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Radical simply means "grasping things by the roots."
- Angela Davis

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Extension Specialist Receives National Appointment

During the Land-Grant University System's recent Annual Work Meeting held in Alexandria, Va., an Alabama Cooperative Extension System (ACES) specialist received a major appointment.

Dr. Andrea Morris, health and nutrition specialist and program manager for the ACES' Urban Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Education (SNAP-Ed) and the Urban Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program at Alabama A&M University, was appointed to serve on the national SNAP-Ed Development Team.

Morris will serve as the 1890 representative in the Southern region for the next three years.

The team will review the national progress of the program, refine its strategic plan, and develop action steps for the upcoming year.

In addition, the Team will meet regularly to ensure programmatic consistency in how the program is delivered across the nation, as well as its effectiveness in addressing the health and nutrition needs

for low-income populations served by Cooperative Extension programs.

"I am delighted to be a part of such an experienced and talented work group, whose focus is to improve the consistency and effectiveness of SNAP-Ed programming through the LGU system. This work is extremely important and beneficial to many Americans," said Morris.

SNAP, formerly known as Food Stamps, continues to provide economic benefits to low-income individuals and families. SNAP-Ed is the educational component that ad-



dresses obesity-prevention and other related issues.

For more information regarding this appointment or to learn more about the Urban Extension SNAP-Ed efforts across the state, please contact Morris at (256) 372-8082.



TRUE NORMALITE: Alabama A&M University alumnus DeWayne Carter shocked and delighted attendees at the 143rd Annual Founder's Day Convocation when he presented to President Andrew Hugine, Jr., a check for \$50,000. Carter also was inducted into the Normal Legacy Society.

Stanley Elected Regional VP of Cattlemen's Association

Thornton Stanley, Jr., executive vice president of Stanley Landscaping and Construction Company, has been elected as regional vice president of the Alabama Cattlemen's Association (i.e., Madison, Jackson, Marshall, Dekalb, Etowah and Cherokee counties).

The Huntsville native's father first purchased the family farm in 1969 and started with a few Texas Longhorn cattle. Since the

time he could walk, Thornton has helped out with everything from tagging newborn calves, to managing grazing forages, to digging the ditch where they installed the pipeline to their first irrigated hayfields. His father, who is a graduate of the agricultural department at Alabama A&M University, poured into his children

his knowledge of soil types, heterosis and hybrid vigor and how all the many components of managing a farm come together to maximize production.

Today, Diamond S Farms is an 80-head Angus-based cow-calf operation. The farm spans over 500 acres in the rolling hills of north-west Alabama.



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Washington in One Minute



Here are your top issues in Washington, D.C., for the week.

1. The House and Senate are back in session this week. The House will vote, among other items, on striking down an Obama-era regulation that empowered the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to levy fines on banks and other auto finance firms that discriminated against African-American and Hispanic borrowers when they purchased

automobiles. It will also take up a bill to move forward a long-stalled plan to store the nation's spent nuclear fuel at Nevada's Yucca Mountain site (it is currently stored in 121 communities across 39 states). On Tuesday, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee held a hearing on the status of Puerto Rico's electricity grid.

2. On Monday, President Trump was expected to notify Congress that

his Administration would impound \$11 billion from spending accounts prior to FY2018, which is a dramatic drop from the original \$60 billion amount that was reported last month. Congress has 45 days to act on the rescission, which is not subject to a filibuster in the Senate.

3. The House Appropriations Committee continues work on the Fiscal Year 2019 appropriations cycle, with a subcommittee markup of the FY19 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill.

4. This week, House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) will meet with Rev. Patrick Conroy, SJ, the Chaplain of the House of Representatives, after the dramatic events of last week, in which Father Conroy rescinded his April 26 resignation, which he claimed he was forced to do by the

Speaker's chief of staff. Conroy stated in his latest letter that his firing was due to anti-Catholic bias, which has created a firestorm of criticism among Members of the House.

5. Last week, 4 top staffers at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency resigned, coming amid continued criticism of EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt, including calls for his ouster by at least 170 Democratic and 4 Republican lawmakers. According to The Hill newspaper, there are at least 10 federal investigations into Pruitt.

6. State banking regulators are urging Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC), Chair of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, to remove provisions that would block states from overseeing student

loan companies from her sweeping legislation to reauthorize the Higher Education Act (H.R. 4508). The Conference of State Bank Supervisors, which represents banking and financial regulators from all 50 states, said in a recent letter to Rep. Foxx that it "firmly opposes" parts of the bill that would preempt state laws regulating companies that collect federal student loans. They contend that the licensing of financial services activities is best conducted primarily at the state level. The bill was approved by committee last year on a party-line vote and is now awaiting action by the full House.

7. The Education Department said Friday it has reversed its decision to make public a report about whether the Accrediting

Council for Independent Colleges and Schools meets federal standards, after the for-profit college accreditor vowed to fight the release of the document. The department said in a letter that the release of the report written by career staff "will be suspended" until a lawsuit over the document is resolved.

8. On Tuesday, 4 states – Ohio, North Carolina, West Virginia, and Indiana – held primary elections for this fall's mid-term elections. Closely-watched elections tomorrow include the GOP Senate primaries in Indiana and West Virginia.

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Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

Luke 10:33 Jesus says, "But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him."

When we read this scripture, we see an "unlikely hero" in this Samaritan man, because it wasn't expected of him to help this complete stranger. Unlike the Priest

and the Levite, he took a chance and helped a man that was beaten on the side of the road, with no regard for the safety of his own life. Now, a hero is a

person who is admired or idealized for their courage. Just recently there was a man who stopped a shooter at a Waffle House with no regard for his own safety, as well. James Shaw was also an "unlikely hero" because he was not necessarily equipped to handle a situation like that.

In contrast, not long ago, there was a school shooting where an officer chose not to get involved, even though he was trained to do so. So, my question today is, "what would you do in such a terrifying situation? As we see in this scripture, just

because you are expected to react in a certain way doesn't mean that you will. But for whatever reason God chose a Samaritan to "react" and show compassion for a helpless man on the side of the road. He also chose James Shaw to "react" and save the lives of many.

I wonder why God chose these two men. Perhaps it is to show that when God's spirit controls the heart and soul of a person, that person can be completely transformed into an "unlikely Hero" and be able to meet the needs of others as God places them in our pathway... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters!



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From the Editor

Ahhh ... Happy Mother's Day!

So often, we take the people we love for granted. We get busy with our own families, lives and agendas. I am blessed to be the mother of three adult children: William, James and Katie. William delivered us a second daughter in 2013, his beautiful wife TuVy. We call her Pauline.

It's difficult for many of us to accept that our immediate families and our extended families are two different sets of people. Once we take on a spouse, our family structure changes, and rightfully so. Bill and our children are my immediate family. My birth family members are my extended family. Some of them do not understand that.



My mother accepted that when Bill and I married. As I grow older, I see more and more of my mother in me. There was a time when, as a young professional, I thought my mother was so dated and out-of-touch with reality. When I look back over the years, I thought my mother was really old when she was my age. Now-a-days, I find myself giving my young adult children the very same advice my mother often gave me. Some things just don't and shouldn't change. Good sound advice and guidance will work anywhere, anytime, and for almost anyone: work hard, choose your friends and associates carefully, do what you say you are going to do, love generously and trust God. For clarity on the love matter--it's the 'agape' type.

Now that I am going to be 60 years old in two months, I wonder if my children think I am as out-dated, out-of-fashion, and out-of-touch with reality as I thought my mother was at this age? Surely not, right? Over the past decade, I've stopped shopping for my children because of style preferences. Several days ago, Katie called me using FaceTime video. She wanted me to see that she was wearing a shirt I selected, purchased and sent her. So, in celebration of that moment, I responded immediately by putting on my shirt--just like hers. Mother and daughter, enjoying the same shirt, different colors, different generations, different preferences, and in different states; connecting, bonding and sharing

the spirit of togetherness through something as basic as a garment. When I think about it, we are really more alike than we are different.

Mothers all around should be proud to know that we are connected even when that doesn't seem to be the case. One of life's greatest blessings is that of being a Mom. Happy Mother's Day to all of our readers who are mothers! And, to all of our children, there's *no charge* for all of the time, tears, free advice through the years, school and college, late nights, doctoring and praying (paraphrasing Shirley Caesar). I thank God for my children.

Much love until next week ...

Dorothy



Valley Deaths

- Nelms Memorial Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MRS. DONNA R. SEARD-BROWN (b. 1965) will be Monday, May 14, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at First Seventh-day Adventist Church with Pastor Jones officiating.

Funeral service for MR. WALTER LEWIS RODGERS will be Friday, May 11, 2018 at 12:00 noon at First Missionary Baptist Church (3509 Blue Spring Road - Huntsville, AL) with Pastor Julius R. Scruggs officiating.

Funeral service for MS. FRANCINE D. CRIMES-MALONE (b. 1969) was held Monday, May 7, at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Huntsville, Ala.

Funeral service for MR. LOYACE F. LACY, JR., (b. 1965) of Nashville, Tenn., and formerly of Harvest, Ala., was held Sunday, May 6, at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church (315 Winchester Road - Huntsville, Ala.).

Double funeral services for MS. STACY M. RILEY-CRENSHAW (b. 1975) and her mother MRS. PEGGY A. TAYLOR-GRISWOLD (b. 1957) were held Saturday, May 5, at Douglas Tabernacle Primitive Baptist Church (1429 Cavalry Street - Huntsville, Ala.)

Funeral service for MR. CHRISTOPHER COPELAND (b. 1962) of Conyers, Ga., was held Saturday, May 5, at Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church (710 Dan Crutcher Road - Toney, Ala.).

- Royal Funeral Home -

Memorial service for DR. ROY MALCOLM will be at 12 p.m. Monday, May 14, at the Oakwood Seventh-day Adventist Church (5500 Adventist Boulevard, Huntsville, Ala.) with Elder T. Marshall Kelly officiating.

Funeral service for MS. JUANITA G. DEAN (b. 1954) was held Sunday, May 6, at the Moses Chapel Primitive Baptist Church (372 Moses Chapel Road, Madison, Ala.) with Pastor Joe Hereford officiating.

Funeral service for MR. CHARLES EDWARD CROSS, JR., (b. 1971) was held Saturday, May 5, at the Liberty Primitive Baptist Church (268 Burruss Road, Berkley, Ala.) with Elder Willard Baldwin officiating.

Funeral service for MR. WILLIE HAYWARD "SLIM" JONES (b. 1924) was held Saturday, May 5, at the St. James Primitive Baptist Church (1093 Fairbanks St. NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Elder Billy Jones officiating and Elder Gregory McGlathery eulogist.

Funeral service for Mr. Jerrol E. Ridgeway (b. 1938) was held Friday, May 4, at the First Missionary Baptist Church (3509 Blue Spring Road, Huntsville, Ala.) with Dr. Julius R. Scruggs officiating.

Funeral service for Ms. Renata Befecadu (b. 1987) was held Friday, May 4, at Saint Joseph Catholic Church with Father Joseph P. Lubrano officiating.

Huntsville City Council Meetings



Huntsville City Council'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. 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.

For more information, call (256) 427-5011.

Drake Graduation Scheduled

The graduation ceremony for J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College of Huntsville, Ala., will be held on Friday, May 11.

The ceremony will take place from 6-8 p.m. at the Von Braun Center in Downtown Huntsville. The actual program will be held in South Hall 2.

Additionally, rising juniors, seniors and high school graduates with a 2.8 GPA who are interested in STEM disciplines (i.e., Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) are urged to apply by June 1 to the four-week 2018 STEM Summer Bridge Program. Contact tiffany.green@drakestate.edu or call (256) 551-7265.



Drake and BEEF 101: The Alabama Cattlemen's Association recently concluded the last of six spring BEEF 101 programs, holding a program with J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College Culinary Arts students. Throughout the month of April, over 200 participants from culinary arts programs across Alabama joined ACA on a "beef journey" from pasture to plate.



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Millennial Thought

by Josh Alex Baker

MOTHERS

A mother is our first tangible connection to life. Over months, she physically stretches body into home. And, over years, she figuratively does the same.

A mother, inarguably over-worked yet underpaid, is a chameleon. Lengthy resume in tow, a mother becomes what is needed. A doctor. A diary. An alchemist. Our genesis.

While one day could not possibly encapsulate every ounce of reverence due to our beloved matriarchs, Mother's Day emphasizes a message that has hopefully resonated all year: she is cherished.

As many flock to stores in search of the most impeccable sign of appreciation, may we remember that our greatest gift lies in honoring the lessons our mothers have taught us.

In honor of my late mother, Kathy Baker, I aspire to embody that which she ingrained in me. I am determined to

love unconditionally. I am determined to smile so contagiously that no one will be the same after encountering me. I am determined to make space for the abundance of peace. I am determined to radiate an unmistakable light. I am determined to walk in the fullness of my destiny.

I, as many of us, am the result of a praying mother. I am the result of a working mother. I am the result of a persevering mother. In any way I have been blessed to be good, it is because she has been great.

On Mother's Day and every day, may we give honor to these venerable vessels. Let us thank the women who have loved us, who have looked after us, and who have labored with us. The extent to which our lives are better because of them is incalculable. May we remember that our greatest thanks lie in upholding their legacies.



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143rd Annual Founder's Day Convocation

Speaker:
 Jamal Ali '81



Spring Commencement

Speaker:
 Hon. Anthony Daniels
 Alabama State Representative



Introducing Carey Link ...

by Dorothy W. Huston, Ph.D.

Carey Link is a local poet whom I have known for many, many years. I had the good fortune of meeting and serving in the community with her parents, Gen (Rtd) James and Judy Link.

Jim is one of the retired Generals from AMCOM, retired business executive and active servant-leader in Huntsville. Together, with his wife Judy, they are philanthropists and volunteers who give volumes of their time and talents to worthy civic, cultural and social organizations.

Carey is a graduate of the University of Alabama in Huntsville. Her poetry has appeared in *Whatever Remembers Us: An Anthology of Alabama Poetry* and *The Birmingham Arts Journal*, among other publications. In 2011, she authored the book, *What It Means to Climb a Tree*.

Carey has been writing

for a while. Her books and poetry are inspirational and loaded with real-life experiences. This year, Carey read some of her poetry at Panoply. TVW will be featuring some of her work, while sharing the inspiration behind it. Read with us and enjoy over the next several weeks:

Labadee

Smoke shadows rise.
Time is measured
in currencies
brought by cycles
of blue-green tides.
The waves
of hands and feet,
the ohm of chants
against hollow drums
summon me.

She holds a pair of maracas
printed in orange, yellow, and
blue diamonds.

"Is cheap!"
"Please!"

"Just to see..."
Another has silver bracelets
between her fingers—
"Two dollar..."

They live off the language
of turned heads and open
hands.

With a touch
I can feed a family
for a month.

Most only come here
to walk in sand and shade.

by Carey Link

This poem was inspired by the experience of visiting a market on the Haitian island of Labadee. This piece has been previously published in her book, "Poem."



Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring

Col. (Ret.) James O. Heyward, Sr.

A native of Sumter, S.C., James O. Heyward, Sr., served as a career Army officer who retired from active service in 1983 with the rank of Colonel. Col. (Ret.) Heyward served in key command and staff positions in the United States and overseas, amassing a



diverse background of extensive experience in planning, management and operations to include training, logistics, resource manage-

ment, counseling and investigative work. His last military assignment was Professor of Military Science at Alabama A&M University (AAMU).

Since his retirement, he held the position of Director of Admissions at AAMU from 1984 to 1997.

Some of Col. (Ret.) Heyward's significant past military assignments were Commander, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command Field Element, Fort Monroe,

Va.; coordinating world-wide liaison network in the United States and five foreign countries; Deputy Commander, U.S. Army Military Community, Baumholder, Germany; member, U.S. European Command, J-3, Joint Task Force Division, Germany; and many others.

He is actively affiliated with Saint John AME Church, located in Downtown Huntsville, Ala., and the Urban Emphasis Unit of the Greater Alabama Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Grammy Winner to Headline Concert

The 30th annual Huntsville Classic kicks off with a concert headlined by Grammy-nominated artist Jason Isbell and the 400 Unit at the Von Braun Center's Probst Arena on May 10 at 8:30 p.m. The event, which is sponsored by the Huntsville Hospital Foundation, is part of the two-day festivities, concluding with a golf tournament on May 12 at the Robert Trent Golf Trail.

Born in Green Hill, Ala., Isbell is best known for his six-year-membership with Southern rock band the Drive-by Truckers. Since going solo in 2007, the rocker has released three studio albums and two live recordings, garnering multiple accolades. Earlier this year, Isbell took home the Grammy for Best Americana album for his record "The

Nashville Sound" and Best American Roots Song for "If We Were Vampires." This marks the second time the 39-year-old won the coveted award, taking the title home for 2016's "Something More Than Free."

Thursday's concert marks Isbell's return to the Rocket City. An avid supporter of Senator Doug Jones, the Ala-

The event is open to the public, but a special dinner will be held on the Arena floor before the concert. Tickets for the Classic Dinner must be purchased through the Foundation. General admission tickets can be purchased on Ticketmaster or at the VBC box office.

Launched in 1989, the Huntsville Classic has played a pivotal role in raising funds to not only support both the Huntsville and Madison Branch of Huntsville Hospital, but charities like the SPEAK suicide prevention program. Since its inception, the popular mainstay has garnered over \$6 million.

For additional information, contact call (256) 265-9451 or e-mail katie.coppens@hhsys.org.

by Reggie Allen



bama native held a free show at SideTracks Musical Hall as part of the Jones' "Get Out the Vote" concert series in December.



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at Burritt on the Mountain

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THREE PROGRAM RECORDS: *The University of Alabama in Huntsville men's and women's track and field teams competed at the Tennessee Challenge on Saturday (May 5) afternoon, and the squads returned with three program records and six NCAA provisional marks. (Chuck Edgeworth)*

Chargers Post Six National Marks in Knoxville

The University of Alabama in Huntsville men's and women's track and field teams competed at the Tennessee Challenge on Saturday afternoon, and the squads returned with three program records and six NCAA provisional marks.

Erin Jewell registered two program records in Knoxville on Saturday in the discus with a second-place toss of 43.11 meters and in the shot put with a finish of third place at 13.23 meters. Jewell has now reset the program record in the discus in back-to-back competitions while the Chargers shot put record had stood for just over seven years prior to Saturday.

Zach Hancock put together a program record-setting performance in the shot put while also improving his standing nationally with a first-place hurl of 17.66 meters – an NCAA provisional mark – on Saturday. Hancock's previous best was 17.57 meters set earlier this season on March 24 at the Mississippi State Relays.

Alex May led the field in the triple jump with a

length of 15.52 meters in the event, which comes just .01 meters from tying the program record he set two weekends ago at the GSC Championships. May's triple jump mark additionally topped the NCAA provisional standard in the event.

Elijah Dyer eclipsed the NCAA provisional standard in a pair of events on Saturday, as the freshman placed fourth in both the 100 meter at 10.52 and the 200 meter at 21.08.

Jeff Bannon met the

NCAA provisional mark in the pole vault with a height of 4.80 meters, which is the highest vault in Bannon's career.

The Chargers 100-meter relay squad consisting of Dryer, Tyrique Davis-Giles, Trevian Jenkins and Rashaad Pollard placed second in the event with a time of 40.37, topping the NCAA provisional mark and coming within .21 of meeting the program record set by the quartet at the GSC Championships.

AAMU Softball Squad Hosts ASU/MVSU Makeup Games



The Alabama A&M University Softball Team (20-18, 10-7 SWAC) headed into the final week of the regular season with four Southwestern Athletic Conference makeup games, which were previously cancelled due to inclement weather.

The Lady Bulldogs hosted their home three-game

series against Alabama State Saturday, May 5, (W 5-2, L 3-15) and Sunday, May 6, at Lady Bulldog Field. First pitch of game was set for 1 p.m. followed by game two. The series finale was held at 1 p.m. Sunday.

Alabama A&M also played Mississippi Valley in a 4 p.m. contest on Sunday

after the series finale with Alabama State.

Any further modifications to The Lady Bulldogs' schedule will be announced on aamusports.com and its accompanying social media outlets as soon as information becomes official.

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