wall St.

Even more deleterious to the economy in general, reducing the discipline of corporate raiders would make it more

difficult to get assets out the control of corrupt/poor managers and into the hands of more competent, honest ones. Yet another recipe for job destruction and contraction. Remarkably, one of our most entrenched, corrupt DC swamp creatures (similar character, integrity and spirit as our felon Hubbard, but Rostenkowski plead guilty to his charges) had to back off the legislation with such a shattering response from Wall St. Once the fear of Dan’s legislation subsided and investors changed their forecast that this powerful taker of huge campaign contributions and corruption wouldn’t logroll the proposed legislation into law, the market quickly corrected. Adam Smith’s so-called ‘animal spirits’ in action - i.e., fear and greed. When investors fear something on Wall St. they’re selling. Once the fear subsides greed kicks to return to buying - the greater the drop, the more appealing the stock prices. Some may recall how mutual funds delighted in showing returns since 1/1988 taking advantage of those ignorant of this historic event.

The ability of Wall St. to so loudly and clearly signal fear to thwart legislation of this sort had to be quashed. Circuit breakers and curbs will not permit such effective communication and makes markets easier to manipulate today, knowing exactly where the boundaries lie. The observed less stable results (higher peaks/lower troughs) and much longer durations outside cycles remaining closer to the long-term trend line are no surprise. Moving onto bailouts of poorly managed firms and policies/programs to discourage correction was an easily predictable next step in keeping with the 1929 history of further empowering the command economy addressing symptoms instead of the problem. Making it more difficult for markets to

purge trash (poorly run firms) out of the system impedes resource allocation to higher valued uses to promote jobs, more competitive prices, etc. So what’s the punchline? The deeper 1987 crash is forgotten because DC backed off the legislation which triggered the selloff, so the market was allowed to quickly correct. The lesser 1929 crash is an indelible memory because DC did NOT back off the legislation which triggered that ‘Black Monday’ selloff and didn’t provide any reversal (however partial) until MFN five years later. Long drawn out downturns like 2008 are much more likely under the current ‘breaker and curbed’ command economy result; little dispute the federal government has much more power than a century ago to dust up much more devastation to make the ‘Dust Bowl’ look like a small ‘Dust Devil’ in comparison.

Postscript: in the Spirit of remembering anniversaries, I’d be remiss to close without wishing the Alabama Gazette a very blessed 18th Anniversary as she remains a courageous “Voice of Reason” in our State. Honored to be a Gazette writer since 2009. Again I ask all those who write/tell me they do not agree with me for forgiveness. As this column suggests, I do not write seeking agreement, but to provoke thought as charged by the column’s moniker Loretta assigned eight years ago. One of the many lessons I’ve learned from Jesus’ teachings is those trying to follow His path to our heavenly Father will often be looked upon poorly by others in our struggle toward righteousness. Jesus was not looking for agreement from corrupt clergy, nor the moneychangers, nor Herod, et al. Nothing I’ve read in Scripture suggests He expected agreement from Pilate, nor forecasted this minion of Caesar would ‘do right’ in the end but nonetheless had to provide the opportunity for Rome’s procurator and others to change their path. An integral part of the process is to first THINK about what one may do which will shepherd you toward the path Christ shown to the world. May God grant the Gazette many more years applying His word advancing the Holy Spirit to address our modern problems with the observed Wisdom of our past ages.



Buddy Hicks

What is the market going to do? I don’t know. You don’t know. You can’t find anyone who does know exactly what the market is going

to do. That’s why it is called speculation. And it is exactly why so many people choose not to invest. They are risk averse and can’t find the perfect time to enter the market. They have seen the stories of investors who have lost thousands or hundreds of thousands and have vowed to never be in that position. They have seen other investors who have timed the market just right and walked away with huge returns. It can be paralyzing. To some, it is a big rush to invest their money and then wait in anticipation to see if they are going to reap big rewards or suffer large losses. Then you have those who are waiting for the perfect time to enter the market. They spend hours researching only to be more confused than they were before. Just when they think they have it figured out, a major event occurs and nullifies all of their research. We are now seeing record highs in the markets and some believe that tax reform will get passed and the market will continue to grow. Others, feel like the market is very over-valued and that we are due for a correction. You may have heard the saying, “If you are waiting until you have enough money to have a child, then you will never have a child.” The same holds true here. If you are waiting for the perfect time to enter the market, you never will. That’s why it is important to sit down with an advisor and have

a candid conversation about your financial situation and what your fears and expectations of the market are. Then your advisor can help you to figure out the best way for you to enter the market. They can help you determine your risk tolerance and your time horizon for your money. You’ll learn that there are many different ways that you can enter the market. Once you and your advisor determine what your risk tolerance and time horizon is, then they can help you craft a strategy that is geared towards achieving your personal goals. Now keep in mind that no matter what your strategy is, the market is volatile by nature and can go up or down at any given point in time. Depending on your risk tolerance, you may only want to dip in your big toe to get started. Then as you get more comfortable with the market you may decide to wade on in about ankle deep. Taking this approach, may be enough to help you see that the market is not as bad as you’ve built it up in your head to be. Or, you may see that it was just enough to show you that you are more of a spectator that a participant in the market. Either way, at this point you have faced your market fears and can move on as a happy investor or happy to be in bank CD’s. Investing in the market can be a lot like having a child. It takes money to do it. There are times when you wonder why you did it. Then there are times when the rewards are so great that you can’t imagine life without it. If you don’t have a Financial Advisor, please feel free to call me and I’ll be happy to set up a time to talk with you. Buddy Hicks is a Financial Advisor with Wealth

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Southern Gardening

Potpourri for October

by Peggy Givhan



**Judge
Peggy Givhan**

Hip, Hip, Hurrah. Fall is in the air with wonderful times at tail gate parties, football games, Halloween, and county fairs. Fall is also a great time to be planning for our flower gardens with winter annuals such as pansies, and other winter annuals. However, certain perennials will be more showy in the spring if we plant them now so they will form a bigger root ball, thus a stronger, healthier plant.

Let's look at the following suggestions:

1. Cone flower which is readily available now at certain garden centers. These will die back after the first hard freeze, so cut them back and wait for a bigger and better plant in the spring.
2. Daisies, perennial asters, dianthus, all types of salvias and biennials such as foxglove, delphinium, holly hock.
3. Asian lilies must be planted now for spring bloom.
4. Irises need to be planted in the fall. Of course there are 2 groups of iris, one which are grown from bulbs, and the other grown from rhizomes, which are fleshy underground stems, or rootstock. In our area, irises are shallow planted, with just enough soil to cover the bulb or rhizome.

WHAT IS WRONG WITH MY PLANT?

1. The plant has yellow leaves. There are several causes for this malady which could be that the annual has run its course and is on the way out. But we also look to other causes such as too much water, lack of proper water, lack of fertilizer. Many times we have planted it in highly alkaline soil which is a low ph, too acid which is a high ph. Most ornamentals today need either neutral or slight acid soil. Soil test kits are available in garden centers and are inexpensive to test your soil. Soil can be amended with lime to add alkalinity or aluminum sulfate to add acid or iron.

Yellowing leaves can also suggest pests are sucking the under side of the leaf such as aphids or whiteflies. Too late to spray these pests in the fall as they have formed a hard shell around their bodies making them almost immune to garden insecticides. If this is the case, you must spray all plants, shrubs, grass, fencing and trees after a hard freeze with Volk oil. This dormant oil is not a poison, but it works by coating the eggs so that they can not hatch. The only thing in my flower garden I want to multiply are the plants, not the pests.

2. Roses appear to be not thriving. The fall is a friend to the rose family with a blush of new blooms. One malady that befall roses is crown gall. Dig down around the crown, and you may see the bacteria disease, *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*. These are tumor like growths near the base of the bush. The galls should be sheared off and the wound sealed with landscape paint or putty. Note that the utensil used to shear should be disinfected to avoid spreading the disease.

Roses can also be infected with powdery mildew and black spot. For powdery mildew, snap off the infected leaves which will appear to have blister like nodules which develops into a powdery grayish white fungus. Apply insecticidal soap or liquid or wettable sulfur to curb the problem.

Another problem for the rose bush is call black spot. This is most prevalent in the south where there is plenty of moisture, and high humidity. To control this fungus, use the insecticidal soap or the sulfur treatment on a weekly basis. Make sure you have cut out all infected leaves.

PLANT OF THE MONTH--COCKSCOMB



Cockscomb, *Celosia cristata*, bears flowers which resemble rooster combs and those, *celosia argentea plumosa*, which have feathery flame-like flowers. These are showy annuals from the tropics and bloom from June until frost. They are excellent cut flowers and also dry easily, holding their brilliant color. If you have dried hydrangeas, add dried cockscomb to the mix for accent. They are easily grown

from seed, and seedlings in 4 or 5 weeks can be transplanted. For the cockscomb plants, do not pinch back, as the large velvety comb like bloom head will be dwarfed. For the flame like bloom, pinched plant will encourage bushier plants with more blooms.

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

By now, most of the Summer planting has been completed. As for me, I'm not really into Summer planting, as the areas I like to hunt all ready have a rather large amount of browse for the deer to go through later in the year. But in some areas, that extra bit of green thrown in there can make a huge difference in improving deer habitat. Of course, aside from the usual Summer planting, there's another option that eludes most hunters; establishing soft mast in your neck of the woods.

Soft Mast

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

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

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



The Wildlife Group of Tuskegee

Fortunately, there are folks out there who specialize in these sorts of things. Take The Wildlife Group of Tuskegee, for example. Allen Deese and the other folks there work hard to keep up with the needs of hunters and land owners to help them improve

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Christina Rollo

Fawns

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

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

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

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Ron VanHerwyn

mate. The coati is a nocturnal and omnivorous animal, meaning that the coati eats both plants and animals during the darkness of

night. The coati eats a variety of different fruits, nuts and seeds, along with insects, bird's eggs, rodents and small reptiles such as lizards and snakes.

Due to the generally small size of the coati, the coati has numerous predators within its natural environment. Jaguars and pumas, along with other large wildcats, are the main predators of the coati, along with birds of prey, snakes and crocodiles.

The coati breeds at the start of the rainy season which occurs at different times of the year, depending on the region, when there is an abundance of food. The female coati leaves the band of coatis and builds a nest in the trees or on a rocky ledge, where she gives birth to between 2 and 7 coati babies after a gestation period of nearly 3 months. Baby coatis are called "Kits". The baby coatis rejoin the band of coatis with their mother, when they are about 6 weeks old.

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Teen Miss Christmas on the Coosa 9th-10th Grade

Pageant - Saturday October 28, 2017

Mandatory Rehearsal - Thursday October 26, 2017

Early Entry Fee-\$50 after October 2nd \$65.00

Pageant & Rehearsal will be at The Wetumpka Civic Center

2017 Pageant applications available

www.circuswetumpka.com or the school office

Advertise your business in
The Alabama Gazette.
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Tallassee & Reeltown Communities Benefit

James Denning Day

A community wide event to benefit James Denning
and his family a local ALS Patient.

Oct. 8th - 2:00 - 5:00

Reeltown High School Band Field

Music By:

RamCorps from the University of Mobile will headline
the Event.

Todd Gannt, Susie Seal, Jenny Brock, Reeltown First Baptist
and so many more will perform all afternoon.

Carrville Baptist Church is hosting James Denning Rocks.
Magician Carl Kelly will perform.

Bradford's Chapel United Methodist Church will be working
the donation collection table.

East Tallassee Methodist will be cooking fish and cotton candy.

Several churches will be baking cakes for cake sale.

Tallassee Hospice will be having fun with inflatables and popcorn.

Macedonia Christian has a candy game to play.

There will be a train, pony rides, cornhole, face painting,
photo booth and many other activities -



Hamburgers and hotdogs.

Take part in Denning Dunk Challenge.

(Challenge your friends to get dunked)

Bring Tents, lawn chairs to spend a great
day with the Denning family.

A video and donation container is available for all churches
and businesses. All proceeds will be used to purchase
a specially equipped van for James.

Donations can be made online at Paypal account
jamesdenningday@hotmail.com





October 14, 2017

8:00 - til 2:00



Events:

Art Contest
Photo Contest
Pony Rides
Petting Zoo
Chicken Race
Dog Show

Kids Zone

Includes inflatables, puppet shows, pony rides, face painting and more! ALL Free!



Alabama Cotton Queen Pageant

www.townofeclectic.com

Contestants will be judged on poise, appearance and personality. Contestants 9-19 will interview with judges. All contestants must be Alabama residents, unmarried, are not currently nor have ever been pregnant. Must be willing and available to represent the Alabama Cotton Festival at events throughout the year.

For more information

Elizabeth Geer

334-541-3581

Cell: 334-580-9803



- All contestants will receive trophies.
- Miss Alabama Cotton Queen will receive a savings bond, crown, sash, trophy, her own page in upcoming Elmore County High School Program and other gifts.
- Most Photogenic-A winner will be awarded in each category/age group.
- Only contestants that pay the additional fee will be entered into Most Photogenic.



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2nd Annual Academy Class The Millbrook Police Department

is seeking participants for the eight-week

**2nd annual Citizen Police Academy,
beginning each
Tuesday, October 10, 2017 - December 12, 2017
6p.m. until 8:30p.m.**

This is an excellent opportunity for Millbrook citizens to learn about the police department, what the officers do each day, and increase the rapport between officers and the citizens, said Chief P.K. Johnson, of the Millbrook Police Department.

The Curriculum will include:
Meet the Chief of Police
Patrol / Criminal Investigation
Criminal and Constitutional Law
Crime Stoppers / Sex Offenders
Vice and Narcotics

SWAT / K-9
Neighborhood Watch / Reserve Police
Emergency Communications
Use of Force / Ride Along

Requirements:

Applicants must be 21 years old
Must live in the City of Millbrook or Police Jurisdiction
Pass a criminal background check
Pay a \$30.00 fee which goes towards the purchase of an Academy Class Shirt

Interested citizens should contact Sergeant Stephen Youngblood, 3950 Grandview Rd., Millbrook, AL. 36054, call 334-285-6832, or email: stephen.youngblood@cityofmillbrook

This is an excellent opportunity for Millbrook citizens to learn about the police department, what the officers do each day, and increase the rapport between officers and the citizens.



Join the Plantation House for Oktoberfest each Friday in October!



Every Friday in October Renate will be serving:

Schweineschnitzel (Pork Schnitzel), Backhendl (fried chicken)
Apfelrotkohn (red cabbage with apples), sauerkraut and
bratwurst, pretzels, hochen, Kartoffelsalat (German potato
salad) apple strudel with vanilla sauce. And, she will be adding
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surprise.

Friday nights in October - 5 - 8 pm

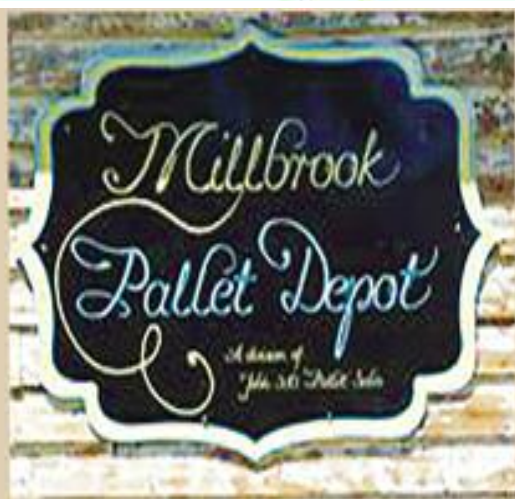
Buffet is \$12.95, plus tax.

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What is Oktoberfest?

It began with the Royal Wedding on 12 October 1810. Crown Prince Ludwig, later to become King Ludwig I, was married to Princess Therese of Saxony-Hildburghausen on 12 October 1810. The citizens of Munich were invited to attend the festivities held on the fields in front of the city gates to celebrate the happy royal event. The fields were renamed Theresienwiese ("Theres'a Fields") to honor the Crown Princess, although the locals have since abbreviated the name simply to "Wiesn". Horse races in the presence of the royal family marked the close of the event that was celebrated as a festival for the whole of Bavaria. The decision to repeat the horse races in subsequent years gave rise to the tradition of Oktoberfest.

The Oktoberfest continues in 1811

In 1811, an added feature to the horse races was the first Agricultural Show, designed to boost Bavarian agriculture. The horse races, which were the oldest - and at one time - the most popular event of the festival are no longer held today. But the Agricultural Show is still held every three years during the Oktoberfest on the southern part of the festival grounds.

In the first few decades, the choices of amusements were sparse. In 1818, the first carousel and two swings were set up. Visitors were able to quench their thirst at small beer stands, which grew rapidly in number. In 1896 the beer stands were replaced by the first beer tents and halls set up by the enterprising landlords with the backing of the breweries. The remainder of the festival site was taken up by a fun-fair. The range of carousels offered was already increasing rapidly in the 1870's as the fairground trade continued to grow and developed in Germany.

City of Wetumpka



Humorist Jean Shepherd's memoir of growing up in the midwest in the 1940s follows 9-year-old Ralphie Parker in his quest to get a genuine Red Ryder BB gun under the tree for Christmas.

Show dates: Nov. 27-Dec. 2, 2017

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Bell Chiropractic Raises Funds for Elmore Co. Pregnancy Center

Late this summer, Bell Family Chiropractic led by Dr. Gus Bell, held a fundraiser for the Elmore County Pregnancy Center and met their goal in only one day! In order to do this, they scheduled a-nearly-impossible- to-pull- off-schedule one Friday, their normal "off day". Then, they designated the percentage of proceeds to be donated to the Center and met their goal of \$1,000!

"We believe in the importance to partner with local agencies to give back to our community.

Helping local agencies do their work is best for everyone. Giving back means a great deal to us as a practice," said Meg Bell. She went



Dr. Gus Bell and his staff present \$1,000 check to Emily Thames, Director of the Elmore County Pregnancy Center

on to say, "We believe ECPC addresses a generational burden and they positively affect the lives of young women and men not only during their pregnancy but also for the rest of their lives."

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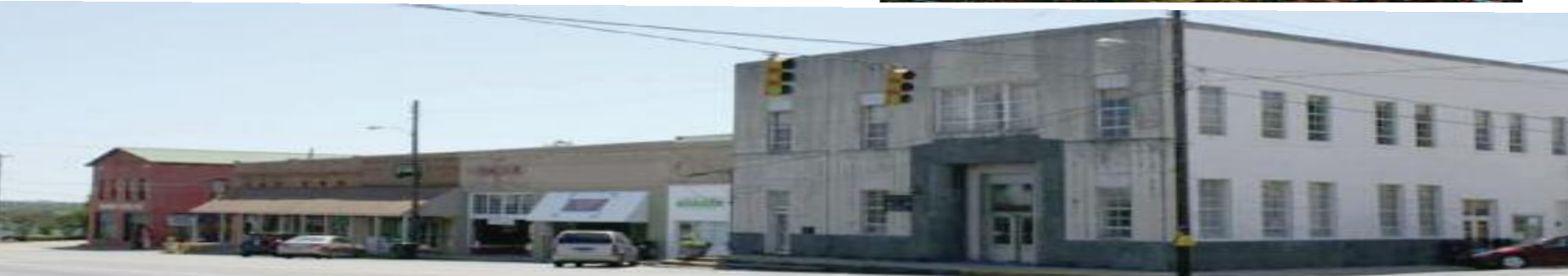
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The 19th Annual “Battles for the Armory” Civil War Reenactment



Reenactment will be held on November 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th, 2017 at Gibson's View Plantation on Rifle Range Road 2-miles south of Tallassee. Thursday, November 9th will be “School Day” as students from public, private and home schools from all over east-central Alabama will learn about life in the Confederate Armory and about life in the 1860s. There will various period demonstrators including a Blacksmith, Field Artillery, Soldier Drills, Period Food, Period Dancing, Period Music and many period vendors. Cost is \$5 per student.



Friday, November 10th will be Living History Day with soldier's camps open to the public, as well as, period vendors and some demonstrators and a soldier's parade.

Saturday, November 11th and Sunday, November 12th are battle days as the local battles of Chehaw Station and Franklin are re-created on the large Gibson View Battlefield. Battle times are at 2PM each day. These two battles saved the Tallassee Confederate Armory from being destroyed by Union Raiders. Prior to the battles there will be cavalry demonstrations, carriage rides, period vendors (sutlers) period food, a modern food vendor and other modern vendors.

Something new this year will be a first-class Arts and Crafts Fair both Saturday and Sunday. There will be artist, craftsmen and craftswomen selling quality made items. These vendors will come from all over the southeast for this first-ever Arts and Crafts Fair in Tallassee, Alabama.

**A one-day pass for all events is only \$5 with school children admitted free of charge.
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