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United Women of Color Push Series on Voting, Minorities

In honor of Black History Month, United Women of Color will host its second session in the "Beyond the Rhetoric" discussion series on Tuesday, February 18, at 6 p.m.

This community conversation will be held at the Huntsville Madison County Public Library, 915 Monroe Street SW in Downtown Huntsville. The event is open to all races and genders and is free to the public.

There will be a special presentation by Huntsville City Council President, Devyn Keith. In addition, panelists will include: Dr.



Aisha Fields, International Director for All African People's Development & **Empowerment Project** (AAPDEP); John Meredith, Syndicated Political Columnist; Hanu Karlapalem, Chair of Asian American and Pacific Islanders Caucus for the Alabama Democratic Party; Yalitza LaFontaine, Director of Operations for AshaKiran; and Kurtistyne White, At Risk Teen Coordinator with Decatur Youth

Services

The conversation will be moderated by Angela Curry, executive director of United Women of Color, and Jamah Myhand of Myhand Media. The public will have an opportunity to ask questions.

This event will be a roundtable to discuss several topics affecting black and brown voters and nonvoters alike. The "Beyond the Rhetoric" discussion series is giving voice to and addressing issues that primarily and directly impact communities of color. It provides resources at each event which allow attendees to leave with tools

which can provide desired outcomes for themselves and their families.

The mission of the United Women of Color is to unite women of all ethnicities to invest in the civic, social and financial well-being of women, girls, and families.

One of the ways UWC aims to assist in improving self-sufficiency and to increase civic engagement is to engage the community in conversations about subjects important to day to day living.

For more details, please contach Angela Curry at (256) 527-1013.



BLOOMBERG PRESENCE: Patrick Grayson (left) and campaign enthusiasts celebrate the opening of the Mike Bloomberg for President Campaign Office in Huntsville, Ala. Bloomberg was born February 14, 1942, in Medford, Mass. He served as mayor of New York City from 2002-13.

League of Women Voters Schedule Feb. 26 Meeting

The League of Women Voters of Tennessee Valley will meet Wednesday, February 26, at the Downtown Huntsville Public Library, 915 Monroe Street, SW, Huntsville, Ala., from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

In addition to celebrating LWV's 100th anniversary, the group will discuss the topic, "Redistricting in Alabama and the Voting Rights Act" (presented by Robin Buckelew) and "Super Tuesday Ballot Amendments (presented by Bryan Lorge).

For more information, call (256) 829-8416 or e-mail govote17@gmail.com.

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RFCU, AARP Offering Tax Prep

Do you need help preparing your taxes? AARP Foundation Tax-Aide provides free tax preparation assistance. Redstone is partnering with AARP as a host site for this program.

Assistance is available by appointment only at all nine AARP Tax Foundation sites. To make appointments for the Redstone Atrium location, call (256) 513-8291.

Tax preparation sessions at Redstone will be held every Saturday from February 1 through April 11 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at The Atrium at Redstone Federal Credit Union*, 220 Wynn Drive, Huntsville, Ala.

To make appointments for other Madison County site locations near you, click here for phone numbers and days of operation.

Even if your taxes are somewhat complicated, the AARP team is IRS-certified and will make it easy for you. There is no fee or sales pitch for other services, and AARP membership is not required.

Rosetta James Foundation Scholarships Open

The Rosetta **James Foundation** (RJF) is accepting applications for its annual scholarship award program until Friday, February 21. Awards will be presented at the "Honoring Our Elders" event at 12 noon on Saturday, March 14, at The Jackson Center, 6001 Moquin Drive, in Cummings Research Park.

The scholarships are awarded to deserving students who are committed to community volunteerism as part of their college experience. Scholarships are not awarded to graduate students.

E-mail: info@rosettajamesfoundation.org; or Mail by Friday, February 21, to: Gary T. Whitley, Jr., Rosetta James Foundation Scholarship Chair, P.O. Box 17452, Huntsville, AL

For additional information and a detailed list of criteria, visit rosettajamesfoundation.org.

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Huntsville City Council Meetings

Huntsville City Coun-

cil's regular meetings are held in the City Council Chambers of the

Municipal Building on the 2nd and

4th Thursday of each month at 6 p.m.

City Council work sessions are also held in the Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. People can sign up for notices of Council meetings and special sessions online at https:// signup.e2ma.net/signup/1825550/1780821/

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Perspectives on EGO-holism by timaliston

Dems Continue Playing Their "trump card": The Republican Ricochet

"Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap" Galatians 6:7, NKJV.

Double Trouble?

Although Trump was acquitted by the Senate, the House Democrats may have the last laugh. On both Trump and Senate GOPs.

Undeterred by that Senate vote, Dems will continue playing their "trump card," the Republican Ricochet: bounce its messages off Senate GOPs and onto American voters, until the nation's



November 4th Senate and presidential elections.

Drip ... Drip ... Drip ...

January's Senate impeachment trial was just the early midpoint of the Dems' "the steady dripping wears away the stone" stratagem:

- (December) The House impeached the first-ever first-term Trump, with Speaker Nancy Pelosi's "You're impeached forever, you're never getting rid of that scar" declaration;
- She delayed delivering the impeachment articles to the Senate, pushing for witness testimonies and documents;
- (January) The delay allowed more Trump insiders Lev Parnas, John Bolton and John Kelley to surface;
- 75% of the general public and 49% of identified GOPs wanted witness testimonies;
- For two weeks, the seven Democratic House managers ricocheted their Trump charges off the Senate and into approximately 7.8-11 million TVs worldwide;
- (February) Trump was denied his coveted "acquitted" label until after his Super Bowl and State of the Union appearances before 102 and 34.2 million TV viewers, respectively; and
- House Judiciary Committee chair Jerry Nadler plans to subpoena Bolton to testify, which the Senate denied.

Dire Warning?

It seems as though those 52 acquitting GOP senators failed to hear and heed their Chaplain and '70 Oakwood College graduate, Dr. Barry Black, when he prayed opening their January 31st session, "Lord help them to remember, that they can't ignore you and get away with it. For we always reap what we sow."

Life Coach tim allston is the author of the free book, 7 Steps to Manage Ego Problems: The How-to Guide for "Someone Else," downloadable now at www.GetEgo-HelpNow.org.

The Valley Weekly Calendar of Events

February 10-17

Surplus Property Sale Calhoun Community College www.govdeals.com 8 a.m.

February 21

Meeting of Alabama A&M University Board of Trustees Clyde Foster Auditorium 10 a.m.

February 28

Gospel Fest Huntsville Campus Calhoun Community College/Student Center Sparkman Building Huntsville, Ala. - 6 p.m.

March 6-8

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March 11

Jill Scott in Concert Von Braun Center Concert Hall

March 14

Rosetta James Foundation Honoring Our Elders Celebration The Jackson Center \$50- (256) 536-9717 12 noon

March 27

Trevor Noah "Loud & Clear" Von Braun Center Concert Hall

April 21

Scale Back Alabama Final Event



COMMISSIONER FORUM: The Madison County Chapter of the Alabama New South Alliance held a Community Vision Candidate Forum and meet & greet for the Madison County Commission District 6 candidates on February 4 at The Fellowship of Faith Church in Huntsville, Ala. Pictured above (l-r) are: JesHenry Malone, Vernon McCants and Violet Edwards. For more information, contact alabamanewsouthhuntsville@gmail.com.

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by Preston Brown

Local Group Hosts 'Rise Against Hunger' Event

The Huntsville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., will host its 6th Annual Rise Against Hunger food packaging event on April 18, at 1 p.m. at the Omega Center, 181 Import Circle, Huntsville, Ala..

The sorority invites the community to participate in this very meaningful and worthwhile project to help feed hungry families around the world.

This event is packed and full of fun, as volunteers of all ages work together to package items such as rice, soy protein, dried vegetables and essential vitamin and mineral packets for shipment. The meal packages are distributed to orphanages, schools, medical clinics, and countries experiencing natural disasters in desperate need of these meals. The Huntsville Alumnae Chapter plans to expand its reach by funding and assembling a minimum of 30,000 meals within two (2) hours.

At just \$0.34 per meal, no gift is too small. Each donation will make a difference in the lives of children and families around the world. Sponsorship levels: Neighbor: \$34 buys 100 meals; Friend: \$170 buys 500 meals; Advocate: \$340 buys 1000 meals; Champion: ** \$680 buys 2000 meals

Visit www.dsthuntsville. org or http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/DST-Huntsville2020 to register

and to contribute to this life changing event.

For additional information, contact the International Awareness and **Involvement Committee** chairs, Tiffany Hoggan and Carla Parker at icc@ dsthuntsville.org.

The mission of Rise Against Hunger is to end hunger in our lifetime by providing food and lifechanging aid to the world's most vulnerable and creating a global commitment to mobilize the necessary resources.

The Huntsville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., chartered in 1954, has a rich legacy of providing service throughout the entire county of Madison.

Champion Game Plan for Life

ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

In James 1:22, it says, "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive vourselves. Do what it says."

You know, when we look at our lives it's easy to say that we are Christians, but that is not enough. If we are truly Christians, our lives and our actions should show it. Now, we all have bad days sometimes. It can happen to the best of us. Remember, even people with "great faith" can have weak moments. But for the majority of the time, people should know who we are and who we represent. In

other words, if you were accused of being a Christian, would they have enough evidence to convict

Now, the main idea that James is trying to



bring home in this text is, Christianity is not about what we think or say, it is about what we do. It's about our actions that matter. There are three main

things that James points out in the text that we as Christians must do. First, we must control our tongues. Then we must have a compassionate spirit. Someone who is actually willing to help another person that is in need. Not just say, "I hope things get better for you". And, finally we need to live a clean life. True Christians are people who live in the world, but will not let the world live in them. Even though we are all sinners, true Christians are commanded to live upright and moral lives, and we can only achieve this through practicing what we preach ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters!









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Funeral service for MR. CYRIL NEMBHARD (b. 1928) will be Thursday, February 13, at 12 p.m. at the First Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1303 Evangel Drive, Huntsville, Ala.

Funeral service for MRS. VERA R. DAVIS (b. 1939) was held Saturday, February 8, at Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Damon Betts officiating.

Funeral service for MADAME ELUCIE SENATUS (b. 1928) was held Friday, February 7, at the C.T. Richards Chapel in the Mosley at Oakwood University (5500 Adventist Blvd. ~ Huntsville, Ala.).

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Funeral service for MR. RAYMOND JOSEPH WIL-LIAMS (b. 1928) will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, February 17, at Saint Joseph Catholic Church (2300 Beasley Avenue NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Father Joseph Lubrano officiating.

Funeral service for MOTHER PARTHENIA MADDEN (b. 1938) was held Wednesday, February 12, at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church (315 Winchester Road, Huntsville, Ala.) with Dr. O. Wendell Davis officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. BEATRICE MAYFIELD RUS-SEll (b. 1950) was held Sunday, February 9, at Royal Chapel of Memories (4315 Oakwood Avenue NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Bishop Dexter Elston officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. LULA GULLETTE JONES (b. 1934) was held Saturday, February 8, at Fellowship Presbyterian Church (3406 Meridian Street North, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Gregory J. Bentley officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. SUSIE FLETCHER RICE (b. 1924) was held Saturday, February 8, at Union Hill Primitive Baptist Church (2115 Winchester Road, Huntsville, Ala.) with Dr. Oscar L. Montgomery officiating.

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Funeral service date was incomplete at press time for MRS. ESTELLE AYERS-PARIS (b. 1931).

A Good Read



Lynn Sharon Schwartz's "The Trip to Halawa Valley"

A divorced couple attend the wedding of their prosperous son in Hawaii, staying at the former's place as the younger couple enjoys its wedding night at another location.

Spending time alone together for the first time in four years, the mother and father of the groom get an opportunity to review their lives and the problems that negatively impacted their other three children.

Now that their adult children were either dead, in a same-sex relationship or had joined a religious cult, the two began to ponder whether their lives would actually fare better together or apart. They attempt to explore the island, rekindle the flames during a physical rendevous. By story's end, the two make the long trip back to the mainland and silently split again.



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> > - Jesmyn Ward



Ticketed for LUI

Ephesians 5:18

Any traffic ticket is dreaded, but one of the most dreaded kind is the infamous DUI (driving under the influence). Those kinds can cause people to lose their driver's license, if they get too many. There is a kind of ticket that would actually

be beneficial; that is, being ticketed for LUI (living under the influence); not of alcohol, but the Holy Spirit. Paul wrote to the church at Ephesus and used the analogy of being drunk with wine as a way to describe what it's like when believers allow the Spirit of God to be in control.

Physical drunkenness

has affects that are visible. A person's speech is affected. Being "high" as it is sometimes called, causes some people to say things that they would not normally say when sober. It gives the allusion of a boldness that is only temporary. The same can be said of being under the influence of the Holy Spirit. He can give a boldness that is not necessarily a "natural" tendency. This influence of the Spirit is something that a believer has to constantly submit to, however. Therefore, instead of trying to "avoid" getting this kind of ticket,

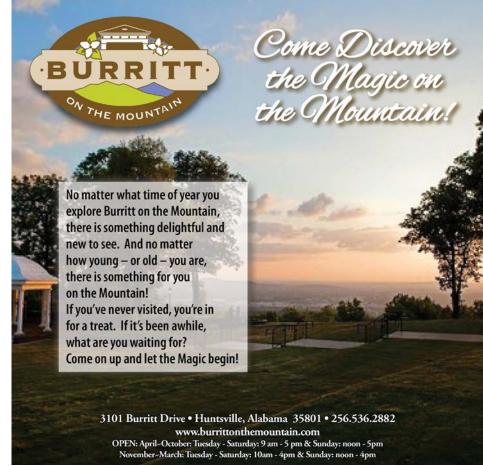
the believer should instead intentionally seek to always be ticketed for LUI. The Spirit is present at the very moment of belief; however, His control is something that every believer has to personally submit to constantly. The Spirit is not about handcuffing and arresting; He's about helping and being assessible.



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- Frederick Douglass

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Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring

Mother Betty Craighead

Mother Betty Joyce Ford Craighead is a native Huntsvillian who is the first of four children born to the late Walter and Lucy Steele Ford. She attended Winston Street Elementary School, Councill High School and Alabama A&M University. She married Willie Mack Craighead, her high school sweetheart, and they are the parents of Karen Craighead McGlathery and Roderick T. Craighead; two grandsons, and three greatgranddaughters.

She joined Huntsville Hospital as a unit secretary in the Pediatrics, Medical/Surgical Unit, and Labor & Delivery in 1965. Exposed to every facet of medicine, she gained a great love for and knowledge of the medical profession. However, the Labor & Delivery area was truly her passion--recording

and witnessing the births of many babies in Huntsville.

In 1970, Medical Center Hospital was opened by a group of doctors and Mrs. Craighead was hired, taking her to another level in the medical field. Medical Center was later purchased by Humana Hospital but kept her in the same position as operating room secretary. She was promoted to customer service representative and then to customer service supervisor, retiring from Humana in 1996.

A faithful member of Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church for over 50 years, she has served in positions ranging from the Stitching and Quilting Ministry to Superintendent of the Sunday School. Among her many community service projects



are her service as director of Rural Senior Services (Union Chapel Center); advisor, Alabama Cooperative Extension System-AlabamaA&M University Successful Aging Initiative; representative, Alabama Alzheimer's Campaign, 2010; St. Jude Children Research (Campaign for a Cure); and others.



FEBRUARY 14 - Born in Cordova, Maryland, FREDERICK DOUGLASS was an ex-slave, abolitionist, journalist, statesman and orator. He is widely considered one of the most important figures in the anti-slavery movement.

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Taking the Stress out of a Valley Valentine's Day

Avoiding Valentine's Pitfalls in 2020

Make Valentine's Day extra memorable this year

(BPT) - The pressure is on - with the big day approaching, you may feel like you're not ready. Thanks to the latest technology, deciding on the perfect gift and making sure it gets to your special someone is easier than ever.

Here are some of the problems you may be facing, and great solutions to help you deliver smiles in time for Valentine's Day.

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Problem: You need gift inspiration - now!

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com is now available via their mobile app. You just input information such as the recipient, occasion and location for tailored gift recommendations.

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