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- Amiri Baraka (LeRoi Jones)

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Robotics Camp in June

The Summer Engineering Robotics Camp will be held June 6-10, for rising 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th graders in the Huntsville City Schools District.

This is a five-day (7 hours/day) camp where students are taught multiple aspects of engineering and how to build a fully automated LEGO Mindstorms (rising 5th & 6th grade students) or Vex Robot (rising 7th & 8th grade students).

Professional engineers serve as camp mentors. Industry professionals share presentations each day. Lunch and snacks will be provided. All students will receive a camp T-shirt. Register at www.nsb-northalabamaae.com

Researcher Requesting Info on Local Hero

In order to pen an article on the late Dr. Harold Drake, who helped to integrate the medical field in Huntsville, a local writer is appealing for help from those who knew him best.

"I would appreciate anyone who had any experience with Dr. Drake to contact me," says Marjorie Ann Reeves. "Dr. Drake was an outstanding physician who has passed through our lives with little attention. Any anecdotes will be greatly appreciated."

Contact Reeves at mchs67@yahoo.com or (206) 390-7626.

Drug Take-Back Sites to Open

A group of local organizations will join forces Saturday, April 30, to help bring about the safe disposal of potentially harmful drugs.

The Partnership for a Drug-Free Community, the City of Huntsville, Madison Police Department, Madison County Sheriff's Department, Operation Green Team, the Solid Waste Disposal Authority, Covanta Huntsville and the Alabama Cooperative Extension System are inviting Valley residents to safely dispose of any expired or unwanted medications.

The initiative was formed to deal with the facts that, nation-

ally, teenage prescription drug abuse is increasing rapidly; that collection programs greatly reduce the chance of medicines entering the water supply; and participants in the program will experience complete confidentiality, as no personal information is collected.



The 9 a.m.-12 noon drug take-back sites include: Jaycees' Building at 2180 Airport Road; CVS pharmacies on Highway 231 in Meridianville and at Highway 53 in Harvest; and the Madison Police Department.

For more information, contact (256) 539-7339 or partnership@comcast.net

Bilderberg Conference Scheduled for June

Since its inception over 60 years ago, the Bilderberg Conference has been an annual forum for informal discussions, designed to foster dialogue between Europe and North America.

Around 120-150 political leaders and experts from industry, finance, academia and the media are invited to take part in the meeting. About two-thirds of the participants come from Europe and the rest from North America; one-third from politics and government and the rest from other fields.

The meeting is a forum for informal discussions about megatrends and major issues facing the world. The meetings are held under the Chatham

House Rule, which states that participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s) nor of any other participant may be revealed.

Owing to the private nature of the meeting, the participants are not bound by the conventions of their office or by pre-agreed positions. Thus, attendees can listen, reflect and gather insights.

There is no detailed agenda, no resolutions are proposed, no votes are taken, and no policy statements are issued.

The 2016 Bilderberg Meeting will take place June 9-12 in Dresden, Germany.

www.bilderbergmeetings.org/

Valley to Play Key Role in Earth Day Activities

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System's Urban Affairs and New Nontraditional Programs unit (Urban Affairs) is urging Valley residents to take part in Earth Day-related events.

The 46th Annual Earth Day Festival and Farmer's Market was held at the Monte Sano State Park Picnic Area on Sunday, April 17. Participants had a chance to view numerous exhibits, including a water conservation demonstration by

Extension's own Rhonda Britton, who manages Water Wheels, a 36-foot mobile water conservation laboratory.

Urban Affairs also invites the public to participate in Operation Green Team's 2016 Earth Day Festival at Hays Nature Preserve on Saturday, April 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hays Nature Preserve is located at 7161 US Highway 431 South in the Hampton Cove area. This event is free and features more than

70 organizations and businesses with activities, animal exhibits, demonstrations, take-home crafts, giveaways, and information.

For the past two years, Urban Affairs has been a sponsor of the butterfly release, one of the most anticipated Earth Day activities at Hays Nature Preserve, and will do so again this year. The butterfly release will take place at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

More than 11,000 individu-

als attended Operation Green Team's Earth Day Festival in 2015. This year Operation Green Team is expecting another record-breaking crowd. Earth Day activities at Hays Nature Preserve will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather.

For general information, please contact Dr. Kar-nita Garner at (256) 372-8331 (kfg0003@aamu.edu) or Robert Spencer at (256) 372-4983 (rds0002@aces.edu).

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Valley Students Places First in TVA Investment Competition

A team of finance students from the Department of Finance and Economics at Alabama A&M University's College of Business and Public Affairs won first place in the annual Investment Challenge Program sponsored by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA).

TVA's Investment Challenge is a unique, innovative partnership between TVA and 25 universities in its service territory. The program aims to provide real-world experience in portfolio management. The Challenge

provides the teams of students a rare opportunity for hands-on experience in managing real stock portfolios.

AAMU students actively managed TVA funds by designing long-term investment strategies, analyzing and researching stock markets in detail and making decisions to manage a portfolio worth about \$600,000.

"The results of the TVA Investment Challenge shows that Alabama A&M students can perform exceptionally well in highly competitive environ-



ments," said Dr. Del Smith, dean of the College of Business and Public Affairs.

Caption: COBPA Students won 1st Place in TVA Investment Challenge Competition. Standing from left:

Delon Showers, Demetrius Payne, Dr. Mohammad Robbani, Dr. Uchenna Elike, COBPA Dean Del Smith, Destiny Potts, DeAndre Marks, Brittany Jenkins, Tabitha White, Michael Crayton and Whitney Stroud.

New Communication Device Offers Best of Two Worlds

There is word of a new cellular device buzzing around the streets.

No, it isn't Apple or Android; it is its own brand which has a very unique feature. The Siam 7X is a two-sided phone, where one phone has two faces that operates as two totally separate telephones.

According to www.siamsmartphone.com, the phone is described as having, "dual sims so you can seamlessly have a work line and personal line. You can make and receive calls, text, and access data from two numbers on one phone. You can also operate two different cell phone networks on one unit, making it convenient for business owners to communicate with one unit instead of having to carry around two separate devices."

Multitasking is the main focus for marketing. This is something that is especially beneficial for busy bodies. Many businessmen and businesswomen will have two separate phones: one for business calls, e-mails, and info, and another phone for personal affairs, so this is a great feature to operate two different lines on one phone. The capability to have just one phone for



SIAM 7X Dual Screen

both uses is a great technological advancement.

The Siam 7X can be purchased at a sale price of \$449, and at the regular price of \$549. Sounds like it is two phones for the price of one, which isn't a bad deal.

Like Siam 7X, entrepreneurs are no strangers to multi-tasking. Whether it is multiple, moving parts that require management in order for one project or business to run properly; or one entrepreneur that juggles two and three projects or jobs, multi-tasking is

a trait that we must obtain.

It can get overwhelming and stressful, but the best way to tackle each task is one step at a

time; similar to how you would operate the Siam 7X: multiple phones, one side at a time.

by Amoi Savage

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Your Washington Recap

Here are the top issues in Washington, D.C., this week:

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

SENATE: The Senate should have finished up the Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization bill by Wednesday and then moved to take up the first of the 12 annual appropriations bills for Fiscal Year 2017 – the Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill – which provides funding for the Department of Energy and the Army Corps of Engineers. The Senate may also take up a comprehensive energy bill this week after Senators Stabenow (D-MI) and Nelson (D-FL) removed their “holds” on the bill last week. Senator Stabenow has vowed to press on for federal funds to alleviate the City of Flint’s lead issues, an amendment which was originally attached to the energy bill.

2. HOUSE: In honor of Tax Filing Day, the House this week took up six (6) Internal Revenue Service reform bills, including a bill to prohibit bonuses to IRS employees until it implements a new customer service program. House leaders had hoped to have a Puerto Rico debt bill on this floor this week to create a control board to allow Puerto Rico to restructure its \$72 billion in debt, but a House committee abruptly cancelled work on the bill last week when it found it probably didn’t have the votes to get it out of committee. Without congressional action, Puerto Rico’s

government bank is expected to default on \$422 million in bond debt payments on May 1, 2016.

3. This week, President Obama traveled to Saudi Arabia on Wednesday (April 20) to participate in the Gulf Cooperation Council meeting, where he will urge Persian Gulf states to contribute economic aid to rebuild regions of Iraq devastated by the Islamic State. On Thursday (April 21), he traveled to the United Kingdom for a three-day visit, which will include a lunch with Queen Elizabeth II and a plea for the United Kingdom to remain in the European Union (which will be decided by Britons in a June referendum). On April 24, he will be in Germany to join German Chancellor Angela Merkel to open the Hannover Messe, the world’s largest industrial-technology trade show.

4. Today, the Supreme Court will hear arguments in U.S. v. Texas on President Obama’s Deferred Action plan to allow work permits for approximately 4 million undocumented immigrants who are parents of U.S. citizens and who have been in the country since 2010. A 4-4 deadlock on the case (because of the current vacancy in the 9th seat on the court) would allow the lower court ruling to stand, which in this case was an injunction blocking the program from going forward.

5. The President’s Advisory Commission on Educational

Excellence for African Americans held a meeting in Washington to discuss initiatives to strengthen the nation by improving educational outcomes for African Americans of all ages, and to help ensure that all African Americans receive an education that properly prepares them for college, productive careers, and the highest possible quality of life.

6. This week, ending almost a year of speculation about a redesign of the currency to include the depiction of a woman, Treasury Secretary Jack Lew is expected to announce that Alexander Hamilton’s face will remain on the front of the \$10 bill and a woman will replace Andrew Jackson on the face of the \$20 bill (but not until at least 2030). The back of the \$10 bill will get a mural-style depiction of the women’s suffrage movement -- including images of leaders such as Susan B. Anthony.

In a rather amusing attempt to pass the buck (pun intended), Treasury officials blamed the success of the hip-hop smash musical “Hamilton” in energizing pro-Hamilton fans to fight to keep him on the \$10 bill.

7. 2016 Presidential Watch. The New York primary was held. The latest GOP polls had Trump winning New York at 54%, with Cruz at 21% and Kasich at 19%. On the Democratic side, a new poll released on Sunday had Clinton at 53% to Sanders’ 43%.

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Valley Deaths

Funeral service for **Ms. Sarah Nell Garth** is slated for 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 23, 2016 at Douglas Tabernacle - 1429 Calvary Street NW - with Pastor Robert Rogers officiating.

Funeral service for **Ms. Catherine Graham** was scheduled for 2 p.m. on Friday, April 22, at First Baptist Church with Pastor B. J. Brown officiating - Russellville, Ala. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery.

Graveside service for **Ms. Mazdolyn M. Winston** ("Pete") was held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 16, at Valhalla Memory Gardens (Chapel of Peace) with Pastor Julius R. Scruggs officiating.

Funeral service for **Pastor Henry P. Lacy** was held at 12 Noon on Saturday, April 16, at St. Luke Christian Church with Reverend Reginald Johnson officiating. Interment was in Valley View Memorial Gardens.

Funeral arrangements for **Mr. James Eddie Pope** are incomplete and will be announced later.

- Nelms Memorial Funeral Home

SWAC Outdoor Track & Field Returns to the Valley

The Department of Athletics at Alabama A&M University will host the SWAC Outdoor Track & Field Championships May 6-8, 2016 at Louis Crews Stadium for the second year.

All of the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) institutions will compete in the Championship. This list includes Alabama A&M University, Alabama State University, Alcorn State

University, Grambling State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi Valley State University, Prairie View A&M University, Southern University, Texas Southern University and University of Arkansas Pine Bluff.

Bulldog supporters are welcome, as well as those closely aligned with other SWAC schools! This event will be filled with great competition and energy, says Bryan Hicks, AAMU director of athletics.

Cost of Admission FREE; Parking - \$5.00/day.

For more information, visit www.aamusports.com or contact Dexter Sanford, Justin Wagner Dr. Renae Myles at (256) 372-4758/4759.



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AAMU Prepares for Big Weekend

Alabama A&M University will end the 2016 spring semester with a flurry of activities designed for students, alumni and the general public. All events will culminate on Friday, May 6, however, when the University observes both Founder's Day and the annual Spring Commencement exercises.

Reunion classes will begin to roll into the Rocket City in volumes on Thursday, May 5. All of the alumni classes ending in the numbers 1 and 6 have been invited to celebrate Reunion 2016. Thus, the following classes will celebrate reunions this year: 1941, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2006 and 2011.

Registration will be held beginning Thursday, May 5, in the Clyde Foster Auditorium of the College of Business and Public Affairs from 1-5 p.m., and it will continue throughout the day on Friday. In addition to a Vendors Market, a Western-themed reunion party will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Embassy Suites in downtown Huntsville.

Founder's Day Activities

The President's Community Breakfast will be held at 8 a.m. on Friday, May 6, in the Ernest L. Knight Reception Center. Rev. Michael Jones, pastor of St. James Cumberland Presbyterian Church and president of the Greater Huntsville Interdenominational Ministerial Fellowship, will be the guest speaker. Special guests will include the Golden Class of 1966.

During the breakfast event, AAMU will present its Richard D. Morrison Award to J.O. Johnson High School and to S.R. Butler High School. The latter closed in 2015. The award is named in honor of AAMU's fifth president, and it recognizes entities that better humankind through civic engagement, community service and education.

AAMU alumnus, philanthropist and Bulldog sports enthusiast Ronald McIntosh will be the speaker for the Founder's Day Convoca-

tion scheduled in the T.M. Elmore Building at 11 a.m. McIntosh and his wife Patricia are members of the distinguished Normal Legacy Society, com-



prised primarily of individuals who donated a minimum of \$100,000 to AAMU.

For his generosity, the press box in Louis Crews Stadium has been named in his honor. Local alum Richetta A. Wilkerson '78 has been named Alumna of the Year. Following the program in the Elmore Building, Normalites will gather at the gravesite of Dr. William Hooper Council for a tribute and taps.

Spring Commencement at VBC

Rosalind Brewer, the president and CEO of Sam's Club, a division of Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., and national members-only warehouse will address Spring Commence-

ment at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 6, at the Von Braun Center Propst Arena. Brewer earned her bachelor's degree in chemistry from Spelman College. She also attended the Advanced Management Program at The Wharton School and the Director's College at the University of Chicago School of Business/Stanford School of Law.

Brewer, who will address hundreds of graduates, is credited with facilitating at Sam's Club a growth program steeped in technology, innovation and local merchandise. Prior to joining Walmart operation, Brewer was affiliated with for



Kimberly-Clark Corp. for 22 years, starting as a scientist and eventually becoming president of the Global Nonwovens Sector in 2004.

As commencement continues in the VBC, a series of class reunion gatherings also will be held at vari-

ous Huntsville locales beginning at 7 p.m.

The Weekend

Alumni registration on Saturday, May 7, will continue in the Clyde Foster Auditorium from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. A campus tour has been scheduled for 9 a.m. departing from the Patton Hall parking lot, followed by the Normalite Walkway Pavers Ceremony on The Quad at 10 a.m.

The AAMU Alumni Association Awards/Scholarship Luncheon

will be held in the Ernest L. Knight Reception Center at 11:30 a.m.

Class meetings and pictures will take place from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in T.G. Parker classroom building, before the Class Reunion Banquet at the Knight Center at 6:30 p.m.

In addition to founding AAMU in 1875, Dr. William Hooper Council founded St. John AME Church in downtown Huntsville. Founder's Day Worship Services will be held at St. John at 8 a.m., culminating with the Memorial Walk to AAMU's original site.



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Public Safety Spotlight



TWV Photo: Captain and Mrs. J. R. Bulluck

Captain Marion "J. R." Bulluck of the Madison County Sheriff's Office is currently serving as the Patrol Division Commander.

Bulluck is the first African

American to command the Uniform Patrol Division and only the second African American to hold the rank of Captain.

He was promoted to Captain in January of 2015. Captain Bulluck and his family are active members of Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church.

The Madison County Sheriff's office is seeking young African-American male and female candidates desiring a career in law enforcement.

For additional information, please submit a resume to Capt. Bulluck at jbulluck@madison-countyal.gov

Each year, Earth Day is held on April 22. It marks the annual birth of an idea by Gaylord Nelson in 1970 which led to the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), whose mission is to protect human health and the environment.

Annually, millions of people take time to demonstrate ways to make their communities more sustainable and healthy. Huntsville is a progressive city that is teeming with inspiration, innovation, and technology, a perfect platform to continue the notion of healthy, equitable and sustainable living.

The vision is to create an annual Earth Day Celebration which highlights small steps that we as a community can take to save the planet and slow down the effects of climate change.

As a result of a concept developed by a Graduate Research Assistant, Xantheia Watkins, in 2014, the Department of Community & Regional Planning at Alabama A&M University partnered with the City of Huntsville to celebrate Earth Day.

As part of bringing awareness to the issues of emissions and its impact on the planet, there must be focus on increasing public transit ridership and using alternate transportation options to reduce air pollution.

For 2016, a Days of Alter-

native Transportation (DAT) challenge was developed. DAT challenges students, faculty and staff of all local schools, universities and colleges to use alternative transportation such as public transit, bicycles, carpooling or walking to complete their tasks for the entire week of April 18-22.

Individuals should then post their videos and pictures on the social media sites provided to represent their schools. With a valid ID students can ride the city

transit system free of charge for that period.

This is creating fun and exposing the younger generation to reducing single car emissions. Please join organizers of the DAT Challenge.

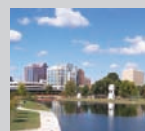
For more information, contact Xantheia Watkins, project coordinator at (256) 322-1271 or e-mail her at xantheia.watkins@aamu.edu.

by Dr. Berniece S. Herbert

Huntsville City Council Meetings

City Council 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 also held in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m.

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April 23
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Harrison Wellness & Advocacy Center
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April 29-May 1
Panoply Festival of Arts
Downtown Huntsville

April 30
Civil War Symposium
"Four Bloody Years of War: Policy and Strategy, Sedition and Emancipation"
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745 Constellation Place Dr., SW
Huntsville, Ala.
9:15 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

May 20
Food Truck Street Festival
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Honda Acura
Downtown Huntsville
The Lumberyard Parking Lot,
108 Cleveland Avenue
5-9 p.m.

May 21-22
Dance Theatre of Huntsville
"Aladdin" - \$10-15
1 & 6 p.m. (5 p.m.-May 22)
Lee High School Main Stage

May 28
Old School Blues Festival
Huntsville Dragway
502 Quarter Mountain Road
Harvest, Ala., 11 a.m.

June 17
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