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Letters to The Editor

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Saxby Chambliss Jonny Isakson and Doug Collins and all members of our legislative branch of government.

I thought you all were elected to represent us peons and to look after our interests.

Is not the Legislative branch along with the President and Supreme Court, (equally) the top authorities in this great nation? Have I got those facts wrong?

If I am correct will you please explain how an agency that you, our leaders formed, can deny any member of our top lawmakers the right to inspect what they are doing. I am talking about the Border Patrol denying entrance to a United States Legislator to these internment camps for these illegal children? Going so far as to ban cameras, recording devices and not being able to interview anyone. Are you kidding me! You are their boss! There is no law that prohibits a legislator from doing these tasks, only rules made up by an agency that you created.

You-and no one else are letting our country fall to where we are beginning to sound like Germany or Russia before the people became slaves.

Somebody, in the legislature needs to go there and push your way in. What are they going to do? Arrest you? On what charge? Looking out for the interest of the people? Suck it in and do your job. The people out here want to know what is being hidden. We are the ones that will eventually pay for it.

If you guys would have closed the border years ago, like you voted to do, we would be home safe now.

*James L. Boyer,
citizen, Korean Vet, author, voter!*

Letter to the Editor:

On this year, 2014, let us pause on the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I, and consider the words of the British anti-war poet, Winfred Owen who wrote: "What passing-bells for these who die as cattle? Only the monstrous anger of the guns. Only the stuttering rifles' rapid fire."

Two critical historical events from WW I dominate the political-economic landscape today. After the breakup of the Ottoman Empire and following centuries of wars between Muslims and Christians, dating to the Crusades and before, the British and French divided up the spoils of post-WW I in the area called the Levant and Persia. Iraq, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and other smaller states like Jordan, Palestine and Lebanon were arbitrarily carved up like a Thanksgiving turkey, with borders running across rival ethnic and tribal groups in a divide and conquer strategy by the WW I victors. The other underlying factor derived from the discovery of oil by British, French, Russian and U.S. imperialists.

In what one British diplomat a hundred years ago, termed "The Great Game," little has changed in this perpetual war for control of vital energy resources. Only the U.S. has replaced the British Empire as the world's mightiest military state. The wars in Eurasia, so often justified in rival religious rhetoric, are in reality "for these who die as cattle?"

Lance G. Jobson

The Middle Path by Don Perry

The sofa and the recliner may be as detrimental to the health of Americans as the cigarette. Numerous recent studies and research published in the archives of internal medicine indicate that prolonged sitting can increase the risk of a number of diseases. The television, the computer, the cubicle and the commute are all contributing to our early demise.

Therefore I should be grateful to the Supreme Court for eliminating at least a fraction of my reason for sitting. I am not. But I should be. Last month the court ruled in favor of the broadcast networks and made Aereo, an innovative service that streamed broadcast television with cloud DVR storage, illegal.

We discussed Aereo here when the service became available in the Atlanta broadcast area. Aereo was a hopeful innovation for those of us seeking to "cut the cord" and reduce the financial burden of our prolonged sitting sessions. Aereo assigned each customer a miniature digital antenna and rebroadcast, over the Internet, what was freely available over the air. It was especially helpful for those of us in fringe areas, too far away to receive Atlanta stations and too frugal to pay cable and satellite bills.

The broadcast networks hated Aereo from the very beginning. Aereo was met with lawsuits in every market they entered. In the beginning, Aereo won several lower court cases, but rather than fight a war of attrition with the giant multinational corporations which own the networks, they preferred to fight one last battle in the Supreme Court. The Court ruled that Aereo was no different than a cable provider and should pay licensing fees for rebroadcasting network content. Aereo shut down operations within days of that decision.

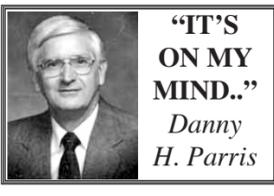
One struggles to understand exactly what the networks have gained in their victory over technological innovation. In an industry driven by ratings

and advertising dollars, extending advertising to a larger market would seem to have been a desirable thing, but the networks acted as if their pockets were being picked. Some, like CBS, even threatened to pull programming off the airwaves if Aereo had won in court. Comcast and Time Warner may pick up a few former Aereo customers intent on keeping some connection to live television, but I am guessing that the majority will look to other venues.

Those "other venues" continue to grow in number. Live television in many forms is still available with Roku, Chromecast and AppleTV, as well as a new crop of lesser known set-top boxes and apps. The idea of cord cutting, much more than Aereo itself, is what has broadcasters spooked, and they will continue to aggressively defend their turf.

Americans are a creative and innovative people and we have led the world in scientific and technological advancement. Unfortunately, the burden of our copyright laws and our complicated and burgeoning legal system continue to hold back many advancements while the rest of the world moves forward. Consider, for example, the number of breakthrough medications which have been safely used in Europe for years while those same drugs are denied entry into the US by the protective gauntlet of the FDA.

This is all consistent with the actions of an oligarchy, where government is a means of advancing and protecting favored industries and corporations. It was no surprise to many of us that the Supreme Court, encouraged by the Justice Department, acted to protect the big broadcast corporations. That same court has already ruled that corporations are people, and in *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc.*, that corporations must also be afforded the right of religious freedom.



"IT'S ON MY MIND.."
Danny H. Parris

Marriage and Humor

This is the marrying time of the year. Newspapers almost everywhere announce weddings and print pictures of newly weds. Few occasions are a greater cause for celebration than a Christian wedding. It is a new beginning and a new life, a life of togetherness. It is a time for celebrating God's great love. God's love for mankind makes marriage possible, and in a Christian marriage the love of a man and woman reaches its ultimate expression. It is also true that few subjects offer greater entertainment than jokes about married life...

A man and woman had been married only a few weeks when the husband said to his wife, "you wouldn't mind if I point out a few little flaws that I have discovered about you?" The wife answered, "Oh, no!" "It's those few little flaws that kept me from getting a better husband." It is true that when a man and woman marry they become one; but the trouble begins when they try to decide which one. Men are not only slow learners about marriage, but they are also quick forgetters.

On anniversaries, the wise husband always forgets the past, but never the present. A foolish husband says to his wife, "Honey, you stick to the washing, ironing, cooking and scrubbing. No wife of mine is gonna work." Men, the trouble in marriage usually starts when a man gets so busy earning his salt that he forgets his sugar. And as one man said, "Whether a man winds

up with a nest egg, or a goose egg, depends a lot on the chick he marries." You newly wed men need to remember that if you have enough horse sense to treat your wife like a thoroughbred, you will never have to live with an old nag.

Women seem to be smarter than men when it comes to choosing a mate. That is seen in the fact that many women prefer to marry military men. Most military men can already cook, sew and make beds. Most of them are in really good health, and they are already trained to take orders. The longer a couple lives together the more entertaining married life becomes. One wife said that she had a glow-worm marriage. The glow was gone, but the worm remains. A couple got married. They were both twenty years of age. They both were now fifty years old and decided to celebrate their thirty years of marriage. They got out the silver serving set and while polishing the teapot a genie came out. "Oh, thank you for releasing me," she said. I will give each of you your desire." The wife said, "I have lived with this man thirty years and he has never taken me anywhere. I want to go on a cruise." "Poof," she has cruise tickets. The man says, "I've lived with this woman thirty years and I want a woman thirty years younger than me." "Poof," he's eighty years old!

On a more serious note... are five assurances every spouse needs to hear: 1. I love you; 2. I respect you; 3. I find you attractive and desirable; 4. You are the priority in my life; 5. I'm committed to you no matter what happens. No options - no escape from marriage

*Ecclesiastes 4:9-12;
God - man - woman.
Selah*

RARE KIDS; WELL DONE By Don Jacobsen

Q: I am a single mom living with my parents and my four children, two of whom are teens, two are younger. My oldest daughter (14) is very disrespectful and she goes into tantrums when I ask and ask and ask her to pick up after herself. My teenage son is starting to catch her bad habits. Sometimes I am just overwhelmed. Some help please.

A: Jean, my hat's off to all the single moms in the world. Even with a two-parent team in today's culture it's not an easy assignment to raise four kids. To cut your team in half and insert a custom issue or two multiplies the challenge. Living with your parents can be a blessing; or not. More on that later.

Let me suggest a first step. I suggest you sit down with the two teens and tell them there is a new sheriff in town so there will be some new rules. Beginning today you will give instructions only once; then you walk away. If they do not do as they are told, they lose a privilege. A major privilege, a memorable privilege. (Maybe she loses her phone for a week, that kind of memorable.) No second chances. Second infraction they lose a second memorable privilege. (I sense it may be your daughter's room that's

a mess; a privilege she might lose would be if you remove her door for a week, that kind of memorable.) Third infraction they go to their room for the rest of the day, or they must go to bed, lights out, immediately after supper. No time off for promises, they break the new rule they pay the new price. Any time they whine, the penalty is doubled. You don't need to raise your voice. Just be firm; be strong. They need to learn who's in charge - and that it's not them.

These two must discover the God-given authority their mother has. They are old enough to be carrying part of the load. They should have regular, significant chores. They should do their own laundry, for instance. In fact, they should also do the laundry for the younger kids. They're getting a free ride and that is terrible training for teens. Start the younger kids with an age-appropriate chore routine, too. Have a serious talk with your parents. They need to be on the same page and unreservedly reinforce what you are doing, not sabotaging it.

We call it leadership parenting, Jean.
Send your parenting questions to: DrDon@RareKids.net. N00116.F2JSH

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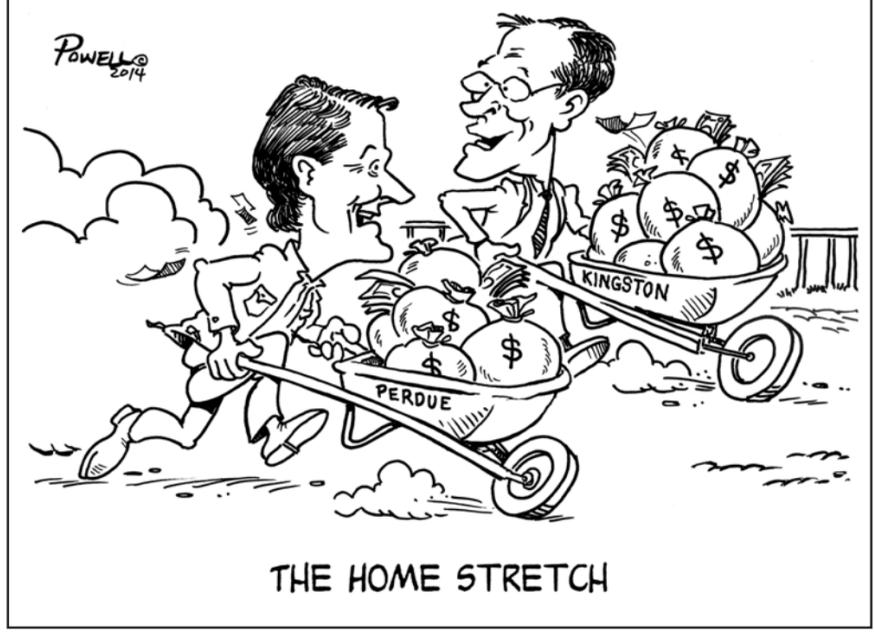
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