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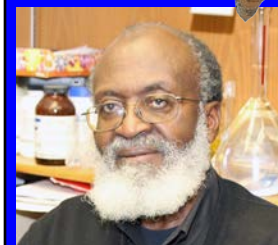
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ELDER OF THE WEEK



Dr. Razi Hassan

"If you don't have confidence, you'll always find a way not to win." - Carl Lewis

Omegas Make Donation to Drake



Drake State Community and Technical College recently received a generous donation from Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

"One of our fraternity's principles is to uplift to our communities," said Cary Hale, Alabama State Representative of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. "Our educational institutions play a pivotal role in that endeavor. Drake State provides students the opportunity to obtain critical skill sets that they can immediately use in the

workforce. It is an honor to partner with them in their mission."

Pictured above (l-r) are: Cary Hale, Alabama State Representative of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; Bruce Morrison, Drake State Financial Aid Counselor; Dr. Patricia Sims, Drake State President; Glenn Harbin, Drake State IT Coordinator; and Michael Mathis, Vice Basileus of Psi Kappa Kappa Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Kappas Host 'Guide Right' Program

Kappa League and Kappa Knight Members Honored!



Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated's Huntsville Alumni Chapter hosted its 2022 Guide Right Achievement Dinner and Awards Program on June 9 at the Bob Harrison Wellness & Advocacy Center.

Guide Right encompasses youth-oriented programs, such as mentoring, college preparatory programs and tutoring.

The core initiatives of Guide Right are STEM (i.e., science, technology, engineering and mathematics), College Prep, College Success and Positive Video Reporting.

Foster Gaddis, serves as the Polemarch of the Huntsville Alumni Chapter, while Melvin McCann is the Chapter's Guide

Right Director.

Almost 60 "Distinguished Gentleman" of the Huntsville Kappa League and Kappa Knights participated in the Guide Right Program during 2021-2022. Moreover, an Inspirational Challenge was given by Master Cameron Cummings, the outgoing President of the Huntsville Kappa League. Incoming

President, Master JiHad El-Amin, spoke about the Huntsville Kappa League's Journey Ahead and where he expects to lead the organization in 2022-2023.

Awards and Recognitions were given to all graduating seniors, all honor roll students in the categories of 3.0 - 3.9 GPA, and 4.0 GPA and above.

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Lakeside Sponsoring Juneteenth Freedom Festival

The Lakeside United Methodist Church Family (Dr. Randy B. Kelley, senior pastor) will hold its Juneteenth Freedom Festival on Saturday, June 18, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

The church is located at 3738 Meridian Street N, Huntsville, Ala., only a few blocks south of Alabama A&M University.

The event will feature a talent contest; essay and poster contest; cash prizes; free clothing; free food; gift packages; free children's books and games; voter registration; health information; availability of social service agencies; and other vendors.

The Tennessee Valley and beyond is welcome. Bring the family, along with plenty of lawn chairs!

Washington in One Minute



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

1. **ON THE FLOOR.** The House and Senate are in session this week. On Sunday, Senators Murphy (D-CT) and Cornyn (R-TX) announced that a bipartisan group of senators had reached a deal on gun control legislation. The bill (which has not yet been written) will include: (1) resources for states to implement red flag laws to keep firearms away from people deemed a risk to themselves or others; (2) a more rigorous background check process for people aged 18 to 21, with enhanced review that includes contacting state and local law enforcement for criminal records that could be disqualifying, and to appropriate state organizations for mental health information that could impact the decision; (3) increased requirements for who must register as a federally licensed firearm dealer for the purposes of conducting background checks; (4) new penalties on straw purchasing of firearms to improve prosecution of traffickers; and (5) a provision to address the so-called "boyfriend loophole" on domestic violence, meant to cover stalkers and current or former dating partners. The House, among other items this week, will take up the Ocean Shipping Reform Act and the Lower Food and Fuel Costs Act, which would create a permanent waiver for the sale of E15 gasoline (15% ethanol) during the summer and establish a USDA loan program to encourage new meat processors and expand slaughter capacity. The House will also

debate the Financial Services Racial Equity, Inclusion, and Economic Justice Act, which would require the Federal Reserve to carry out its duties in a manner that supports the elimination of racial and ethnic disparities in employment, income, wealth, and access to affordable credit.

2. **THE WHITE HOUSE.** The White House was expected to announce Monday President Biden's travel in July to Israel and Saudi Arabia, to include a meeting with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman. On Tuesday, the President traveled to Philadelphia to speak at the AFL-CIO Convention ... Last week, Politico reported that the Biden Administration had scrapped President Trump's plan to change the paint design of the next generation of Air Force One-designated Boeing 747-800s ...

3. **FED MEETING.** This Tuesday and Wednesday, the Federal Reserve's Federal Open Market Committee met and was expected to raise the federal funds target rate range by a half percentage point, but there was some speculation that Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell could announce a more aggressive pace of future rate hikes at a press conference on Wednesday in view of Friday's report that the May consumer price index rose 8.6% year-over-year, its highest level since 1981, causing a steep drop in financial markets with the Dow down 880 points last Friday.

4. **FY2023 APPROPRIATIONS.** On Wednesday, the House Appropriations Committee began its subcommittee (and full committee) markups

for the 12 Fiscal Year 2023 appropriations bills, starting with the Defense, Legislative Branch, Military Construction, and Agriculture appropriations bills. The markups will conclude on Thursday, June 30.

5. **JANUARY 6 COMMITTEE HEARINGS.** On Monday, the House January 6 Select Committee held its 2nd hearing, focusing on the effort by the Trump Administration to spread false information about the 2020 presidential election – with former Trump campaign manager Bill Stepien and former Fox News staffer Chris Stirewalt as witnesses. Hearing #3 on Wednesday (June 15) discussed the alleged plot to influence and possibly replace the U.S. Attorney General to further false election claims – with witnesses former Acting Attorney General Jeffrey Rosen and other former Justice Department officials. It has been reported that the committee may hold a 4th hearing with former chief counsel to Vice President Pence, Greg Jacob, as a witness.

6. **SUPREME COURT.** On Monday and Wednesday, the Supreme Court was scheduled to issue opinions from its current docket, with many big decisions – such as the Mississippi abortion case – still to be announced. In related news, The Washington Post reported that a 26-year-old Simi Valley, California, man, who arrived outside Justice Kavanaugh's home in Maryland last Wednesday morning with a gun in his luggage, was charged by federal law enforcement officials with attempted murder and remains detained pending further court proceedings. The man, Nicholas Roske, called 911 to turn himself in after seeing 2 deputy U.S. marshals outside the justice's home and reportedly was upset by the leaked draft of an opinion to overturn Roe v. Wade and a belief that Justice Kavanaugh would side with 2nd Amendment decisions that would loosen gun control laws.

7. **HIGHER EDUCATION.** More than a dozen tech, com-

munity college and online university leaders are urging lawmakers to remove a proposal in the final Bipartisan Innovation Act that would exclude students enrolled in online education programs from accessing short-term Pell grants. In a June 13th letter to congressional leadership, college leaders and the Skills First Coalition, led by IBM, argued the exclusion would largely block adult students from accessing the financial aid for programs as short as eight weeks. They cited barriers to education for working adult students, including inadequate child care and time constraints. Under the House-

passed America COMPETES Act, online-only programs and for-profit institutions are ineligible for short-term Pell grants. The group wrote they were in agreement with protections to support quality programs but said leaving online programs out denies access to a significant population of students who must receive the skills needed to be able to contribute to the workforce and improve their lives.

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June 17
The Orion Amphitheater
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7:30-11 p.m.

June 16
The Black Crowes
Presenting:
“Shake Your Money
Maker”

7:30 a.m.

Movie Night in the Lohman Planetarium: “Apollo 13”
Lowell and Nancy Lohman Family Planetarium
Museum of Arts & Sciences
Huntsville Museum of Art
7-10 p.m.

Limited Seating Available


June 17-18
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June 23
Greene Street Market
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June 24
Movies in the Park
Alabama Constitution Hall Park
7:30 a.m.

JUNE 17 - KENDRICK LAMAR - Lamar has received many accolades over the course of his career, including thirteen Grammy Awards. In early 2013, MTV named him the “Hottest MC in the Game”, on their annual list. Time named him one of the 100 most influential people in the world in 2016. In 2018, Damn became the first non-classical and non-jazz album to be awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Music. *-BlackCelebrityBirthdays.com*



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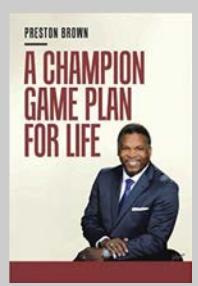
“WHEN I THINK ABOUT MY FATHER”

Colossians 3: 16 says, “Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.”
When I read this scripture, it reminds me of my father, Pastor John M. Brown, who passed away 11 years ago. My father was a great man of God. He also had a beautiful voice. I can remember him every morning waking us up to the sounds of hymns



and songs. So the gift of song is one of the things that he passed down to me, as well as my brothers and my sister.
As we honor Father’s Day, I wanted to reflect

on some of the things that fathers should pass down to their children. Keep in mind, nobody is perfect. However, we should all be striving towards perfection.
Now, the first thing my father passed down to me was his faith in God. He assured me that no matter what I was going through, to not let my faith waiver. All I needed to do was believe that with God all things are possible.
Fathers should also pass down God’s standards of excellence to live by. In other words, what you will do and what you won’t do, what you will say and what you won’t say around people, or what you will watch on television and social media or what



you won’t watch, because God has a standard that He wants us to live by. So, fathers should let their children know what is acceptable but, most importantly, what is *not* acceptable.
Finally, fathers need to pass down character. We must be men of character who will stand up for God in their homes. In 1 Timothy 6:11, it reads: “But you man of God pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.”
When I think about my father, I think about these wonderful things that he left me. Now I have an excellent example to follow ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters, and make sure you purchase a copy of my book, “A Champion Game Plan For Life,” at amazon.com

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Funeral service for MR. JUSTIN TYLER (b. 1979) will be Saturday, June 18, at 2 p.m. at the House of Hope and Restoration (2525 Aspen Avenue - Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Jarman Leatherwood officiating.

Funeral service for MR. KENNETH R. KING (b. 1958) was held Monday, June 13, at Saint Andrew Primitive Baptist Church with Reverend Raynard Allen officiating.

Funeral service for MS. LILLIE R. CARR (b. 1953) was held Saturday, May 21, at Pentecostal Lighthouse Church with Elder Reginal Burrell officiating.

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Funeral service for MS. AUBRIA SIMONE VAUGHN (b. 1993) will be 1 p.m., Saturday, June 18, at the St. James #2 Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (2950 Jeff Road, Harvest, Ala.) with Pastor Byron McGlathery officiating.

Memorial service for MR. JESSE JOHNSON III (b. 1958) will be 11 a.m., Friday, June 17, at The Rock Family Worship Center (3401 Holmes Avenue NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Rusty Nelson officiating.

Funeral service for MASTER MESSIAH LATREY HOBBS (b. 2012) was held Saturday, June 11, at Lakewood Baptist Church, 2101 Mastin Lake Road, Huntsville, Ala., with Pastor Phil Ford officiating.

Funeral service for DEACON CHARLES ALFRED CURRY (b. 1946) was held Tuesday, June 7, at the First Missionary Baptist Church (3509 Blue Spring Road NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Dr. Don Darius Butler officiating and Dr. Julius R. Scruggs as eulogist.

Funeral service for MR. DAVID HURT (b. 1948) was held Saturday, June 4, at Keilah Primitive Baptist Church (213 Winchester Road NE, Huntsville, Ala.).

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Funeral service for MR. ROY LEE BROWN (b. 1956) was held Saturday, June 4, at Serenity Funeral Home.



Huntsville Utilities Wins at TVA Lineman Rodeo

Linemen from Huntsville Utilities' Electric Department recently participated in the annual Tennessee Valley Lineman Rodeo held in Sevierville, Tennessee. The activity was sponsored by the Tennessee Valley Public Power Association.

The annual rodeo is a two-day competitive event for linemen which feature vari-

ous competition categories for local power companies that purchase electricity from the Tennessee Valley Authority.

During the June 3-4 event, Huntsville Utilities' Rodeo Team earned six awards.

Shawn Blomgren placed 3rd in Fuse Replacement for the Senior Division. Todd Payne earned 1st place in

the Overall Senior Lineman Competition, as well as 2nd place in Fuse Cutout Relocation - Senior Division.

Huntsville Utilities' Rodeo Team, comprised of Cole Border, Adam Thomas and Colby Lipham, earned three 1st place awards: Team Obstacle Course, Team Hurtman Rescue and Best Overall Team Competition.

Huntsville City Council Meetings

Huntsville 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 5:30 p.m., Downtown Huntsville. Watch the meetings live via HuntsvilleAL.gov/HS-VTV or on the City of Huntsville Facebook page (@huntsvillecity).



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The “Return” of Coco Gauff

“We are cracked and chipped from our afflictions on all sides, but we are not crushed by them. We are bewildered at times, but we do not give in to despair.” - 2 Corinthians 4:8

We have often observed that some of our biggest defeats happen typically after our biggest victories.

But can it also be true that our biggest victories will come as a result of learning from our biggest defeats?

That’s the plan according to rising tennis star Coco Gauff, the most recent French Open semi-finalist.

While Gauff was disappointed initially following her loss to the eventual French Open winner Iga Swiatek, the 18-year-old then pivoted to planning for her next encounter against this top-ranked woman.

As she intimated in her interview, Coco Gauff looks forward to next time after French Open loss - KSTP.com Eyewitness News, Gauff’s earlier successes came from focussing on an upper level, then practicing to reach it.

Now having seen Swiatek’s level of No. 1 world ranking and 35 straight match victories, “I know what I have to do, . . . I’m sure I’m going to play her in another final and, hopefully, it’s a different result.”

“A different result” is what the Apostle Paul was preparing the new Corinthian Christians for in the above Bible text. They had been in heated verbal and sometimes physical conflicts with their countrymen who refused to accept this newfound Christianity.

Paul encouraged them not to despair or to give in. Instead, he exhorted them to look up, see, and try to reach that next level of their faith: become more like Jesus Christ. Pursuing Christlikeness would become their pathway to the top.

Likewise, Gauff said she would now view her loss to Swiatek less as a defeat, but now more as a sneak preview into how to prepare for and succeed at that next level.

We should all be so aware of how to view our setbacks - not as stumbling blocks, but as stepping stones to our next levels of success.

- tim allston



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Once Again

Psalm 23:3; 71:20-22

Part of what it means that God is Sovereign is not only that He is in complete control of what He is doing and answers to no one for what He does and/or allows, but also that His reasons for doing it is related to His Name; His reputation. That means whatever condition of seeming defeat that believers find themselves in, it



will be temporary because God will always protect His name. That means that a once again is always possible for a child of God.

In the case of the Psalmist, he acknowledged that God had allowed him to suffer much hardship. That is the vernacular of one who understood the Sovereignty of God. He recognized that the suffering he had experienced was only possible because God had allowed it. He did not feel that his present condition was permanent. He knew that God would restore his life and because he had fallen, God would also recalculate a lift and restore him to even greater honor and comfort.

The Psalmist also knew



"Singing Windows" - Tuskegee University

Jerome Saintjores

that his experience would serve as the catalyst for some laudable lyrics of praise that would flow from his heart and soul. Not only would he compose new

songs, he had vowed to sing them.

If as you are reading this, you are in a season of suffering, the promise is that you are being trans-

formed, transitioned, and trained for what is ahead. Keep saying to yourself, once again.

This Sunday's Lectionary



Sunday, June 19, 2022

Second Sunday
After Pentecost

(Track 2 - Year C)

Isaiah 65:1-9

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39

Psalm 22:18-27

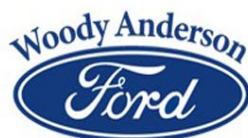


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Dr. Razi Hassan

Dr. Razi (Bobby Blockum) Hassan is a native of Birmingham, Ala., where he was educated in the public school system before pursuing his postsecondary education in chemistry and mathematics at Knoxville College (Tenn.). He studied physical chemistry at Princeton University before eventually settling at New York University, where he earned the Ph.D. degree in theoretical chemistry.

Hassan devoted some 25 years as community organizer with the Student NonViolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), registering African-American voters in Arkansas and Mississippi in the mid-1960s. During those eventful years, he also helped to organize a credit union and school for dropouts in Trenton, N.J. At the onset of the 1970s, Hassan organized food co-ops, a community literacy program and another school for high school dropouts as part of this service at the Harlem Mosque in New York. Moreover, from 1990-97, he was counselor, GED instructor and Imam (minister) at Limestone Correctional Facility



in Alabama. Hassan concurrently directed a tutorial center for mathematics and chemistry in Huntsville, Ala., from 1993-98. The educator has been affiliated with Alabama A&M University for nearly 25 years, primarily as an associate professor of chemistry at Alabama A&M University and director of the chemistry and mathematics tutorial center.

In 2004, Hassan led a team of AAMU students on a NASA-sponsored rocket launch competition in Manchester, Tenn. However, the goal at that time was two miles (more than 10,000 feet). A Proteus rocket, fondly named "Butch" after the school mascot, reached 1.8 miles, falling short of rival

UAH, which achieved 1.9 miles. However, the UAH rocket was not successfully retrieved. This led toward an overall win by the AAMU team.

Additionally, Hassan has managed numerous government programs with aggregate budgets exceeding \$12 million in his capacity as a project director or codirector, coordinator, budget manager or principal investigator.

His numerous affiliations include American Chemical Society; an advocate for the homeless through the First Stop organization; National Conference For Community Justice (NCCJ); Board Member; Interfaith Mission Service (IMS); leader of a local mosque; Assistant Iman, W.D. Muhammad Muslim Center; advisor, Muslim Students Association of Alabama A&M University; and advisor, Future Physicians Society.

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