

\$100 Million Designated

MONTGOMERY – Governor Kay Ivey on Friday awarded \$100 million of the Coronavirus Relief Fund to support two grant programs of up to \$50 million each for nursing homes and hospitals for the purpose of responding to and mitigating the COVID-19 public health emergency.

“While there are many aspects of COVID-19 that we still don’t know, one thing that isn’t in dispute is our seniors and those with preexisting health conditions fair the worst when contracting the virus,” Ivey said. “It is incumbent upon us to ensure that our nursing homes and hospitals have every tool possible to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and to keep their staff and health care professionals safe.”

This allocation of up to \$50 million will be for operational costs that are COVID-19 related, such as PPE, cleaning, personnel costs and other costs incurred related to the pandemic. The Alabama Nursing Home Association Education Foundation, a non-profit (c)(3), previously received \$18.27 million to provide baseline testing for coronavirus and proactive surveillance of the virus for health care personnel and residents of nursing home facilities across Alabama.

UNA’s Davis Honored

FLORENCE – Dr. Ernestine Davis, a retired Professor Emerita of Nursing at UNA, received an honorary doctoral degree as part of recent

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Beaver joined First Southern in April of 2019 as Senior Vice President and Agricultural Lender. Since joining First Southern, Mr. Beaver has more than tripled the size of the agriculture loan portfolio and led the Bank in the successful agricultural insurance acquisition by First Southern Bancshares. During

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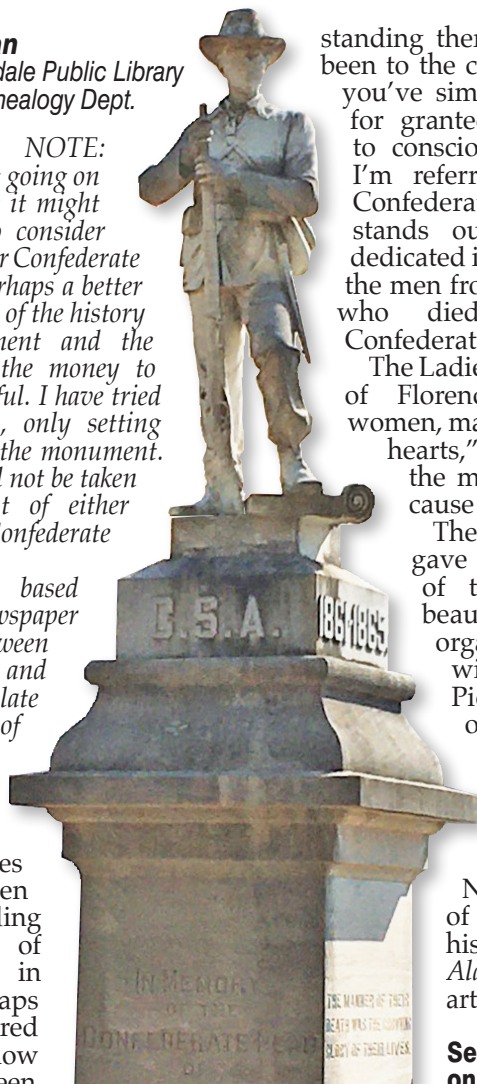
The History of Lauderdale County’s Confederate Monument

By Lee Freeman
Florence-Lauderdale Public Library
Local History-Genealogy Dept.

AUTHOR’S NOTE: With everything going on lately I thought it might be beneficial to consider the history of our Confederate monument. Perhaps a better understanding of the history of the monument and the ladies who raised the money to build it will be helpful. I have tried to be non-partisan, only setting forth the history of the monument. What follows should not be taken as an endorsement of either slavery or the Confederate States of America.

The article is based largely upon newspaper articles written between 1878 and 1903, and research by the late Dr. Larry Nelson of the University of North Alabama History Dept.

All Florentines have seen him standing sentinel in front of the courthouse in Florence. Perhaps you’ve wondered who he is and how long he’s been



standing there. Or perhaps you’ve been to the courthouse so often that you’ve simply taken his presence for granted and no longer stop to consciously think about him. I’m referring of course to the Confederate monument which stands outside our courthouse dedicated in 1903 to commemorate the men from Florence-Lauderdale who died fighting for the Confederate cause in the Civil War.

The Ladies Memorial Association of Florence comprised “noble women, many of them with broken hearts,” who “still cherished the memory of the Southern cause as sacred.”

They “honored those who gave their lives in defense of the principles of this beautiful Southland.” The organization was founded with Mrs. Fannie Louisa Pickett, (1817-1907), wife of former Confederate, Col. Richard Orrick Pickett (1823-1898), as president in 1869.

The late Dr. Larry Nelson of the University of North Alabama in his excellent July, 1988 *Alabama Review* article insists, however,

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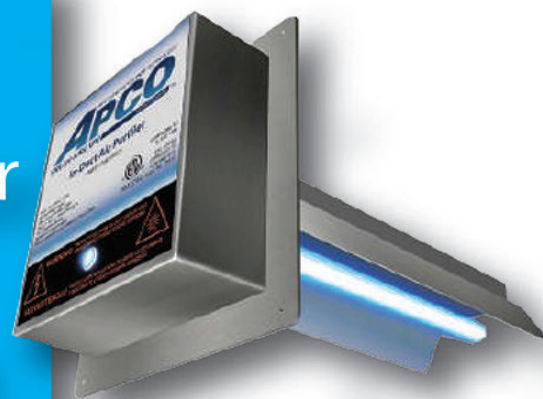
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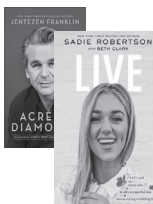
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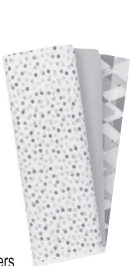
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Monument

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Photo of the Confederate
statue on Saturday, April
25, 1903, taken from the
Confederate Veteran

that the Ladies Memorial of Association was only officially organized in 1876. Regardless, Mrs. Pickett served two years and she was succeeded by Mrs. Ophelia Cutler Smith (1835-1906), wife of former Confederate, Cutler Smith (1837-1905).

“Before the organization of a memorial association these devoted women, under the leadership of a Mrs. Cassity, cared for the graves of their heroes.” A newspaper article from June of 1866 indicates that the women of Florence were already also caring for the graves of Union veterans of Florence-Lauderdale.

According to Dr. Nelson, by 1876 plans were afoot by the Ladies Memorial Association for a Confederate monument “to be erected on the square just north of the Court House and barber shop.” A conscious choice was made to erect the monument in that year, which also happened to be the United States’ centennial. To that end a fundraiser was held which netted \$140 (\$100 of that total being donated by a Tusculumbia resident). By 1878 the Association had decided to parcel out the monument’s base in blocks to be inscribed at \$5 each.

In 1879 Capt. James Bowser, who owned a quarry six miles below Florence landing, was contracted to supply about 60,000 lbs of stone to build an impressive monument. He set up a derrick which was to be used in moving the stones that are being polished for the Confederate monument. Only \$650 had been raised by 1881 with which to build the monument.

However, most of these funds had run low and the work was suspended. At a citizens’ meeting in April of 1881, Florence resident and future governor of Alabama Col. Edward A. O’Neal, offered a resolution which was unanimously adopted. It transferred the unfinished monument, all of its remaining funds and all related matters to local contractor, undertaker and Florence mayor Zebulon Pike “Uncle Pike” Morrison. Unfortunately, no substantive additions had been made by the city to the statue by 1889. The *Florence Gazette* described it as a “granite pile.” The *Gazette* considered the uncompleted monument “neither pleasant to the eye nor creditable to the patriotism of our people.” The *Gazette* agreed that times were very hard and that we are all very poor; but it is due to the memory of the gallant dead, as well as to ourselves, that some steps be taken to complete the monument.

The *Florence Wave* (forerunner of the *Florence Herald*) sarcastically editorialized in March of 1889 that “the base of the proposed monument to the Confederate dead of Lauderdale County standing on the Court House square is a *complete* monument to the supineness of our people.” *[italics in original]*

Undaunted by the seeming indifference, fundraising by the Ladies Association continued and a further \$1,000 was raised by 1890. At that point, in the general cataclysm in business, in which nearly all our banks went to the

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Luncheons at Cloverdale Community Center will be cancelled for remainder of 2020. Hopefully 2021 will be better. We love and miss everyone. Be safe!

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Rickwood Road in Florence will be closed to traffic from the Railroad Tracks to Chisholm Road beginning Tuesday, July 14, until further notice.

Due to the current situation, Chapel Hill Church Of Christ will not host its traditional Summer Gospel Meeting.

We would like to leave you with this scripture from I Thessalonians, 5:16-17. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing. U.S. Hwy. 72 just west of Tuscumbia

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Due to the high elevation of numbers with the Coronavirus, the Shoals Writers Guild will not meet in August. Everyone's health and well-being is the most important concern presently. We will restart our meetings when the Florence library reopens for meetings and the health of our speakers and members allow it. Thank you for your patience and support. Prayers always for your good health and safety.

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Kevin Leigh Robinson Announces Campaign for Mayor of Sheffield

Born in Jackson, Mississippi, Kevin Leigh Robinson grew up in Huntsville and attended UNA in Florence. He was hired as the 6 and 10 news producer at WOWL while attending UNA in 1996. While working for WOWL he walked into Muscle Shoals Sound Studio (now Cypress Moon) and shortly thereafter was offered a contract with Warner Bros.

This pivotal life event found him working deep within the music industry for the past 25 years. Kevin has worked with global advertising agencies, brands such as BMW, Facebook & Disney, producing as well as publishing and licensing. He has toured the world, ran a record label, worked in construction management and more. This deep understanding of the music industry is an asset he plans to bring to Sheffield, "We have a brand that is incredibly valuable to the world when it comes to music & we can offer this to industries that create jobs and build on the amazing work that has already been done here."

Mr. Robinson has a history of public service and a lifetime of successfully completing high stress projects under budget and on schedule. He understands the importance of teamwork, collaboration and what it takes to create successful projects with a diverse group of people.

Kevin and his wife Sarah (along with their bloodhound Loretta) moved back to Sheffield in 2018 and opened the Do Right Man Barbershop, located at 122 N. Nashville. They live downtown and have loved reconnecting with their community and sharing the vision of local business owners. "Sheffield launched



Robinson

my adult life and to be back 25 years later has been one of my life's greatest joys. My heart belongs here."

One of his first goals as mayor will be to develop a transparent plan for the city of Sheffield that solidifies it's foundation. "We're losing workers and citizens every month and we need to stop the leaks."

His priorities will be strengthening and supporting the school system in Sheffield, helping to revive and bring new life to future developments, (finally) tackling the train track issue and creating jobs that not only improve the infrastructure of Sheffield, but also lays a solid foundation for future projects that can piggyback off of the phenomenal success of the tourism of Muscle Shoals Sound Studio.

He brings fresh ideas to the existing construction developments that have left many uncertain. He is committed to sitting down and talking with people from every corner of his hometown and really listening to what their dreams and visions are for the future of Sheffield. "Transparency is a big one with me. Trust is earned and as Mayor we will operate with full disclosure to the community. This town deserves that."

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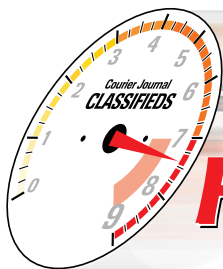
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Beaver FSB's New CEO

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his 23 years at AmSouth/Regions, Mr. Beaver served as Lauderdale and Colbert County Market President, Northwest Alabama Business Banking Sales Manager, and Commercial Relationship Manager/Agricultural Specialist.

Mr. Beaver is a graduate of the University of North Alabama, Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University, National Commercial Lending School at Oklahoma University, and Executive Development Institute at Vanderbilt University.

In addition to Mr. Beaver's extensive banking background, he has been active in community service, including the Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center, where is serves as Director and Treasurer. He has served as a Director for the Shoals Chamber of Commerce, Muscle Shoals

Board of Education, Tennessee Valley Art Association, and the Muscle Shoals Park and Recreation Department.

Frank Niedergeses will be assuming an expanded role as the Bank's Executive Vice President and Senior Lending Officer. We know that Mr. Beaver and Mr. Niedergeses will make a great team leading the Bank forward.

The Board is excited to have Beaver in this position and looks forward to the continued growth and success of the Bank.

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UNA's Davis Honored

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commencement ceremonies where Dr. Davis also addressed the graduates.

Members of the UNA Executive Council approved the resolution to honor Davis "in light of her impact on the nursing program and on countless numbers of nursing students who have graduated from this institution."

Davis retired from UNA in 2016 after 36 years of service. She was also assistant to the President for Minority Affairs from 1998-2002, promoting campus diversity, equal employment,

recruitment, and retention. In 1997 she became Director of UNA's Presidential Mentors Academy, or PMA, a scholarship, mentoring, and leadership development program for under-represented high school students. She continued in this role for two years after retiring from nursing.

Davis also initiated the PMA Advisory Committee and the Multicultural Advisory Committee, both of which she chaired for many years.

Dr. Davis received her bachelor's degree in nursing from Tuskegee University, master's degree in nursing administration from the Medical College of Georgia, and doctorate in higher education administration from the University of Alabama.



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We are not done. We are just getting started on the progress. We are not just building hope we are building a future for generations to come.

In my experience, I have the ability to work across the districts with my colleagues to address challenges. Our homes may be in one district, but we live our lives across all of them.

I am very much engaged in the community and I work with many leaders throughout the city. I serve and volunteer on many non-profit boards.

I also plan to continue supporting organized labor unions, veterans in the community, as well as local law enforcement and first responders. I will continue working with the Homeless Care Council to find ways to help the homeless population.

I am committed to revitalizing District 1 which I start on day-1 in office and making it a safe environment for all our citizens.

To name just a few projects completed upon taking oath of office 2016 in Dist. 1.

*Paving, Resurfacing, New playground equipment for Lewis field, Gilbert Court, Bathrooms operational, they were over 15 years, added handrails, removed numerous blighted structures, added speed cushions for safety and lowered speed limits in neighborhoods, Upgrades to W. C. Handy Recreational Center, \$24 million Housing Development built, Resurfaced Tennis Courts on Chisholm

Road, Animal Shelter built, repurchased the Senior Center" The Club", Supporter of First Responders, NAMC, the Indian Mound, Renovations to Florence Fire Departments, Police Departments and more! We opened 106 new businesses in District 1.



Simmons

I welcomed and supported Florence Housing Authority investment of over \$30 million to Multi-Family Housing, Mitchell Hollingsworth Renovations Phase 1 & 2. Welcomed back the W. C Handy Pre-K to the Florence City School System, a Remodeled Senior Center on Fairground Road.

Goals for 2020: Look into installing storm shelters, funding and grants for infrastructure, revitalize the Historic areas of District 1. Look into School Bus Shelters, Better lighting in Gilbert Park and Lewis field with FCS, for continuing economic growth. Continue to Clean up the District. Ensuring our Police have appropriate training. Continue to work with Law Enforcement and the Community maintain crime reduction, Continuation process of Revitalization. Revitalize North Florence Corridor. Continue community engagement with meetings and transparency.

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- 1965 graduate of Alabama State University
- Completed additional studies at Vanderbilt University, University of Alabama at Birmingham and the University of North Alabama.
- 20 years on the Florence City Council (1992-2012)

- 3 years as Florence City Council President
- Retired from the Colbert County School System after 32 years of teaching chemistry, physics, and physical science
- Official spokesperson for the NAACP radio program on WZZA radio for 40 years.
- Honored by the *Times Daily* as "Newsmaker of the Year" in 2012

- President of the Tri-County branch of the NAACP in 1980-2008
- Numerous positions on the state level of NAACP.
- Married to the former Deloris Blackburn of Florence. Two sons, Cedric and Demetrius.
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I will encourage the Council to modify the time of citizens to address the Council. My preference is to eliminate the time limit. I will be prepared to remain at council meetings until all have spoken and ask questions and get answers at the same meetings.

I will encourage the Council to place a pause all further streetscape projects to consider other areas of the city that need attention.

I will work with the Civil Service Board, Police Chief, City Council and citizens to hire enough police officers that would allow eight hour shifts and two officers per patrol car and downtown foot patrols as needed, and the establishment of a Hound Dog High Speed Response Division.

As full-time Mayor, I shall implement **Rapid Response Teams (RRT)** within the Street Department. The City is too beautiful to have its streets littered with old clothes, old mattresses and old, worn out televisions on every street corner.

I shall recommend to the Council to increase funding to the Florence/

Lauderdale Public Library.

As your Mayor, I will work in partnership with the University of North Alabama to improve directional signs to and from the University Fairgrounds Sportsplex. It is in the best interest of Florence to show all visitors how find their way to and from the Sportplex, as well as, throughout the city of Florence and Shoals area, in other words look around shop enjoy our quality of life.

As your Mayor I will recommend to the council and public that the City renovate the Municipal Building and build a new parking deck because of the liability and safety.

I shall seek the cooperation of the Lauderdale County Commission and the City Council to fully fund the Animal Shelter.

As full-time Mayor I shall recommend the establishment of the Florence Department of Senior citizens Affairs with a Senior Citizens Executive Advisory Authority.

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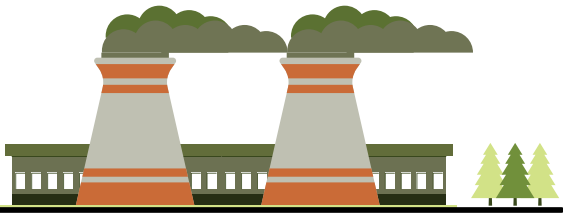
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Guest Commentary

Still Influenced by Racist Founder

One of Planned Parenthood’s largest abortion affiliates has finally disavowed Planned Parenthood’s founder for “her racist legacy” and her “connections to the eugenics movement.” However, this symbolic bowing to the far left’s cancel culture doesn’t change the fact that the organization is still influenced by her inhumane beliefs.

Planned Parenthood of Greater New York is finally removing Margaret Sanger’s name from its Manhattan clinic after decades of choosing to overlook the organization’s white supremacist roots.

Sanger said all sorts of disturbing things, like, “We don’t want the word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro population.” She favored the forced sterilization of those she deemed “unfit,” she gave a speech to the Ku Klux Klan, and she once wrote, “The most merciful thing that the large family does to one of its infant members is to kill it” (mind you, like Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam, she was talking about a child who had already been born).

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I’m Strongly Opposed

Dear Sir:

I am writing regarding your commentary published in the August 5 edition of the Courier Journal concerning relocation of the Confederate soldier statue from downtown Florence. I understand that you feel no ancestral commitment, but I do and I strongly oppose its removal.

The idea of some that history can be revised by destruction of symbols is a fool’s errand. I had an ancestor who was a very successful farmer before

I haven’t seen an initial proposal for local projects that would have passed our review.



the war. He enlisted as an officer although he was anti-slavery and hired all support to run his plantation. He was my great-great grandfather. I never knew him. But his son who was 92 years old when we met, had many stories about his father and the teaching about slavery that he never forgot. I was very impressed by that man and the beliefs of his father.

The idea that that the Confederacy was pro-slavery only is false. There were many reasons for the war, and the hardship suffered by both sides was horrific. Slavery became an issue and recruiting tool late in the war and the Union would have never attacked if that had been the stated purpose.

Lincoln was a strong anti-slavery voice, but I would not call him a great President. In today’s warped world he would be a racist.

Jimmy Wayne Cosby
Rogersville

Seeds of Discord

Editor:

Taking a cue from the Taliban, the anarchists are destroying what others have built. They want to replace tranquility, serenity, and love with seeds of discord and havoc.

Why would demonstrators want to destroy the heritage so eloquently bequeathed us by our Founding Fathers? A country where all citizens can, by their own endeavors reach their highest potential without government assistance? Ever notice, builders never destroy what others have built? Confederate statues may be offensive to some, but Lincoln, the Great Emancipator also bears their wrath. Why? What idol could be more treasured than the man who broke their bonds of slavery.

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Marble...

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wall, this money was lost and the ladies had to start their fund-raising efforts all over again. The 1890 bank failures followed Florence’s 1887-1889 intense yet brief industrial boom, which saw the population increase from 2,000 in 1887 to 6,000 people by 1889.

Still, only the pedestal/base of the statue had been finished by 1894, the monument sitting unfinished on Court square, next to the treasurer’s office [the former barbershop]. By then a debate had erupted over where it should be located, at its current location on Court Square, at the intersection of Court and Tennessee streets, in the center of the street or in Monumental Park, site of a Confederate fortification in 1862 - now the site of the Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum. Monumental Park was originally designed to be a park containing a monument or monuments to the fallen Confederate soldiers of Florence. Although the space shows up on several decades of old city maps labelled “Monumental Park,” the park was apparently never actually built.

The Florence Land, Mining and Manufacturing Co. deeded land to the city in May of 1890 for the purpose of housing the monument. At that time local opinion favored Monumental Park as the appropriate location for the monument. A mere four years later the Ladies Memorial Association stated that it favored the Court Square location. Unfortunately, by 1897 the statue had still not been completed and the issue of its location had still not been resolved; by this time many people were again arguing that it should be placed in the City Cemetery.

After participating in the annual Confederate memorial exercises on May 10, 1897, “those present” of the Memorial Association at the City Cemetery, along with a large and representative body of citizens, were scheduled to vote on the location. Due to inclement weather, the memorial ceremony was postponed to the following Sunday. Indications were that the vote was extremely close, but apparently had the monument remaining in Court Square just north of the courthouse, In April

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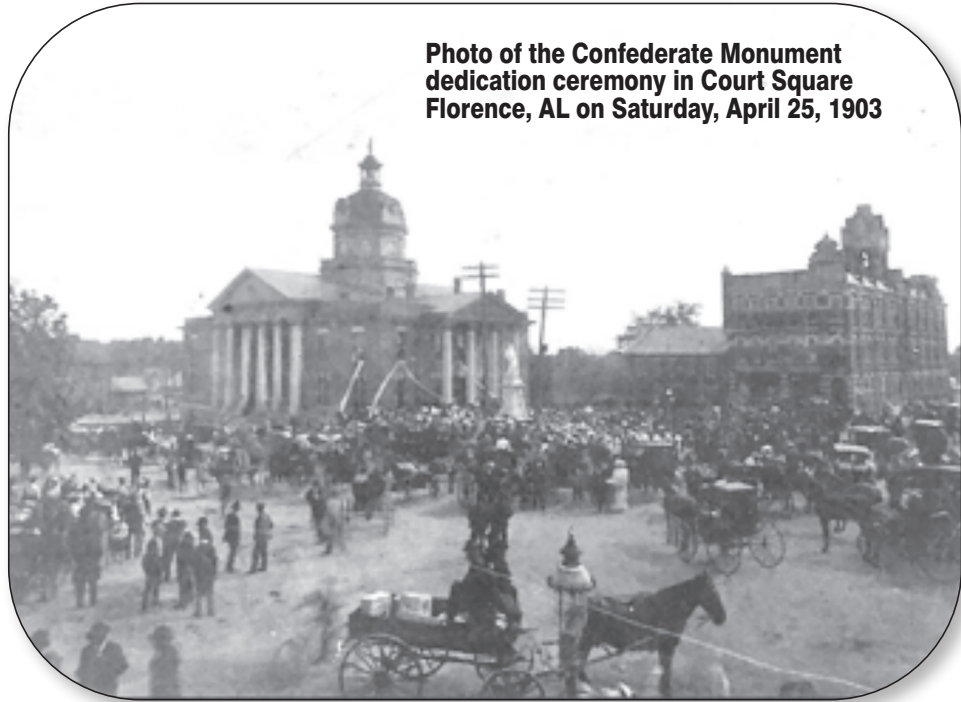


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of 1899 the *Florence Times* (now the *Times Daily*) somewhat sarcastically noted of the unfinished monument that “all strangers in the city . . . enquire about it,— and the necessary answer is a humiliating one to all who have any pride in the city. Cannot the Ladie’s [sic] Monument Association hurry up with their movement to finish the memorial?”

As the monument still languished by early 1898, the Ladies opted to call in the big guns; Tennessee Governor and future US senator, Robert L. “Bob” Taylor, “without

remuneration,” delivered “one of his famous lectures here for the benefit of the Confederate Monument Association” at the State Normal College on February 26, 1898. And on May 6, General John B. Gordon of Georgia, “the best loved of the Confederate surviving generals, and a man whom all Southerners delight to honor,” delivered his lecture, “The Last Days of the Confederacy.”

By April of 1899 a chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy had been founded in Florence. The daughters soon became involved with the efforts to complete the monument. Ophelia Cutler Smith was still president of the Ladies’ Memorial

Association and a member of the Florence UDC, as were many members of the Memorial Association. She gave a lecture at the YMCA auditorium in May of 1901. Interestingly, it wasn’t only Southerners and ex-Confederate Florentines who were interested in seeing the monument completed. Cincinnati businessman, James E. Stacey, president of the Florence (AL) Gas Company, donated \$10 to assist with the monument’s completion. A few Union veterans from Florence such as George McGucken, also made donations.

The monument was to be of white Italian marble shipped from Italy, seven feet high and resting on a flint eighteen inches deep. The main shaft was set to be removed from “the old foundations north of the court house to the new foundation recently built by Mr. George McGucken,” with the shaft to be redressed. The Mosely Grant Co. of Atlanta had the contract for the monument and it was carved at a cost of between \$800-\$900, an amount by August of 1902 the ladies were still “several hundred dollars” shy of having.

Finally, in April of 1903 after nearly 30 years, the statue had been completed without any county or city funds. According to the *Florence Times* the statue “stood proudly upon the public square about 30 feet north of the Courthouse corner. It faces east on Court street, as if a constant reminder to the travelers of that busy thoroughfare that though prosperity may lift our city into high eminence, though commercial activity may drive us with a tyrant hand and the footsteps of our historic past may be blotted out by modern development, and though the generation of witnesses to the valorous

deeds of our heroes may pass away—yet the recollection of their virtues, their patriotism and their brave devotion to duty, will ever dwell in the hearts of the people.”

According to information recorded by Mrs. Amelia Camper, president of the Ladies Memorial Association in 1904 and wife of *Florence Times* founder and Confederate veteran, Moncure W. Camper, the monument consisted of a shaft of stone nearly 16 feet tall (apparently the base has been shortened since then), surmounted by the 7 feet tall figure of a Confederate soldier, a lowly private, returning from the war, who has lowered his rifle, held in his left hand, while with his right he returns his bayonet, and has thrown down his knapsack, resting one foot on it. According to Mrs. Camper’s 1904 article, the statue’s pose was deliberately chosen to suggest the return of peace.

Beneath the private on the sides of the pedestal was an inscription, “C. S. A. 1861-1865. Deo Vindice [Latin for ‘God will prove us right.’.]”

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The one aspect of Medicare Part A we get the most questions about is coverage at a skilled nursing facility (SNF). To be covered by Medicare at a SNF certain criteria has to be met. First, of course, is you must have Medicare Part A. Next your doctor has determined that you need daily skilled care given by, or under the supervision of, skilled nursing or therapy personnel. Your skilled nursing care will have to be in a SNF that is certified by Medicare.

What a lot of people don't know is that you must have a “qualifying” hospital stay to be covered at a SNF. Under Medicare a “qualifying” hospital stay is at least a 3-day inpatient stay prior to being admitted to the SNF. If you go to the ER and are held one day for observation and are admitted into the hospital for two days this does not constitute a “qualifying” hospital stay. If you are admitted on a Monday and discharged the following Wednesday this is not a “qualifying” hospital stay. In the two examples above those are 2-day inpatient stays. A good rule of thumb is you must be admitted as inpatient for at least three midnights.

You also need to know that Medicare Part A will only cover you for 100 days at a SNF and only 20 of those days are at 100%. In other words days 1-20 are covered at 100%. Days 21-100 you will pay the first \$176.00 per day and Medicare pays the rest of the cost. Starting with day 101 you will pay 100% of the bill.

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Nationwide, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York about 5% of auto debt is in default, and the rate of new defaults is even higher. While that may sound like a small percentage, the raw numbers are big. About \$66 billion in U.S. auto loan debt is 90+ days delinquent. Locally, the rates are even higher.

On average, 6% of Alabama automobile loans and 7% of Mississippi loans are delinquent, and those numbers are even higher in some areas. While any past-due debt can be stressful, delinquent automobile loans trigger special concerns. Unlike credit card debt and many other types of obligations, automobile loan default can mean repossession. Since many people are reliant on their cars to earn a living, repossession can make a bad financial situation worse and turn a short-term cash crunch into a long-term problem.

Anyone can face unexpected hardships that make it difficult to keep payments up to date. But many people don't realize that one simple decision when financing a vehicle can reduce the chances of default.

Longer-Term Car Loans are On the Rise

Once upon a time, 5-year car loans were the norm, and 3-year loans were also popular. But loan duration has been on the rise for several years. In 2015, the average length of an automobile loan had climbed to more than 67 months (5 years and 7 months). In March of 2020, the average surpassed 70 months—just shy of six years—for the first time.

Few people are excited about the prospect of making loan payments for six, seven or even eight years...so why are so many people opting for longer loan terms? The main motivation for taking out a longer-term loan is that it lowers monthly payments. Lower monthly payments can help someone who might otherwise have trouble getting approved for a loan finance a vehicle and get on the road. Stretching out payments can also help people qualify for more expensive vehicles.

That obviously carries appeal for a lot of people. In 2019, Experian reported that 33.8% of new car loans and 62% of used car loans originated during the first quarter were 73-96 month financing. For most, though, these loans turn out to be a bad deal.

Pitfalls of Long-Term Car Loans

- Longer-term car loans put consumers at risk in many ways, including:
- Long-term loans tend to be offered at higher interest rates
- Even at similar interest rates, a long-term loan is much more expensive than a shorter-term loan
- Longer-term borrowers tend to finance larger amounts
- Longer-term loans generally keep vehicle owners “underwater” for most of the loan, making it hard to sell or trade in the vehicle
- Longer-term loans create a greater likelihood of serious issues with the vehicle before the loan is paid off
- Longer-term loans are more likely to end in default

Of course, many variables work together to determine the success or failure of an automobile loan. We know that automobile loan default rates for loans longer than six years (72 months) are nearly double the rate for five year (60 month) loans. But that doesn't mean the longer loan term is the sole cause of the default. Many longer-term borrowers have lower credit scores when they take out the loan, meaning they may already have been facing challenges that made default more likely.

Still, the duration of the payments, higher long-term costs, and greater likelihood of taking out a larger loan combine to increase the risk. The downsides become obvious in a side-by-side comparison.

In June of 2020, two buyers finance \$23,000—the average price of a 2019 Honda Accord less a \$1,000 down payment. One finances the car for 36 months and the other for 72. Each pays the average interest rate based on the loan term: 4.21% for the 36-month loan and 4.45% for the 72-month loan. Of course, monthly payments are lower for the 72-month borrower, at \$364.57 versus \$681.20.

It's easy to see how longer-term loans happen, since many people in need of a vehicle aren't in a position to pay nearly \$700/month. But that doesn't mean a six-year car loan is the answer.

Across the loan term, the 36-month borrower pays \$1,523 in interest, while the longer-term borrower pays over 2 times that amount at \$3,249.

In those three years, the vehicle will typically lose about 33% of its value as well. That means after 36 months, the car is worth about \$16,000. The three-year borrower has paid off the car and has a vehicle worth \$16,000 to continue to drive without payments, trade in, or sell.

The six-year borrower, on the other hand, still owes \$12,265. He/she is still fortunate compared with someone who purchased a more expensive car or who stretched out the loan term to seven or eight years—he has a small amount of equity in the car.

Ultimately though, the longer loan:

- Costs more than twice as much in interest
- Leaves the buyer with significantly less equity in the vehicle, reducing options
- Allows twice as much time for an income disruption or emergency to put the loan in default
- Allows twice as much time for problems to arise with the vehicle\Results in a much lower value asset by the time the loan is paid off

Lower payments may be appealing, and financing over a long period of time may seem like the only way to secure the vehicle you need. But, think strategically about your car loan and consider more than the monthly payment. While you don't want to stretch yourself too thin, don't automatically go for the lowest payment. In the example above, reducing the loan term from six years to five would add just \$64/month to the payment, but would result in payoff a full year earlier, achieving equity in the vehicle sooner, a reduced risk of default, and a \$553 reduction in interest.

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Seeds of Discord...

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Why is George Washington, the Father of our country so vilified when his army freed America from the clutches of the most powerful nation at the time. Without their valor we would be saying, Hail the Queen, instead of God Bless America. Do his sins overshadow his greatness?

Why is Columbus, a man worthy of praise for discovering this great country, so vilified? What was his sin? They want every reference to his name removed when these anarchists have done nothing to match or exceed his exploits.

The anti-American left is organized and want to destroy all remnants of everything our founders so brilliantly created. Moral patriotic citizens cannot and must not give one inch to these anarchist bullies or our future will be written, not by patriots, but by radicals. They also have targeted the Alamo, what next, the Statue of Liberty? You may remove

statues that are offensive, but how do you remove hate?

Alfred Farris
Muscle Shoals

No Business Being There

Editor:

There is no rational reason that the Confederate statue should have been erected on the property of the Lauderdale County, Alabama courthouse. Additionally, there is no rational reason that any statue honoring any Confederate soldiers or politicians should have been erected anywhere in the United States after the Civil War ended. The Confederacy was a terrorist organization that rebelled against the United States of America. While there are those who argue that the Civil War was fought over States' Rights and not over the abhorrent issue of slavery, the idea of States' Rights is simply that the seceding states felt that the United States government was penalizing them because of the issue of slavery. So, States' Rights or slavery, the seceding states were wrong and fortunately

the United States was able to overcome this flawed doctrine and rebellion. I was born and raised in Birmingham. As a child of the 1950s and 1960s, I learned a lot about the Civil War, the battles, the commanders, and the great

human suffering. There was and apparently still is a great sense of pride about the Confederacy and what it represented. While I was a child, yet to understand the negative connotations

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Undue influence occurs when someone with influence uses that influence to cause a person to make a Will different, if not influenced, than they would have made.

A properly executed Will is one signed in front of two witnesses and a notary public. We don't often see these cases because all lawyers now provide what's known as a self-proving Will. That is a Will, signed by the “testator” in the presence of two witnesses and then notarized. That's not to say that a Will like that couldn't be invalid, but it is likely properly executed.

The mental capacity required to make a Will means that a person has sufficient mind and memory to know what property they are giving in the Will, the people to whom they are giving it, and that they are signing a Will.

Will contests are odd and the rules are strict. Some contests are filed one way in some counties and differently in others. This is one of the few types of cases where the loser can end up responsible for the cost to defend the Will.

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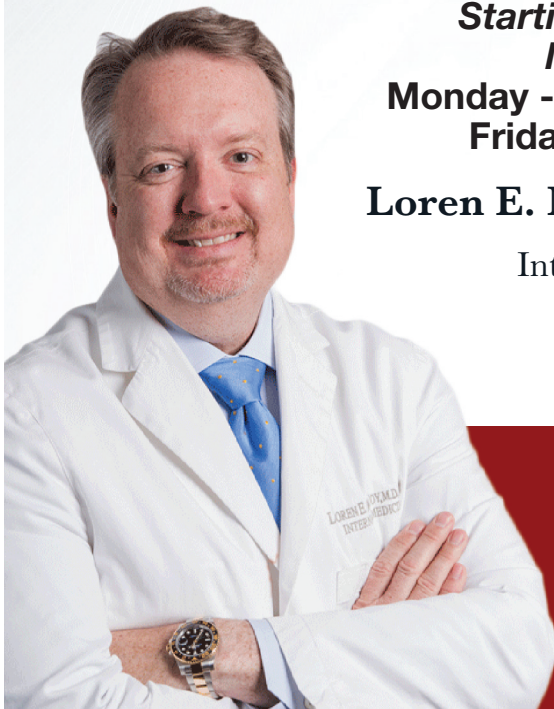
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of the Confederate flag and doctrine, I had several Confederate flags and even a gray Confederate ‘kepi’ cap that I wore proudly. I was too young to understand or espouse any of the Confederacy’s socio-political views. As I grew older, I evolved to the point where I saw the hurt and disrespect that those items and views cause. I made the conscious decision to act like an honorable and respectful human being.

Honor, respect, and decency are the core issues at play regarding the relocation of the statue from the courthouse to the Soldier’s Rest area. No one wants to destroy the statue, since it is a symbol of honor to some people of the great sacrifices made by their ancestors to defend a cause, no matter how flawed, that was important to them at the time. RESPECT for all people on all sides of the matter is what is needed now. The people who want the statue moved are peacefully gathering to ask for some common decency to be shown to those who take great offense to a statue representing hundreds of years of oppression that continues to be displayed on the property where justice is supposed to be shown to all people, regardless of race, creed, color, or national origin.

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Kerry Shapiro
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Feel Good Proposals

Editor:

Congratulations to River Zurinsky for endeavoring to become involved in our community. Although your thoughts in your political announcement (*Courier Journal*, July 29) on Room at the Table may have some merit, I have to take exception to some of your “feel good” proposals.

The current Council foolishly failed to obtain cyber insurance. Who amongst us has said it can’t happen to me? Have you changed passwords in the last 30 days? Regarding pay for Florence professions who deserve every penny, where does it end? Muscle Shoals will say Florence makes more and then it has to grant a raise again. We’re back where we started. All we can do is stay competitive, not necessarily the best.

Governments have bloated payrolls because we have to pay for the best instead of living within our means. Do you want to advocate another tax increase?

Like you, I take umbrage with the Council spending money on pet projects that will never pay for themselves. I believe you’re going to fit right in since many of your proposals are catering to the public. Look at your list. A good majority are for getting together with friends (you’re showing your age with this). Can you bring a business or two in to pay for this first? How many amphitheaters does this area need that only fall into disrepair and cost more scarce

dollars later? Sheffield Landings wants an amphitheater because it sounds good for another park. Music Hall of Fame was going to be a game changer. Yep, it’s unused most of the time. If we had waiting lines for concerts I might agree, but we don’t. If we had waiting lines for concerts, I might agree, but we don’t.

I was an internal auditor for fifteen years and spent many hours in financial reviews. I haven’t seen an initial proposal for local projects that would have passed our review. Outside consulting agencies aren’t about to submit a proposal that doesn’t look viable. Contingencies are too low and revenue projections way too high. That’s a recipe for regret later.

Space restrictions keep me from discussing all your ideas, but let me finish with this. Large cities with extensively inhabited downtowns and restricted space need dog parks. Florence is not Atlanta, Birmingham, etc. and has plenty of open real estate. Dog parks are warm and fuzzy, but don’t bring in revenues which we desperately need due to the wasteful spending. And at the very least Mr. Zurinsky, dogs don’t vote.

Robert Seaman
Killen

And the Bible Says

Editor:

I have been seeing a famous preacher on TV commercials saying that if you realize you are a sinner and you want your sins forgiven, all you have to do is call upon the Lord by inviting him into your heart and he will forgive you of your sins.

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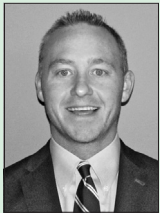
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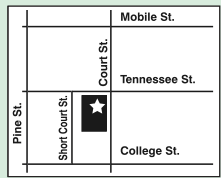
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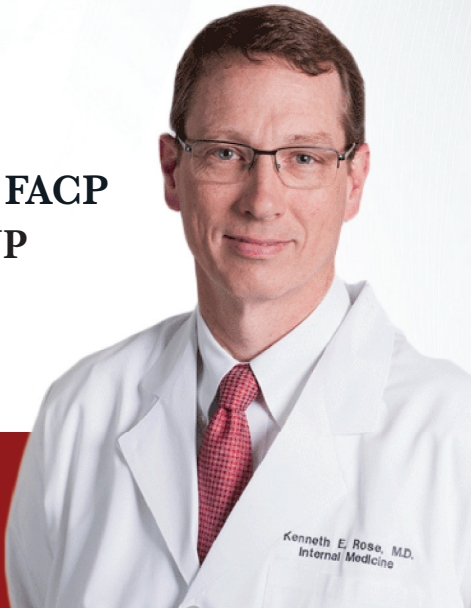
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Cat & Kids *by Cathy Turner*

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These two were my things because, as a child they loomed large. My dad worked at the private Elks' Club in Hendersonville, N.C. for all of my childhood. And for a good bit of that time, our family operated with one car. So many evenings, when daddy worked in the kitchen, we would go pick him up after dinner shut down. But kids and families would still be in that shimmering blue water that had black lines for laps and a 10 meter board. As I sat in our car waiting for my dad, I just wanted to be in that pool. As a child, I was an avid swimmer and diver. I learned in a concrete pool that the Y rented out in the

country. It had a 10 feet deep end and a springy diving board. That pool was my babysitter. I rode the chunky, white Y bus every day of the summer to that Baptist Institute pool and I had great fun and was grateful. But when I walked, across town, home from the high school in the late summer and heard the fun chatter and heard the boards bouncing, and saw my dad wave from the window above, I was jealous. That childhood jealousy was the strongest I have ever felt.

Then there was the hair. When and where I

grew up, I never saw any black women with long or straight enough hair to swing it. Maybe all little girls do this, but I was an expert at shaping a towel on my head so that I could swing it like white hair around my shoulders to my back. Back then, or at least at my house, we didn't have weaves or hair care products that made our hair move. We would press our hair straight with hot combs, but we used heavy oils. My hair did not move. As an adult, I now realize that this was a desire that was against how God made me. God gave me my grandmother's hair - soft, cottony, not tight curls, easily managed. My grandma's dad was white, so he influenced my hair. There was a time, and may still be, that I would have been said to have a higher grade of hair for this very reason. But how piteous is that? As an adult, I am just grateful for the hair that God gave me.

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Guest Op-Ed

Sanger...

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PPGNY's national organization, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, has long said that many of Sanger's racist quotes have been taken out of context. While the national organization acknowledges some of Sanger's many flaws, it says her story is complicated and it hasn't totally disavowed her. It still labels her a woman of heroic accomplishments and it still calls its highest honor the Margaret Sanger Award.

However, in its news release, PPGNY parted ways with the standard talking points, acknowledging what it called "Planned Parenthood's contributions to historical reproductive harm within communities of color." Yet for years,

Planned Parenthood has had the audacity to claim that it believes black lives matter.

As we know all too well, the cancel culture is one of the far left's frequently used tools to destroy anyone or anything that doesn't comport with its radical ideology. Never at a loss for hypocrisy, though, the left frequently attempts to nuance the troubling pasts of its heroes. It tries to make them acceptable while at the same time tearing down statues of those who helped make America the exceptional nation it is.

Some will accuse me of having a double standard when I say that it's okay to cancel Sanger while I defend statesmen like George Washington and Thomas Jefferson. Yet there's a significant difference. While we roundly condemn Washington's and Jefferson's participation in the evil of slavery, we can still celebrate their lifelong work to create a nation built on the highest ideals of humanity.

On the other hand, Sanger's open racism, her promotion of eugenics, and her advocacy of forced sterilizations to keep those she deemed unfit from breeding was her vision. Planned Parenthood was formed on that vision, and much of that vision still exists at Planned Parenthood today.

Planned Parenthood still considers certain people less than human and rejects the science of prenatal development by calling babies in the womb "clumps of cells," "tissue masses," and "products of conception."

Planned Parenthood also still targets minority communities. If black lives matter to Planned Parenthood, then why, according to a 2015 study, are nearly 80% of its surgical abortion facilities located within walking distance of minority neighborhoods?

According to the Guttmacher Institute, in 2014, a year when black women only accounted for about 13% of the U.S. population, they made up 28% of those having abortions. Each year in New York City, more black babies are aborted than born.

Pro-lifers have been pointing out Sanger's despicable views for decades, and Planned Parenthood didn't just find out about Sanger's past yesterday. So why is Planned Parenthood only now rejecting its founder—and why isn't the entire organization doing it?

It strikes me how

blatantly we see the double standard at work here. Sure, Sanger is getting canceled, but only at one of Planned Parenthood's facilities and in a relatively mild way. Planned Parenthood still talks about the good she allegedly did and is willing to ascribe her transgressions to being a woman of her time.

How ironic that the left doesn't give America's Founders the same courtesy. There's no allowance for context; no allowances for being men of their time. There is only cancellation and demands that everything they produced (ie. America) be destroyed.

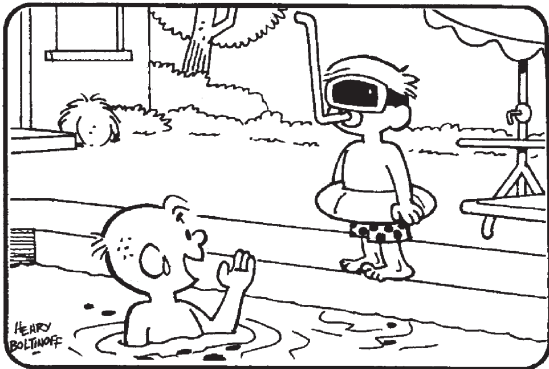
Until Planned Parenthood stops dehumanizing living, growing children in the womb; until it ceases performing abortions; and until it stops locating facilities and advertising heavily in and around minority communities, it will continue carrying out Sanger's original vision. "Canceling" Margaret Sanger and the symbolic gesture of removing her name from a building won't change any of that.

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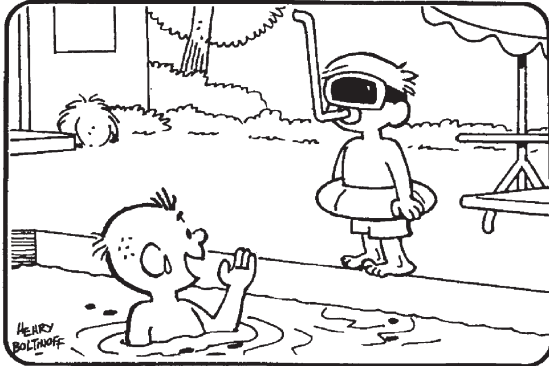
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Cat & Kids

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These memories were brought on by a video of my sweet Ruby swinging her hair back and forth in front of her face. It was even in slo-mo for a second or two. Happy hair! After five years of excellent hair care products and superb care of her natural hair by (my daughter) her mother, Ruby got her hair pressed straight and trimmed. In the video they sent me, her hair was healthy, shiny, layered, down her back and boy did it move! But as her old, adult grandma, I just prayed that she knows how beautiful and valuable she is even before I got her to swim with her face down on our recent vacation – even before she could swing her hair. Loved. I hope that we have taught her that there is no reason for jealousy or no reason to wish to be like someone else, for she is fearfully and wonderfully made. Yes, she is very good. Amen.

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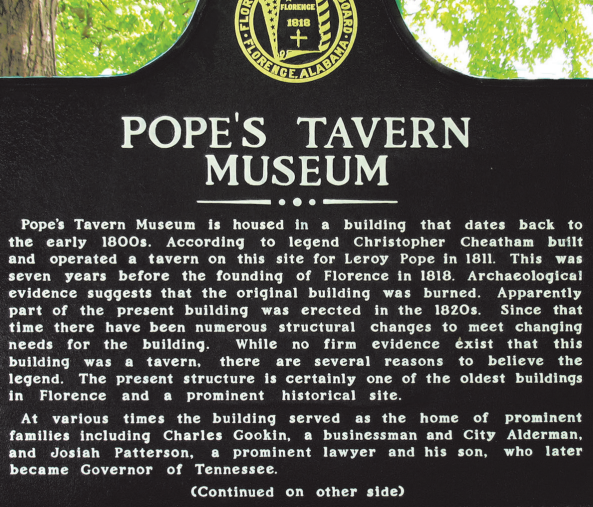
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SIGNS OF THE PAST



POPE'S TAVERN MUSEUM

Pope's Tavern Museum is housed in a building that dates back to the early 1800s. According to legend Christopher Cheatham built and operated a tavern on this site for Leroy Pope in 1811. This was seven years before the founding of Florence in 1818. Archaeological evidence suggests that the original building was burned. Apparently part of the present building was erected in the 1820s. Since that time there have been numerous structural changes to meet changing needs for the building. While no firm evidence exist that this building was a tavern, there are several reasons to believe the legend. The present structure is certainly one of the oldest buildings in Florence and a prominent historical site.

At various times the building served as the home of prominent families including Charles Gookin, a businessman and City Alderman, and Josiah Patterson, a prominent lawyer and his son, who later became Governor of Tennessee.

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The reverse side relates that the Lambeth family owned the house from 1874 till 1965, when the Chamber of Commerce purchased it and gave it to the City of Florence to be used as a museum. "After extensive renovation Pope's Tavern Museum opened to the public in 1968."

~ Courtesy David Curott ~ author of "Signs of the Past" and "More Signs of the Past"

Insurance Insights

How to Safely Sell a Car in a Few Simple Steps

Selling your car on your own instead of to a dealership can seem scary, but it doesn't have to be. If you do your homework, it might actually work out better for you. This is especially true if the vehicle you plan to sell has a high value. Below are some tips to help you along the way.

What paperwork do I need to sell my car?

One of the first, most important steps is to gather all documents associated with the car you're selling. These documents include:

- **Warranty information** - If a warranty remains for the vehicle, provide this to the new buyer.
- **Bill of Sale** - When you create a bill of sale, include:
 - The sell date
 - Your name and the buyer's
 - The car's year, make and model
 - The negotiated price
 - If the car is being sold "as is" or if you are providing a stipend for repairs
- **Title** - Based on your state's regulations, you will likely sign off on the title, transferring it into the buyer's name.
- **Motor Vehicle Department regulations** - Depending on the state where you live, you may need an emissions test or an odometer disclosure statement.

How do I get my car ready for sale?

To get the best price for your car, follow the below:

- **Complete repairs** - Servicing small items - such as fluids, brakes, light bulbs, air in tires, windshield cracks, dents, or scratches - can help you get more money for your vehicle. Be sure to retain receipts of repair to show buyers what work's been done.
- **Clean it** - While it may seem obvious, many sellers skip or marginally follow this step. A clean, waxed, and fresh smelling car is most appealing to buyers. So, pay attention to both the car's interior and exterior. Clean out the glove box and trunk. Wipe down all surfaces, especially cup holders. Vacuum thoroughly, and remember to remove all bumper stickers as well as the residue they leave behind.

How much should I ask for my car?

This is one of the hardest parts of selling a used car. Most people don't know where to start when it comes to pricing. First, check out free appraisal tools on the internet. Compare the value of your vehicle as listed on multiple sites. Be realistic when evaluating the condition of your car. Here are some sites that may help:

- **Pricing resources** - Kelly Blue Book, CarGurus, and NADA
- **Online value comparisons** - AutoTrader and Cars.com
- The bottom line is this: Know the lowest amount you will accept for your car before you start negotiating with buyers.

How do I find buyers for my car?

Another challenging aspect of selling a car on the private market is reaching buyers. How do you get the word out that you have a vehicle to sell? Keep in mind there are services, such as CarMax, that will purchase your vehicle and resell it for you. If you decide to go ahead and sell on your own, watch out for scams and people who may try to take advantage of you.

If you decide to self-sell, one of the best ways to reach potential buyers is through local classifieds sites or various online services. Here you can post photos and a description of your car. You also can buy ad space on sites, such as AutoTrader.com or Facebook (locally), to help sell your car.

How to write a good advertisement

When writing an ad to sell your car, you need to include all the pertinent facts about your vehicle: make, model, year, condition, mileage, price, and photos. You also want to make it stand out in a crowd of similar ads. Be sure to include color and trim; if it has extra features, such as seat warmers or a sun roof; and if it has low mileage, only one owner, or gets great gas mileage.

What buyers want to know

Buying a used car, whether it's from a dealership or a private seller is an investment for anyone. Before making a purchase, they want to know all they can about the vehicle and the seller. Here are a few ways you can help them:

- **Vehicle History** - If your car is an older model, or if you're not the original owner, consider obtaining a Carfax report. This will provide information about the car's history, any accidents, and its maintenance records.
- **Why you are selling** - Buyers will be curious as to why you are selling the car. Think about how you'll answer and be ready for their questions.
- **Respond quickly** - When you receive a call, text, or email that the buyer is ready to make a purchase, respond quickly with your acceptance or a counter offer. If you're slow to respond, the buyer may perceive it as disinterest or that you don't want to sell.

How do I offer potential buyers a test drive?

Once you've found a potential buyer, you'll want to schedule a test drive. Let the buyer get a feel for how the car handles. Follow these tips below to create a safe test-drive experience.

- **Screen buyers** - Thoroughly vet potential buyers before scheduling a test drive. Speak to the person on the phone and ask them screening questions, such as whether or not they have financing lined up. Take questions from them as well to determine if they're a serious buyer.
- **Safety in numbers and visibility** - Meet the potential buyer in a populated area. Never go on a test drive alone. Ask a friend to join you. Schedule the test drive during the day.
- **Credentials** - Check the buyer's license and proof of insurance before they get behind the wheel.

The test drive is not the time to take payment; but once completed, it's appropriate to begin negotiating the price.

How do I conduct a secure transaction?

Transferring the title also calls for a secure environment. When you're ready to make the sale official, follow the below tips.

- **Take payment inside the walls of a bank** - The safest place to exchange payment is at the buyer's bank. Do not agree to drive the potential buyer to another location, especially if it's to pick up the payment.
- **Trade the title for the payment** - Don't sign or hand over the vehicle title to the buyer until you've received the agreed-upon payment in full. If the payment is not cash, make sure the check or money order is legitimate, or wait for the Venmo payment to deposit in your checking account. If the buyer is paying with a check, go to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) website, FakeChecks.org, to verify it is not fraudulent.

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DAYS OF OUR LIVES Ben was haunted by his brainwashing. Will and Sami reconciled. Claire discussed her plans for the future with Marlena. Allie wrote a letter with a shocking request. Ben hid his unease from Ciara. Gabi and Jake had a big blowup. Kate recounted to Abe her bitter rivalry with Vivian. Justin had a surprise for Bonnie. Nicole and Eric searched for Allie. Sami sought help from Belle. Sonny and Will worked on their relationship. Claire covered for Allie. Ben had a nightmare that he strangled Ciara. Rafe and Hope shared a close moment. Eve arrived in Salem. Jake and Gwen fought over his relationship with Gabi. Ben encountered Vincent in Marlena's office. *Wait to See: Eve pleads with*

Claire not to turn her in. Gabi and Jake get some surprising news. Gwen kisses Chad.
GENERAL HOSPITAL Willow received a surprise visit. Ava ran into Julian at the Metro Court. Sam was quite suspicious of Brando. Lulu faced off against Cyrus. Franco was put off by Nikolas's behavior. Sam was cautiously optimistic. Ned called an emergency meeting. Jordan lied to TJ. Lucy accosted Cyrus. Curtis got confrontational. Jax offered Nina some words of encouragement. Lucy made a surprise announcement. Brook Lynn disappointed Ned. Sam received some good news. Sonny looked to Felix for support. Carly was optimistic. Sam received some terrible news. Lulu asked for a favor. Franco and Elizabeth were at odds with each other. Olivia attempted to smooth things over between Ned and Brook Lynn. Nik thanked Lulu for her support. Franco comforted Ava. *Wait to See: Terry is curious about Cyrus. Nina attends an event at Wyndemere. Anna asks Finn to make amends with his past.*
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Dedication...

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The monument was officially dedicated on Saturday, April 25, 1903, Confederate Memorial Day, the day set aside to honor the Confederate dead, in a ceremony at which an estimated 3,000-5,000 people were present. This most likely included a few local African-Americans among which were probably a few local black Union (there were approx. 31) and perhaps surprisingly, a few black Confederate veterans. Florence had approximately 18 black Confederate cooks and body-servants. A procession traveled from the Female Synodical College (since 1913 the site of the John McKinley Federal Post Office and Courthouse), led by Maj. Alfred Moore O'Neal (1840-1909), a Confederate veteran, son of the late Confederate Colonel and Alabama governor, Edward Asbury O'Neal (1819-1890), and

Commander of Camp Edward A. O'Neal, Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV).

At the square "a platform had been erected for the most prominent actors in the proceedings, while seats were provided for as many of the visitors as could be accommodated." The program began with a prayer by Confederate veteran Rev. AP Odom followed by a chorus of children led by City School Superintendent, Henry C. Gilbert, who sang "America."

The Florence Times commented on the singing of the song: . . . the song "America" was rendered by the public school children in charge of Supt. H. C. Gilbert, and the respective grade teachers. It was a very beautiful idea, showing that in our fair land while the children are taught a true respect for the heroes of our historic past, they are also taught that over all and above all is the great national idea -America- the land of the free and home of the brave.

A speech was given by Massachusetts native, former physician from Bailey Springs, in Lauderdale County and Confederate veteran, Dr. HA Moody, a physician and professor at the

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State Medical College in Mobile, AL. A song was then rendered by Florence's Cornet Band. To close the ceremony Methodist minister the Rev. Mitchell Malone, a Confederate veteran and also county tax assessor offered a benediction. The United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) awarded Crosses of Honor to all the eligible Confederate veterans who were present.

In his address, Dr. Moody eulogized the Lost Cause of the Confederacy and praised the virtue and bravery of the men who sacrificed their lives for that "sacred" cause. He also, unfortunately yet unsurprisingly, made racist remarks, saying: They [the North] look upon the negro [sic] as a white man with a colored skin and believe education to be the one thing needful. We of the South know better. No other people know him so well or love him so well, but nowhere is he accorded social equality. Then Moody lamented the fact that US President Theodore Roosevelt (1901-

1909) had invited noted black educator and civil rights activist Booker T. Washington "to his table as a social equal" in a dinner at the White House. Before closing his speech the Dr. urged the United Daughters of the Confederacy to do everything in their power to protect the racial purity of the South, as "into your fair hands your Creator has placed the power to prevent this degradation [sic]." The monument itself was officially unveiled by 13 boys and girls, dressed in white with red ribbons. Each was a descendant of a Confederate veteran. Then 400 school children broke out in song singing "Dixie." The assembled CSA veterans (about 100 were present) then let loose with the rebel yell.

After the dedication ceremony in a symbolic gesture at the Florence City Cemetery during the Confederate memorial exercises, three Confederate veterans and three Union veterans shook hands over the grave of a fallen soldier. In 1861 Lauderdale County had officially opposed independent state secession save as a last resort and then only together with all the Southern states together, but reluctantly supported the state after it voted to secede. So, there was much pro-Union sentiment in Lauderdale during the war. Between 1889 and 1905 Florence had two different Grand Army of the Republic Posts for Union vets and these Union veterans were always invited to take part in Confederate Memorial exercises.)

The monument was moved from its original location one block south to the location of the new Lauderdale County courthouse in 1965. I'm not sure that the monument was moved to the current courthouse site in order to intimidate anyone out of deep-seated racist motives. From the records I've seen it doesn't appear that any real thought went into relocating the statue at all. Apparently, it was just done without asking anyone's opinion. It doesn't seem as if anyone thought to ask the citizens, it was just assumed that the monument should be relocated there.

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