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"It is very nearly impossible ... to become an educated person in a country so distrustful of the independent mind.

- James Baldwin

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TIGER WINS: In Augusta, Ga., golfer Tiger Woods made a stunning return to the top of the heap to capture his fifth Masters title and 15th major tournament, ending a decade-long championship drought.

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UA System Announces Tuition Freeze

University of Alabama System Chancellor Finis E. St. John recently announced that the System Office will propose a freeze on in-state tuition at all three campuses (UA, UAB and UAH) for the 2019-2020 academic year at the June meeting of the University of Alabama System

Board of Trustees, effective with the Fall 2019 semester.

"For the first time in over 40 years, all three of our campuses will have no tuition increase for Alabama residents," St. John said in remarks at the UAH Institutional Board meeting on April 12.

Backyard Bar-B-Q, Car Show Scheduled at Bob Harrison Center

The Robert "Bob" Harrison Senior Wellness & Advocacy Center is holding a Backyard BBQ and Car Show, Saturday, May 4, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Participating car clubs include the Low Riders Classic Car Club and the Corvette Car Club.

Entertainment will be provided by the Jemison High School Band, the

H-Town Steppers, the Baby Bulldogs, DJ Mike Miller, and emcee Jeff Johnson.

Barbecue plates, fish plates, and hot dogs will be available. There will be games for kids. The Harrison Wellness Center is located at 6156 Pulaski Pike.

For additional information, contact Wanda Foster at (256) 519-2050.

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Foundation President to Address AAMU Commencement

Alabama A&M University alumnus John O. Hudson, III, will be the speaker for the spring commencement program Friday, May 3, at the Von Braun Center Arena, at 6 p.m.

Hudson serves as executive vice president and chief external and public affairs officer at Southern



Company Gas. He is also president of the Southern Company Gas Foundation.

Ford Official Advocating Free Summer Academy for 7-8 Graders

In order to help create the next generation of automotive technicians, Ford Motor Company has developed a comprehensive plan that encourages "tinkering" among boys and girls as early as middle school.

There's no greater advocate for the Ford Summer Academy in the Huntsville area than Madison, Ala., native and high school star athlete Frederiek Toney. Toney, a graduate of the University of Alabama in Huntsville, where he also received an honorary degree, is president of the Global Ford Customer Service Division, as well as vice president and corpo-

rate officer at Ford Motor Company.

Toney joined the company nearly 20 years ago and has held several positions related to logistics, operations, and parts and service.

In earlier years, the administrator worked for 16 years with Caterpillar Inc., and then an additional seven years at American Honda Motor Company.

The Ford's Summer Academy is seeking to place

young men and women on a career path to become certified automotive technicians. That path entails forming strong relationships with Boys and Girls Clubs, junior high schools, high schools, Calhoun Community College, J.F. Drake State Community and Techni-

cal College, Lawson State Community College and the Universal Technical Institute.

Sponsored by Woody Anderson Ford and Calhoun Community College, Ford's



Summer Academy will run June 4-6. It is free and open to girls and boys going into grades 7 and 8.

According to Cathy Anderson, owner of Woody Anderson Ford, this initiative is an indicator of Ford's commitment to "provide greater opportunities for our youth and for those who have chosen to participate in the innovation of our automotive careers."

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Washington in One Minute



Here are the top issues in Washington, D.C., for this week's edition.

1. The House and Senate are in recess this week.

2. On Monday, to highlight Tax Filing Day, President Trump traveled to Burnsville, MN (a suburb of Minneapolis-St. Paul) for a roundtable discussion on tax cuts and the economy at the Nuss Truck & Equipment company. On Wednesday, the President spoke at an Opportunity Zone conference and, on Thursday, the President and Mrs. Trump participated in an event for the Wounded Warrior Project Soldier bike ride. White House senior advisor Ivanka Trump began a 4-day trip to Ethiopia and Ivory Coast on Sunday to promote women's empowerment in Africa.

3. All of Washington this week is eagerly awaiting the release of the redacted 400-page report of Special Counsel Robert Mueller. According to Politico, President Trump's attorney Jay Sekulow has created a strike team of a half dozen attorneys and staffers, each assigned to a particular section of the report to respond quickly to the report's contents.

4. On Saturday, House Ways and Means Committee Chair Richard Neal

(D-MA) sent a 2nd letter to IRS Commissioner Charles Rettig demanding President Trump's tax returns with a new deadline of Tuesday, April 23, at 5 p.m. Last week, Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin announced that he would be taking direct charge of the tax inquiry and that he would not be able to meet Neal's first deadline of April 10. Neal expressed the view in his new letter that neither the Executive Branch nor the courts may "question or second guess the motivations" of his committee in seeking the tax returns.

5. According to ABC News, former Godfather's Pizza CEO Herman Cain is expected to withdraw his name from consideration for the Federal Reserve's Board of Governors, amid growing pressure from GOP senators, including Senators Mitt Romney (R-UT), Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Cory Gardner (R-CO), and Sen. Kevin Cramer (R-ND), who have come out in opposition to Cain's appointment.

6. On Monday, the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments in *Iancu v. Brunetti*, a case on the issue of whether the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) may deny a trademark request because some people may find it scandalous and immoral, to wit,

California clothing designer Mark Brunetti's "FUCTION" label. The Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit agreed that the FUCTION label was properly denied for being scandalous, but then held that the PTO's ban on scandalous trademarks violated the First Amendment. According to the Associated Press, Brunetti's lawyer today plans to say the individual letters of the name, "F-U-C-T-I-O-N," when referring to the clothing line.

7. Last week, HCG participated in an American Association of Community Colleges federal policy update webinar. The webinar provided a briefing on a variety of issues of interest to community colleges. These issues included the Higher Education Act Reauthorization, Accreditation Negotiated Rulemaking, Trump Administration Executive Orders and Proposals, FY 2020 federal funding, and the Dream Act. Two key takeaways: 1) Although there is a desire to advance legislation to reauthorize HEA based on a number of bipartisan hearings on issues that would be addressed by updated legislation, different priorities among key House and Senate committee members and decreasing legislative floor time are factors that could hamper movement. 2) The Dream Act faces major challenges with the Republican Senate majority and the Trump Administration's latest positions on immigration.

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Oakwood Honors Attorney, CNN Commentator Angela Rye



by Gary T. Whitley, jr.

Oakwood University and President Leslie Pollard on April 13 paid tribute to CNN commentator and NPR analyst Angela Rye, as part of the 2019 Inaugural Pre-Alumni Celebration. The attorney also received presentations from local elected officials and other organizations.

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Jesus Christ: Being #1 @ being #2 - or, "The Gospel according to Steph Curry"

Read: Philippians 2:5-11

As Christendom celebrates the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ this Easter Weekend, it's critical for us to recall that there can be no "us" without Je-"SUS" - being #1 @ being #2!



His Father for our one last chance!

The verdict: There can be no "us" without Jesus, being #1 @ being #2!

Just ask his protégé, Steph Curry.

"The Gospel according to Steph Curry"

In 2015, he led his Golden State Warriors (GSW) team to its first National Basketball Association (NBA) championship in 40 years, being named league Most Valuable Player (MVP).

In 2016, #1Curry:

- Led the NBA in scoring, free throw percentage, and steals;
- His GSW posted the most regular season wins in league history;
- He became the first-ever unanimous MVP awardee; and
- GSW coach Steve Kerr became Coach of the Year.

But #1Curry and his #1GSW lost the championship series in its last two minutes - i.e., #1 became reluctantly #2!

So how did #1Curry rebound? This one-time NBA scoring champ/two-time NBA MVP helped successfully to recruit for GSW Kevin Durant, a four-time scoring champ/four-time winner of varied NBA MVPs.

Like his role model Jesus, Curry "humbled himself (future individual NBA awards) . . . to the point of death" (e.g., future scoring/free-throw/steals/MVP titles), Phil. 2:8.

NBA champs in 2017 and 2018, GSW is picked to "three-peat" in 2019 - why? - because of Curry's "sneaker ministry":

"4:13" on the tongue? Curry: "It represents a

Bible verse I wear on my shoe (tongues), Philippians 4:13. It says 'I can do all things through Christ who

strengthens me.' It's also my mantra, how I get up for games and why I play the way I do."

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



BIRTHDAY - APRIL 19 - ETHERIDGE KNIGHT - Born in Corinth, Miss., Poet Etheridge Knight is perhaps best-known for his debut volume, "Poems from Prison," 1968. A recipient of an American Book Award, he was married to poet Sonia Sanchez from 1968-72.

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#2's Bad Rap, due to . . .

Let's face it: Achieving 2nd place or silver medals gets no respect; the only place welcoming #2 is the bathroom!

But it's not entirely our fault, due to . . .

"... Once upon a Crime"

Hating his #2 status as heaven's Minister of Music Lucifer, the first created #2 being, declared "I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: . . . I will be like the most High" Isaiah 14:13,14.

Because of his crime of selfish ambition and willful rebellion against God, the now-homeless and un-employed Lucifer-turned-Satan handcuffed all future fellow created beings (you and me) with his hopeless sinful #2 brand, until -

The Ultimate #2 Being arrived

Before Planet Earth or even Lucifer was created, the Holy Trinity (God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit) decided that should mankind sin and break God's law, the Son (Jesus) would come briefly to earth; squeeze His divine-ness into pitiful human-ness (being #1 @ being #2); serve mankind as its three-year slave; suffer mankind's cruelest death-form - crucifixion; rise after a three-day nap; and return to heaven as our "Perry Mason/Thurgood Marshall/Johnnie Cochran," to beg

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Alabama A&M University
and Drake State Commu-
nity & Technical College
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April 18-21
Oakwood University
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April 27

The Inauguration of Dr.
Patricia Sims as the Fourth
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May 3
Alabama A&M University
Founder's Day
T.M. Elmore Building

May 17
Community Free Clinic
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ment
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Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

MAKE ME OVER

Jeremiah 18: 4 says: *"But the pot that he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him."*

Here's the question: How would you like your life made over? How would you like God to mold you into the kind of vessel that He can use? Well, I hope the answer is yes, because God wants us all to be molded into the types of vessels that He can use. Now when we look at this scripture, we need to understand that God is the potter and we are the clay, and He uses a "wheel" to help mold us into what He wants us to be.

Now, the wheel represents the circumstances of life that we all go through. And, it shapes us into the people that we are. How

we respond to life's circumstances will determine the type of person that we become. You see, God is always trying to shape us in His image, but just like the scripture says, sometimes we can be "marred" in His hands. But how can we be marred if we are in the hands of the "potter"? Well, since God doesn't mess up, then it must be the "clay."

In other words, there could be hidden impurities in the clay like a rock or air pockets. And these impurities make it difficult for the clay to be shaped the way that it should.

Or, maybe the clay is not broken enough and does not yield to the hands of the Potter. Just like our lives. Because let's face it: when we don't fully submit to God, our lives will be marred, just

like that clay.

But the good news is this: we can all be made over. We can all be molded into the kind of people that God wants us to be. In other words, just because you may have had some failures in your life doesn't mean that God is finished with you.

All we need to do is fully submit our lives to Him, and He will make us

into another pot.

As we approach "Resurrection Sunday" Just remember that Jesus died upon a cross so that we could have a full life and no matter what your situation is, the Potter wants to put you back together again ...

Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters!



TRIBUTE: Members of the Rosetta James Foundation (RJF) board present a flag flown over the nation's capitol (from Senator Doug Jones) to Mrs. Nell Lane Bradford (seated; son Henry in rear) in honor of the contributions of her late husband, the Rev. Dr. Henry Bradford, Jr. Shown (l-r) are RJF board members Jerome Saintjones, Dr. Annie Grace Robinson, Ja'Lissa Williams and Gary T. Whitley, Jr. *Not Shown:* Dr. Dorothy W. Huston, RJF president.

Senior Health and Wellness Expo Next Week

The Robert "Bob" Harrison Senior Wellness & Advocacy Center will hold a Senior Health and Wellness Expo, Tuesday, April 23, from 9 a.m.-12 pm.

The event is free to the public, and lunch will be provided. Vendors' fee is \$50.00, \$15.00 for an ad-



ditional table, \$10.00 for power. The deadline for vendors' registration is April 19.

For more information, contact Wanda Foster,

marketing coordinator, Robert "Bob" Harrison Senior Wellness & Advocacy Center, 6156 Pulaski Pike, NW, Huntsville, Ala., or call (256-519-2040 (w)



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Valley Deaths

- Nelms Memorial Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MRS. RUBY BONE BUCKNER (b. 1935) will be Friday, April 19, at 12 p.m. at Meridianville Primitive Baptist Church with the Reverend Gregory Smith officiating.

Funeral service for MR. ROBERT EDWARD THOMPSON (b. 1934) was held Tuesday, April 16, at First Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Emeritus Julius R. Scruggs as eulogist.

Funeral service for MS. DEBRA E. THOMPSON (b. 1969) was held Sunday, April 14, at 1 p.m. at the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Carl Pruitt officiating.

Memorial service for MRS. PATSY JEAN JOHNSON STATEN, formerly of Huntsville, Ala., was held Saturday, April 13, at the 13th Street Church of Christ (3100 13th Street, NW - Washington, D.C.) with Brother Christopher Bradley, Pastor/Officiant.

Funeral service for COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR (RETIRED) REGINALD RICHARDSON (b. 1945) was held Saturday, April 13, at True Light Church of God in Christ (6380 Pulaski Pike NW - Huntsville, Ala.) with the Reverend Dr. Terrell Harris officiating.

- Royal Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MRS. LEOLA THERESA KENEMORE (b. 1953) will be at 1 p.m., Saturday, April 20, at the Royal Chapel of Memories (4315 Oakwood Avenue NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Elder Gregory McGlathery officiating.

Funeral service MS. PEARLIE MAE JONES (b. 1937) was held Sunday, April 14, at the Royal Chapel of Memories with Bishop Theopolis Knowles officiating.

Funeral service for MR. LOUIS EDWARD COOPER, JR., (b. 1944) will be 12 noon, Friday, April 19, at the First Missionary Baptist Church with Dr. Julius R. Scruggs officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. MAMIE FORD RICE (b. 1933) was held Saturday, April 13, at Union Hill Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (3126 Nevel Drive Huntsville, Ala.) with Dr. Edward Anderson officiating.

Funeral service for MS. SHALONDA DENISE LESLIE (b. 1972) was held Sunday, April 7, at the Royal Chapel of Memories (4315 Oakwood Avenue NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Chaplain J. Douglas Simons officiating.

- Serenity Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MS. REGGIEANN STRICKLAND (b. 1952) was held on Monday, April 15, at Serenity Funeral Home, located at 2505 University Drive NW, with Elder Jesse Simpson officiating. Serenity Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Funeral service for MR. JERRY "COCO" HAMLET (b. 1918) was held Friday, April 12, at Serenity Funeral Home Chapel, 2505 University Drive MW, Huntsville, Ala.

Called 2 Preach

by Pastor/Founder Michael D. Rice
Grace Gethsemane Mission Church

Are We "There" Yet?

Every parent has probably been asked this question during a trip that seemed long from the perspective of their child or children. When my siblings and I were young, we "made up" games to play to help pass the time. Times have changed; now there are "devices" that can be watched, and video games to play that help to make the time seem short. The text does not represent a trip, but rather a lesson in trust. Elijah was told by God to go to two places that required him to trust God enough to go "there." One place was a brook during a famine where he would be fed by birds. The

other place was Zarephath where a poor widow would be the provider of food for him. What made these places God's schools of faith for the prophet?

The brook existed during

a time of no rain, and the widow only had enough flour and oil to cook one loaf of bread. Elijah trusted God enough to obey Him and he went to both places when told. He went "there" both times because he understood the imperative, importance and impact of being obedient. He

understood that this was God's way of preparing him for his assignments, and he learned that being in the place where God says go, places us in position for protection, provision, and proof of having an authentic and authoritative relationship with God. Are we THERE yet?



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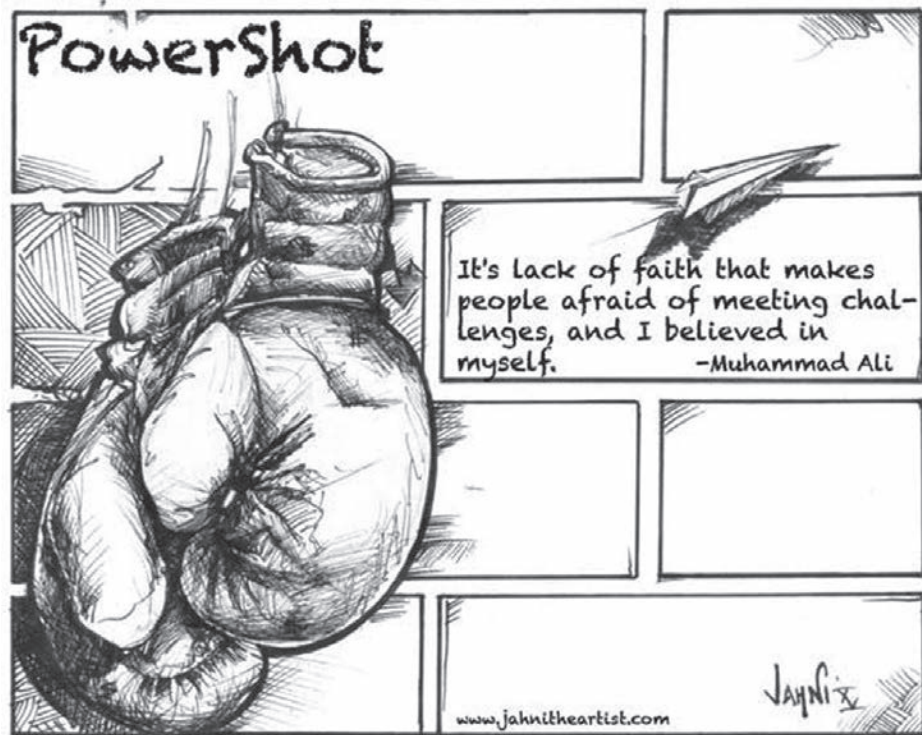
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CHORAL PERFORMANCE: The Alabama A&M University Concert Choir, directed by Dr. Horace Carney (Dr. Mira Kruja, pianist), gave a public performance at Huntsville's Fellowship Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, April 9.



Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring

Mrs. Beulah Toney

Mrs. Beulah Ballard Toney was born in Limestone County, Ala., and is a graduate of Trinity High School and attended Alabama A&M University. Through the years, she has faithfully--and with honor, integrity and great distinction--worked quietly away at making communities better places to live, often with little recognition and no pay. She has made substantial efforts toward achieving the ambitions and goals of our community as an unsung hero.

Toney continues to be very active in the community as founding member of the Bo Matthews Center for Excellence; co-founder of the Beulah Ballard

Toney Scholarship; board member of the Meadow Hills Initiative; and board member, Community Action Partnership.

In addition to her current work, she has led and participated in numerous organizations over the past 40 years: past chairperson of the Madison County Board of Registrars; past chairperson of the 5th Congressional District of New South Coalition; founding board member of the Coalition On At-Risk Minority Males; member, Fun Set Social and Charity Club (organizers of the Annual Beautillion Ball); past president of the Charity Floral Club; past leader for Girl Scouts of America,



Inc.; past coach for Youth Softball and Basketball Leagues; and many others.

Even though she has had many public accomplishments, her three daughters--Cheryl Edwards (Ralph), Wlyne McCrary (Don) and Sylvia Fitts (Seatreion) and two granddaughters--Kenya McCrary and Sydney Edwards--are her pride and joy.

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Scenes from the Huntsville Spiritual Chorale

A Bicentennial Jubilee Celebrating The Legacy of the Negro Spiritual

Saturday, April 13, 2019

Fellowship Presbyterian Church



Left to Right: Mr. Kim Jones, Director, First Seventh Day Adventist Church Chorale; Mr. Clarence Jones, Director, Heritage; Dr. Eurydice Osterman, Director, Oakwood University Church Chorale; Dr. Horace Carney, Director, Alabama A&M University Choir and Mrs. Cynthia Handy Quintella, Director, Alabama Youth Ballet Theatre



Alabama Youth Ballet



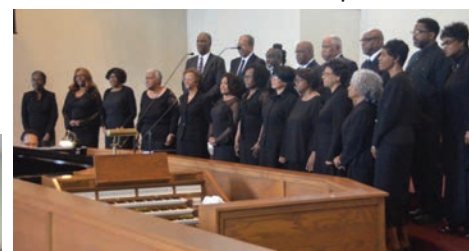
Heritage, Baton Rouge, La.



Brenda Daniels Davis, Co-Director, Huntsville spiritual Chorale, LeRoy Daniels, President, Huntsville Spiritual Chorale and William J. Davis, Jr., Co-Director, Huntsville Spiritual Chorale.



Alabama A&M University Choir



Oakwood University Church Chorale



Shonda Divine (Huntsville Spiritual Chorale) and Gary T. Whitley, Jr. who presided at the concert..



Huntsville Spiritual Chorale members: (Nearest) Bettye Dixie; Cynthia Adams, Olivia Brandon, Hugh Holland, Henry Muse and Brenda Davis.

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