Dean Wins Top Award

TUSCUMBIA - Gateway Management in Birmingham recently hosted it's annual managers conference at the Marriott Shoals. A Rock and Roll theme was incorporated celebrating the rich music history in this area. Managers and employees came from Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi. They were treated with a dinner with Rock and Roll music and all

dressed as music stars.

Gateway also presented awards for the most outstanding

people in the company.

Dean

Andrea Dean, manager at Sullivan Village Apartments in Tuscumbia, won the Presidents' award. She has worked for Gateway for almost twelve years.

This was the first year this award has gone to a property manager. "I feel very blessed to have received this award," Dean

President, Randy Fleece, added, "She goes above and beyond to insure the job gets done in a timely manner. The tenants at Sullivan love her and she loves them."

Former Lions in GSC Hall

BIRMINGHAM-Former University of North Alabama volleyball All-Americans, Rachel Price Bell and Ronda **Price Brinley**, are two of five selected for induction into the Gulf South Conference Hall of Fame for the 2015 Class.

The GSC Hall of Fame in only its second year will honor inductees on June 24. Ten inductees made up the initial class including former UNA football standout Ronald McKinnon and former UNA basketball coach and athletic director, the late Bill Jones.

UNA's Price sisters are natives of Merrillville, Indiana. They are joined in the 2015 induction class by former

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MUSCLE SHOALS-Northwest-Shoals Community College recently celebrated its annual Spring Fling event. The newly organized Student Veterans of America (SVA) had a display table set up with a new banner for students and college staff to sign showing their support for military veterans. Student Veterans of America is currently organized on over 1,100 college and university campuses nationwide. SVA's mission is to provide military veterans with the resources, support, and advocacy needed to succeed in higher education and following graduation.



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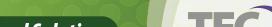


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"The Flash" Season Finale Party Tuesday, May 19, 6pm Florence-Lauderdale Public Library Watch the season finale of "The

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There will be a Benefit Singing for Pam Clemons - Friday, May 22, 7pm at Valley View House of Prayer. A post Kidney transplant patient, needs teeth pulled due to illness. She has no insurance.

Singers are: Heavenly Blessed, Sharp Family, and Ray Stowe.

all the details

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Hickory Flat Cemetery is asking for donations for the upkeep of the cemetery. We deeply appreciate everyone that continues to give every year. If you have never gave ia donation in the past please consider giving. Currently plots are \$200 per plot. Mail all donations to Hickory Flat Cemetery, 700 County Road 103, Killen, AL 35645.

Red Bay WellCare Center will offer a series of classes this summer. Water Aerobics classes will be offered at the City Pool on Tuesdays and Thursdays. addition, Justin Cox (Red Bay WellCare's Fitness Specialist) will offer Boot Camp classes on Tuesday and

Thursday afternoons. Water aerobics is a low-impact class for all age and skill levels, 14 years and older. You do not have to swim to participate. Instead, classes involve water walking, jogging, and others water activities to provide cardiovascular and resistance exercises. Classes are 45 minutes in length.

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If you are interested in either class, please call the WellCare Center at 256-356-1162.

The Waterloo Senior Citizens will have a Yard Sale on May 19, 20 and 21 from 8am until noon at the Waterloo Community Center. Home decor, clothing, household items, and much more will be for sale. Come out and support our local Senior Citizens.

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"This program is intended to help students apply for any unused Federal Financial Aid funds," stated NW-SCC Financial Aid Director, Shauna James. "These funds along with the summer scholarship program are selected to help college freshmen prepare for their future while saving time and money. We want to encourage students to apply early for federal aid. Those not receiving federal aid will still be eligible for scholarships," summer James added.

Students who graduate from high school in spring 2015 with a High School Diploma are eligible to apply. The scholarship has no effect on any other financial aid, and it will not affect plans to attend another school in the fall. To qualify for the free tuition scholarship, students should complete the following:

the following:

1) Complete the 2014-2015 Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form using 2013 income information. This application can be submitted online at www. fafsa.gov.

2) Complete the NW-SCC application for admission. The application is obtainable from the high school counselor or at NW-SCC. There is no application fee.

3) Approximately five days after submitting your FAFSA online, all students should contact the NW-SCC Financial Aid office for further assistance. Those not qualifying for financial aid will be eligible to apply for a summer scholarship.

Once this process is completed, the student will receive information on

SHOALS-- Shoals advising, and registration for the 2015 summer semester. Students taking advantage of the "Jump by offering ass. That is o \$560 for a gram is college placement testing, advising, and registration for the 2015 summer semester. Students taking advantage of the "Jump Start" program will be given the opportunity to register early for academic, technical, day, evening or online courses.

The summer semester begins May 28 for full and first mini-term classes, June 4 for the eight week term, and June 30 for the second mini-term.

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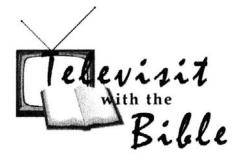
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The area's excellent water resources means citizens must be aware of nautical 'Rules of the Road" for their safety.

While boating citizens should use knowledge and

FLORENCE - Ray Stiles skills to protect themselves and friends. Drinking alcohol, taking drugs, or choosing not to wear your life jacket while operating a boat are examples of human error and lack of proper judgment.

An average of 650 people die each year in boating related accidents. In the United States, nearly 80% of these drownings are from a lack of wearing an approved life jacket.

National Boating week is a good time to make a commitment recognizing boating safety year-round.



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Former Lions in GSC Hall

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Alabama-Huntsville Athletic Director, the late Jim Harris, former West Georgia basketball coach, and athletic director, **Ed Murphy**, and former

Valdosta State baseball coach, Tommy Thomas.

The Price sisters were inducted into the UNA Athletic Hall of Fame in 2011. They were also chosen for the 40th Anniversary NCAA Division II Tribute Team in 2013 as the top female student-athletes from the GSC over the 40 years that the league has competed in Division II.

Both players were four-year starters for UNA from 1996-99 with a combined 156-22 record. The Lions won four straight Gulf South Conference championships, made four straight NCAA Division II Tournament appearances, and won two NCAA regional championships in those years.

Following her graduation from UNA, Price earned a Phd. in Biomedical Engineering from Purdue University and is currently employed as a clinical project manager in West project manager in West Lafayette, Ind.

Her induction into the UNA Athletic HOF in 2011 was her first year of

eligibility.

Brinley's 2011 induction into the UNA Athletic HOF was also in her first year of eligibility.

Following her graduation from UNA Brinley graduated from the Indiana University School of Medicine and also did her residency at the Indiana University School of Medicine. She is employed as an anesthesiologist in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

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Ask Dr. Webb



Dr. Robert Webb

Part II of Morphine: The <u>common</u> <u>side-effects</u> patients can expect.

Constipation. Because these drugs actually 'paralyze' the nerves to your gut, almost everyone becomes constipated.
Treatment is NOT a stool softener [docusate/Colace] nor a bulking agent [Metamucil]; you need something that stimulates the bowel, such as senna [Senokot], or polyethylene glycol 3350 [Miralax]; and/or prunes! The goal is a BM at least every 3 days [unless normal for you is only once a week!].

Nausea / vomiting. Most people have some nausea initially so it is better to take an anti-nauseant with the morphine for the first few days until tolerance develops: such as, prochlorperazine [Compazine], ondansetron [Zofran], or even promethazine [Phenergan—less effective and not recommended for seniors]. Other effective options include: metoclopramide [Reglan], dexamethazone [Decadron], and haloperidol [Haldol].

Sedation. This was covered in the previous issue. If it does persist after several days, and reducing the morphine improves the sleepiness but causes more unacceptable pain, then adding methylphenidate [Ritalin] to the smallest effective morphine dose often counters the sleepiness without increasing the pain.

Confusion. This can be a true *delirium* and is more common in older seniors. It can be successfully treated by cutting down the morphine or temporarily taking an anti-delirium drug [haloperidol/Haldol is the drug of choice] for a few days until tolerance develops. Confusion is less likely when started at lower doses with smaller increases (unless the pain needs to be brought under control more quickly, in which case we may prevent the delirium by taking haloperidol simultaneously for a few days).

Sweats, dry mouth, and urinary retention. These can sometimes be bothersome; but fortunately are treatable.

Next time: part III - less common side-effects.



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Ask Dr. Webb is a bi-weekly article sponsored by Hospice of the Shoals as a community service to answer questions about hospice care and end of life issues. Please submit questions to ssimpson@hofts.org or call 256-767-6699.

Dr. Robert Webb has focused his practice on geriatrics and palliative care since 2003.

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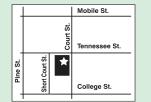


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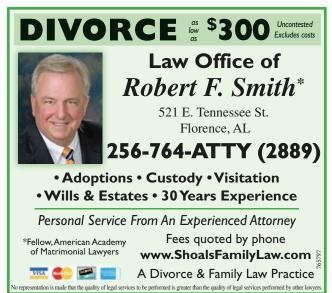
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Awards were presented in several areas. The Extrication Award went to Central VFD. An Entertainers Appreciation Award was presented to Travis Wammack.

The Small Business Supporter of the Year Award was Pop's BBQ of St. Florian. The Business Supporter of the Year Award was Municipal Emergency Services, Inc. Southeast division. The William D. Posey Memorial Fair Parking Award went to George Mills of Central VFD. The Alabama Forestry Commission's Smokey Bear Award went to Killen VFD. The Individual Fire Prevention Award went to **Scott Childers** of Anderson VFD. The Ladies Auxiliary Award went to Kristen **Iames** of Cloverdale VFD. The EMS Star of Life Award went to Joe Maxwell of Underwood VFD. The Fire Chief of the Year was **Robin Mitchell** of Zip City VFD. The People's Choice/Fire Dept. of the Year was Zip

City VFD. The Explorer of the Year was **Houston Berry** of Underwood VFD. The Rookie of the Year was **Trevor Beasley** of Underwood VFD. The Lauderdale County Volunteer Firefighter of the Year was **Tony Eckl** of Underwood VFD along with an additional plaque to his supportive wife, Carol.

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4. There are loads of valuable, free software out there but there "ain't no such thing as a free lunch." During installation, many of those "free" programs will ask if you want to install additional software during the installation process. You must pay attention to the installation process and avoid installing silly things such as the "Ask" toolbar, "video downloaders" and other nonsense.

5. The single easiest way to avoid giving me money is to keep your antivirus program up to date. In addition to your antivirus program, install a junk software removal tool such as MalwareBytes Anti-malware. Be careful when you search for junk software removal tools. Many website will disguise themselves as the real thing in an attempt to get you to download more junk.

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Commending ASU Business

ATHENS - Two Athens State University students in the College of Business received commendations for their presentations at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Alabama Academy of Science recently at the University of West Alabama.

Diane Hammond and Austin Ray received first and second places, respectively, for their student papers. Hammond also was recognized for her work in the Student Poster category.

Hammond's first place winning paper was entitled, <u>Addicted or Irresponsible</u>? She presented the paper that was contributed to by Athens State faculty members, R. Bryan Kennedy, and Susan D. Herring.

Herring.
Ray's second place
winning paper was
entitled, Alternative
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He presented the paper
with contributions from
Athens State faculty
members R. Bryan
Kennedy, Susan D.
Herring, and Michael

Essary. Athens State faculty members also presented papers at the meeting. Those papers included: Examining Acquisition Education and Training: <u>A case study</u>. **Charles R.** Roberts (presenter), Susan D. Herring, and R. Bryan Kennedy. <u>The General</u> Manager's Dilemma: A perfect storm of ethics violations: A case study. R. Bryan Kennedy, Susan D. Herring, Thomas <u>Pieplow</u> (presenter). Treason or Professional Responsibility? R. Bryan Kennedy, Susan D. Herring, Charles R. Roberts (presenter).

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DAVE

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OUT OF STEP WITH THE BABY STEPS

Dear Dave,

My husband and I have been following your plan. We just paid cash for our new home after selling the old one, so we're out of the Baby Steps. But we've still got about \$50,000 in student loan debt hanging over our heads. We make over \$100,000 a year combined, so how would you suggest handling this?

Stephanie

Dear Stephanie,

Whoa, hang on a my priorities. minute! I think you're a First, don't little confused about the steps in my plan. You're not out of the Baby Steps quite yet. You just got Baby Step 6, which is pay off your mortgage, done ahead of time.

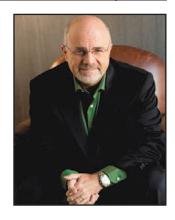
Go back to Baby Step 2, which involves paying off all your debt except for your house, and take care of the student loans. You guys make good money, so it shouldn't take long at all. After that, if you haven't already, move to Baby Step 3 and set aside a fully loaded emergency fund of three to six months of expenses. Baby Step 4 is investing 15 percent of your income for retirement, and Baby Step 5 means putting aside money for the kids' college education — if you have kids. The seventh Baby Step is building wealth and giving.

I hope that helps straighten things out. The good news is you won't have to fight through a house payment while you're paying off the student loan debt. So for now, just get into attack mode and make it disappear. Then, move on to the other steps. Other than getting the sequence a little mixed up, you guys are doing great!

DO NO MORE DAMAGE

Dear Dave.

finish my degree this year, web at daveramsey.com.



and I'm going to ask my girlfriend to marry me. We both have decent jobs, but I also have some previous student loans that I could put into deferment. Do you think I should pay off the debt before getting engaged? Colton

Dear Colton,

Congrats on finding that special someone! Now, if I were in your shoes, here's the way I line up

First, don't do any more damage where debt is concerned. I want you to pay cash for your food, lights, water, gas for your car and housing. Obviously, you have to live, but I want you to all this without adding any new debt. The next priority would be to pay for college, and pay cash for your tuition and stuff from this point forward. Remember, no new debt!

After that, let's save up and pay cash for a nice, inexpensive ring. The student loan debt comes last through deferment. I'd really attack it with a vengeance after I was married, out of school and had an even better job and bigger income.

You're going to be a busy guy for a while, but I'll bet this lady's worth it. Gaining control of your finances now will be a great gift for you both when you start your new life together. —Ďave

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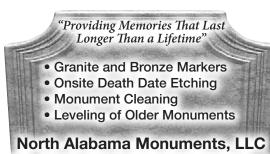


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Commentary

No Progress When Focusing on Past

ot much has changed in Michelle Obama's mind. Jim Crow is fresh to her. Selma seems like last week. The first lady of racial division

gave the spring commencement address at Tuskegee University the Saturday before last. The Alabama school was founded in 1881 and is a success story among America's historically black colleges and

Few

Words

TOM MAGAZZU

Editor

universities. Alabama State, Alabama A&M, and Miles College are a few notable others in

Alabama. Instrumental in the founding was a former slave named Booker T. Washington who was a leader in the black community until his death in 1915. Instead of taking on an attitude of deflation and woe, Washington realized the opportunity before him. He encouraged other former slaves and future generations to take advantage of the opportunities that their ancestors only dreamed of.

In her speech Obama initially touched on some positive and some negative. "Generation after generation,

students here have shown that same grit, that same resilience to soar past obstacles and outrages — past the threat of countryside lynchings; past the humiliation of Jim Crow; past the turmoil of the Civil Rights era," she said. "And then they went on to become scientists, engineers, nurses and teachers in communities all across the country — and continued to lift others up along the way."

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FUND GIVES CYCLISTS SOME ADDED

Visibility on Trace

TUPELO, MS – With the help of the Natchez Trace Parkway Association (NTPA) through its Gary Holdiness Cycling Fund, Natchez Trace Parkway staff members are celebrating National Bike Month and the National Park Service Centennial by actively promoting bicycle visibility and

safety.
"We are excited to be working with the Natchez Trace Parkway Association and its Holdiness Fund to promote bicycle visibility and safety along the Natchez Trace Parkway. As the National Park Service gets ready to celebrate

our Centennial in 2016, we are encouraging everyone to rediscover their National Parks, especially those close to home. Bicycling is one of the many ways visitors can experience the Parkway," said Superintendent Mary Risser.

The Gary Holdiness Cycling Fund was established by the

association to honor the memory of Dr. Gary Holdiness. The goal is to perpetuate his love for bicycling the Natchez Trace Parkway, and to make it a safe environment for bicyclists. Natchez Trace Parkway

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Sepsis a Serious Concern

"SHEFFIELD-Helen Keller Hospital will present "Sepsis Awareness – How Infection Can Kill" on Thursday, May 21 at noon. This program is to educate the public on this nationwide epidemic that affects 750,000 people in the United States each year. Dr. Bill Meckes, Vice President of Medical Affairs at Helen Keller Hospital, will present this informative program.

"The purpose of this program is to teach our community what sepsis actually is and what to look for," said Meckes. "We are seeking to educate people on sepsis protocols and what these protocols mean."

The program at Keller Wellcare Center is free and open to the public. Seating is limited, so call 256-386-4747 to reserve yours.

KILLEN LIONS CLUB CHICKEN STEW SALE - The sale starts at 9am Monday, May 25 at Brooks Elementary School Cafeteria. \$5 quart. First come, first served. The Killen Lions Club meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month in the Brooks Elementary School cafeteria at 6:30pm. We welcome visitors to any meeting. We request that you consider joining us in serving our community. Come to any meeting or call 256-757-2069 or 256-366-1448 for more inform.

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Also Going on Today

Editor:

A 2012 Movie called "No God, No Master" is about an anarchist plot to destroy democracy in the U.S. and an unscrupulous, crooked Attorney General. Although this movie was set in the year 1919, it brings to light what could be and very likely is going on in the U.S. today.

Paul Sabatino Florence

Why Stop The Traffic?

Editor:

Each Sunday morning Faith Church has a Florence Police officer who stops traffic in the outside west-bound lane of Highway 72, allowing church attendees to leave easily. While this may be convenient to those leaving the Faith Church campus, it disrupts traffic flow on Highway 72.

The Faith Church campus has outlets for attendees to use. is stopping traffic over Highway 72 necessary? I cannot safely cross over Highway 72 Monday-Friday from Mary Lee Drive to travel east to take my children to school, because the traffic is continually heavy. Why don't Florence Police assist us on those days?

J. Allen Florence

A Ludicrous Charge

Editor:

In a recent column Universal Press Syndicate columnist, Cynthia Tucker, wrote that Dr. Ben Carson is in danger of losing all respect because of his stand for morality and responsibility that is in conflict with President Obama, who seems to be intent on destroying the Republic that he is sworn to defend.

Ms. Tucker's charge that Carson is unqualified for the presidency is ludicrous. He seems to have a better understanding of what this country needs than any of the candidates. Tucker also accuses him of being contemptuous of religious pluralism and personal liberties. To the liberal, tolerance for religious pluralism is for Christians to sacrifice their religious freedom. Dr. Carson's stance on homosexuality is valid. It is not only condemned by God, but it is physically, psychologically and spiritually destructive to those who

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The design must reflect the Medieval/Renaissance era and the entry must be in a vertical format 18" x 24."

The following information must be included in the

poster design:
a. The Faire's name:
Alabama Renaissance Faire b. Date of the Faire:

October 24-25, 2015 c. The place: Florence, Alabama

Alabama
d. The web address:
alarenfaire.org
The artist must submit
a full-size (18" x 24") color
comprehensive layout on rigid board. Artists who design their entries on computer may submit a reduced version of their artwork while maintaining the 18" x 24" proportions. The winner will be required to prepare final artwork. The winning design will be printed on posters and concession items such as t-shirts.

Poster designs may be produced in any medium suitable for reproduction.

All entries are due by June 5. The winner will be notified by June 26.

A prize of \$500 will be paid to the winner on receipt of camera-ready artwork or disk containing computer design to be submitted no later than July 17, 2015.

A panel of judges will make the final determination

of the winning entry based on artistic merit and suitability as a visual image for the Faire.

NOTE: Last year's winning artist cannot enter.
Send entries to Alabama

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Hand deliveries will be accepted June 5 from 8am-4pm at the Central Office of the Florence City Schools, 102 South Court Street, 6th Floor in Florence. Nonwinners' works may be picked up on or before November 20. After this date all entries not claimed will become property of the Alabama Renaissance Faire.

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The knowledge we share can become the building blocks to even greater learning. John Adams realized this when he said, "I must study politics and war that my sons may have liberty to study mathematics and philosophy." What we learn and share among our peers, clients and others can help them to accomplish even more than we have. This becomes one of the ways we serve those about us. We enrich and enhance the lives of others by giving them something on which to build. After all, as John Adams said, "If we do not lay out ourselves in the service of mankind whom shall we

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We have heard it said, "knowledge is power," but we should go a little bit further and add that "the application of knowledge is power." Simply put, if we are educated on what and how to do something and don't do it we render

ourselves powerless. When we learn something new that could improve our business practices and we don't do it; we are doing our clients and fellow REALTORS® a disservice. We can learn a great deal from our associates, as

well as from our competition. We should be willing get education whenever we can, from within our own companies, or from without. Our clients are served, and we become more professional. Education is learned in the field as much as in the classroom.

When we are talking about education, we don't need to

narrow our minds to just thoughts about taking CE classes and obtaining a new credential. We need to EDUCATE ourselves about exactly what our contracts say and how to adequately explain the content to our purchasers and sellers. We don't need to allow them to just initial where we tell them to and hope and pray that nothing bad happens when what they thought they were agreeing to was not necessarily the same as what they signed/agreed to." Designations also increase our efficiency and professionalism.
These designations require education. We should always seek to become better educated, not for the sake of another title on our business card, but for the knowledge we receive through our education. As Realtors, we should always seek opportunities to become



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Memorial Day is a sacred day to all living war veterans. They understand the sacrifice.

As we pause for a few moments of personal silence during our daily



activities this Memorial Day or attend one of the local commemorative ceremonies, we should remember the great debt we owe to those who fought and died on our behalf in environments most of us cannot imagine.

The price of liberty is high. It takes the bravery of those we have lost and from those who made it through the battles with physical and emotional scars. By honoring the nation's war dead, we preserve their memory along with their service and sacrifice.

Flag displays, flower placements in cemeteries, and other public displays of patriotism are essential if remembering war dead is to be instilled in our young people. Let's all make sure the three day weekend doesn't undermine the meaning or significance of Memorial Day in our hearts.

It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather, we should thank God that such men lived. George S. Patton

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However, the responses from liberals like Ms. Tucker prove that his candidacy will be helpful in educating voters who love this nation.

Euell White Florence

A Rewarding Opportunity

Dear Editor:

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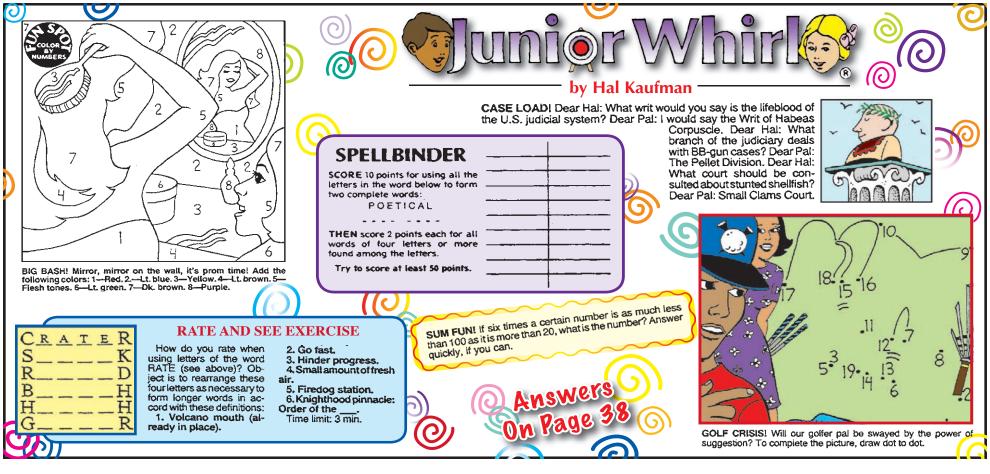


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Governor Using Childish Tactics

Editor:

Governor Robert Bentley has very clearly broken his WRITTEN pledge to voters to oppose and veto "any and all efforts to increase taxes." The November elections were barely over before Gov. Bentley was pushing his new tax plan. Bentley now says that his pledge only applied to his first term. Yet all of his 2014 campaign materials: billboards, TV ads, and fliers said no new taxes. I take exception with any man who breaks his word. As a Christian and fellow Republican, I must apologize for his actions. I can't find a way to justify his lies.

To add insult to injury, the governor is using childish tactics. He said no new taxes and that is why we voted him in. Yet, all he has given us is rhetoric based on fear and manipulation. He says prisoners will be let loose, medicaid will be cut, state troopers will be laid off, mental health cuts, etc. These all sound bad, but why not talk about how he gave money to big business via incentives or adding free pre-k? Additionally, he never talks about cutting the states surveillance system and new fusion center in Montgomery, or the added expense of implementing the federal Real-ID system or common core in the schools. What I want to know is why would Gov Bentley be talking about cutting mental health care, but not talk about cutting Alabama's funding of a national-international ID system.

In the last few years Gov. Bentley and the state have raided the trust fund and the rainy day fund, but here we stand. Ultimately, why would we want to reward him with more of our trust and taxes when he had four years to prepare for this? I thought that borrowed trust money was to get us through a rough spot, instead they continued to over-spend and abuse our trust.

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Association member, Donna Holdiness, has supported donations and distributed safety supplies purchased through the fund to park rangers. "Gary loved this

Parkway and wanted others to enjoy it too. Now bicyclists can benefit from the memorial fund established in his honor,"

said Holdiness. Park staff will launch a campaign to interact with bicyclists in a new, engaging way. When bicyclists are seen using and wearing the proper high-visibility safety equipment, they will be acknowledged and given a small gift. To increase visibility of all bicyclists, those who are not easily seen will be given a gift from the Gary Holdiness Cycling Fund. Thanks to the generous donation, a high-visibility vest and set of bicycle lights will be given to cyclists to use while bicycling the Parkway while the supplies last.

Natchez Trace The Parkway encourages all motorists and bicyclists to follow safety practices while enjoying the Parkway. Motorists are reminded to safely change lanes when passing bicyclists and to avoid driving while distracted. Bicyclists should ride single file and wear clothing. high-visibility Organized groups seeking to plan a bicycling or other special event should visit www.nps.gov/natr for information For more information about Natchez Trace Parkway Association and Gary Holdiness Cycling Fund, please visit www. natcheztrace.org.





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Small or old dogs can be anesthetized safely if precautions are taken

By Kim Campbell Thornton Universal Uclick

our child or your dog comes running and leads you to a surprise in your yard or a nearby park: a litter of tiny kittens. Your first instinct may be to scoop them up and take them home or to the shelter.

Would you be surprised to learn that experts say in most cases it's best to leave them where they are? Often, the kittens aren't abandoned but stashed by their mother while she goes out to hunt for food. Here's how to determine their status and what to do if they really are on their own.

- ❖ Watch from a distance to see if the mother cat returns. Be patient. She could be gone for several hours. And she may be unwilling to approach if she sees you near the kittens. If it's necessary and you can do so without disturbing them, provide shelter.
- ❖ If the mother doesn't return to care for the kittens, the next step is to determine how old they are. Kittens 8 weeks or older can be trapped, spayed or neutered, and returned to the area where you found them.
- ❖ Younger kittens can be identified by their appearance and size. At less than a week, their eyes are shut and their ears folded down. At 1 to 2 weeks, the eyes and ears start to open, and the kittens

can crawl. At 3 weeks, eyes and ears are fully open and kittens are starting to walk. At 4 weeks and up, kittens are running and playing and can start eating solid food. Kittens up to 7 weeks of age are the best candidates for socialization and adoption. After that, it's difficult to acclimate them to human touch and presence.

❖ Before you take kittens into your home for fostering, check them for fleas. An infestation of the nasty bloodsuckers can quickly kill a kitten. Ask your veterinarian or the kitten expert at your local shelter for the best way to safely rid the kittens of fleas.

❖ Keep kittens warm. They can't regulate their own body temperature, so don't let them get too hot or too cold. If the kittens are cold when you get them, warm them gradually by holding them in your hands and letting your body temperature do the work. You can also put them in a box lined with towels fresh from the dryer. For a constant source of appropriate warmth, hang a 60-watt light bulb above the box. Avoid heating pads, which can short out or become too hot.

❖ Wait to feed kittens until they are warm. Cold kittens won't be able to digest food. Plan on feeding them every four to six hours, round the clock.



- ❖ Make sure kittens stay hydrated by adding extra water to kitten formula (never give a kitten cow's milk, which can cause diarrhea).
- ❖ Gently wipe the kittens' bottoms with a warm, damp tissue or cotton ball 15 to 30 minutes after each meal to stimulate urine flow and bowel movements.
- ❖ Weigh young kittens daily to make sure they are putting on weight.
- Watch for eye discharge and sneezing, which can indicate infection. Sick kittens need immediate veterinary care to have a good chance of survival.
- Call your local shelter or veterinarian for further advice and help. They may be able to provide you with the equipment and support you need to foster the kittens until they can be adopted. Other good resources include Alley Cat Allies (alleycat.org) and Maddie's Fund (maddiesfund.org). Fostering young kittens is a lot of work, but it can be highly rewarding.

The canine influenza virus currently plaguing dogs in Chicago and other parts of the Midwest

is a new strain from Asia called H3N2, according to researchers at Cornell University and the University of Wisconsin. The current canine flu vaccine may not protect pets against this strain, but it is effective against H3N8, which has also been seen. If you live in or will be traveling to those areas with your dog, protect him by avoiding dog parks or other areas with many dogs, and always wash your hands after handling a strange dog before touching your own pet. Signs of the respiratory disease are coughing, nasal discharge and fever. The virus is not known to affect humans, but it can infect cats, so keep an eye out for symptoms in felines.

- Did the Easter bunny come to live with you after the recent holiday? Rabbits can make great pets. but they have some special care needs. Handle them consistently and lovingly so they will become good companions. Teach them to come when you call, stand up for a treat, and use a litter box. Female rabbits have a high incidence of reproductive tumors, so be sure to have them spayed. Finally, don't overfeed your bunny. Obesity, hairballs, and intestinal problems caused by a poor diet are common, so avoid giving sugary foods such as papaya, pineapple and, yes, carrots. Timothy hay is the best diet for them.
- Pets are often poisoned by common household **substances** — human medications. The ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center reports that approximately 25 percent of the calls it receives involve dogs or cats who have swallowed dropped pills or been given the medications inappropriately by owners. The 10 most common medications that can cause illness or death in pets are ibuprofen, tramadol, alprazolam (Xanax), Adderall, zolpidem (Ambien), clonazepam (Klonopin), acetaminophen, naproxen, duloxetine (Cymbalta), venlafaxine (Effexor). Never give your pet any human medication without first checking with your veterinarian.

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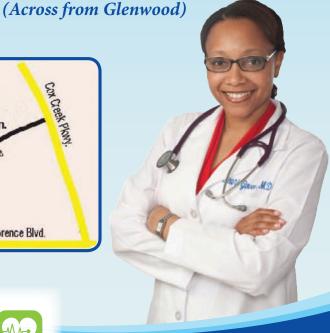
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Her pandering included a little gas on the current artificially-created "The road ahead is not going to be easy. It never is, especially for folks like you and me," she said. "Because while we've come so far, the truth is those age-old problems are stubborn, and they haven't fully gone away."

She had the pity party. The people at formal events who assumed we were the help and those that have questioned our intelligence, our honesty, and even our love of this country," she

And of course, she placed the police and black people in adversarial positions. "I know that these little indignities are nothing compared to what folks across the country are dealing with every day," Obama said. "Those nagging worries that you are going to get stopped or pulled over for absolutely no reason."

She can arbitrarily demean and stereotype whites in positions of authority, noting that black people have a "Fear that your job application will be overlooked because of the way your name sounds. The agony of sending your kids to schools that may no longer be separate, but are far from equal. The realization that no matter how far you rise in life, how hard you work to be a good person, a good parent, a good citizen — for some folks it will never be enough."

The most stunning part of the event wasn't the rant itself. Most of us have come to expect those kinds of comments from her in an open public forum. We could have suspected that she would take political liberties in front of a young throng of supporters in a national environment of open wounds.

Only a week or so before, she was complaining that discriminated against black people. What exactly does that mean?

Surprisingly, she included herself among the victims of real discrimination during her Tuskegee speech. So she was featured in political cartoon a few years ago. So she gets criticized for

ill-advised comments she chooses to make in public. Her main beef is that she was mistaken for a server at quick glance. Is she somehow beneath that?

Michelle's parents were dedicated to education and hard work. She excelled at Princeton and at Harvard. She's always worked. When her husband served as an Illinois state legislator, she received a public relations position at a Chicago hospital earning over \$100,000. That got bumped to \$316,000 when her husband became a U.S. senator and was able to make some provisions for the hospital. When she left that post, the position was quietly eliminated. She can command high five figures for speaking at almost any venue she chooses. She gets to take vacation charter flights with huge entourages under the guise of national business. Her kids attend private school - as her husband only last week bemoaned others having that option. Victimhood with all the others? She really has no business sharing martyrdom with those who truly have been willfully targeted individually over the years and have been powerless and penniless to stop it.

That's like Donald Trump complaining about cold food

in the soup line. The vagaries in her speech like "daily slights" and "those age-old problems" say nothing legitimate, but they continue to stir the mind of public resentment. In many ways she's no better than Al Sharpton, Oprah, or Eric Holder. They all live well and racial division keeps the cash and popularity flowing.

There were individuals in Booker T. Washington's day who were also preoccupied with fanning the racial flames. He deplored the race baiters of his day. Terminology aside, his 1911 quote could easily be spoken a century later.

There is another class of colored people who make a business of keeping the troubles, the wrongs, and the hardships of the Negro race before the public. Having learned that they are able to make a living out of their troubles, they have grown into the settled habit of advertising their wrongs partly because they want sympathy and partly because it pays. Some of these people do not want the Negro to lose his grievances, because they do not want to lose their jobs.

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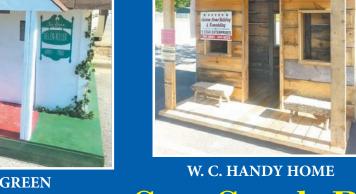
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goofy and silly when she's

bouncing on those pudgy,

brown bowlegs. And for these reasons I smiled the

entirety of Mother's Day

weekend, and I paraded

her around and disrupted

church and work. But the

biggest reason for my smile

is the fact that Ruby is still

here. She has fought so

hard to be here, and with

When we took her to see

friends at Mars Hill Bible

School, a seventh grade

friend of ours came over to

see Ruby. All of the sudden

there were tears running

down our young friends

face. She later explained

that it was the first time

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where are crazy about

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Ruby is here, and she is

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graduated from high school when she was sixteen because she had learned all that they taught. Against all odds she made something of herself. She didn't have a degree, but as a teacher's assistant, she taught hundreds of students in our local school system how to read and do math. And when the time came, she integrated her own children when others wouldn't. Strong. And then there's Lora, there's a salutatorian medallion in that nursery. She went on to attend a highly selective college and later got her Master's degree. At age twenty-four, she became a business owner and has kept it thriving. She has made it through natural birth, the rigors of breastfeeding and having a very ill child. But when you talk about tenacity, there is





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May - ECM Center, 205 Marengo Street, Florence, 256-765-7038. The hours are: Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm; Saturday, 9am-3pm; Sunday, 1-5pm. Keller Center, 1208 S Jackson

Highway, Sheffield, 256-383-3535. The hours are: The hours are: Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm.

Wednesday, May 20, 10am – 4pm, TVA – Power Service Shop, 127 Power Service Center, Muscle Shoals

Thursday, May 21, 7am – 4pm, TNT Fireworks, 4511 Helton Dr.,

Friday, May 22, 7am - 3:30pm, Elixir Door Company, 505 Hwy 20 E, Tuscumbia

Friday, May 22, 4-7pm, Lowe's, 3415 Woodward Ave., Muscle Shoals

Saturday, May 23, 10am – 6pm, Burkes Outlet, 519 W Avalon Ave, Muscle Shoals

Sunday, May 24, 11am – 6pm, Wal-Mart, 3100 Hough Rd., Florence Monday, May 25, 11am – 7pm, Wal-Mart, 3100 Hough Rd., Florence

Tuesday, May 26, TBA Wednesday, May 27, Wal-Mart, 1706 Military St S, Hamilton

Fourth Saturday Breakfast at Zip City Community Center on May 23 from 6:30-9am. Menu includes eggs, sausage, bacon, biscuits, gravies, grits, juice and coffee. Adults \$6, children under 12, \$3. Proceeds used for Center expenses. Everyone is invited.

Food for Christ - Rhodesville Methodist Church. More info call 256-810-8694.

Breakfast at Lexington Senior Center Saturday, June 23 from 6:30-9am, Bacon, eggs, sausage, bologna, gravy, chocolate gravy, grits, jelly, biscuits and coffee and orange juice. Cost \$6 per plate.

Margerum Community **Church** (formerly Margerum United Methodist) will be celebrating Homecoming/Military Tribute on Sunday, May 24 at 9:30am.

Lunch will be provided. Please plan to join us for this special day of fellowship.

Family Reunion of Jay Dennis and Filo Dennis at Central Community Center, Co. Rd. 6, May 24, 11am-4pm.

Please come and bring a covered dish. More info, call 256-766-2301, 256-766-4707 or 256-760-0038.

Center will have their monthly RSVP Luncheon Tuesday, May 26 at 11:30am. Everyone is sure to enjoy the NuTones. Come and enjoy with us. Please bring non-perishable items for the Children's Home.

AIDT will be offering **Leadership Skills I and II at** the Shoals Center for Business & Economic Development. 20 Hightower Place in Florence

Leadership Skills I -- is the recommended first course for first-line, team leads and/or new supervisors. The class is offered in a 2-day format. There is a comprehensive test given after the class. If passed, the exam offers the credential of "AIDT Certified Leader It is designed for employed Alabama citizens currently leadership positions.

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Leadership Skills I (Two-Day Course)
May 20-21 – 8am-4pm
Leadership Skills II (Two-Day
Course) June 17-18 8am-4pm
The cost is \$35 per person to
attend any of the two-day classes.
The cost includes lunch and cracks on The cost includes lunch and snacks on both days.

For more information regarding the classes go to http://www.aidt. edu/classes/

Please send an email to christi. graham@seda-shoals.com or call 256-349-5632 to enroll.

The Senior Center at Waterloo meets Monday-Friday from 8am-noon. Lunch is served each day at 11am and the cost is a donation

of \$1. The only requirements to join is to be 60 years old or handicapped. Rook, pool, checkers, shuffleboard, music (playing and singing), game night, visiting, going out to eat and taking trips are just

some of the activities available. Please come join us for fun, food and fellowship. Phone 256-764-1960 for further info

NAMI Shoals will be meeting for its monthly Educational Meeting on Tuesday, May 26 at 7pm at the NAMI Shoals office, 749 Thompson St., Suite A. Florence.

The speaker will be Bryan Libell, Riverbend Mental Health Center the topics will be Mental Health

The public is invited. Need directions ar more information, call 256-765-2081.

Richardson Cemetery in Waterloo needs the help of all who have loved ones buried there. Its time for mowing season and without donations we cannot keep the grounds looking nice. Please send donations to: F&M Bank for Richardson Cemetery, PO Box 128, Waterloo AL, 35677

Florence-Lauderdale Public **Library** will host an An Evening with Mary Kay Andrews, Thursday, May 28 at 6pm.

Enjoy food and wine with the author, and pick up a signed copy of her new book Beach Town. Tickets

350 North Wood Ave, Florence, 256-764-6564, www.flpl.org

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HOUSE FOR RENT. 1820 Maple Ave. Florence. 3BR. 1BA, Basement. No smoking. No pets. Available June 1st. \$550/monthly. \$550/deposit 256-764-7459. or 256-627-7692. 05-20

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OWNER FINANCING, Cherokee 12.8 acres located at 250 Johnson Dr., \$29,000. \$5,000 down, \$450 month. K&H inc. 256-349-0000 05-27

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FOR SALE BY OWNER. Brick

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SMOKY MOUNTAINS, 2BR., 2BA, Deluxe at Windom Resort, June 4, 5 & 6 or June 11, 12 & 13. \$350. 256-412-

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FORECLOSURE FOR SALE 286 Co. Rd. 200 Danville. 3BR. 2Ba. 1 Acre +/- \$39,900. 256-708-2213 05-20 Russellville, Oak Hills, 3BR., 2BA. brick home with new central heat/air. \$1,500 down, \$595 month. K&H Inc. 256-349-0000 06-24

KILLEN LAKE HOUSE SHOAL Creek, Emerald Beach, 231 Co. Rd. 29, 2BR. 1BA, level corner lot, \$145K. John Odem 256-702-7767 05-27

SECLUDED 4.19 ACRES, Park Model, 1BR, 1BA, in Cloverdale area, double fenced in gated, three large out buildings, four planted gardens, asking \$65,000. 256-577-0294 05-27

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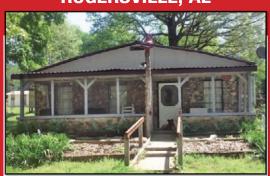
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This property is only a stones throw from The Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail "The Shoals" boasting *The Fighting Joe*, over 8,000 yards, named in honor of General Joseph "Fighting Joe" Wheeler and The Schoolmaster named in honor of president Woodrow Wilson who was responsible for getting Wilson Dam built.

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the betrayers and murderers:" Israel stoned Stephen and that was the nation of Israel's final rejection of Christ. In Acts 8, through Philip, the eunuch is saved. Peter's final use of the keys is in Acts 10 where Cornelius the Gentile gets saved. But between Chapters 8&10, in Acts 9, someone by the name of **Saul, (later Paul)**, the 14th Apostle to the Gentiles meets Christ on his way to Damascus and is personally converted by the Lord Jesus Himself.

After Paul's conversion comes his commission by Christ Himself, to the Gentiles. See <u>Acts 9:15 & 16</u>. And in Acts 20:24 "But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God." PURE GRACE. Christ speaks here in Acts 26:17 "Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee," Acts 26:18 "To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me." PURE GRACE. Paul states in 1 Corinthians 15 that the gospel is Christ died for our sins. See **Romans 5:8 & 2 Corinthians** <u>5:21</u>. <u>PURE GRACE</u>. Peter says to Israel, you have crucified and killed the Prince of life. See the difference? By the way, there are 8 to 10 different gospels in the Bible. Four by Apostles, others in Matthew 9:35, Acts 20:24, 1 Peter 4:6, Revelation 14:6. Study

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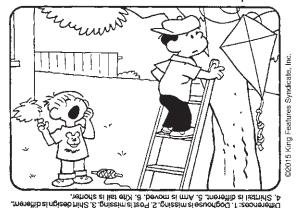
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lan: "Did you know that prayer isn't in the Bible?"

Aaron: "Are you sure?"

lan: "I'm sure, and a story in Acts 22 tells us Saul prayed a long time but a man was sent to tell Paul he needed to be baptized to have his sins forgiven" (v. 16).

Aaron: "So....if prayer alone brings forgiveness, Saul would have already been forgiven and saved, but he wasn't. I'm going to have to think about that."



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Governor Using Childish Tactics

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Unjustly Subject to Their Opinion

Editor:

I have mailed a signed copy of this announcement to every one of Alabama's Representatives and Senators, as well as the Lieutenant Governor and the Governor. I hope you will also publish the letter in its entirety.

Dear Governor Bentley and Esteemed Statesmen;

As a member of the Alabama National Guard, I announce to you that I will never approve or condone the sin of homosexuality. I will do all that I can to influence our culture, both military and civil, to redeem the time and return it to a point when men and women were purer, self-controlled, decent, and holy. I have begun and am continuing the diligent pursuit of personal accountability of my own words and deeds. I will expect the same of others.

By laws contrary to America's early heritage, there has been foisted upon my country and its military the one-two punch of Don't Ask, Don't Tell and its repeal. Our state's Constitutional Marriage Amendment, Protection ratified by the people, is now unjustly subject to the opinion of unelected

recognize as vana precedent the decision General George Washington to have homosexuals drummed out of the military. recognize that the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Moses has revealed his will as it pertains to marriage and sexual union. This God's Law is preeminent and has jurisdiction, power, and authority to supersede the laws of men and other gods.

Floyd Jones, Jr., Staff Sergeant Alabama National Guard Killen

Lottery Taxes Go Elsewhere

Editor:

When the so-called charity bingo deal was on the state house steps just before Bob Riley left office, I gave each legislator the following facts concerning gambling. The legislature tabled the gambling proposal that was being considered.

Here are time proven facts concerning gambling. Wherever there is gambling of any kind, no matter what it is called, there are more divorces, more people end up on welfare, and there is a net loss of tax dollars.

a net loss of tax dollars.

To put it in perspective, if they collect \$30 from the gambling operators, they have to reach in another tax bucket and pull out a minimum of \$60 to go with the \$20 to take correct. with the \$30 to take care of the problems enumerated

Here are some more facts proving that the above is true.

People who live in Georgia have told me that the tax dollars from the lottery are going to education. However, the taxes that were going to education are having to be used to deal with the problems of divorce, and crime welfare resulting from poor people

gambling.
People from Louisiana have told me the same thing is happening there also.

Since Tennessee got the lottery they have attained the sad distinction of having the highest divorce rate of any state and personal bankruptcies have skyrockeded.

The gambling capital of America, the state of Nevada, did not have a state income tax. They had to add one a few years ago. Additionally, the state has been on the verge of bankruptcy for a number

The gambling casinos on the boardwalk in Atlantic City, NJ are also closing.

The primary reason for all those problems is the

fact that a high percent if not the highest percentage of gamblers are poor

people.

Our current legislators must be on stupidity juice. They are not using common sense to deal with the state's financial problems by reducing the waste of tax dollars and increasing taxes where needed. Rather, they want to use gambling.

The ones pushing the lottery and casino deal want the people to vote on

Unfortunately, the people have been so brainwashed about it they probably would approve it. So unless you care about poor people enough to give your readers the facts, you will help them harm poor

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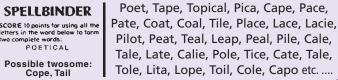
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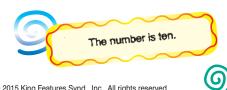








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