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their words are fighting words. They are never able to say "Words fail me." As punishment, they often have to eat their famous last words.

The Bible teaches us that we need to be persons of few words, either "nay," "nay" or "yea," "yea."

James, the Lord's half-brother, said, "Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath." (James 1:19). Again he said, "If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man and able to bridle the whole body." (James 3:2).

The preacher in Proverbs gives a word to the wise: "...grievous words stir up

anger. The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness." (Proverbs 15:1-2).

Finally, for my last word for this column, I don't want to mince words, but bluntly tell you to mark my words that God will have the last word and His word endureth forever. May we speak words and write words that will build up individuals, our city, county, churches and country.

In so many words let us be men and women of good words. Lately, it has been on my mind. Selah

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es rolled up in butcher paper and tied with white string.

She told us that Valone's Butcher Shop had donated the items in these packages to help us with our understanding of the human body. The boys snickered, a lot.

She cut the first string, and unwrapped a very large, red, bloody organ. It was the heart of a cow. Girls acted squeamish while guys reveled in more junior high humor. Sister asked me to come up to the front of the room and assist her. Most teachers learned quickly that I was the biggest clown in the class, but if you engaged me, I was more likely to cooperate and the other kids would follow my lead. I took my place next to her at the portable science table. There she asked me to hold the heart while she cut it in half. Without hesitation I grasped the heart where she indicated and she made an incision with the precision of Dr. Christian Bernard.

She must have been impressed with my fortitude, because she had me stay by her side as she sliced open a calf's liver, a pig's brain and the kidney of a lamb. I felt empowered when I returned to my seat. Then Sister proceeded to use her long, slender fingers to weave in and out of valves, ducts and brain matter as she explained the flow of blood, the production of bile and the filtering function of the kidneys. I was mesmerized.

I immediately saw the field of nursing as my destiny. I read every book about Florence Nightingale and Clara Barton and the fictional tomes of Cherry Ames, student nurse. At age 13, I signed up to become a candy striper. My first day of training, I showed up in my starched red and white pin-

afore, armed with the knowledge of these nurses I had read so much about.

The first assignment was to learn to make tight hospital corners on the bed sheets. The bed that we were practicing on had been occupied just minutes before by an elderly patient by the name of Mr. DePasquale. He now was in his wheelchair, against the wall, with his hands shaking on top of the metal tray that secured him in the chair. The noise of his heavy fingers tapping the metal was distracting. I was forced to stand right in front of his view in order to participate in the lesson. I felt awkward, so I turned to smile at him as if to ask his pardon for my rudeness. He gave me a very blank stare, and I turned back to the demonstration.

All of a sudden I felt a very large pinch in my behind. I turned around to see Mr. DePasquale break out into a grin of deep satisfaction. He may have been old, sick and infirmed, but he was still an Italian stallion, if for only a moment. Needless to say I was mortified, so much so, that I left the candy striped outfit behind that day, along with all intentions of becoming a nurse.

Because a teacher cared enough to go outside the confines of the text and curriculum, I did become an avid student of the sciences of biology and anthropology.

Here in Union County, in just a week or two, this year's school bells will dim. I salute the teachers who have captured the imaginations of our students here. I wish you all a wonderful summer break and I hope you'll come spend some of you vacation time with us at the Farmers Market beginning June 8th.

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ishment would be a strong disincentive against the commission of gun-related crimes.

Here's a sampling of federal gun laws, which I know will never see the light of day at the AJC.

18 USC 922(g): Mandatory 10 years for possession of a firearm or ammunition by a felon, fugitive, or drug user.

18 USC 922(j): Mandatory 10 years for possession of a stolen firearm.

18 USC 922(i): Mandatory 10 years for transport of a stolen firearm across state lines.

18 USC 924(b): Mandatory 10 years for shipping, transporting or receiving a firearm across state lines with intent to commit a felony.

18 USC 92(1) (A): Mandatory 10 years for carrying, using, or possessing a firearm in connection with a federal crime of violence or drug trafficking.

18 USC 924(j): Up to life in prison or the Death Penalty for committing murder while possessing a firearm

in connection with a crime of violence or drug trafficking.

18 USC 924(e): Mandatory 15 years minimum for a "prohibited person" who has three prior convictions for drug offenses or violent felonies.

18 USC 924(g): Mandatory 10 years for interstate travel to acquire or to transfer a firearm to commit crimes.

Brian Terry and Jaime Zapata are still dead, aren't they?

Weren't they killed by cartel mules using guns provided them by BATFE?

Why weren't "straw purchaser" laws enforced during "Fast and Furious"?

Why hasn't President Obama allowed the "rest of the story" (Paul Harvey) to be told?

Why hasn't the Liberal Media, ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, the AJC, expressed even a modicum of interest since December 2011, in those murders?

**George Mitchell
Blairsville**

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there was a SMALL organized militia, but which, at any moment, would be augmented by every able bodied citizen; that WAS the militia.

Then in mid-20th century the regressive progressives in Washington unilaterally federalized the states' militias, and we now know them as the National Guard, hence they're no longer states' militias.

The Supreme Court, fairly recently, again established the right of every individual to bear arms. If what they do with that right breaks any valid law, that becomes a matter for the courts, but does not diminish in any way citizens' Right to Bear Arms.

As for your final paragraph, given the true meaning of "Militia" there really shouldn't be ANY CONFUSION regarding its meaning.

Furthermore, our Constitution was MASTERFULLY constructed, and in its

simplicity, is not only completely applicable today, but will continue to be applicable forever, with the allowance for amendments.

Please keep in mind that the Constitution was not drafted to state what the federal government CAN DO, but rather to enumerate what it CANNOT DO. There should NEVER be any need to rewrite such a wonderful document.

Also, the constitutional intent of the Congress is that of a balance of powers to make laws in accordance and consistent with the will of WE THE PEOPLE - as stated in the opening of the Constitution's preamble - and NOT the will of the administration.

Mr. Paolillo,

Your letter was beautifully stated and spot on. Good work sir.

Rob Taylor

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ville Downtown Development Authority and the City of Blairsville applied for a Transportation Enhancement (TE) Grant from the Georgia Department of Transportation as part of their revitalization efforts in the Downtown. Conceptual plans were designed to enhance pedestrian safety, better define the traffic lanes, delineate the parking areas and add some landscaping islands to the mass of asphalt currently surrounding the Historic Courthouse.

Over the course of the last five years, numerous drafts, revisions and conversations have taken place with the design consultant, various local groups, and the DOT. A number of public meetings were held to present the plans and ask for feedback. The final plans were approved by the DOT and a contractor, Johnson Landscapes, Inc, has been awarded the project.

Construction began the second week of April with saw cutting of the areas that will be enhanced with this project. The crew will then start with demolition of the existing sidewalks and replacement of stamped concrete and

brick pavers. The project will be completed in phases so the entire square is not affected all at once. Expected completion of the project is late September.

Traffic through the square will remain open and all businesses will be OPEN for business during this time! We ask that everyone coming to the square be mindful that traffic will be slower and to please be considerate of the construction workers. Their hope is to complete the project as quickly and efficiently as possible!

Detailed plans of the project can be viewed at the Downtown Development Authority's office at the Blairsville City Hall.

Downtown Streetscape will be Blairsville's "rainbow after the storm!"

If you are interested in learning more about Blairsville-Union County or about becoming a member of the Chamber of Commerce, you can contact me directly at president@blairsvillechamber.com or by calling (706) 745-5789. You may also interact with us online at www.VisitBlairsvilleGA.com.

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son, Ralton, graduated from Auburn University in 1956 with a BS Degree.

Later that fall Ralton moved to Auburn, Alabama to attend college. Aunt Bess and Uncle MC missed their only son, so they shut down the farm and moved to Auburn. Aunt Bess secured a job in the cafeteria at Auburn while Uncle MC found a job on the Experiment Station at Auburn. They worked there at Auburn while their son attended school. When Ralton graduated Aunt Bess and Uncle MC moved back to north Alabama.

However, while working in the cafeteria at Auburn, Aunt Bess happened to meet a young quarterback and future Hall of Fame College Football Coach by the name of Vince Dooley.

After Ralton graduated he moved to Oakridge, Tennessee to work under Dr. Von Braun where he helped develop nuclear weaponry for the military and the rockets for NASA. After Aunt Bess and Uncle MC moved back to the farm they took up where they left off when they moved to Auburn.

Later, I was accepted to the University of Georgia. I began classes in 1980 the same year UGA won the National Championship in Football. I was excited about being accepted to the school and was

talking with my Granny about the upcoming year. I also told her we would be playing Auburn sometime in November. I also reminded Granny that our coach played his college ball at Auburn.

Pretty soon Granny was visiting her sister, Aunt Bess, and the conversation turned to my entering college at UGA. Granny told Aunt Bess about my excitement about the upcoming football season and that a former player from Auburn was UGA's head coach. Granny said, "I think his name is Vince Dooley". Aunt Bess perked up and said, "That Vince Dooley was the meanest boy in school when I worked at Auburn. I hope Auburn beats that bunch from Georgia." Granny had a fit with Aunt Bess. She basically told Aunt Bess to keep her thoughts to herself regarding Georgia Football. Granny didn't know a thing about UGA Football. However, her grandson was a student at Georgia and he was a Bulldog. That was enough for Granny. Granny nearly came to blows with her sister not over Georgia Football and Vince Dooley, but, because her grandson was a student at UGA.

Remember to come out to the Farmers Market on May 11 for our warm-up sale. We plan on having crafts, plants and other garden supplies for that date from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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Q. Is it unusual for there to be such a large difference in rainfall amounts in one part of the county vs. the other?

A. For small amounts of rain, it is not unusual, but for a large storm like this, it was definitely unusual, especially having the rainfall amounts be double or more in the different areas and in this case, west of Blairsville.

Q. Did a lot of individuals have storm damage?

A. We really have no way of knowing how many people were impacted. The effect was from very small to very large. In one case, huge holes washed in the property next to the stream banks and some pasture fences were lost. Several gardens were washed away; others just had silt and rock deposits on their property. Most were out trying to make repairs this week.

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plant list I received a kidney from a young man who tragically lost his life, but who saved many other lives by donating his organs.

I am asking that if you have not already, that you consider becoming an organ donor. If you are unsure about

it, you can go to www.donate-lifegeorgia.org for more information.

Because of the gift of a stranger, I have been given the precious gift of a "new life" and I thank God every day.

Peggy Deyton

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cell phone services of many kinds to come and put up a tower in our area as well.

Now surely someone would want to receive an extra income of a few thousand dollars a month for leasing a few acres of land to them. I know I would if we had sufficient land to lease.

That would look great in our bank account. But many folks around here are too vain about their land. I can't say as I don't blame them but still, we don't get cell service where we are.

We have to drive two or three miles down the road and sit parked along the side of the road to call. What if

we have an emergency situation, the power is out and our land line phones are out, and we have to make a quick call?

What if we were getting robbed or being shot at or something is going wrong at the neighbors or something? No cell phone service, and by the time we get in our vehicle to drive down the road, well, half of our stuff would be gone, we would be dead, or the neighbors as well.

Don't wait for something like this to happen before a tower is built. Thank you for the time. Thank you for printing this.

**Mrs. D. Barnes
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