"The world is full of people who have stopped listening to themselves." - Joseph Campbell

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Local Student Selected to Perform at Carnegie Hall

Solomon Sigmon, a student at Hampton Cove Middle School, has been selected for the 2017 Middle School Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall. He will perform as a b-flat clarinet at Carnegie Hall in June 2017 with the Honors Junior Band.

Participation in one of the three Honors Ensembles is limited to the highest rated middle school performers from across North America and select schools internationally. Sigmon auditioned this fall for the Honors Performance Series and was accepted after a review by the Honors Selection Board. Acceptance to the elite group is a direct result of the talent, dedication, and achievements demonstrated in his application and audition recording.

He will join other performers from 43 States, several provinces of Canada, Australia, and Taiwan. Sigmon has studied music for two years and is a member of Huntsville Youth Orchestra Sinfonia and Hampton Cove Middle School concert and jazz bands. Sigmon's honors and awards this year include: 1st Chair in the All-State band, 1st chair Auburn honor band, 1st chair UNA honor band, 1st chair UNA honor band, 1st chair UAH honor band, and 1st chair District I Honor Band (2017).

The Sunday, June 25, New York City performance is open to the public. Tickets



can be purchased beginning 60 days prior to the performance through the Carnegie Hall box office.



AAMU Listed Among Top HBCU STEM Degree Producers

The Hundred-Seven.org website listed Alabama A&M University No. 3 among HBCUs in the production of STEM degrees.

Not only is Alabama A&M University one of the top 50 colleges in the US for graduating African-Americans with bachelor's degrees in computer science, engineering, math and sciences, it is one of the top 10 HBCUs for graduating black engineers and mathematicians.



FREE

Dr. Chance Glenn is the dean of AAMU's College of Engineering, Technology and Physical Sciences.

Alphas Hold Annual Oratorical Competition

The Rho Eta Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. held their

16th annual Thurgood Marshall Oratorical Luncheon on June 4 at the Jackson Center.

The luncheon's speaking competition was open to all graduating high school seniors in the Madison, Limestone and Marshall coun-

ties. Contestants were tasked with drafting and orally presenting a 4-7-minute speech that effectively showcased their critical thinking and public speaking skills.

The theme was "Organizational Change:

Has the World Evolved into Accepting Women in Leadership?"

This year's competition featured contestants Corey L'Shaun Smith, a recent graduate of Sparkman High School, pursuing a degree in political science at

Jacksonville State University; and Jaida Steele, an ambitious entrepreneur who plans to major in marketing at Alabama A&M. Marlandus Goodloe served as the program's featured entertainment, performing a praise dance routine to the tune of Smokie Norful's "Dear God."

This year, the luncheon honored two of Huntsville's female heavyweights. Dr. Teneshia Daniels, the owner of Premiere Dental and Decatur City Schools' Board member Michelle King were the recipients of the Leadership award.

Ultimately, Smith came in first, with Steele as the runner-up.

by Reggie Allen

Retiree Honored for Years of Service to SMDC

LaJeannia Lacey was honored by the U.S. Space and Missile Defense Command Army Forces Strategic Command for (SMDC) for her 35 years of government service.

The retiring Lacey was an integral part of the Civilian Workforce Development Office as the communications lead in support of the Command's strategic communication plan. She is credited for "unique mass communications skills" that enabled her to develop and carry out innovative and comprehensive initiatives. She not only authored more than 50 Training and Learning Opportunities Newsletters (TALON), but she also managed webcasts, a speaker series and other collaborative efforts.



Lacey joined by Josephine Scruggs and Shirley Clemons of First MB Church.

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Washington in a Minute



Here are the top issues in Washington, D.C., this week: 1. The House and Senate were in session this week. The House started off the week with resolutions condemning the terrorist attack in Manchester and the recent violence against protesters outside the Turkish Ambassador's residence in D.C. (reportedly perpetrated by security forces attached to Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan during his visit to D.C.). Later, the House took up legislation - the Financial CHOICE Act – which would roll back substantial parts of 2010's Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. The Senate will take up a bipartisan bill to reform the Veterans Affairs Department by better protecting whistleblowers and providing the VA Secretary with stronger measures to discipline and hold employees accountable.

2. President Trump kicked off his "Infrastructure Week" with an event at the White House with House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chair Bill Shuster (R-PA) and executives from the major U.S. airlines touting a bill to privatize the nation's air traffic control system. On Wednesday, he traveled to the Cincinnati, Ohio, area to address ways of improving levees, dams and locks along inland waterways. On Thursday, he conducted

a listening session at the White House with a group of mayors focused on the efficient use of tax dollars for infrastructure projects and on Friday he visited with officials at the U.S. Department of Transportation to discuss regulatory changes related to roads and railways.

3. Fired FBI Director James Comey testified Thursday in open session before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence regarding his interactions with President Trump on the Russia probe (there will also be a closed session starting at 1:00 p.m.). Last Friday, White House spokesman Sean Spicer said that the White House was reviewing whether to invoke executive privilege regarding Comey's testimony.

4. Also on Thursday, Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao testified before the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee on the authorization and reform of the Federal Aviation Administration.

5. Last Thursday night, the Trump Administration petitioned the Supreme Court to review and put on hold 2 lower-court rulings in Maryland and Hawaii blocking the implementation of the executive order requiring a freeze on new visas for travelers from six Muslim-majority countries (Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen). The Supreme Court has allowed the opponents of the ban a week to file responses, which are due by 3 p.m. on Monday, June 12.

6. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos visited Capitol Hill this week to pitch the Trump administration's budget proposal. Coincidentally, some of the biggest action from her agency this month will be on the regulatory front. The Education Department is up against a looming July 1 deadline to act on two major Obama-era rules that affect colleges and universities, particularly forprofit schools, including the borrower defense to repayment package of regulations and the gainful employment rule.

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Drake State Partners with Apple to **Offer App Development Curriculum**

Drake State is among three ACCS institutions chosen by Apple to offer an app programming curriculum starting Fall 2017.

Apple's App Development with Swift curriculum is intended to teach app design and coding, so students can create working apps.

"This will allow our students to develop cutting-edge skills that will prepare them for success in today's workplace," said Jimmy H. Baker, Chancellor of the Alabama Community Col-

lege System. Students will learn the skills to code and design apps and gain critical job skills in software development and information



"Community colleges play a critical role in help-

technology.

ing students achieve their dreams, and we hope these courses will open doors for people of all ages and backgrounds to pursue what they love," Apple CEO Tim Cook said.

Mobile application development is one of the fastest growing and most in-demand areas in the Computer Science field. Businesses need to be in contact with mobiledevice users to keep them interested in their companies. A mobile app developer has the expertise to invent a new mechanism of communication between business services and mobile users.

Champion Game Plan for Life by Preston Brown

Philippians 4:6 says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God."

You know, one of the reasons why we may be anxious about a lot of things is because we are not thankful for what we already have. So, Paul is saying, if you never stop and pray, and thank God for what you already have, you will always be anxious.

So many Christians

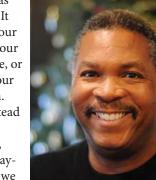
today are anxious about so many things that this

world has to offer. It may be our jobs, or our marriage, or maybe our children. But, instead of being anxious, Paul is saying that we should pray about everything.

You see, we have to know what it means for God to be for us and train our hearts and minds to be

anxious for nothing. Remember,

> worries ... Stay encoursisters!



if we are following after God's purpose for our lives, there is no reason for us to have these needles

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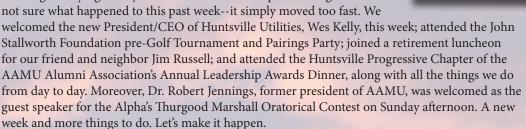
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rom the Editor

Who's Busy??

I am. A short work week due to Memorial Day left many of us with a challenge of trying to stay ahead of the forces that pull and tug. I am not sure what happened to this past week--it simply moved too fast. We



Until next week ...

Dorothy

John Stallworth Foundation Pre-Golf Tournament and Pairings Party Thursday, June 1, 2017 - Huntsville Botanical Garden



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GEMINI

You're developing extra confidence, which stems from your enhanced productivity and organizing skills, all despite any delays which were incurred.

LEO

The moons' square of Mercury is bringing any and practically all tension to the forefront, which is, in turn, stimulating action, leading to growth within your 2nd house of livelihood.

VIRGO

The moon sextiling Jupiter in your 3rd house of local movements may have you in a less expressive frame of mind since you currently consider yourself to be a part of a collective, energetic group that is in an intensely demonstrative phase.

LIBRA

The suns' sextile with the moon, while emanating its fertile, emotion-welcoming vibrations, finds you in a process that is actively promoting the intelligent use of your energies in an interest or project that was inspired in you from the time of your early youth.

SAGITTARIUS

Saturns' trine with Uranus, means that you're inclined to make absolutely good use of your natural ability to create a pleasure-filled atmosphere; at present, one in which you and someone else can relax a bit.

SCORPIO

Jupiters' quintile with Saturn, setting a scene, demarcated, half by luck, half by daring adventure, have made conditions that are favorable for you to overcome limitation in order to create, make, or invent something worthwhile.

TAURUS

The suns' square, with Neptune, in your 11th house of buddies, assures that tension will be conducive to action, of an ideal nature and that, growth; of some type, is occurring, within your friendship fold.

CAPRICORN

Your 6th house of service, being the main point of planetary interest for your sign is currently leading you towards a decision that blends your values in some form--while the moon is in conjunction with Neptune.

AQUARIUS

The sun is in a semisquare with Venus in your 7th house of partnerships and your 8th house of sexuality, emphasizing areas of love and leisure activities--as blocked energy manifests into external events; courtesy of the celectial semisquare component.

ARIES

The suns' trine with Jupiter, along with Mercurys' trine of Pluto, is presenting you with an experience, that is encouraging the acceptance of something within your 10th house career.

PISCES

Mercurys' trine with Pluto in your 9th house of higher ideals, philosophy and travel has you in the frame of mind to think about ways in which you might quench an obsessive desire for power or control, as you grapple with the realities that are associated with beginnings & endings.

CANCER

Mercurys' sextile of Neptune, in your 7th house of partnerships, and your 12th house of miraculous healings, is bringing together the ease of positive relationships and the healing that is promoted by them.

NBCC Celebrates the 10th Pastors' Appreciation

Julius Scruggs of First Mis-

sionary Baptist Church;

preacher Bishop Daniel

June 14, with guest

New Beginnings Christian Church and Pastors Errol and Jennifer Davis cordially invite the public to celebrate their 10th Anniversary and Pastors

Appreciation throughout the month of June.

Join NBCC on Wednesday nights

at 7 p.m. for the Worship and Word Wednesdays, starting June 7 with guest preacher Dr.

Richardson of Eagles' Nest Ministries; and June 21 with guest preacher Pastor John Jude of Freshwind Christian Fellowship of Athens, Ala. The anniversary

services will culminate on Sunday, June 25, at 10:30 a.m. with guest preacher Rev.

preacher Rev.
 Dianne Brown
 of Louisville,
 Ky.

For additional information, call

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June 9 - JACKIE WILSON - He was often known as "Mr. Excitement." Born in Detroit, Mich., in 1934, he was considered one of the pioneers of modern-day soul and R&B music. - BlackinTime.info



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WANT FLEXIBITY Valley Calendar of Events **IN YOUR CD RATE?** June 9 1800 Jordan Lane, NW Women of Wisdom 3-4:30 p.m. Job Preparedness Workshop

Gooch Place 500 Gooch Lane Madison, Ala. 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Register: wowthecompletewoman.EventBrite. com

June 10 Family Day of Education and Fun Sponsor: Alabama Cooperative **Extension Service** Agribition Center Moores Mill Road 12-4 p.m.

> June 17 Fun Festival & Expo (Free) VBC South Hall Huntsville, Ala.

July 9 Huntsville Community DrumLine "iDrum"

July 13 Dick Gregory Stand Up Live 7 p.m.

July 13-15 Space Camp SummerFest

July 14 NSBE Professionals Golf Tournament The Links at Redstone Arsenal 7 a.m.

> July 21-30 W.C. Handy Music Festival Florence, AL

Thru August 13 Dinosaur Uproar Alive Huntsville Botanical Garden Presented by: Toyota Alabama

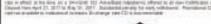
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West Alabama Churches Working to Raise Money for Stillman College

A group of churches in west Alabama are working together to raise fund for the financially struggling Stillman College in Tuscaloosa.

The small, primarily liberal arts, historically black college has been no stranger to hard times, despite some institutional highlights, such as a shortlived return of football.

Stillman was initially founded by the Presbyterian Church in 1876 as an avenue to train African-American ministers. However, the college did not have its first African-American president until



1967, when Dr. Harold N. Stinson assumed the presidency through 1980. Among notable Stillmanites are comedians Steve Brown and Jermaine "FunnyMaine" Johnson, as well as Grammy Awardwinning music producer Timothy Mingo, Olympic gold medalist Jeffrey Henderson, noted education historioan and University of Illinois Professor James D. Anderson and many others.

Huntsville Edges Mobile for Third Largest Alabama City

by Jerome Saintjones

The most recent estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau indicates that Huntsville (193,079 inhabitants) has surpassed Mobile (192,904) as the third largest city in Alabama. Birmingham and Montgomery still hold on to the number one and number two spot, respectively. Tuscaloosa, the fifth largest city, is right at the brink of crossing the 100,000 mark.

The following is a list of Alabama cities (Valley area in bold) with at least 20,000 inhabitants. Many cities experienced major population declines over more recent decades, while others' populations have skyrocketed.

U.S. Census 2016 Population Estimates for Top Alabama Cities:



Birmingham, 212,157
 Montgomery, 200,022
 HUNTSVILLE, 193,079
 Mobile, 192,904
 Tuscaloosa, 99,543
 Hoover, 84,978
 Dothan, 68,468
 Auburn, 63,118
 DECATUR, 55,072
 MADISON, 47,959
 FLORENCE, 39,959
 Phenix City, 37,132
 Gadsden, 35,837
 Prattville, 35,606
 Vestavia Hills, 34,688

16) Alabaster, 32,948
17) Opelika, 29,869
18) Enterprise, 28,024
19) Bessemer, 26,511
20) Daphne, 25,913
21) Homewood, 25,613
22) ATHENS, 25,393
23) Northport, 25,045
24) Pelham, 23,050
25) Prichard, 22,185
26) Anniston, 22,112
27) Albertville, 21,525
28) Trussville, 21,422
29) Oxford, 21,120
30) Moutain Brook, 20,590

Towns Around U.S. Hold on to Flag Day Distinctions

A little more than 100 years ago, the president of the United States issued a proclamation that cemented what is now known as Flag Day, observed annually on June 14.

In August 1949, a congressional act established National Flag Day, although it is not an official federal holiday.

Pennsylvania was the first among the states to create a state holiday celebrating flag day. The small town of Fairfield, Wash., has been accorded the distinction of having the oldest National Flag Day parade in the nation. Its first parade was held in 1950.

Nonetheless, several towns around the country have also chimed in to claim a piece of recognition, including Quincy, Mass. (longest-running parade); Troy, N.Y. (largest Flag Day parade); and Three Oaks, Mich. (both the largest and the oldest).

"In the closing years of the nineteenth century, African American historians began to look at their people's history from their vantage point and their point of view."

- John Henrik Clarke

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2017 Leaders & Legends Dinner *featuring* Emmitt Smith





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Jazz-N-June on the Mountain Monte Sano State Park Amphitheater Sunday, June 18 - Gates open 12 p.m. ^{State Parking Fee} Blankets Lawar Chairs ^{Gulls} and Princ baskets Coolers Corkerens



Philippe LeJeune Quartet to Perform

The Philippe LeJeune Quartet will perform "Groovin' Blues' at the Cooper House at 405 Randolph Avenue SE in Huntsville, Ala., on Saturday, June 17.

Tickets (15 - Reserve/

\$10 - General) are available at Arts Huntsville (256) 519-2787 and James Music (256) 270-9199. For more info, contact the Tennessee Valley Jazz Society at (256) 604-8172.

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AAMU Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter



Scholarship recipients Daniel Southward and Justin P. Fletcher with (l-r) Dr. Terrance Vickerstaff and Dr. Verlindsey Stewart

Honors Area Leaders

Ernest L. Knight Reception Center Alabama A&M University Saturday, June 3, 2017



2017 Honorees: (Seated, 1-r) Mrs. Mary W. Hurt, Ms. Felicia Brown, Dr. Delois H. Smith, Hon. Sybil Cleveland, Mrs. Kimberly Lewis, Mrs. Eula Battle (representative), Mrs. Lybrease Woodard; (Standing, l-r) Rev. Perry Clark, Dr. Richard Showers, Jr., Col. (Ret) John Olshefski, and Mr. Larry Lewis.



p. Anthony Daniels, Minority House Leader, receives special award from HPAC.



Song performed by Ms. Monica Phipps Stewart



2017 Leadership Honorees



Rudy and Reba Trammell



Members of Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter

Dr. Reggie Jackson

Hon. Will Culver, Huntsville city councilman, presents resolutions to honorees as (l-r) Rev. Theodis Acklin and Dr. Terrance Vickerstaff listen.



Dr. Henry and Mrs. Nell Lane Bradford

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- Urban Strings Columbus is a youth orchestra of serious, young, talented, musicians, ages 8-18 who attend greater Columbus city, parochial, charter,
- suburban, & charter schools
- Celebrating Our 10 Year Anniversary Inspiring Yaar Community To Create A Youth String Orchestra Celebrating African American Music Approxiation Month







City Council Meetings

FREE CONCERT!*

St. John AME Church

Huntsville, Alabama Saturday, June 24, 2017

6 p.m.

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*Attendees will have opportunity to participate in a good-will offering.

Fun Fact: In 1979, President

immy Carter created Black Music Month, but the name

unged to Afric



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.

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

Kappa Event to Celebrate Bond Between **Fathers and Daughters**



The Decatur-Athens Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., will be hosting its 2017 Father-Daughter Gala on Saturday, June 10, 2017, at 9035 Best Western Plus, Madison, AL 35758. The Father-Daughter Gala will celebrate the bond between fathers and daughters while providing an elegant atmosphere for fathers to treat their daughters of all ages like princesses, with dancing, dinner, and laughter.

The Father-Daughter Gala Event is designed to be an avenue by which fathers or male role models of daughters in all age categories, races and backgrounds come together to celebrate and strengthen the father-daughter bond.

There is no doubt that the bond between fathers and daughters is unmatched and amazing. On Saturday, June 10, Kappas hope to recapture and rekindle some of those precious memories fathers have shared with the "little girls" in their lives.

For additional information, contact (256) 289-3292 or e-mail anthonyrichardson01@ vahoo.com.



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