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Hutto Camp delegates at Division Convention in Guntersville Harold Daniel, Ronald Harris, James Blackston, Leonard Wilson and Trent Harris.

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# MEETING NOTICE

Sunday July 15 2:30 P. M. First Methodist Church Jasper

Guest Speaker: Mayor Sonny Posey

#### YOU CAN'T WIN THE DOOR PRIZE UNLESS YOU ATTEND

### AN UNUSUAL CALL

One morning a man opened his newspaper and was stunned to see his own death notice in the obituary column. Horrified, he immediately called his best friend.

"Have you seen today's paper?" he asked his friend. "It says I died!"

"Yes, I saw it," his friend replied. "So where are you calling from?"

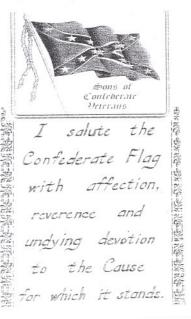
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#### July 11-14 – Murfreesboro, Tenn. – Sons Of Confederate Nation Reunion & Civil War Show

The members of the Murfreesboro Camp No. 33 will be hosting the 117th reunion. This falls during the sesquicentennial of the war for Southern Indepencence. It will also be on the exact date of the birth of Tennessee's greatest general, Nathan Bedford Forrest, and will be in the 150th Annivesary of Forrest's Raid on Murfreesboro. The show will be held at the Embassy Suites hotel and Conference Center, Medical Center Parkway, Murfreesboro, Tn. In conjunction with the 2012 SCV National Reunion. The vendor area will be open to Reunion attendees, free of charge. The show will be open to the public for a \$5 admission fee. Vendor set up is on Wednesday July 11th, the show will be open 8-5 Wednesday through Friday, 8-3 Saturday. Vendor area must be cleared by 4p.m. on Saturday July 14th. Limited to 75 tables, first come first served! All vendors must be approved by SCV International Headguarters! For more information, email Mboroscv33@aol.com or call 615-890-6194 or visit http://tennessee-scv.org/2012reunion/ facebook: 117th SCV 2012 National Reunion.

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will submit the vindication of the Cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate Soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles he loved and which made him glorious and which your also cherish". Gen, Stephen D. Lee





#### Learning Lapses

The majority of Americans—three in four—identify Larry, Curly, and Moe as the Three Stooges. That's certainly understandable. But only two out of five respondents can correctly identify the executive, legislative, and judicial as the three branches of government.

More than three quarters of Americans can name at least two of the seven dwarfs, while less than a quarter can name two members of the Supreme Court.

Less than six months after Hurricane Katrina, one third of those surveyed couldn't point to Louisiana on a map.

foxnews.com, businesswire.com, cnn.com

### The Birmingham News

Thursday, June 7, 2012

## JEFFERSON DAVIS DAY End celebration of racist legacy

Monday, my father-in-law and I went to celebrate the end of a long workday by enjoying a round of golf at Oak Mountain State Park. There was only one problem. The park was closed in observance of a statewide holiday. Not Martin Luther King Day, not Lincoln's birthday, but a much more insidious holiday: Jefferson Davis' birthday.

Why the state continues to "celebrate" a man most known for leading the Confederacy's efforts to retain slavery in the United States is beyond me. Davis was a failed leader on all accounts: He failed to finish either term in the U.S. Senate, he mismanaged the Confederacy and the Civil War, and he was jailed for treason.

More important than Davis' failed record as a leader and a politician, however, is the legacy this celebration perpetuates. In 2012, the celebration of Davis' birthday only locks Alabama in as a regressive state harkening back to an era of states' rights at best, outright racism at its worst.

It's time for Jefferson Davis day to be dumped to the dustbin of history. Encourage your legislators to eliminate the celebration of Jefferson Davis' birthday.

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# HOLIDAYS UNDER ATTACK

It's not unusual to hear and see attacks on our Confederate Holidays. But, take special note of this attack by a prominent professor at Samford University. It seems that institutions of higher learning are all infested with anti-South bigots.

GOOD RESPONSE BELOW

# Letter on Jefferson Davis holiday was inaccurate

his is in response to the letter "End celebration of racist legacy" (Your Views. June 7). Judging by the title of the letter writer, I presume he is well-educated. Though his knowledge of debate and communication studies may be greater than my own, I can assure you my understanding of the actual facts surrounding the War for Southern Independence and the former leadership of the Confederacy greatly surpasses his.

The letter presented several inaccuracies. Most notable is the contention that President Jefferson Davis led the Confederacy to retain slavery in the United States. This could not be true given that Davis led the *Confederate States*, not the United States. If one really wants to discuss the facts, perhaps we could elaborate on the fact slavery was still legal in the United States after the beginning of the war.

However, the letter was correct in that Davis was imprisoned for treason after the war. What the letter failed to highlight was that Davis was never convicted or even tried on charges of treason, given the fact the U.S. government knew it had no case to substantiate the allegations. Davis subsequently was released without charge.

Davis was a great Southern man, leading the South after a *legal* secession from the Union. He was forced back into the Union by a foe that was superior only in numbers and supplies.

Furthermore, if the letter writer thinks the "Civil War" was incited solely over the issue of slavery, he is again greatly mistaken.

Although I am sure the observance of Davis' holiday has caused great emotional distress to the letter writer due to the loss of his golf game, I will argue the greater tragedy is our state's loss of concern for the individuals who lost theirs lives in exercising their constitutionally founded rights.

William Newton

Camp 308, Sons of Confederate Veterans

Ashville

# Shiloh Marks 150th Battle Anniversary

This spring Tennessee will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Shiloh, during which General Ulysses S. Grant's stand at Pittsburg Landing proved a turning point in the Civil War. Events [www.tncivilwar150.com] include the official program "Invasions by Rail and River," April 4 and 5 at Pickwick Landing State Park, and two separate re-

enactments, March 29–31, featuring more than 6,000 soldiers and 100 cannon.

The program at Pickwick Landing includes livinghistory demonstrations, mu-



sic, scholarly talks and the "Looking Back: The Civil War in Tennessee" digitization project. The National Park Service will also host a premiere of the new Shiloh movie *Fiery Trial*. Shiloh National Military Park [www.nps.gov/shil] offers extended tours April 6 and 7, culminating in a "Grand Illumination" of the battlefield with 23,746 luminarias—one for each American casualty at Shiloh.



### The History Channel Magazine<sup>®</sup> P.O. Box 3401, Hopkins, MN 55343

Margaret Mitchell House

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places and operated by the Atlanta History Center, the Margaret Mitchell House is a turn-of-

the century, three-story Tudor Revival building where Margaret Mitchell lived and wrote her Pulitzer-Prize winning book, *Gone with the Wind*. Features include guided tours of the apartment where Mitchell wrote her iconic novel, a *Gone with the Wind* movie exhibition, an exhibition showcasing the life and times of one of America's most famous authors, and the Margaret Mitchell gift shop. Throughout the year a variety of programs are presented by the site's Literary Center. Designed to honor and preserve Mitchell's legacy, the Literary Center hosts regular programs with award-winning authors, as well as annual creativewriting classes for adults and youth, and community initiatives that engage younger generations in the process of writing, reading, and reciting literature.

Club Member Carol Pritchard of Georgetown, S.C., reports that during her visit she enjoyed the informative tour and the knowledgeable tour guide. She also says fans of *Gone with the Wind* will find some great items in the gift shop.

For more information about the Margaret Mitchell House, visit margaretmitchellhouse.com.

### Teen banned from prom over controversial dress

By Janice Broach

MEMPHIS, TN – A Mid-South teen is banned from prom for wearing a dress that resembles a confederate battle flag.

"It wasn't done to offend anybody," Texanna Edwards explained of her dress. "It was done just for the sole fact that I just wanted a rebel flag dress because I thought it was cool."

But the principal at Gibson High in West Tennessee did not think it was cool. Edwards, a senior at the school, tried to wear the dress that she helped design to the prom Saturday night. She also wore a rebel flag necklace.

"He told us y'all have to leave because the dress is inappropriate," Edwards said.

Texanna, who plans to become a veterinarian, said she almost cried, "I felt like it but I was more mad."

She says she does not understand why the dress was banned because students in school wear rebel flag shirts, hats, and belt buckles.

"I don't see the point of not letting someone in their one-and-only prom, senior prom. The year they graduate. Doesn't represent anything bad," Cody Beasley, a fellow student, says. LaShantay Beverly, also a student, agrees: "Other people wear the same stuff to school but they don't get kicked out of school on that basis," she said.

"It was heritage not hate. She didn't go in there to make nobody upset or anything like that," says student Brittany Donald.

Gibson High principal, James Hughes, refused to talk with WMC-TV.

Last year, Texanna wore a camouflage dress to the prom.

She says the whole thing has been blown out of proportion.

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The Civil War Preservation Trust lists 39 Mississippi sites on its Civil War Discovery Trail. Every city, town and community in Mississippi has its own story to tell-about the people, places and events that helped shape its history and the future of our country. What better way to explore it than to take a trip to Mississippi to gain the complete perspective.

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# **Can You Identify These USS Monitor Crewmen?**

Forensic researchers from Louisiana State University have reconstructed the faces of two unidentified Union sailors whose skulls were recovered from the turret of the Civil War ironclad USS Monitor, Officials at the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary [monitor.noaa.gov] hope someone will

recognize the men from period photographs, as DNA testing failed to link their remains to any living descendents. One sailor was between 17 and 24 vears old, the other likely in his 30s, and both were white,



narrowing the search list to six possible crewmen.

The Brooklyn-built Monitor, famous for its March 9, 1862, clash with the CSS Virginia at the Battle of Hampton Roads, sank off Cape Hatteras, N.C., on Dec. 31, 1862, claiming 16 crewmen. No trace has been found of the other 14 sailors.

#### MILITARY HISTORY **JULY 2012**

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# Clara Barton's D.C. office to be Civil War museum

WASHINGTON (AP) - Clara Barton's downtown Washington office, where she led an effort to trace missing soldiers from the Civil War before she founded the American Red Cross, has survived since her death 100 years ago and will soon become a museum, organizers said Thursday.

The National Museum of Civil War Medicine in Frederick, Md., will lead the effort after signing an agreement with the General Services Administration to open the Clara Barton's Missing Soldiers Office Museum.

Barton's office is a Civil War time capsule, said George Wunderlich, the group's executive director. It's where she hired a staff to help track down the fates of at least 22,000 men in the war. In total, Barton's office responded to more than 63,000 letters from grieving parents and families with \$15,000 in government funding over four years.

"She was doing this at a time when women weren't allowed to do anything," Wunderlich said.

# MUSEUM Buys Trove of Lincoln War Papers

The Huntington Library [www.huntington.org], in San Marino, Calif., has purchased a hoard of Civil War telegrams and ephemera, adding to its

trove of Abraham Lincoln documents, the third-largest such collection in the world behind the Library of Congress [www.loc

.gov] and Lincoln Presidential Library [www.alplm.org]. The messages, meticulously handwritten by telegraph operators and stored in 40 thick cardboard-bound ledgers, represent the day-to-day com-

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munications between President Lincoln and his generals, while smaller calfskin-covered code books offer a glimpse into Union cryptography.

> The telegram collection was amassed by Brig. Gen. Thomas Eckert, who served as telegraph chief in 1862 for Maj. Gen.

George McClellan's Army of the Potomac, then ran the telegraph office at the War Department in Washington through war's end. The library will display some of the books in upcoming fall exhibitions.

# Wrong!

A painting long believed to be a portrait of Mary Todd Lincoln, purchased by her granddaughter in the late 1920s and hung in the Illinois governor's mansion for decades, has been proven a fraud. Con man Lew Bloom (a.k.a. Ludwig Pflum) represented the work as a portrait commissioned by Mrs. Lincoln as a gift for her husband, but not delivered until after his assassination. The canvas

was actually a retouched painting

"Mary Lincoln," 1929

of another woman.



# Doctor's report after Lincoln shooting found 147 years later

#### The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — The first doctor to reach President Abraham Lincoln after he was shot in a Washington theater rushed to his ceremonial box and found him paralyzed, comatose and leaning against his wife. Dr. Charles Leale ordered brandy and water to be brought immediately.

Leale's long-lost report of efforts to help the mortally wounded president, written just hours after his death, was discovered in a box at the National Archives late last month.

The Army surgeon, who sat 40 feet from Lincoln at Ford's Theater that night in April 1865, saw assassin John Wilkes Booth jump to the stage, brandishing a dagger. Thinking Lincoln had been stabbed, Leale pushed his way to the victim but found a different injury.

"I commenced to examine his head (as no wound near the shoulder was found) and soon passed my fingers over a large firm clot of blood situated about one inch below the superior curved line of the occipital bone," Leale reported. "The coagula I easily removed and passed the little finger of my left hand through the perfectly smooth opening made by the ball."

The historians who discovered the report believe it was filed, packed in a box, stored at the archives and not seen for 147 years. While it doesn't add much new information about the tragedy, "it's the first draft" of history, said Daniel Stowell, director of the Papers of Abraham Lincoln.





SOUTHERN LIVING APRIL 2012

Where: Millie's, an updated 1940s diner in Richmond, Virginia, with mini Wall-o-Matic jukeboxes at each booth

# What's on her plate:

Her frank, charming memoir, My Extraordinary, Ordinary Life, by Hyperion Books, out May I. Also seared salmon with roasted fingerling potatoes and shaved fennel salad

# Dishing with

We chatted with Academy Award winner **Sissy Spacek** about baton-twirling, her new memoir, and priceless family heirlooms

# What makes a Southern woman?

I was going to say the way they cook, but I'm a terrible cook! Being Southern is a state of mind. I think maybe it's about having home and family at the center of your world.

What's your favorite Southernism?

Y'all come back!

### Last World War I veteran dies at 110

chapter recently closed on a war that dramatically shaped America and the 20th century. The last known veteran of World War I, Florence Green of England, died in February at the age of 110. Green, who served in the Women's Royal Air Force, was not recognized by the government as a veteran until 2010.

Though she did not see combat, reports show she was working as a waitress at an air base in Marham when the last shots of the Great War were fired on Nov. 11, 1918. The last known combatant of World War I was Claude Choules, a sailor for Her Majesty's Royal Navy who died in May 2011.



#### HISTORY OF ALABAMA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE WAR

D.A. Bass-Frazier presented the "Remembrance of 150 Years" DVD to Bill Rambo at the Historical Evening program at the UDC Alabama Division Convention in September 2011. Rambo, Site Director of Confederate Memorial Park in Marbury, Alabama, was the featured speaker. Sherry Clayton and Amber Hancock served on a committee with D. A. to produce the DVD as part of the Sesquicentennial remembrance of the War Between the States. Funds from the sale of the DVDs are designated for the UDC Alabama Division Confederate flag conservation project.

With the Department of Archives and History giving access to pictorial history of the War, and the Library of Congress giving access to music and its digital collection, the DVD presents an authentic story of the contributions Alabamians made to the War. The Un-Reconstructed Band provided back-ground music and members of the UDC Alabama Division submitted pictures depicting the War period from throughout Alabama.

SCV members are invited to purchase a DVD for \$ 18. 00 (includes shipping and handling). Make check to "UDC Alabama Division Treasurer" and mail to: Sherry Clayton, 715 Guy Lee Lake Road, Rainbow City, AL. 35906. [256 - 459 - 4263].

> Faye Gaston UDC Alabama Division Historian



Commander Blackston & wife at Guntersville Convention