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Happy New Year 2010

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February Black History Month

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Frigid Temperature

Brrrrrr! Chili temperature can be harmful to your health so bundle up and take precautions. Low temperatures are in the teens and high temperatures are in the 20-30's. It probably will be about Monday when temperatures climb back into the 50's for the highs but will still be in the 20's for the lows. Call and check on the elderly and take precaution with pets.

National Champions!! (Roll Tide)

The Alabama Crimson Tide became National Champs for the 13th time in their win over Texas Longhorns 37-21 on Thursday, January 7, 2010 at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, CA. Things started off a little shaky when Coach Nick Saban deferred away from his usual coaching style and opted to throw a pass instead of playing field position and was intercepted deep in our own territory. The defense stepped up and allowed only a field goal. Texas Quarterback Colt McCoy was injured after three snaps and would not return for the rest of the game. On the next kick off know one from Alabama fielded the kick-off and Texas again took over deep in Alabama territory which netted another field goal. Alabama finally got it together and scored 24 unanswered points leading 24-6 going into half-time.

Second half Alabama allowed rookie Quarterback Garrett Gilbert to gain confidence and hit for two unanswered touchdowns and a two-point conversion which cut the lead to 24-21. Alabama allowed Texas to get back into the game by playing too conservative in playing not to lose rather than playing to win. Alabama went on to score two additional touchdowns off a fumble and an interception 37-21. Our defense actually won the game for Bama in that Quarterback Greg McElroy was pretty much contained from passing the ball. It wasn't a pretty win but effective. The win that Texas had over Nebraska was not a pretty win either, so maybe it's just the way Texas make you play. Congratulations to the Alabama Crimson Tide.

Position of Pastor

Friendship Baptist Church is in the process of filling the position of Pastor. Résumés are now being accepted. We are looking for someone with a pastor's heart, one who exemplifies good character and allows the Lord to feed the flock of which He will make you overseer. Once the Pastoral Search Committee receives your résumé the PSC will contact you with further information.

Curfew

On January 6, 2010 the City Council established a citywide juvenile curfew. 'We have a very sound curfew ordinance based on practical experiences from other cities,' Mayor Walt Maddox said. 'Overall, I think we have a very effective tool that will help us reduce juvenile crime. 'The curfew applies to people younger than 18 with some exceptions. They will be forbidden to be in public places between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday-Thursday and from 11 p.m.-6 a.m. Friday and Saturday. The

curfew also covers Tuscaloosa city school system scheduled hours.

The ordinance also prohibits parents from allowing their children to violate the curfew ordinance. And business owners can be fined for having minors on their premises during nighttime curfew hours. Minors violating curfew hours will be subject to penalties as juvenile offenders and can be subject to fines of up to \$250. Adults charged under the curfew ordinance would be subject to a \$100 fine on the first offense. A second offense could be punished with a fine of up to \$500, while a third offense carries a fine of up to \$500 and up to six months in jail.

The ordinance allows for a number of exceptions. Minors can be out during curfew hours if they are accompanied by a parent or guardian, in a vehicle engaged in interstate travel, going to or from work or involved in a work activity, on a sidewalk or right of way adjoining their residence or attending or en route to or from a legitimate school or religious function. Also exempt are minors who have been emancipated, college or post-secondary technical or vocational students younger than 18 and minors serving in the military. Students from other school systems that are not in session and minors who have a diploma or a GED certificate are exempt during the school hour portion of the curfew.

{Our opinion}

There is a lot of talk these days about curfews. The City Officials voted unanimously to implement a curfew for our children. Some of the complaints I've heard are that a curfew may take away time the police officers could use elsewhere, will it apply to all youth, and how will truancy violators be processed. Well I believe the concept is good, but will be very cumbersome to deal with. My parents gave me a curfew and that was to be in before dark and when I got old enough, to be in by a certain time. When children go on field trips they usually are given curfews. No problem. When our youth get into trouble and get into the system they are given a curfew by their parole officers. No problem. Athletes who play for our colleges are even given a curfew. No problem. So what is the big deal about a curfew for our children? I think the law will be trying to tell the parents we wouldn't have to do this if you will. What is the bible's take on curfews? Proverbs 22:6.

District 1

Councilman Bobby Howard addresses the citizens of the Westend Community through his quarterly newsletter. You can read the newsletter in its entirety by clicking on http://www.tuscaloosa.com/archives/34/Spring_2009_1.pdf

Teen Scene

Kevin Johnson, director of youth at First Baptist Church in Florence, said teens present a unique challenge to the future of religious organizations. "You see different stages with them," he said. "At 13 and 15, they're more likely to go where their parents go or where their friends go. At 17 or 18, they're making transitions to college or getting their first tastes of freedom, and some of them are looking for a fresh start or maybe seeking a new spiritual path."

Regardless of the denomination or youth group size, Johnson said if students are important to the church, the church will respond by being active and involved in their lives. "Local church leaders are just now beginning to realize the importance of having teens in our church communities," he said. {Excerpt taken from Tuscaloosa News Article: <http://www.tuscaloosaneews.com/article/20080218/NEWS/491639708>}

Church Security Issues

As crime rates rise, security in public spaces has become a concern. And houses of worship have not been exempt. That was demonstrated earlier this month by two separate shootings in Colorado in which the same gunman killed two people at a mission school and two people at a church 60 miles away before being wounded by an armed church volunteer and killing himself.

Church administrators say they can't screen for the possibility that someone might enter with a gun or search everyone who walks through the doors. Many have learned to address safety concerns while keeping the church from resembling an armed fortress. Sgt. Andy Norris, spokesman for the Tuscaloosa County Sheriff's Office, said church members and employees should look out for suspicious behavior. Churches could also initiate programs similar to Neighborhood Watch in which people stop by during the week to make sure nothing is amiss.

"Churches are always regarded as a sanctuary where everyone is always welcome," Norris said. "People should be cautious even though they still want to have the feeling of being open to everyone. Unfortunately, with the times we're living in, sometimes bad things happen in good places."

Generation Gap

Generation Yers often do not recognize authority in the same way as Boomers or Xers do. Instead of "rebellious," they react based on what or how they feel when they are approached or spoken to by authoritative figures. Members of Generation Y are additionally more inclined to firmly believe in the "an eye for an eye" principle. The survey found that almost 70% of those surveyed found their Generation Y workers to be dissatisfying, with poor spelling and grammar and no understanding of appropriate corporate behaviors. However, the survey also showed most employers praised the energy and charisma of their Generation Y workers. The above excerpts were taken from wikipedia.com, read more about Generation Y.

http://www.usatoday.com/money/workplace/2005-11-06-gen-y_x.htm

Smother Love

Have we become too protective in the way we're raising our kids?

In short, child rearing has become an exercise in risk minimization, epitomized by stories such as the father who refused to allow his daughter on a school picnic to the beach for fear she might drown. While it's natural for a parent to want to protect their children from danger, you have to wonder: Have we gone too far?

http://www.readersdigest.ca/mag/2004/10/smother_love.html



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