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Sports Editor,
Ed Jones

AUBURN WITHIN 13 SECONDS OF LAST MOUNTAIN TO CLIMB - 'NOLES WIN 34 - 31

For 59 minutes and 47 seconds Auburn outplayed the number one team in the nation in the 2014 BCS Championship Game in the Rose Bowl. But Jamies Winston earned his Heisman Trophy by taking his Florida State Seminoles 80 yards in one minute and six seconds to complete a two yard pass to Kelvin Benjamin with 13 seconds left on the game clock, tearing the heart out of the Auburn Nation.

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Alabama Legislature 2014 Regular Session begins January 14, 2014

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The 2014 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature will convene at noon, Tuesday, January 14, 2014. A Regular Session may consist of no more than 30 Legislative Days within the framework of a 105-calendar day period.

****Note:** The Alabama Senate has begun broadcasting **Live Video** of its floor proceedings. To access this feature go to our ALISON system through **Legislation, Code and Constitution**, and select **"Legislative Video"**. Should you experience difficulties viewing the Video, contact **Site Support**.

Likewise, to obtain copies of legislation in sessions, as well as confirmations, roll call votes, adjourn/convene times and bill status, go to **Legislation, Code and Constitution**. All questions relating to information contained in this section of

the website should also be directed to **Site Support**.

Under Article IV, Section 46, all seats of the Alabama Legislature were filled by election on November 2, 2010, and all Members elected to seats in the Legislature took office the day after the general election, that being November 3, 2010. If you do not know the identity of your Representative and Senator, go to our **"Zip Code Look-Up"**.

We have opened the section for **Historical Acts And Journals**, contained within the **Legislative History** portion of the website. Acts and Journals will be added to this section on an incremental basis, as available.

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2014 is here and the **Alabama Legislature** will shortly be meeting to consider what bills will and will not pass. This is an election year so I really don't think that our representatives and senators will tackle too many controversial bills and I will bet that they will adjourn early enough this year to get home and begin to politic. I guess this is a good thing because they will not be considering more laws that are not needed but appear only because of special interest groups who can afford to hire lobbyist.

Montgomery has a new representative, Dimitri Polizos, who is also the owner of the restaurant, Mr. Gus'. He is not a lawyer, which in my opinion, is one of the things wrong with the legislature today; too many lawyers! He was a county commissioner for many years and I got to know him as a conservative who supported law enforcement and who was very fiscally responsible. I know that he will continue this way of thinking at the State House.

The new Alabama-NRA gun bill has been in effect since August and most of the snags have been worked out. It appears that many people think that just because they have applied for a concealed carry permit, they should be issued one. There have

been literally hundreds of people who have applied and blatantly lied on their application about simple things such as being arrested in the past. It is pretty simple, if you have been convicted of a felony or a domestic violence charge, you are forbidden by State or Federal law from possessing or owning a firearm. If you have had mental problems in the past, you will be turned down. If you have a disqualifying conviction, the only way to have a pistol permit issued is to get a pardon that restores your firearm rights. If you have a conviction under state law you must apply for a pardon through the Alabama Department of Pardons and Parole. If you have a conviction under a municipal code, you must apply for a pardon through the mayor of the city in which you were convicted.

If you show an arrest for a charge that may disqualify you from possessing a firearm and the background check shows no disposition, you will be required to go to the clerk of the court in which you were charged and bring back a disposition of that case. We will not issue you a permit until we receive that disposition showing the case was either nolo-prossed or you were acquitted of the charge. No matter what, do NOT lie on the application. That alone is enough to deny your application!

We are also required to issue permits to

persons who are 18 or older. Be aware that if you are under 21 years old and have received a permit, there are 39 states that will NOT honor the permit. You can and probably will be arrested if you are caught in one of these states. The following states will NOT honor any handgun license or permits issued to a person under the age of twenty one:

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- MISSISSIPPI-NEBRASKA-NEVADA
- NEW HAMPSHIRE-NEW JERSEY
- NEW MEXICO-NEW YORK
- NORTH CAROLINA-OHIO-OKLAHOMA
- OREGON-PENNSYLVANIA-RHODE ISLAND
- SOUTH CAROLINA-TENNESSEE-TEXAS
- VERMONT-VIRGINIA-WASHINGTON
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Check the Alabama Attorney's web site for states that reciprocate with Alabama. Even though Alabama honors all other states permits, several will not honor Alabama's permits. Do not get caught unaware because chances are that you will be arrested in those states.

CITIZENS ACADEMY...

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office is now accepting applications for our next CITIZENS ACADEMY. The Citizens Academy was established in 1997 to educate the citizens of Montgomery County on how the Sheriff's Office operates and to promote public safety among or community members. Classes are designed to be interesting as well as informative. Citizens are given an opportunity to ride with a Deputy on patrol, tour the County Jail, train on the Firearms Training Simulator and volunteer at events that are sponsored by the Sheriff's Office. To qualify for our Citizens Academy you must be a resident of Montgomery County; be at least 21 years old; pass a criminal background check and attend weekly classes.

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Friends,

Happy New Year! I hope that you had a great holiday season and that you were able to spend time with family. The New Year provides a great time to reflect on the blessings of the past year and look forward to the opportunities of the next year with renewed vigor.

As we begin the new year, I wanted to share with you five major items that you will want to follow in 2014.

1. OBAMACARE OVERSIGHT

There is no doubt that the rollout of ObamaCare has been an utter failure. You knew it was bad when PolitiFact, a leading fact-checking blog, named President Obama's "If you like your health plan, you can keep your health plan" as the 2013 "Lie of the Year." Don't forget that President Obama originally sold this law as a way to help middle class Americans get more affordable health insurance. But the exact opposite is happening, as many middle class families are being forced out of plans they liked into new ones with higher costs and fewer choices.

With more mandates and taxes coming down the pike, 2014 will be a crucial time to expose what a flawed and damaging law ObamaCare truly is. I am particularly concerned about the effect on small businesses and their employees, as provisions affecting them go into effect. In the House of Representatives, oversight of the Executive Branch's actions in regard to ObamaCare will be a top priority.

Perhaps most importantly, 2014 will provide an opportunity to present alternatives to ObamaCare that can actually lower costs and improve access to quality healthcare. I look forward to working with my colleagues to develop and advance proposals that offer Americans a patient-centered healthcare system that isn't run by the government.

2. HOW WASHINGTON OPERATES WITH A BUDGET

With a budget agreement in place, Congress will return to operating under set spending levels. This is really important, and let me tell you why: For the first time in three years, Congress will reclaim the true "power of the purse" and the check on the Executive Branch that comes with it. Because the government had been operating on temporary spending bills based on previous years allocations, Congress had surrendered its Constitutional authority to oversee executive agency spending. Now, by returning to regular order, we regain the authority to appropriate funds based on smart budgeting principles and exercise oversight of the whole range of federal spending.

In 2014, it will be important for the House majority to utilize this authority to bring unprecedented accountability to the Obama Administration. In my new role on the House Committee on Appropriations, I will be closely examining budget requests, past spending decisions, and agency activities to ensure the taxpayers' money is spent wisely. I firmly believe we must reduce overall federal spending levels to finally get our debt under control. Getting domestic spending back down to Bush-era levels in this budget agreement is certainly a good start. But, it's not enough just to reduce spending. I also believe we need to make sure government activities and expenses are truly justifiable.

3. FARM BILL

For three years we've been working on a new Farm Bill that would meet this country's agricultural and economic needs, while enacting important reforms to farm and food stamp policy. I'm pleased that the process may finally come to a conclusion in 2014. This Farm Bill has been a top legislative priority for me because it is important to the people of Alabama's Second Congressional District and the state of Alabama, where agriculture is the number one industry.

Alabamians also recognize that any new Farm Bill must to contain the kind of reforms that show Congress is serious about changing the culture of spending and government dependence. We need regional equity that allows the same opportunity and protections for all types of commodities, not just those in certain states. And it is time to consolidate duplicative programs administered by the USDA. As you know, I have long-advocated smart reforms to the food stamp program that help lift up those who have hit bottom, not keep them there. 2014 will be a make or break year for passing a new Farm Bill, and I hope that we can do right by our nation's farmers and get it done.

4. FUTURE OF OUR MILITARY

2014 will be a challenging year for our military. Abroad, our troops and commanders will face heightened threats as conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq come to an end. At home, budget cuts are still having an effect on military readiness. We were able to restore some but not all the sequestration budget cuts to the military, more than \$30 billion in total.

Going forward in 2014, I expect some important discussions to take place about the future of Army aviation, which will certainly affect Fort Rucker. My staff and I will also be closely monitoring the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission as they evaluate possible changes to military compensation and benefits. Despite my move to the Appropriations Committee, I will remain highly engaged on military issues and continue looking out for Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base and Fort Rucker.

5. DEALING WITH OUR NATION'S DEBT

It is expected that we will run up against the debt limit in early March, but that date may change. As I said back in October, the debt debate is the appropriate place to advocate for reforms to mandatory spending programs. Washington's addiction to spending is a serious problem, and piling on more debt while ignoring the spending problem is exactly the wrong approach. I have pointed out for years the threat mandatory spending poses to our military and other national funding priorities like education, agriculture and transportation. I am optimistic that this year's debt debate will offer a real chance to begin making reforms to mandatory spending programs and return fiscal sanity to Washington.

Stay in Touch...

As we begin the new year, I hope that you will continue to reach out to my office to share your views on important federal issues and let us know when we can be of assistance to you. As always you can reach me on social media:

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Website : Roby.House.Gov.

It is such an honor to be your voice in Washington.

ROBY PRESSES VA FOR ANSWERS ON "SENSELESS" CENSORSHIP OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

WETUMPKA WOMAN RESTRICTED FROM GIVING CHRISTMAS CARDS, TREATS TO VETERANS

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Representative Martha Roby is pressing the Department of Veterans Affairs for answers after reports surfaced about homemade holiday gifts and treats being denied to veteran-patients at the Montgomery, Ala. VA facility because they contained the word "Christmas."

According to a WSFA News 12 report, Jordan McLendon, 20, of Wetumpka, Ala. made more than 100 cards, gifts and treats to distribute to veterans in the VA hospital on Christmas Eve, but was told rules did not allow gifts and cards containing the word "Christmas." After seeing the news report, Rep. Roby contacted McLendon to hear the full story, and is now pressing the VA for answers.

"I was touched by the thoughtfulness and patriotism Jordan showed by wanting to do something special for veterans on Christmas, then horrified to learn that such an act of kindness would be restricted in the name of political correctness," Rep. Roby said.

"We try to teach our children to respect and honor those who serve our country, and to show kindness and compassion to others. What kind of message is our government sending by discouraging selfless acts of giving unless they are sterilized to remove anything remotely religious?"

In a letter to Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki, Rep. Roby explained that Christmas is a federally-recognized holiday and asked if such a "senseless" policy really exists.

"My frustration is not with the VA staff at the local facility, who appear to have reluctantly enforced what they believe to be an existing regulation," Rep. Roby writes. "I understand that similar incidents have occurred at other VA facilities in the past.

"Rather, my concern is that such a senseless policy exists to begin with, or, in the case that no such policy expressly prohibits mentioning Christmas in cases like this, that the culture of bureaucracy at the

VA would encourage facility administrators to err on the side of suppressing religious expression and discouraging acts of kindness toward veterans."

Rep. Roby went on to request the text of any policy that might prohibit the distribution of Christmas cards, and asked what affirmative steps the VA is taking to rectify the situation.

"In this increasingly self-consumed world, a young woman selflessly tried to bring joy and comfort to those who have served our country, many of whom don't have surviving family members to visit them. I imagine these veterans would be sickened to see the very right to religious liberty they fought to defend diluted and denied by bureaucratic rules. If this is a rule, written or unwritten, within the VA, it needs to change."

For more information contact Communications Director Todd Stacy at 202-226-1567 or at todd.stacy@mail.house.gov.

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Inside the Statehouse



with Steve Flowers

Steve Flowers is Alabama's leading political columnist. His column appears weekly in 72 Alabama newspapers. Steve served 16 years in the state legislature. He may be reached at www.steveflowers.us.

January 8, 2014

The 2014 Legislative Session begins next week.

The session starts early in the fourth year of the quadrennium because it is an election year. Legislators want to come in and get out early so that they can go home and campaign.

Usually legislatures do not do much other than pass the budgets in a campaign year session. They especially do not try to tackle any controversial issues that could stir up any ire with voters. However, this current group of legislators will tackle anything controversial as long as it has a right wing slant to it.

It would be hard to think of any major conservative issue they have not addressed in the first three years of their super Republican majority reign. In years one and two they passed a stringent anti-immigration bill as well as dismantled the AEA.

Last year, this bevy of reactionary elephants passed an anti abortion bill. They also adhered to the NRA demands to affirm gun rights laws in Alabama. The legislation allowed people to carry guns openly even into their parking lots at work. The Business Council of Alabama adamantly opposed this provision. However, the NRA prevailed.

They enacted a controversial private school voucher bill that allows parents of children enrolled in "failing" public schools to take a tax credit for tuition they pay to private schools.

They revamped the state's Medicaid program from the current fee-for-service system into a managed care program.

The Governor's prize victory came when he got his wish to construct an \$85 million luxury lodge and convention center at the location of the Gulf Shores State Park. It will be a joint public/private partnership. The state will own the property. The project will be funded with BP money from the gulf oil spill.

They also voted to allow Alabamians to make a limited amount of beer for personal consumption without a license or fee. We were the last state to allow home brewing.

One issue that has remained on the back burner is the Common Core State Education Standard. This Common Core concept spells out specific expectations of what students should know at the end of every grade. It goes from kindergarten through high school. Common Core covers the entire spectrum of learning, including reading, writing, listening, vocabulary and mathematics. It addresses the fundamentals of these subjects. Students are tested and asked details about what they have learned.

Conservatives around the country have come out stringently against Common Core. Some Tea Party activists have decried it as being developed by "extreme leftists." Two extreme right-wingers, Glenn Beck and Phyllis Schafley, have attacked the effort as a dangerous threat from the Obama administration. However, other conservatives, like former Governors

Jeb Bush of Florida and Mike Huckabee of Arkansas, are in support of Common Core.

These new standards have the endorsement of major business groups, including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is giving grants to support Common Core's implementation.

Some opponents are implying that Common Core is a Washington based idea. Beck and Schafley have stated as much. However, that is not factual. The Common Core concept grew up from the states. Government and state education people developed the standards.

State school professionals and legislators were concerned that an alarming number of students entering college were having to take remedial math and English classes before they could take classes for college credit. The federal government was not involved. Today, 45 states have voluntarily adopted the math and English standards.

Some critics say that Common Core would nationalize education. Proponents counter that the standards are goals and not mandates. There are no set requirements made upon educators. Teachers choose their own books and suggested reading lists.

Two state led groups are preparing the annual assessments that will be matched to the Common Core Standards. They plan to have them ready for the 2014-15 school year. It will be interesting to see if the GOP legislature will weigh in on this issue.

January 1, 2014

With each passing day it becomes less likely that Gov. Robert Bentley will get any serious opposition in his reelection bid. We are only five months away from the June 3, 2014 GOP primary. It would be very difficult for someone to mount a significant challenge to the popular incumbent in that time span.

It also appears that Sen. Jeff Sessions and Attorney General Luther Strange will have smooth sailing towards their reelections. Young Boozer and John McMillan also appear to be headed towards reelection to second terms as Treasurer and Agriculture Commissioner.

Under our state constitution, the aforementioned statewide incumbents are term limited after two four-year terms. However, U.S. Senator Jeff Sessions has no limitations on the number of six-year terms he serves. This lack of competition portends a quiet and dull 2014 election year. This is disappointing to those of us who thrive on following political races. Therefore, political pundits will begin their speculation of who will follow Gov. Bentley as governor in 2018.

Political junkies are already thinking about the 2018 races since the 2014 contests will be sleepers. All four of the major constitutional officeholders will have to move up or out. That means that speculation will obviously focus on Luther Strange, Kay Ivey, Young Boozer and John McMillan as possible entrants into the 2018 horse races.

None of the four could be called spring chickens. McMillan and Ivey will be over 70. Strange and Boozer will be in their mid-60's. However, by today's standards that is not old. Therefore, if they have the fire in the belly for a chase at the brass ring their age should not be a deterrent.

One major player, who has opted out of the 2014 races, is Speaker of the House Mike Hubbard. Some Goat Hill observers say he would lose power moving from his position as Czar of the House of Representatives.

Meanwhile, most of the action surrounding next year's elections will center on Hubbard's legislative election activities. It is expected that the legislative races will be the best contests in 2014. Hubbard has amassed his power and control of the House of Representatives by garnering the money doled out by lobbyists and special interest groups. He has corralled the lobbyists to give the money to him or his PACs and he doles it out to his friends and loyal subjects.

The state has become so divided when it comes to partisan allegiances and voting patterns that it is fairly predictable whether a Republican or Democrat will occupy a House or Senate seat in the legislature for the foreseeable future. The legislative lines were drawn two years ago for the upcoming 2014 elections. They will be in effect for the remainder of the decade. These district lines are designed to keep the GOP in control of both the State House and State Senate by about a two to one majority.

There are only a handful of seats that will be in play on a partisan battle basis. The districts are drawn to provide for 65 safe Republican seats and 35 safe Democratic seats in the House. There are about five seats that could go either way. If they split, it remains a two to one Republican advantage. The Senate is drawn about the same way. It is designed to be a 25 to 10 Republican advantage in the upper chamber. There are only three or four seats that are in play on a partisan basis.

Therefore, the liveliest challenges next year will probably be within the GOP ranks. There will be intraparty battles to see who sits in these solidly safe Republican seats. Hubbard may attempt to purge some districts that have not totally followed his reactionary orders.

This super majority Republican legislature has emasculated the only Democratic friendly organization, the Alabama Education Association, during this quadrennium. They have driven daggers into the heart and soul of this once vaunted union. In three short years, they rolled back 30 years of union accomplishments under the leadership of the legendary King of Goat Hill, Dr. Paul Hubbert.

It will be interesting to see whether the AEA will roll over and play dead or fight back. If Hubbert were still in charge, my guess is that he would fight back with a vengeance. His approach would be to strike strategically within the GOP primary.

STEVE FLOWERS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT HE WILL BE A CANDIDATE FOR PLACE 2 ON THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN THE JUNE 3RD REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

Along with his weekly political columns, Flowers hosts a weekly television show seen throughout South Alabama, as well as a weekly radio show that is heard throughout the state on public radio and on 15 commercial stations.

Flowers' television and radio shows are produced by Troy University. He also teaches Alabama and Southern Politics at Troy University.

Flowers was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1982 at age 30. In that race he received the most votes ever cast for any candidate in the history of his native Pike County. He was reelected four times and served 16 years. He left the House undefeated and uncontested, choosing not to seek reelection in 1998.

During his legislative career, he maintained one of the most conservative voting records amongst his peers. Flowers was the sponsor and author of the

historic tort reform legislation passed in the 1980s. He earned a reputation as being one of the most pro-business legislators. He was honored by the Alabama Farmers' Federation with their highest honor, being the recipient of the Outstanding Service to Agriculture Award. He was also honored by the National Federation of Independent Business with their highest award.

During his tenure in the House, Flowers sustained a perfect attendance record for 16 consecutive years. In 1992, he was voted by his colleagues as the Most Outstanding Member of the Alabama House of Representatives.

Flowers comes to the PSC race with a proven conservative pro-business record. In addition, he enters the race with a huge name ID, as well as a significant financial advantage.



Ronald A. Holtsford



You have not mentioned specifics about yourself so I'll make this answer generic in a personal and in a business sense.

I'm sure that you looked at your financial estate planning (401k, mutual funds, stocks and bonds, life insurance, etc) and as you do you also think about your legal estate planning. Your financial estate planning goes hand in hand with your legal estate planning and you should discuss that with your lawyer, not that he or she will try to advise you on whether your investment advisor is steering you correctly but rather the impact of your financial worth on your legal estate. For 2014 you can give up to \$14,000.00 to a person as a gift (child, grandchild, etc.) and not have to file a Gift Tax return or up to \$28,000 to a person if both you and your spouse gift to the same person once per year. There is a lifetime jump of generation skipping tax limits to \$5.34 million. There may be a tax advantage for the wealthy in that and if this seems to be something that might be helpful to your financial planning you should seek the advice of an accountant or other tax/ financial professional. For 2014, there is a \$5,340,000.00 total estate tax exemption per individual. As of last year spouses can now combine their unused estate credit amounts up to a total of \$10.68 million. Remember that life insurance is considered for estate tax purposes if you have control over the policy (i.e. ability to change the beneficiaries, cancel the policy, etc). Many individuals have large insurance policies so its not inconceivable for high middle class people to have an estate over \$5.34 million dollars or even \$10.68 as a couple.

With that said you need to pull out your Last Will and Testament and review it. If you have had any life changes (marriage, divorce, death, large inheritance, new child, etc.) a new Will may be in order. If you don't have a Last Will and Testament you need to have a lawyer prepare one as soon as possible. Why do you need one, because if you don't then the State of Alabama has one for you. Some of the spousal examples under the rules of intestacy (dying without a Will); (1) first \$100,000 to spouse and then 1/2 of the remaining estate to the living parent(s) when there are no children, (2) if children then the spouse gets \$50,000 and 1/2 of the rest, (3) if one or more of the children are not yours then the surviving spouse only gets half of everything, period. This is probably not the estate plan you have in mind. There are internet sites and software programs that can also assist with a Last Will and Testament but there is no guarantee that it will pass muster regarding state rules on probate nor a guarantee that it will do what you want upon your death. The best chance of meeting estate goals is

through a lawyer and if you are of moderate means, you may be surprised that it is less expensive than you think.

Aside from the Last Will and Testament you may want to have a Power of Attorney prepared. Most prepared these days are durable which require wording that the power of attorney is effective even in your disability or incapacity. Powers of Attorney became a statutory form as of 1 January 2012. Most attorneys have concerns about the filling in the blank and initialing choices format and have therefore at the least inserted tried and true language used in their practices for their many years, Power of Attorney is now by default a Durable power; however I insert the needed language anyway to make sure that there are no questions about it's durability. A Power of Attorney (POA) can be very powerful and placed in the wrong hands can be damaging such as a daughter that is named AGENT and decides to sell your lake house and push you towards moving to an assisted living facility. On the other hand, naming a trusted AGENT and retaining the POA for future needs can be extremely beneficial. The POA can be used so that someone can write your bills for you during incapacity, file your taxes and with health/ Health Insurance Portability and Privacy Act provisions monitor your care with the doctors and hospital as well as handle medical insurance billing. The POA may also be used to name whom you would want as a conservator or guardian should one need to be named for you through a Court proceeding.

The final personal document would be an Advance Directive for Health Care, which is composed of a Living Will and Health Care Proxy nomination. It will allow you to make certain decisions about end of life issues should you later become unable to speak for yourself and two doctors have determined that you will likely die in the near future. This is the document that Terri Schiavo DID NOT have and for that reason the court found the testimony of the "husband" who was then living with another woman to be credible as to Terri's final wishes. Hmmmmm. Naming a Health Care Proxy is the same as naming a health care power-of-attorney such as under a POA. The proxy is given limited rights under which situations that they can make decisions. And by the way, the ex-spouse automatically loses that job as proxy upon divorce. That's dodging a bullet!

If retirement is nearing consider that the 2014 Medicare Part B will be \$104.90 per month for those with incomes less than \$85,000.00 per year. There is a \$147.00 Part B deductible for the year. If you need nursing home (skilled nursing) care under Part A, the co-payment for days 21-100 (if you qualify) will be \$152.00 per day. If you have not already checked on long term health care insurance you should do so now. It not only will cover nursing home care but can also cover assisted living or in home care. If you consider

this insurance also look carefully at the options since they may be equally as important as the policy itself.

If you do not have health care you need to check into what is available under the Affordable Health Care Act (Obamacare), not only to have health care in place in case you do not have but also if you recently lost your coverage. Failure to have health care can result in fines and penalties, increasing year after year. Older Americans may be eligible both for Medicare and Medicaid and impoverished Americans may be Medicaid eligible when they cannot afford premiums under Obamacare.

If you are currently in business or considering a business what about entity? A sole proprietorship offers pass through taxation but no limited liability. Your personal and business assets are at risk in a law suit. A Limited Liability Company (LLC) or a Registered Limited Liability Partnership (RLLP or LLP) offers the same pass through tax advantages as well as limited liability. A "C" corporation offers the same limited liability but there is taxation on the corporation and taxation on the shareholders. If you are in one of these entities and about \$80,000.00 plus talk to your accountant about the possibility of an "S" corporation election. It has pass through taxation and limited liability but also may have some self-employment tax advantages since some of the income can be paid to a shareholder- employee as a profit distribution. The Internal Revenue Service, however looks for Shareholder- Employees that pay themselves substandard salaries for their position in order that they can take more from the company as a distribution. And save more on Self Employment taxes. An "S" Corporation election only exists through the IRS and has specific requirements. So you can be an existing LLC, C Corporation, etc. but elect via the IRS as an "S" Corporation. Ask your accountant about whether it is right for your business.

I hope that this has helped with your question. If you need a lawyer you can contact the Alabama State Bar Lawyer Referral service or ask a trusted friend about a lawyer that they might recommend.

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DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES & HISTORY

ArchiTreats: Food for Thought kicks off another year of interesting and informative talks on Alabama history at the Alabama Department of Archives and History on Thursday, January 16th. Join us at noon as Auburn University Professor of History and award-winning author Dr. Kenneth Noe presents Alabama's Civil War Revisited.

ALABAMA'S CIVIL WAR REVISITED

Fifty years ago, Alabama celebrated the Centennial of the Civil War with parades, balls, and an outpouring of pomp and circumstance. Behind the reenactments and beard-growing contests, however, was a serious debate between those who promoted fanfare and historians who hoped to use the Centennial to stimulate serious scholarship about the war. While the current Sesquicentennial has been more subdued, similar discussions have occurred recently. This month, Dr. Noe, editor of a new book of essays on the Civil War and Reconstruction in Alabama, will discuss the current state of Alabama's Civil War scholarship and how it differs from what was written fifty years ago.

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tion in Alabama. He is a Pulitzer Prize entrant and the winner of the 2003 Kentucky Governor's Award, the 2002 Peter Seaborg Book Award for Civil War Non-fiction, and the 1997 Tennessee History Book Award, as well as several teaching awards. Dr. Noe is a frequent speaker on the Civil War Round Table circuit and a participant in the Organization of American Historians Distinguished Lectureship Program. He is a former president of the Alabama Historical Association. Currently, Dr. Noe serves on the Board of Editors of *Civil War History*, and was a consultant to the NBC series *Who Do You Think You Are?*

This ArchiTreats presentation is made possible by the Friends of the Alabama Archives and a grant from the Alabama Humanities Foundation, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The public is invited to bring a sack lunch and enjoy a bit of Alabama history.

Bench-Bar- & Beyond

Child Support and Spousal Support

By Judge Dale Segrest



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Family is the basic economic unit of our culture. Earlier columns have examined the breakdown of family and problems related to assignment of family disputes to an adversarial judicial system. Problems related to child and spousal support epitomize the unanticipated difficulties of the transition to no-fault divorce administered by an adversarial judicial system. The traditional family was the ultimate consumer. Food, clothing, housing, transportation, and all of the basic requirements for life are a part of the family budget. The purchase of those necessities has been the bedrock on the entire economic system.

Difficulties with the management of money are a major cause of marital breakdown. In the traditional family before the breakdown in the second half of the Twentieth Century, law discouraged divorce. Economic forces within the family itself created pressure to make the family budget work. The policy of government and law did not encourage either parent to make decisions based on selfish economic interests. When marriage became just another contract, suddenly, the non-fungible, incommensurable duties of parents that included love, nurture, participation in moral formation, education and other responsibilities that do not lend themselves to monetary evaluation were assigned monetary value.

In the present day adversarial legal market for divorce, either party can readily obtain an evaluation of prospects for child support and spousal support. While spousal support is evaluated on somewhat equitable principals including the age, condition, station in life, length of the marriage, contributions to the marital estate and the like, child support is simply based on the prospective income of the two spouses. The system assigns a monetary value to things that can't be bought.

The excellent intentions of law makers in requiring every parent to be responsible for the economic needs of their children is admirable, but when a system is created that allows economic motivation for divorce to be thrust into the core of every marriage with children, the unintended results are scary. The conversion of the responsibility of parenting to a monetary sum inserts a conflict of economic interest into every marriage that involves children. The appearance of an economic advantage is not limited to those marriages that would likely have ended in divorce anyway. The monetary child support obligation applies not just to the irresponsible parent-it applies to every parent.

The non-custodial parent is forced to pay child support. The custodial parent is not really accountable for the disposition of the child support that he or she receives. In a society in which drugs are problematic, and are not the only

unhealthy possibility for the unattached custodial parent, the lack of accountability is a real problem.

The temptation to legally require accountability from the custodial parent is not a viable answer to the problem. An already overburdened court system could not take responsibility for managing the financial affairs of every family that undergoes a divorce, and impose and enforce some type of fiduciary responsibility, like that of a guardian, on the custodial parent. In the traditional family the wife and husband exacted some accountability of each other. To solve the accountability problem, we must again harness some of the energy that naturally brought the parents together in a bonded relationship and caused them to bond with the children in the first place. Without forcing incompatible couples to endure each other, we must discourage the animosity generated in our present adversarial system. We must create a system that encourages parents to work together for the best interest of the children. The support of extended family, community and church is needed. A new morality for grandparents needs to evolve, that is not shaped by the culture of adversarial divorce.

A widespread practice of pre-litigation mediation offers promise, for these and other problems related to the adversarial system of divorce. Without involving lawyers and the adversarial system of the courts, a mediator could meet with both parties and help to reach a successful voluntary solution. Then the parties could seek disinterested advice, and one of them could file for an uncontested divorce.

Use of pre-litigation mediation could be a stepping stone to a non-adversarial approach to divorces. Let's look briefly at one possible alternative to the present system. Parties get their marriage license from the probate court. Perhaps mediated divorce agreements should be filed there, without involving the courts in which adversarial litigation is the ultimate solution. Carefully mediated agreements could explore new, creative roles for extended family, church, or other positive community organizations and forces. These natural forces might exercise creative influence in the resolution of marital problems.



Marcia Chambliss

While my son was a student at the University of Alabama, and a few years before I became politically aware and active, I met a man who mentored a group of young men at the University, including my son.

This gentleman was a student of history, a UA graduate, and loved the University dearly. But he was increasingly critical of what he was watching unfold in Tuscaloosa as well as on other campuses across the country. He referred to the "Saturday circus" and the gathering of the masses to watch the young football "gladiators" entertain the "modern-day Romans."

I love college football and look forward to every season but for some reason, his comments stuck in my head and have come back numerous times over the past few years. With the explosion of "social" media and the intensity of rivalries that frequently borders on insanity, I now realize that it's just one the "shiny objects" that keep us distracted from the serious issues facing our nation.

Politicians and the mainstream media love shiny objects; they are excellent tools to keep us from paying attention.

In the midst of the New Year celebrations and college football bowl games when few were paying attention, several news outlets shared the results of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) annual list of new state laws for 2014. As a result of the legislative sessions in all 50 states, including the commonwealths and territories, nearly 40,000 bills and resolutions were passed that will go into effect at some point in 2014.

Given that our own state legislature intro-



THE DISTRACTION OF SHINY OBJECTS

duced over 1,800 bills* in the last regular session, it isn't hard to believe that all levels of government throughout our country, whether led by Republicans or Democrats, are intent on expanding the role of government rather than limiting it, and in turn limiting our choices and freedom. And as voters continue to reelect those who are responsible for this insatiable desire for more legislation and government, I am disturbed about what that says about our electorate.

Have we truly reached a point in the nanny state that we believe more government, more laws, and more regulation is the only solution to problems? Or is it more a case of bigger government by default because we aren't paying attention to just how much legislation is being passed?

As of article deadline, Alabama legislators have pre-filed 99 bills in the House chamber and 66 in the Senate* with a week remaining before the 2014 Regular Session convenes. It has already been reported that this will likely be a short session due to the upcoming June primary so, hopefully, we may not see the same volume of legislation as in past sessions. But a more accelerated calendar will also mean that legislation may be passed quickly without a lot of time for citizen in-depth analysis.

Whether it is football, the birth of a British prince, or the Miley Cyrus twerking brouhaha, there is never a loss of entertainment or shiny object material to divert Americans from the activities of the political ruling class.

And while the Duck Dynasty firestorm was one distraction that generated hot debate regarding religious expression, I only hope that those who so ardently supported the Robertson family will

recognize that their voices are not only highly effective in corporate boardrooms but also in the political arena.

The legislative process requires a bit of time on our part for education and I understand that a lot of people don't have the inclination to learn. But for those who think they don't want to be bothered with activities at the State House or within the D.C. Beltway, rest assured that whether you like it or not, politics enormously impacts your life.

By no means do I suggest that we abandon the entertainment of college football, but I have to wonder what could be accomplished as far as holding government and our elected officials accountable if we had the same passion for educating ourselves about the issues facing our country as we do about football rankings or the recruiting of the "gladiators." For 2014, I hope we can minimize our obsession with the shiny objects.

*Information obtained via www.openbama.org and <http://alisondb.legislature.state.al.us/acas/ViewPrefiledBillsACASLogin.asp>

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Soul Searching

ANOTHER YEAR

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life: Psalm 23:6*

David was certain that goodness and mercy would follow him all the days of his life. This truth gives every trusting child of God assurance, especially on the threshold of a new, uncertain year.

Frances Ridley Havergal (1836 - 1879), like David, was confident of her heavenly Father's gracious purpose for her life, and she knew that He would be with her always. These truths moved her to write:

*Another year is dawning; Dear Father, let it be,
In working or in waiting, another year with Thee;
Another year of progress, another year of praise,
Another year of proving Thy presence all the days.*

*Another year of mercies, of faithfulness and grace,
Another year of Gladness in the shining of Thy face;
Another year of learning upon Thy loving breast,
Another year of trusting, of quiet, happy rest.*

*Another year of service, of witness for Thy love;
Another year of training for holier work above.
Another year is dawning; Dear Father, let it be,
On earth or else in heaven, another year for Thee.*

Let's make these words our prayer as we enter another year.

Pastor's Viewpoint

Take a guess; when was the first vending machine invented and used? If you said 2000 years ago, you're right. Hero of Alexandria (10-70 A.D.) made reference to one being used to dispense holy water.

Take another guess; when did the government first require doctors and nurses to wash their hands before examining patients in the hospital? If you said 1967 (New York Public Health Service), you're right again. I thought it was much earlier! (Have I told you about the Semmelweiss Syndrome?)

Isaiah wrote, "1-2 Wilderness and desert will sing joyously, the badlands will celebrate and flower—Like the crocus in spring, bursting into blossom, a symphony of song and color. Mountain glories of Lebanon—a gift. Awesome Carmel, stunning Sharon—gifts. God's resplendent glory, fully on display. God awesome, God majestic. 3-4 Energize the limp hands, strengthen the rubbery knees. Tell fearful souls, "Courage! Take heart! God is here, right here, on his way to put things right and redress all wrongs. He's on his way! He'll save you!"

By now, you're wondering where all this is going? Water! It's used for spiritual cleansing, for physical cleansing, and to make Isaiah's badlands "celebrate and flower." I'm pretty sure you know that 70% of our earth is covered by water, but you might not know that only 3% of that water is available for human consumption? It's made from two parts hydrogen and one part oxygen, and it's essential for life on earth.

The most fascinating thing about water is that it contracts as it cools until it reaches 4 degrees centigrade, at which point it begins to expand. A simpler way to say all that is, cold water sinks and ice floats in water. There is a thermocline in front of our cabin on the lake; if you dive underwater, you'll cross a line below which the water suddenly becomes ice cold!

On the other hand, when the water reaches 4 degrees centigrade, it begins to expand and float. If it continued to contract the ice would sink to the bottom until the lake was frozen solid and killed all the life in the lake. So God, in creating the world and setting the laws by which water and ice exist, was thinking about life!

"God's resplendent glory, fully on display. God awesome, God majestic."

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Bible Quiz:

- 1) Who gave Moses his name and why that name?
- 2) Who was raised from the dead in Joppa?
- 3) What did Samuel name the stone that he set up to remember God's help into feeding the Philistines?
- 4) What King was given the burial of a donkey outside the gates of Jerusalem?

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BAMA "SOONER" BE IN PASADENA SUGAR BOWL TURNS TO SALT SOONERS BEAT TIDE 45-31



"Oklahoma has a 'pretty good football team', but we will win because we're Alabama". This was the general consensus of the majority of Alabama people heading to New Orleans for the Sugar Bowl this year. That attitude was reflected by the football team and the Alabama coaches as well. Some were concerned being down 31-17 at the half, but Alabama would come back with a vengeance in the second half and pull out the victory in Alabama style...Well it didn't happen! Why?. The rest of this column will be devoted to that answer.

Alabama had beaten a good LSU team and lost to a good Auburn team. That's 1-1 against good teams. So, this was not a great Alabama team, but it was a good Alabama team. Guess what? Alabama was playing a good Oklahoma team in the Sugar Bowl. Everyone overlooked that except the people from Oklahoma. More about that later.

As good as Coach Nick Saban is, he has a flaw in his coaching skills. He is not a good game manager. A. J. McCarron is a good game manager. McCarron is not a great passer. He is not even a good runner. McCarron is a great quarterback. Some people think that a great passer is a good quarterback. Some people think that a great quarterback is a great passer. Not true! A great quarterback is a good football player with a good football mind, the mental and physical toughness to lead his team to it's maximum performance. A. J. has done that for three years and lost only two games. Unfortunately they were the last two games he will play in a Crimson Tide uniform. Many people were upset that McCarron didn't win the Heisman Trophy. The New York Athletic Club is not going to give the Heisman Trophy to a great game manager. They are going to give it to the best football player of the year. I am proud that A. J. McCarron came in second, even though it was a distant second. Guess who came in second in 1997? Peyton Manning. McCarron is not a great professional prospect according to the experts who make their living evaluating players. He has been projected to be chosen in the third or fourth round. The last two games could hurt him some, but not much. They have studied him for three years.

McCarron did not lose the last two games. He was asked to win them with his passing instead of with his ability to manage the game.

Now, let me discuss the one flaw that I see in Coach Nick Saban's coaching resume. His understanding of offensive football is not the best in the nation, even though, at this point he is considered the best college football coach in the country. His record confirms this consideration. He can hire the best offensive and defensive coordinators in the world. Presently Kirby Smart, Defensive Coordinator is paid more than all but a few head coaches. He is worth it. Doug Nussmeir has been the offensive coordinator for two years. His salary is unknown to me, but I suspect that he is not looking for a higher paying job. During every game I see Saban in Smart's ear all during the game. I guess Nussmeir is in the press box. I never see Saban jawing at anyone but the players when Alabama is on offense.

The Auburn game and the Oklahoma game were prepared for in similar fashion. We will not go into what happened in the Auburn game except to say that two very good teams played and Auburn won. What made Coach Nick Saban and his staff think that the best way to beat Auburn and Oklahoma was to ask A.J. McCarron to throw Alabama to victory. There is always a weakness in every good team. The coach's job is to figure that out and exploit that weakness with the game plan. What would have won both the Auburn game and the Oklahoma game for Alabama?.....A heavy dose of T.J. Yeldon, Kenyan Drake and Derrick Henry. As bad as Auburn's secondary was, their linebackers were the worst in the conference. The game plan should have been-make first downs with the running game and a few throws from McCarron which would have kept Auburn's high powered offense on the bench. That did not happen. Agreed, T. J. and Kenyan have put the ball on the ground a few times. Drake fumbled three times and lost all three for the season. Yeldon dropped five and lost four. Henry has not played enough to be judged. Whatever beef Coach Saban had with Kenyan Drake is probably justified, but it may have cost Alabama two games. Drake is a better running back than Yeldon, and where has Derrick Henry been all year? He looks better than Yeldon or Drake. These three players running behind a very good Alabama line would control the ball against any team in the country. Coach Saban and his offensive staff decided to win both games with McCarron. If you know football, you figure that out!

Now, let's concentrate on the Sugar Bowl. Knowing what has just been explained above let's see what happened with Oklahoma. First of all Oklahoma had a very good football team. Their offense was similar to Auburn's but not as complicated. Trevor Knight, the Sooner quarterback was slippery and adept at running the read option as well as the roll out pass. He hurt Alabama with both, taking a 31 -17 lead at the half. Of course Cade Foster missed a field goal just before the half. Why Coach Saban stayed with Foster for three years is a mystery to me. He is never effective in the big games. I'm not blaming Cade Foster. He is just a player trying to do his best. I blame the head coach. Saban has seen him in big games. He just ain't got it! Furthermore he hardly ever kicked off into the end zone for an automatic touchback that would make the opponent start at the 25 yard-line. You go figure that one out.

I have watched Oklahoma all year. I saw them beat Notre Dame, TCU, Texas Tech, Kansas State and Oklahoma State I also saw them get blasted by Texas and Baylor during a time that their quarterback, Trevor Knight was hurt. Still, Oklahoma brought a 10-2 record into the Sugar Bowl having played a tougher schedule than Alabama. Alabama brought an 11-1 record into the game having played an easy schedule with only LSU and Auburn with a chance to beat them. This may have hurt Alabama in the long run but what hurt the most was not taking



#10, A. J. McCarron (QB), walks off with
#70, Ryan Kelley (OL), following

their strength, the running game, and over powering Oklahoma. Oklahoma had been battle tested in almost every game. The linebackers and secondary are used to being thrown on. That's what they do in the Big Twelve Conference. They throw, throw, and throw. Name me a running back out of the Big Twelve Conference who has distinguished himself with great numbers.

So, why have a game plan that called for more throwing than Alabama has done all year. It makes no sense. If Alabama had pounded Oklahoma with the three backs mentioned above, the Oklahoma offense would have been on the sidelines anxiously waiting to get on the field.

That's just a decision that

was made in Tuscaloosa that was the wrong decision. Give credit to the Alabama coaching staff for making a change at half-time to go more to the run and bring in big Derrick Henry to carry the load He almost brought Alabama back, but, the game was lost in the first half when the original game plan was followed. Derrick Henry is a true freshman. He is 6-2, 235 lbs. Where has he been?

The "coaches" were concerned about his past blocking skills. That can be easily solved by getting a new pass blocking coach or just give him the ball and he won't have to worry about pass blocking Alabama was just too good to have the season end like this.

There is an old Chinese proverb that says "To him that gets the glory, the same shall receive the fire in defeat". To be fair to Nick Saban, I thought this was one of his best coaching jobs until the Auburn game. Now, I have to wonder. A 10-2 record is pretty good everywhere except at Alabama. Maybe all the talk of going to Texas was a distraction. Maybe at 63 he is losing some of his go power. Coach Paul Bryant died at the age of 69. Coaching is a young man's game. With a new contract of over \$7 million dollars, Saban is expected to do better than 10-2 and lose to Auburn.

I've gotten a little off track. Let's sum up the Sugar Bowl and be done with Alabama football until recruiting season:

Alabama had four turnovers. Yeldon fumbled on the eight yard line going in. That would have been 7 points. McCarron was intercepted twice in the first half that lead to 14 points for Oklahoma. So, add 7 and take away 14, that's 21 and Alabama would have been leading at the half 24-17. That shows you what turnovers do. Instead, Oklahoma was leading 31-17. Alabama actually won the second half after they switched to the running game. Alabama had a 14-7 advantage until the last desperation pass play where McCarron fumbled after being sacked resulting in Oklahoma's last touchdown. So the score of 45-31 was not indicative of how close the game was.

The real mistake that sticks out in the statistics of the game is the fact that Alabama, a running team attempted 30 passes to only 35 running plays....bad game planning! Oklahoma, a passing team attempted 44 passes and only 30 running plays. They did what they do best. Alabama did not!

	Oklahoma	Alabama
First Downs	24	20
Rushes-yards	30 - 81	35-129
Passing Yards	348	387
Comp-Att-Int	32-44-1	19-30-2
Fumbles Lost	1-0	3-3
Penalties-Yards	11-95	6-45
Time of Possession	30:55	29:05

Everyone is aware of Nick Saban's four national championships. Most coaches spend a life-time in coaching and never win won. He calls his method of coaching "The Process". So far it has worked very well. He has also won four SEC titles, which ties him for 6th all-time; Coaches with more are Paul Bryant, Johnny Vaught, Vince Dooley, Steve Spurrier and Bob Neyland.

Nick Saban is in a class of coaches that only comes along in a lifetime. He will be initiating the process once again, and will again be in position to win another championship. Coach, just don't take any more bids to the Sugar Bowl.

ROLL TIDE ANYWAY!



**Sports Editor,
Ed Jones**

Auburn only had to keep Florida State's receivers in bounds and run out the clock. They succeeded for one minute and six seconds, but Winston threw a high pass in the end zone to 6-4 Benjamin who was well guarded by 5-11 Chris Davis. Benjamin went higher than Davis could go. Game over! Winston was magnificent at the end. With the clock running down and Auburn in control, Winston completed 6 of 7 passes, most where the receiver could get out of bounds to stop the clock.

As hard as it was to swallow, Auburn people can be proud of how hard the Tigers played. Auburn lead 21-3 until Auburn missed a field goal. Then FSU drove for a touchdown at the end of the half to cut the lead to 21-10. Auburn would not dominate the second half as it has done all year. FSU outscored Auburn 24-10 and had the Tigers on the ropes twice, but they fought back like champions every time. I guess you could say, Auburn didn't get beat. They just ran out of time. They should have never been in the National Championship Game. Auburn was a 7-5 or 8-4 team before the season. However Coach Gus Malzahn worked his magic and took the Tigers all the way to the top. That's why I call him "Malzahn the Magician". As in any game there were some plays that I thought hurt the Tigers. Running wide against the Seminoles lost yardage every time. Too many passes were attempted when a give to Trey Mason would have been the better choice. Mason gained 195 yards. He was good for 60 more which would have won the game for Auburn. I knew that I would have to say it some day. Malzahn was outcoached by Jimbo Fisher. Fisher made the adjustments at half-time that put a stop to quarterback Nick Marshall breaking loose on the second phase of the read option. Marshall played a great game obviously and had the Tigers in position to win. Unfortunately he does not play defense too. Marshall threw for two touchdowns and ran for one. Auburn is a three head monster on offense but only two heads were effective.

Credit should be given to Coach Ellis Johnson, whose defense kept the number one offense in the country at bay for all but 13 seconds. The defensive line put pressure on Winston all night. Special blitzes with the linebackers, safeties, and corners were responsible for several sacks of Jamies Winston which rattled him for a while. Nobody had ever done that to him. Dee Ford and Nosa Egue were especially effective from their defensive end positions.

Jamies Winston struggled most of the night but was near perfect on the last desperation drive which won the game for Florida State. He complete 20 of 35 passes for 237 yards and two fourth quarter touchdowns.

All-American kicker Roberto Aguayo's second field goal accounted for the only points by either team in the third quarter as both defenses took charge

AUBURN WITHIN 13 SECONDS OF LAST MOUNTAIN TO CLIMB - 'NOLES WIN 34 - 31



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Trey Mason had just put Auburn back in the lead 31-27 with a brilliant 37 yard run where he had to break several tackles to get free. The clock read 1:19. Auburn had just won the national championship. Not true!

after a frenetic first half. The powerful seminoles trailed by 18 points in the second quarter and 21-10 at half-time. However, they picked up momentum in the third quarter with solid defensive play and improvement by Jameis Winston who was fighting a case of big game jitters. Auburn was relentless on defense in the first two quarters. The Heisman Trophy winning freshman completed only 6 of 15 passes in the first half on his twentieth birthday. With Florida State's win, Winston became the first freshman to win the Heisman Trophy and the national championship. I tip my hat to him. I had underrated Winston.

Winston really had a rough time in the first-half. He even had a fumble caused by Dee Ford which led to a four yard touchdown by Tre Mason. To put it mildly Winston was rattled by the fierce Auburn defense. He did collect himself in time to lead a 66 yard scoring drive late in the first half to cut Auburn's 21-3 lead to a manageable 21-10 lead. In my opinion, that's where Auburn lost the game. When you have your boots on the enemies neck, never take your foot off.

After trailing for the first time in any game since September 28, Florida State needed a big finish to become the first team to come from a half-time deficit and win the BCS title game.

Nick Marshall, Winston's counterpart, looked sharp during the whole game. Auburn was the nations top rushing team, but Coach Gus Malzahn showed that the SEC champions could fling it as well, Auburn gained 232 yards of offense in the first half. Mason caught a 12 yard TD screen pass in the first quarter and Melvin Ray caught a 50 yard touchdown pass over the middle in the second quarter.

Florida State faced its first half-time deficit of the season. Auburn missed an easy field goal

which turned out to be the difference in the final score. But, on the next possession, Auburn's Angelo Blackson swatted the ball out of Winston's hands. Marshall then finished a short drive by turning the corner on Florida State's defense for a score. That was the last time Marshall could be effective in the second phase of the read option. Fortunately Florida State did not stop the first phase, which is the hand-off to Tre Mason.

The successful fake punt right toward the end of the half probably won the game for Florida State. Moments later Winston made a 21 yard run. Devora Freeman scored on the next play, trimming the Auburn half-time lead to 21-10. More importantly it gave Winston and the whole Florida State Nation the momentum that was so evident in the second half.

The first half was a joy to watch. Not so much during the second half. Hail to the victors. Florida State was the best team in the nation for 2013, and they proved it January 6, 2014 in the last BCS Championship. The Rose Bowl, what a venue for the last BCS game. A four team play-off will start next year. Auburn and Alabama have a chance to get in the top four. We anxiously wait for the first kick-off in September!

AS FOR AS THE BCS, THIS GAME WAS A PERFECT ENDING TO A IMPERFECT SYSTEM!

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January 3, 2002	Miami 37, Nebraska 14
January 3, 2003	Ohio State 31, Miami 24, 2 OT
January 4, 2004	LSU 21, Oklahoma 14
January 4, 2005	Southern California 55, Oklahoma 19
January 4, 2006	Texas 41, Southern California 38
January 8, 2007	Florida 41, Ohio State 14
January 7, 2008	LSU 38, Ohio State 24
January 8, 2009	Florida 24, Oklahoma 14
January 7, 2010	Alabama 37, Texas 21
January 10, 2011	Auburn 22, Oregon 19
January 9, 2012	Alabama 21, LSU 0
January 7, 2013	Alabama 42, Notre Dame 14
January 6, 2014	Florida State 34, Auburn 31

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HEALTH CARE'S "MUSIC MAN"

YOU MAY BE OVER THE HILL
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A tragic tale is unfolding in the U.S. that is painfully similar to Meredith Wilson's award winning stage musical and film adaptation: The Music Man.

The fictional plot involves a con-man, Harold Hill, who presents himself to the citizens of an early-American Midwestern town as a band organizer. His intent is to sell musical instruments and uniforms to the local yokels with the promise that he will train their youngsters to become members of a high school marching band.

As is always the case of con artists, Mr. Hill has no intention of training the town's youth, rather his only goal is to take the money and run.

Fast forward to Twentieth Century America and we have Barack Obama in the role of Harold Hill, and the gullible American people cast as the unfortunate townsfolk.

Instead of musical instruments and lessons, substitute socialized medicine and Obamacare being fobbed off on the American people as a panacea for their perceived health care problems.

Unfortunately, Mr. Obama fails to come into contact with anyone resembling Marian the Librarian; rather he is abetted by greedy politicians, a compliant news media, and a public looking for free health care.

At the conclusion of the fictional version, the sinister huckster sees the error of his ways, falls in love with the comely librarian, and the youngsters

miraculously learn how to play their instruments; and they all live happily thereafter.

Unfortunately, in the real life version, the townsfolk (that's us) are swindled out of their money, their children don't become musicians, the city goes into bankruptcy, and the instruments won't even play a tune, no matter how hard their owners try.

Twentieth Century America is in dire need of a Marian the Librarian, or some other miracle worker or the country is going to sink into a sea of bankruptcy, and the devious huckster will slink off into the night, hoping to be revered and honored as a great American, statesman, and world leader: A legend in his own mind.

Seventy six trombones . . .

A CAT'S TALE

As Christmas time nears and a perspicacious pussycat pokes his nose into my humble digs at Eastdale Estates Independent Living facility, a story comes to mind about Wiley's grandfather (Wiley is this particular cat's name) and a yuletide trip the senior feline once took to Africa.

Before we get into the story, however, we may want to ask how this cat came to be named Wiley.

T.S. Eliot's commentary on "The Naming of Cats" seems appropriate as it regards Wily. So, here it is:

*When you notice a cat in profound meditation,
The reason, I tell you is always the same:
His mind is engaged in a rapt contemplation
Of the thought, of the thought, of the thought of his
Name:
His ineffable effable
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Deep and inscrutable singular Name*

But, there's really nothing unique in it all, our Wiley proudly boasts a family name of his owner—if a cat could ever be assumed to be the property of a person. And the subject of this narrative; the senior Wiley, was the associate of a well-to-do gentleman who enjoyed big game hunting.

On one of this gentleman's trips to the African continent he deigned to take Wiley Sr. along. The cat had no truck with wild animal

hunting, but did enjoy the wild itself. While the hunters were off on their pursuit of game, Wiley would amuse himself with leisurely treks through the jungle—but never too far from base camp.

On one of his jaunts Wiley Sr. came across a clearing in which were scattered about old animal bones and assorted other debris.

Being a curious animal Wiley sniffed about the assortment and found a large bone worthy of further sniffing and inspecting.

While he was about his task a leopard was quietly creeping through the brush in search of whatever might prove to be edible. The leopard spotted Mr. Wiley, and immediately began licking his chops in anticipation of this dinnertime appetizer.

Not without his own degree of perception, Wiley felt the leopard's presence and knew he was in trouble.

Thinking quickly, Wiley took a long lick on the bone and loudly announced: "My goodness. These leopards are certainly tasty."

Hearing this, the leopard panicked and made a hasty departure from the area—not wanting to place himself in jeopardy of becoming another course at the cat's table.

Sensing that the danger was no longer imminent, Wiley puffed himself up with pride in his own cleverness, not realizing that the episode had been witnessed by a monkey lurking in a nearby treetop.

The monkey, being wise to the ways of the jungle, realized that he was in possession of knowledge that would put him in good stead with the leopard. So, he made haste to catch up with the

leopard to share with him this piece of news—which he did.

Armed with this new information the leopard retraced his tracks with vengeance in mind. A cat snack was in the offing.

With the smirking monkey riding on his back the leopard stealthily approached the unsuspecting cat.

Not without his own feral senses, Wiley detected imminent danger. A glance out of the corner of his eye caught the leopard lurking in the brush with the cocky monkey on his back.

Thinking quickly, Wiley announced in fake sotto voce: "I wonder what's keeping that monkey. It's been almost an hour since I sent him off to fetch me another one of those tasty leopards."

Neither leopard nor monkey was ever seen or heard off again in those parts again.

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HOME TOWN COMMUNITY NEWS

January Birthdays



- 1 Steve Campbell
- Cad Gates
- Tammy Smith
- Butch Metcalf
- 3 Bonnie Knight
- Jennifer Jarrell
- Frank Rotton
- Ben Davis
- 4 Morgan Boone
- 5 Jan Johnson
- Barbara Harrington
- 6 Judy Norman
- Elizabeth Robison
- 7 Barbara Cassels
- Ted Johnson
- Willie Jordan
- Nicole Windham
- Tim Pierce
- Danny Bush
- 8 Joshua Nix
- Sam Cassels
- Marilyn Evans
- Mary Ellen Millis
- Scott Mills
- Trey Norris
- Sarah Morgan Smith
- Blake Webb
- Brett Tolerson
- 9 Bobby Mills
- Brittany Mitchell
- Megan St. Clair Stewart
- Edna Hargrove
- 11 Jim Aro
- Liz Klauss
- Betty Woodall
- 12 Corey Campbell
- Carson Lane Abbott
- Liz Braswell
- Brenda Moseley
- Edna Shellman
- Clarice Caldwell
- James Barton
- 13 T. J. Mills
- Bob Maddox
- 14 Tiffany Andrews
- John Black
- John T. Killough
- Doug Young
- 15 Jennifer Williams
- Hayden Kelly
- John McClelland
- Ross Godwin
- Ester Covington
- 16 Ann Takacs
- 17 Toni Grimes
- Charlene McClanahan
- Randy Childs
- 18 Carly Madison Ellis
- Joy Fleming
- Leslie Garvin
- Laura Hester
- Johnny Hasset
- 19 Leroy Whatley
- Kaybee Hobbs
- Gina Hunt
- Connie Bush
- Sammy Turner
- 20 Caleb Campbell
- Dr. Charles Cloutier
- Taylor Campbell
- Alyssa Spivey
- Randy Kelly
- 21 Mildred Athey
- Tonya Cooley
- Cory Griffin
- Julio Vazquez
- Elizabeth Phibbs
- 22 Kayla Cook
- Jonathan Aplin
- Tim Wilsford
- 23 Pam Higgins
- Jason Selvage
- Ridge Newell
- Bernice Bryant
- 24 Donna Gail Andersen
- Tina Campbell
- Anne Pinkston
- Theresa Riley
- 25 Mary Beth Wadsden
- Ellen Robbins
- 26 Mary Price
- Mack Terrell
- 28 Baleigh Windham
- Darrell Self
- 29 Kim Kelley
- Faye Law
- 30 Wanda Horsley
- Doris Miller
- Betty Ann Russell
- Tiffany Hammock
- 31 Will Garrett

Happy Anniversary

- January 6 Jim & Beth Maxwell
- January 7 Ross & Margaret Goodwin
- January 8 Fred & Nancy Setzer
- January 11 Reneau & Virginia Gates
- January 12 Frank & Colleen Rutland
- January 14 Mike & Debbie Green (30)
- January 18 Raymond & Ann Tucker
- January 22 Bob & Betty Crowe
- January 23 Jeff & Nancy Beale
- George & Sherry McCulley

Sympathy to the families of...

- Thomas, Julia Elizabeth (75).....died November 25, 2013
- Gibbons, Jr., Homer Gaston (84)died November 27, 2013
- Godwin, Gordon Gray (16)died November 28, 2013
- Keahey, Carolyn Cherry (88)died November 29, 2013
- Pickering, Dr. John Milton (86).....died November 29, 2013
- Proctor, Mary (94)died November 30, 2013
- Jackson, Emma Pearl Norton (96)died December 7, 2013
- Steineker, Helen Jean (60)died December 17, 2013
- Faulkner, Hugh Martin (82).....died December 18, 2013
- Booker, Grady Wayne (72a)died December 21, 2013
- Potts, Dr. A Earl (93)died December 25, 2013
- Lee, Kareen (70)died December 26, 2013
- Rowe, Steven Clark (59)died December 26, 2013
- Till, C. Lamondied December 26, 2013
- Butler, Annie Lois (93)died December 27, 2013
- Pickett, Charles Robert (84).....died December 28, 2013
- Sanders, Nelda Joyce Saucer (79)died December 28, 2013
- Tatum, James "Danny" (65)died December 28, 2013



ANDREWS, James "Jay" Allen, Jr. age 54, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, December 25, 2013. Jay was pastor at Snowdown United Methodist church and loved every minute of it. He had a huge heart for missions and was very involved in Habitat for Humanity. Jay was preceded in death by his father, James Allen Andrews, Sr; his mother, Carolyn Faye Tucker Andrews; and his grandson, Asher James Andrews. He is survived by his wife Jennifer; his sons, Jake (Chris) Andrews, Josh (Elizabeth) Andrews and Jeremy (Melissa) Andrews; his step-sons Jacob (Natalie) Burnett, Zachary (Samantha) Burnett and Justin Burnett; his grandchildren Isabella, Ava, Emma, Benjamin, Elliott, Henry, Lucy-Mae; his brother Jeff (Wanda) Andrews and his nieces, Jessi and Jasmine Andrews.

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Friday, January 10, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

The Avenue of The Waters, overlooking the future school site

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The Town of Pike Road will be breaking ground on the first campus of its municipal school system Friday, January 10 at 10:00 a.m. in The Waters community off Marler Road. The event is open to the public.

The groundbreaking ceremony will feature remarks from a number of individuals whose involvement has been critical to the progress of the school project since its inception. Among them, Mayor Gordon Stone, former Mayors Wayne Rabren and Judy, members of the Pike Road School Board and former State Superintendent of Education Dr. Ed Richardson, who has helped lead the school project for the past two years. The program will conclude with the ceremonial breaking of ground overlooking the future school site.

Weather permitting, construction is scheduled to begin in the next few days on the school site, which is adjacent to The Waters community. The parcel was donated to the town by its owners for use as a school site. The first school building was designed by Infinity Architecture, and Volkert, Inc., will be overseeing the construction process. It is scheduled to be complete

in the summer of 2015.

"This is certainly one of the most momentous events that has taken place in the Town of Pike Road's brief history, and we are grateful and excited to approach this milestone," said Mayor Gordon Stone. "The groundbreaking and construction of this first campus of the Pike Road School System is the culmination of many years of vision and effort, and we hope to honor those whose work has brought us to this point and also encourage those who will carry the torch forward."

Pike Road School Board President Ray Hawthorne, who will speak at Friday's event, echoed the mayor's enthusiasm.

"We are all truly blessed to have this opportunity to begin the process of building our new school," said Hawthorne. "So much time, effort and preparation has gone into this endeavor, by both the town and the school board, which I know will ensure the school's success. This Friday's ceremony brings us one step closer to a stronger sense of community in a Pike

Road School System that all will enjoy."

The Pike Road School System was identified as a goal by citizens in a strategic planning exercise in 2005. An education committee began meeting shortly thereafter to research and design the school's curriculum. The school system was legally established in December 2010 through passage of a resolution to separate from the Montgomery Public Schools. The first school board was appointed in May 2013, and the formal separation agreement was finalized in October. When the school opens in August 2015, it will serve kindergarten through eighth grades, with an additional grade level added each subsequent year. All homes within the town's municipal limits will be zoned for the Pike Road system.

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6 to 8 new potatoes, cut into fourths	Chopped fresh parsley, if desired
1 1/2 cups baby-cut carrots	
1 medium onion, sliced	

1. Remove excess fat from beef. Cut beef into 6 serving pieces. Spray 12-inch skillet with cooking spray; heat over medium-high heat. Sprinkle beef with seasoned salt. Cook beef in skillet about 8 minutes, turning once, until brown.
2. Layer potatoes, carrots, beef and onion in 3 1/2- to 6-quart slow cooker. Mix tomatoes and gravy; spoon over beef and vegetables.
3. Cover and cook on low heat setting 7 to 9 hours or until beef and vegetables are tender. Sprinkle with parsley.

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2. tablespoons ranch dressing	1/2 cup finely shredded cheddar cheese (2 oz)
	1/4 cup chopped green onions (4 medium)

1. Heat oven to 350°F. If using crescent rolls: Unroll dough; separate into 2 long rectangles. Press each into 12x4-inch rectangle, firmly pressing perforations to seal. If using dough sheet: Unroll dough; cut lengthwise into 2 long rectangles. Press each into 12x4-inch rectangle.
2. Spread dressing over each rectangle to edges. Sprinkle each with bacon, cheddar cheese and onions. Starting with one short side, roll up each rectangle; press edge to seal. With serrated knife, cut each roll into 8 slices; place cut side down on ungreased cookie sheet.
3. Bake 12 to 17 minutes or until edges are deep golden brown. Immediately remove from cookie sheet. Serve warm.

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JUDSON STUDENTS BRING GIFTS TO LOCAL DIALYSIS PATIENTS...

In the true spirit of the holiday season, a group of Judson College students handed out gifts to patients at the Davita Marion-Perry Dialysis Center. The gifts were presented by members of the school's Tri-Beta Club on December 6.

Eleven college students distributed 30 gift-bags, each bag containing toiletries, socks, blankets, puzzle books, pens and paper. The school's nursing club provided scarves and gloves for the bags. The students also sang Christmas carols for the patients.

"Judson's Tri-Beta Club -- Beta Beta Beta, National Biological Honor Society -- has a long history of health-related community service projects," Dr. Thomas Wilson, professor of biology said.

Their projects have included: Walking for Cancer and Diabetes; working with Perry County Health Department's blood pressure workshops; checking vision with UAB's Optometry Department; organizing Healthy Heart projects, and others, according to Dr. Wilson.

"The gifts were bought from money already present in the Tri-beta account," said Olivia Breimhorst, Tri-beta president. Breimhorst and

Maggie Ingram, vice president, did the shopping and packing of the gift bags.

"The students used funds raised by the club in earlier projects, plus our Dr. Wilson matched the funds with a personal," said Breimhorst. The total funds were used to put together 30 gift bags for the local dialysis patients, she said.

The Tri-Beta Club was established in 1976 under the leadership of Dr. Wilson.

"It is a society for science students, particularly undergraduates, dedicated to improving the understanding and appreciation of biological study and extending boundaries of human knowledge through scientific research," Wilson said.

Students must maintain a 3.0 overall GPA and a 3.0 science GPA; they must be biology majors or minors to qualify for membership. Presently, Judson has 61 biology majors, with 21 minors, making biology the largest major at the college.



Judson College Tri-Beta Club members with their gift bags for local dialysis patients.

Faculty sponsors of Tri-Beta are Dr. Thomas Wilson and Dr. Kris McConnell; student president is Olivia Breimhorst; vice president is Maggie Ingram. Both students are seniors and plan to enter the field of veterinary medicine upon graduation from Judson College.

JUDSON'S ATHLETICS PROGRAM LANDS TWO SOCCER STAND-OUTS

Judson College soccer coach, Ken Headley, is looking forward to the fall 2014 season, when two highly-touted players will join the women's soccer team.

The latest recruits are Raichele Langford and Haley Quick; they are both from Madison County, Alabama. Langford is a forward and midfielder, while Quick is a midfielder. Both players are



In-coming Judson College students, Haley Quick (left) and Raichele Langford (right) with their soccer coach, Ken Headley.

considered excellent prospects, and they were teammates for the North Alabama United Madison Xtreme Soccer Club.

Coach Headley asked the women to come to the school to see what Judson had to offer academically and athletically. He had seen them play at the Alabama State Cup and felt they would make great additions to the team.

As a result of Headley's invitation, the women traveled to

Judson College in November for Preview Day and soccer tryouts. After the trip, Quick commented: "My reason to go was to get a better understanding of what life at Judson will be like for me. I wanted to see what soccer will be like at the next level, as well as the academics. The athletics and academics are awesome!" Quick said.

Langford was also enthusiastic about her visit to Judson. "I accepted the invitation to Preview Day at Judson College because I saw an opportunity to receive a great education and compete in soccer at the next level. I was impressed by the size of the college, the traditions and the graduation rate. The students were very welcoming," Langford said.

Coach Headley is confident about his new players' ability to make the team. He said having teammates work well together is important for building a successful program. "Watching both of them at tryouts with our team, it was easy for me to see they will fit right in," Headley said.

JUDSON COLLEGE SHARES HOLIDAY TRADITION WITH COMMUNITY



Judson College FAITH Singers perform at Christmas Vespers service.

Judson College celebrated Christmas Tea and Vespers service on December 7 on campus. The gathering was a highlight of the school's 175th anniversary celebration.

The Judson College music department presented Christmas Vespers in Alumnae Auditorium. The musical program was open to the public and there was no charge for admission.

The music included choral performances by the Judson Singers and FAITH Ensemble, as well as hand bell music by the Judson Ringers.

The 175th Anniversary Alumnae Choirs, represented by multiple Judson graduates, also performed.

Christmas Tea and Vespers is one of Judson's most festive traditions, and it brought together faculty, students, parents, staff, alumnae, and others. Several prospective students and their parents attended as well.

"Christmas Tea and Vespers was a wonderful occasion to celebrate the birth of Christ and Judson's 175 years of higher Christian education. We are grateful to our alumnae who provided beautiful new decorations for this special year," said Judy Martin, Assistant to the President of Judson College.

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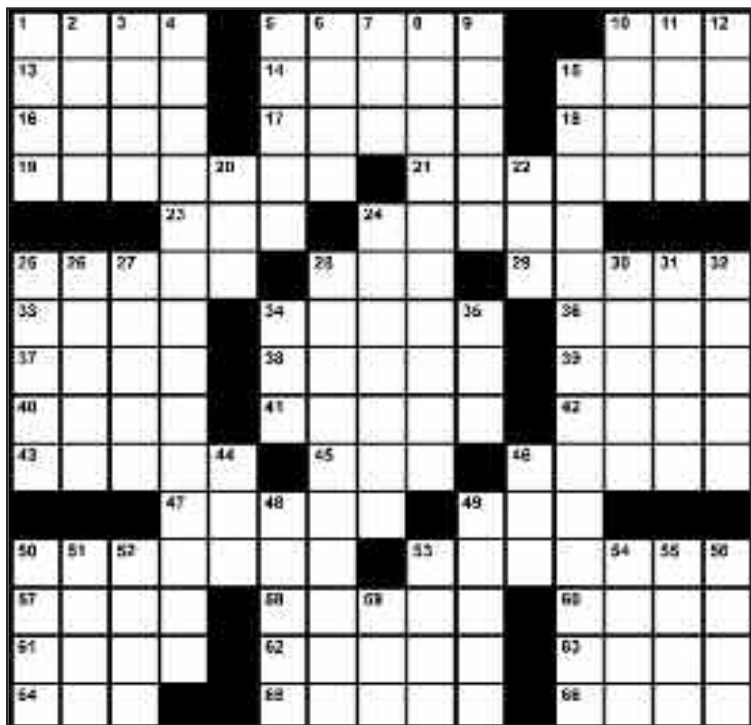
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- 25. Prepare for surgery
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- 29. Wedding helper
- 33. Found in a University
- 34. Lowly workers
- 36. French currency
- 37. Tree offshoot
- 38. Humerus's neighbors
- 39. Pull
- 40. Alcove
- 41. San Diego baseballer
- 42. Cast a ballot
- 43. Aquarium pals
- 45. At ___ : cornered
- 46. Joint
- 47. Mixed metal
- 49. "This means ___!"
- 50. Outdoors
- 53. Ace
- 57. Microprocessor type, abbr.
- 58. Duck and down preceder
- 60. Minute amount
- 61. Make do with
- 62. Knot
- 63. Pass away notice
- 64. In the least
- 65. Encouraged, with "on"
- 66. Nozzle
- Down
- 1. Victorian
- 2. 1992 Dustin Hoffman film
- 3. Privy to
- 4. Patient endurance of pain or unhappiness
- 5. Small restaurants
- 6. Elliptical
- 7. Spoil to an extent
- 8. Someone who works to convert to a religious cause
- 9. Assumed name
- 10. Indian percussion pattern
- 11. Doe's mate
- 12. French door part
- 15. Bible edition
- 20. Adam's ___
- 22. Rumanian penny
- 24. 12
- 25. Water balloon sound
- 26. Kind of paper
- 27. Cut of beef
- 28. Attacking verbally with harsh criticism
- 30. Michigan lake
- 31. A muse
- 32. The second growth of grass in a season
- 34. Baby dog
- 35. Holy ___
- 44. Mode or king?
- 46. Body mark
- 48. Feudal lord
- 49. Series opener?
- 50. Sea World attraction
- 51. The first meson discovered
- 52. Catch a glimpse of
- 53. Epitaph starter
- 54. Vagabond
- 55. Elevator brake inventor
- 56. London's ___ Gallery
- 59. U.N.'s Hammar skjold

- Across
- 1. TV Dr.
 - 5. Pause
 - 10. Little food measuring tool, for short
 - 13. Marriage destination
 - 14. Be of use
 - 15. Pro ___ (in proportion)
 - 16. Work over the shirts
 - 17. Persian language
 - 18. Esprit

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NEW THOUGHTS...

- How come wrong numbers are never busy?
- Do people in Australia call the rest of the world 'up over'?
- Does that screwdriver belong to Phillip?
- Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?
- Why is it called lipstick if you can still move your lips?
- Why is it that night falls but day breaks?
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