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It's always something to remind you that everything ain't never gonna be alright!

- J. California Cooper

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Long-time PR Staffer Retiring from Higher Ed

In the Tennessee Valley and beyond, the name Janet Kincherlow Martin has become synonymous with public relations in the higher education sector.

Now after devoting more than three decades to the profession, Martin is retiring in June.

The Tennessean, who has for many years enjoyed an affiliation with Calhoun Community College, also counts Alabama A&M University among her list of productive and meaningful work experiences.



AAMU Mourns Death of Student Who Drowned

The entire Alabama A&M University Family mourned the May 31 death of Franklin James "Franky" Banks, II. The 20-year-old student was a sophomore majoring in forestry at AAMU and was a native of Monroeville, Ala.

The Funeral Service was held Thursday, June 6, at Bethel Baptist Church at 3 p.m. in Monroeville.

Arrangements and a memorial scholarship fund were coordinated



by Banks Memorial Funeral Home, 1565 Highway 84 West, Monroeville, AL 36445, (251) 575-7003.

The University also extended the services of its counseling staff.

Community Connections Network Available

Madison County organizations are banding together to meet the community's needs thanks to the Community Connections project.

The Community Connections Network is open to all types of organizations, from faith-based to corporate-based and for-profit to non-profit. They



meet from 9 a.m.-10:15 a.m. each second Thursday of every month at the downtown Library. Members are offered a chance to get to know each other and

build relationships through face-to-face collaboration that will allow them to identify and meet the needs of our community.

For more information about Community Connections, contact Jennifer Kinar at (256) 604-9185 or jen@expectlittlemiracles.org.

Teen Chef to Speak for State Black Chamber Conference

TV star and teen entrepreneur Shi LaChef will be the keynote speaker at this year's Alabama State Black Chamber of Commerce's (ASBCC) 2019 Entrepreneurs and Innovators Conference in Birmingham's Ensley community. LaChef, a 14-year-old celebrity chef and CEO, has a passion for creating healthy food that children will enjoy. She has been featured on ABC, CBS, NBC, and FOX, has worked with top executive chefs, and has been featured in some of Atlanta's upscale restaurants. Ms. LaChef will be speaking during the conference's Thursday luncheon.

Business owners, non-profit leaders and the general public are invited to attend the ASBCC conference on June 20-21 at the Goldstein & Cohen Building in the Birmingham/ Ensley Business & Entertainment District at 406 19th Street in Ensley. The event is designed to help grow and strengthen small businesses and the communities they serve.

Conference participants will have opportunities to connect with business owners, non-profit executives, and subject matter experts.

This year's theme is "Entrepreneurship and Innovation: Develop, Grow, and Succeed in Our Community." The conference will feature 14 information-rich sessions

including: The Art of Selling; Leveraging Opportunity Zones in Alabama; Building Effective Business Teams; Certify and Grow Your Business Data Driven Customer Targeting Utilizing American Factfinder (Census Data).

Conference sponsors include: Cadence Bank, Birmingham Water Works Board, Alabama A&M University, Alabama Small Business Development Center at UA, Legacy Realty Group, Citizens Trust Bank, University of Alabama Birmingham Collat School of Business, BBVA



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Cost for the two-day conference is \$89, which includes access to all sessions as well as breakfast and the Thursday luncheon. For more information, visit the ASBCC website at www.alblackcc.org or telephone 205-895-1157 or 256-564-7574.

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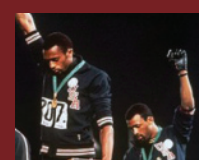
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BIRTHDAY - JUNE 6 - TOMMIE SMITH - Tommie Smith won the 200-meter dash at the 1968 Summer Olympics. However, it was his raising of a black gloved fist during the playing of the National Anthem that made him famous.

- BlackinTime.info



Alabama A&M University

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Huntsville, Alabama - June 1, 2019 (Photos by J. Saintjones)

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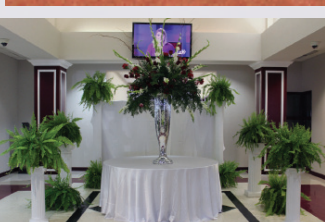
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Washington in One Minute



Here are the top issues in Washington, D.C., for the week of June 3:

1. The House and Senate are in session this week. The House will move quickly to a roll call vote on the final version of the long-delayed \$19.1 billion disaster supplemental (which includes \$909 million for Puerto Rico) to provide aid for people around the country recovering from 2017-2019 disasters. The House will also take up one of its major agenda items – a bill to allow U.S.-raised immigrant youth known as “Dreamers” to earn lawful permanent residence and American citizenship, which also include protections for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) beneficiaries. The Senate will debate Sen. Rand Paul’s (R-KY) balanced budget plan, which would cut federal spending by \$183.1 billion in FY2020 and by \$11.3 trillion over 10 years.

2. On Monday, President and Mrs. Trump began their 4-day European trip in the United Kingdom, which included a state banquet at Buckingham Palace and a meeting with outgoing-Prime Minister Theresa May on Tuesday. On Wednesday, the Trumps traveled to Portsmouth for ceremonies connected to the 75th anniversary of the D-Day Invasion and then traveled to Shannon, Ireland, to meet with Irish Prime Minister Leo Varadkar. On Thursday, they traveled to Normandy, France for the official ceremonies commemorating the 75th anniversary of D-Day at the American Cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer and also meet with French President Emmanuel

Macron. 3. The Washington Post reported that a Mexican delegation led by Foreign Minister Marcelo Ebrard was slated to travel to DC Wednesday to meet with U.S. officials to discuss ways to avoid President Trump’s newly-announced plan to impose 5% tariffs on all \$346.5 billion of imported Mexican goods beginning on June 10 to punish Mexico for failing to halt the flow of Central American immigrants through Mexico. The tariffs will increase by 5% per month, topping out at 25% on October 1, if no agreement is reached. In related news, last Thursday U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer transmitted to Congress a draft statement of administrative action on the proposed United States-Mexico-Canada Trade Agreement, which would allow the Trump administration to send the final trade agreement to Congress within 30 days, following a similar action by the Canadian government last week.

4. On Wednesday, Federal District Court Judge Jesse M. Furman held a hearing in New York City on whether to sanction Trump Administration officials for alleged false testimony in the case challenging the Trump Administration’s decision to include a question on citizenship in the 2020 Census (State of New York v. U.S. Dept of Commerce) in light of new evidence that the question was included to create an advantage for whites

and Republicans in future elections. Judge Furman had blocked the government from using the question, but ruled that the challengers had not shown that the question was intended to discriminate against Latinos and other immigrant communities. The U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments in the case on April 23, 2019.

5. House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-MD) announced that the House will begin floor debate on the FY2020 appropriations bills starting on June 12. To date, the full Appropriations Committee has approved 8 of the 12 annual appropriations bills and this week will markup the FY2020 Transportation/ HUD Appropriations bill in full committee and the Financial Services Appropriations bill and the Homeland Security Appropriations bill in subcommittee.

6. President Trump will kick off his 2020 presidential campaign on June 18 in Orlando, Fla., according to The New York Times. On the other side of the aisle, the first Democratic presidential debate will be a 2-night event on June 26-27 in Miami, Fla., featuring the following 19 candidates who have qualified (1% support in 3 polls or 65,000 individual donations with at least 20 states providing a minimum of 200 donations each): Biden, Booker, Bullock, Buttigieg, Castro, Delaney, Gabbard, Gillibrand, Harris, Hickenlooper, Inslee,

Klobuchar, O’Rourke, Ryan, Sanders, Swalwell, and Warren – and the lesser-known self-help guru Marianne Williamson and entrepreneur Andrew Yang. The lineups for each debate will be chosen at random from among the qualified candidates.

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2019 NBA Finals: The Gospel according to Steph Curry (part 2)

Read 1 Peter 5:6, NJKV

For the fifth straight year, the NBA's Golden State Warriors head to the championship finals, primarily because Steph Curry mimicks unapologetically his role model, Jesus Christ - i.e., being #1 @ being #2.

Instant Replay

My April 19, 2019, TVW column entitled, Jesus Christ: Being #1 @ being #2 - or, "The Gospel according to Steph Curry," chronicled: NBA's #1 Curry recruiting in 2016 a bigger NBA #1 Kevin Durant, resulting in 2017, 2018 championships, with Curry now as #2; Philippians 2:5-11 as the Christ-to-Curry crossover dribble text; and Steph's secret weapon - (Philippians) "4:13" imprinted on his sneakers' tongue, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me".



Hailed by the NY Times as "the Warriors' spiritual compass . . . league's ultimate team-first franchise player", and currently down one injured starter, Curry now alley-oops -

From Philippians 2:5-11 . . .

#1 Durant's strained calf injury silenced his 34.2 points per game assault on playoff opponents; therefore, Curry responded with 36, 37, 36 and finally 37 points in a four-game sweep of the Portland Trail Blazers - and against his younger brother Seth.

... to 1 Peter 5:6: "that He may exalt you in due time, ..."

Recently, teammate Boogie Cousins affirmed Curry: 'Bro, you are the most regular superstar I've ever seen — and that's a compliment.'"

In his four preceding Finals series, only one "exaltation" has eluded him: Finals MVP.

Perhaps now this 2019 NBA Finals will represent "due time."

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.GetEgoHelpNow.org.

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June 7
Huntsville Bible College 26th
Vision Banquet
"Celebrating Centennial
Churches"
Von Braun Center
East Hall
Huntsville, Ala.
7 p.m.

June 8
Family Fun Festival Expo
Von Braun Center
10 a.m.

June 9
Oakwood Farms
"Bees 'n' Berries Event"
Free Fun Family Event with
Berry Picking and Baked
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Oakwood University Pavilion
and Berry Orchard

Free and Open to the Public
12-4 p.m.

June 14
3rd Annual Bradford Gala
Von Braun Center -
East Hall 2
(Tickets - \$50), 6-8 p.m.

June 15
13th Annual White Linen
Brunch
The Ivy Center of Huntsville/
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Old Fashioned Campmeeting
and Baptism
Big Spring Park, 10 a.m.

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Big Spring International Park
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sion
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Charity Club
Huntsville Public Library
3-5 p.m.

June 16
Unveiling of the Church Street
Historical Marker at Holmes
and Church - 2 p.m.

Church Street Festival of
Voices
Huntsville Depot - 3 p.m.

Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

SETTING THE STANDARD

In Daniel 3:16-18, we find Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego refusing to bow down to the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar had made. The reason they refused was they had already established a "standard" for their lives that would not allow them to bow down to any golden image.

Now a "standard" means something established by authority, custom or general consent as a model, or example.

You see, God has a standard that He wants us to live by, and I believe that He is calling all of us to raise our spiritual standards, because how can we embrace God's strength when we don't except his standards for our lives?

We live in a world today where our standards are being set by so many different people, whether it be a famous celebrity, or a famous athlete or a powerful politician.

Our standards are not being set by God. When we set our standards low, it's easy for the enemy to "come in like a flood" and that's when things go bad. That's when we start living a life of compromise. For example, so many people today remain isolated in their own world with their own thoughts, but who is setting the standard for them to live by?

That's why I believe everyone needs a plan to help them navigate through the

good times, as well as the bad. We all need daily reminders to re-inforce God's standards for our lives, and we do this by first reading His word

and then reading a daily devotional like "A Champion Game Plan For Life." I believe that when we have a plan to help us with life's ups and down, we will raise our standards to where God wants them to be.

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Valley Deaths

- Nelms Memorial Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MR. BOYDE ALLISON (b. 1951) will be Saturday, June 8, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. at Little Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church with The Elder Dr. Jerry Crutcher officiating.

Funeral service for MR. MELVIN PARKER was held Monday, June 3, at the First Seventh-day Adventist Church (1303 Evangel Drive NW - Huntsville, Ala.).

Funeral service for MR. ALONZO TONEY (b. 1941) was held Saturday, June 1, at the St. Paul United Methodist Church (620 6th Street ~ Triana, Ala.).

Funeral service for MRS. LILLIAN V. JORDAN (b. 1932) was held Thursday, May 30, at Owens Chapel Missionary Baptist Church with The Reverend Dr. H. Wendell Thompson officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. OLA B. (WILLIAMS) FROST was held Tuesday, May 28, at Stewart Memorial Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Mobile, Ala. [Mrs. Frost was the sister of Mrs. Mary Williams Hurt and Dr. Dorothy Williams Huston (Valley Weekly editor) of Huntsville, Ala.].

- Royal Funeral Home -

Memorial service for MR. RONALD JAMES COOPER (b. 1944) will be 1 p.m., Monday, June 10, at the Royal Chapel of Memories.

Funeral service for MRS. SHIRLEY DENISE BENFORD WILLIAMS (b. 1961) was held Wednesday, June 5, at Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church (13376 Dupree Worthy Road Harvest, Ala.) with Pastor Willie James Mangruem officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. DORIS ELIZABETH MULLIN (b. 1927) was held Monday, June 3, at Lakeside United Methodist Church (3738 Meridian Street Huntsville, Ala.) with Dr. Tomasi Muhomba officiating.

- Serenity Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MRS. DOROTHY A. BONE-HUBBARD (b.1957) will be on Sunday, June 9, at 1 p.m. at Antioch CME Church located at Hwy 43 Russellville, Ala., with Rev. Christy Gill officiating.

Funeral service for MS. CRYSTAL RAGLAND (b.1986) will be on Friday, June 7, at 12 p.m. at Eagles Nest Ministries located at 6831 Hollow Road NW Huntsville, Ala., with Bishop Daniel Richardson officiating.

AAMU, UAH Hosting Small Business Workshop

Alabama A&M University and The University of Alabama in Huntsville invite interested persons to save the date for an upcoming collaborative Workshop and Networking Reception entitled "Marketing DBE & Small Business Capabilities to Federal/State/Local Government."

The workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, at Springhill Suites Downtown Huntsville, 745 Constellation Place Drive, from 8.30 a.m.- 6:15 p.m. in Huntsville, Ala. The workshop component will focus on providing DBEs with actionable information and exposure so that they can translate their

skills and capabilities to perform work on federal/state/local government procurements.

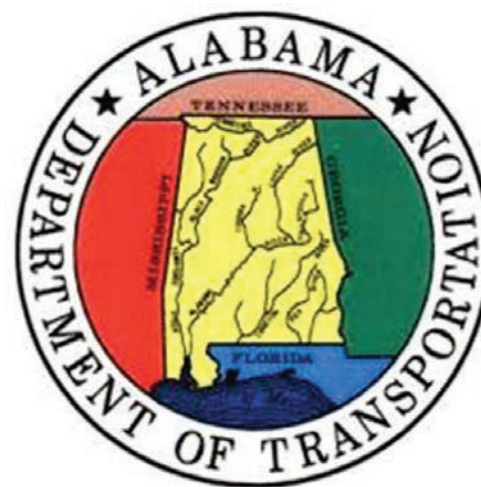
Sessions will focus on how to do business with the Corp of Engineers, the

State of Alabama, ALDOT Statewide Projects, and avenues for further assistance on future opportunities.

Immediately following the workshop sessions, firms will have the oppor-

tunity to network with (invited) Prime Contractors, Chambers of Commerce, Agency Representatives, and financial/lending institutions to learn more about opportunities to strengthen business operations and improve marketing strategies to win more work.

Additional registration details will be forthcoming. For other information, contact Alexcia Sterling or Danielle R. Barnes, assistant director, ALDOT DBE Supportive Services, College of Business and Public Affairs, (256) 372-5681 or e-mail danielle.barnes@aamu.edu or aamudbe@aamu.edu.



Called 2 Preach

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

"Bothered Without the Power to Make Better"

14:16; 2 Peter 2:7-8

The love and mercy of God allows us to see Biblical characters in their purest form, even those we laud as our heroes. We get to see Noah's drunkenness and his induction into the Hall of Faith. We also get to see Abraham lying about Sarah being his wife and agreeing with that same wife to "help" God with His plan to give them a son that resulted in the birth of Ishmael, and he also got inducted into the Hall of Faith and was called the friend of God and father of the faithful.

We also get to see those who failed to live up to the

chose a life of ease rather than a life of purpose. His carnal lifestyle caused him to end up having to be rescued by his Uncle Abraham and never really ever developing

a powerful inner man. Peter spoke of him in his second epistle as being one who was "tormented by the evil



around him." As believers today, we are faced with evil that lingers like the soot and smoke of air pollution.

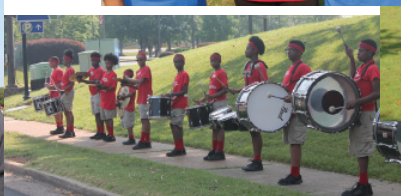
We don't want to end up like Lot; being bothered, but not

having the power to make things better. The discipline of devotion is the key.

North Alabama Sickle Cell Foundation Walk-a-Thon

Downtown Huntsville, Alabama - June 1, 2019

Pamela D. Thompson, Executive Director (Photos by J. Saintjones)



Huntsville City Council Meetings



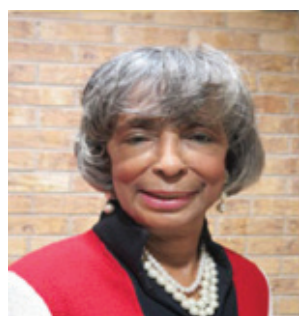
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Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring Mrs. Josephine Scruggs

Mrs. Josephine Scruggs is the wife of the Reverend Dr. Julius R. Scruggs (former pastor of the First Missionary Baptist Church, Huntsville, Ala., and former president of the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.).

She served as the administrator for the First Missionary Baptist Church Child Development Center and Academy. Prior to that position, she served as the Assistant Administrator for the CDCA. She taught in the Metropolitan Public Schools of Nashville, Tenn., for 25 years. She also served as a teacher for the Tennessee Baptist Youth Encampment Program and as Youth Director for 10 years. Sister Scruggs is a graduate of Morristown College High

School in Morristown, Tenn. She then earned her AA in Mathematics from Morristown Junior College. She continued her education, earning her B.S. and M.A. in health, physical education and recreation from Tennessee State University. She is affiliated with the following professional organizations, community boards and committees: MNEA; NEA; TEA; Retired Teacher Association; YMCA CITY PROGRAM; Phi Delta Kappa; NAACP; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; Partnership for a Drug-Free Community; Board Member of Girl Scouts of America; Madison County Day Care Board; and Rotarian Club. She co-chaired the drafting and the implementation of the



Family Life and AIDS Education Curriculum for the State of Tennessee; was one of three persons in the video on AIDS Education in the Workplace; was named Teacher of the Year, 1980; HOSPICE Volunteer (patient care); and served as a facilitator for children ages 3-18 at the Caring House and First Missionary Baptist Church (which helps children that are dealing with the death of a loved one).

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