

Governor Visits the Tennessee Valley



Alabama Governor Kay Ivey visited Huntsville Wednesday, August 16, to continue her "Listen, Learn, Help, & Lead Tour." Through the tour, the Governor aimed to learn the needs of the community with site visits and a roundtable discussion with local government and business leaders.

Among the agenda stops for that day were the following:

8:30 a.m.—Hudson-Alpha Institute for Biotechnology (601 Genome Way NW). Governor Ivey toured HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology, which has created one of the world's first end-toend genomic medicine programs to diagnose rare diseases. The Institute is located in the second largest research park in the country.

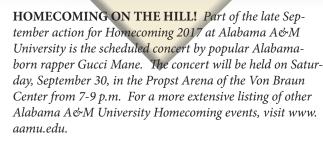
9:15 a.m.—Rocket City Tavern (2100 Rideout Road). Governor Ivey gave remarks at a ribbon cutting ceremony for Redstone Arsenal Gate #9 at the Rocket City Tavern.

11 a.m.—SES West tour and media availability to follow (248 Dunlop Blvd. SW). Governor Ivey toured Science and Engineering Services, Inc. SES has over 1,000 employees and of those, 48% are former military.

Following the Governor's tour of SES, she answered questions from the media.

2:40 p.m.—Huntsville/ Madison County Chamber- 12:40 (roundtable discussion) 225 Church St. NW, Huntsville, AL 35801

The Governor began the roundtable discussion which was open to media for the first few minutes. The roundtable was held at the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber.





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Huntsville Among Top Spots for Nature Lovers

Huntsville listed with the nation's state-by-state best breath-easy, nature-loving settings

According to Lily Rogers, a Southern California-based writer, editor, and traveler penning for Expedia.com, of the many reasons to feel blessed, the ample natural beauty to be found in each U.S. state "is

up there with the best."

Wild environs challenge us and offer an opportunity for one to step outside one's comfort zones, but they also offer reasons to "feel awe, solace, joy, and wonder."

After looking throughout the country to find the best places to access nature's gifts in every state, from majestic mountains to noble forests to serene lakes, Rogers also considered access to state and national parks, diverse landscapes, adventure activities, and a general appreciation for all things outdoors.

Rogers called the 50 places, broken up by region, "must-sees" for anyone craving a slice of the peaceful life.

Moreover, the grandeur of nature, as Rogers refers to it, is "the best medicine" for the daily grind.

Huntsville was listed because of the Huntsville

Botanical Garden and its seasonal events and "meandering trails" though multiple gardens from perennial plots to vegetable rows. Nearby nature preserves, Monte Sano and Hays Nature Preserve are nice accompaniments to a visit to this peaceful space. Also noted was the Wade Mountain Nature Preserve Trail System, which includes hiking, biking, water trails, motor routes, and equestrian paths.

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Washington in a Minute



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

- 1. The House and Senate are in recess until September 5.
- 2. On Sunday, President Trump returned to the White House from his golf resort in Bedminster, N.J. Monday night, he addressed the nation at 9 p.m. EDT from Joint Base Myer/Henderson Hall in Arlington, Va., to outline the path forward in Afghanistan. On Tuesday, he hosted a rally in Phoenix, Ariz .-- despite pleas from Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton and others to cancel the event. It has been reported that at the event the President may announce a pardon for controversial former Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio (convicted in July of criminal contempt for ignoring a judge's order to stop detaining suspected
- undocumented immigrants). 3. On Sunday, U.S., Canadian, and Mexican negotiators wrapped up the first round of talks in D.C. aimed at modernizing the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). Issues that were discussed included Canadian and Mexican demands for more access to U.S. public works projects and government procurement, digital trade, cross-border investment, intellectual property and environmental issues. US Trade Representative Robert

Lighthizer reportedly is seek-

"substantial U.S. content" for autos. The next round will be held in Mexico City on September 1-5 (7 rounds are

4. Sunday's Washington Post reported that the Trump Administration will disband a key federal advisory panel on climate change at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The 15-member Advisory Committee for the Sustained National Climate Assessment, which expired on Sunday, had been charged with translating findings from

ing new measures to ensure

expected through December).

the National Climate Assessment into concrete guidance for public and private-sector officials.

5. On Friday, August 18, the U.S. Department of Education's Office of

> Postsecondary Education will publish in the Federal Register an Announcement of

applicable dates; requests for comments under Program Integrity: Gainful Employment. Deadline for comments will be 30 days date of publication in the Federal Register - September 18, 2017. The deadline to submit a notice of intent to file an alternate earnings appeal is October 6. The deadline to file an alternate earnings appeal is February 1, 2018. Here is the webpage link to the unpublished Federal Register Public Inspection List Document that was released this morning at 8:45amhttps:// s3.amazonaws.com/publicinspection.federalregister. gov/2017-17423.pdf.

- 6. Schools like Robert E. Lee Elementary in Dallas, Tex., and Stonewall Jackson High School in Manassas, Va., may get new names this fall. School officials nationwide are hearing calls from their communities to re-examine how they memorialize Confederate war figures in the anguished aftermath of the white supremacist demonstrations in Charlottesville, Va. Renaming the schools will likely be a focus of upcoming school board meetings, even as President Donald Trump says "it's foolish" to take down monuments, or to erase names that are a part of American history.
- 7. The Hill newspaper reported that the Republican National Committee raised \$10.2 million in July, soundly beating the Democrat National Committee's total of \$3.8 million. To date this year, the GOP has raised \$86.5 million, while the DNC raised about \$42 million. The GOP also has an advantage in cash on hand — \$47.1 million to \$6.9 million.
- 8. The first people in the country Monday to see the total solar eclipse were along

the coast of Oregon, where the moon started to block out the sun around 9:04 a.m. PDT and completely covered the sun by 10:17 a.m. PDT. From start to finish, the eclipse runs about 4 hours and ends on the South Carolina Coast at 4:09 p.m. EDT. The entire solar eclipse was available for viewing at Space.com, courtesy of

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Champion Game Plan for Life by Preston Brown

In Luke 5:5 Simon, who is later called Peter, says: "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so I will let down the nets." When Jesus saw Peter fishing, he saw potential in Peter to do greater things. He saw that he could be a fisher of men. But there was a process that he and the disciples would have to go through. You see, one of the ways we realize our full potential is through our process. The little things that we

do every day that help us

prepare for the great things that God wants to do in our lives. Our process reveals our potential, especially when it is tied to a purpose. For example, if

you are training to run a marathon, there is a process that you have to go through that will help you realize your full potential. Our spiritual journey requires a process, as well. And that process involves

reading God's word, daily

prayer and meditation, as

well as fellowshipping with other believers. Anything in life worth doing has a process of how things should be done in order for us to realize the

full potential that is inside of us. All we need to do is apply our potential to the right purpose. And, that purpose is whatever God has gifted you to do. Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters.

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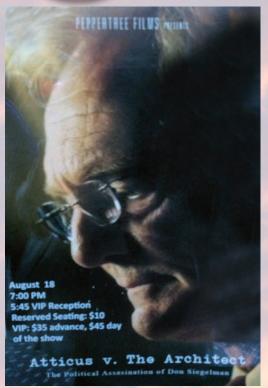
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Alabama A&M University Honoring 30 Consecutive Years of Service and 2016-17 Retirees Tuesday, August 15, 2017



AAMU 2016-17 Retirees: Seated: Dr. Helen Gabre, Dr. Juarine Stewart, Dr. Delores Price, Jeanette Dancy, Dr. Thelma Townsend, Karol Hersey, and Marion Draper. Standing: Dr. Teshome Gabre, President Andrew Hugine, Jr., and Eugene Tasie. (Photo by J. Saintjones)



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SCLC Hosts Gospel Theater of B'ham





The Huntsville Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference hosted its debut fundraiser at Lee High School's Theatre on August 19, featuring the Gospel Theatre of Birmingham. "Don't Let This Harvest Pass was featured at a 2 p.m. matinee and at 6 p.m. in the evening. The local chapter of the SCLC is lead by President Gregory J. Bentley, pastor of Fellowship Presbyterian Church.

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AAMU Football Team Worships at The Fellowship of Faith Church Sunday, August 20, 2017

Picnic followed with Fellowship, Fun, Food, Board Games, Music, Horseback Riding









August 25 - ALTHEA GIBSON - Born on August 25, 1927, Althea Gibson became the first Black American Wimbledon tennis champion and the first African-American to win a Grand Slam event (French Open).



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Viewing for Ms. Charlotte M. Osterman (b. 1951) will be held

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Home (2501 Carmichael Avenue NW - Huntsville, Ala.).

Funeral service for Mrs. Doris G. Douglas (b. 1927) was held Saturday, August 19, at St. James



Primitive **Baptist** Church (1093 Fairbanks Street NW - Hunts-

ville, Ala.) with Pastor Billy Jones officiating.

Funeral service for Ms.

Jeanette Ford (b. 1958)was Saturday, August 19, at the St. Mark **Baptist**

Church



(6475 Moores Mill Road - Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Jeremiah Chester officiating and the Reverend Cornell Martin as eulogist.

Funeral service for Mrs. Edrina Green Pope was Sunday, August 13, at Progressive Union Missionary Baptist Church with Dr. Wayne P. Snodgrass officiating.

> - Nelms Memorial Funeral Home

Valley Scopes by Melissa Wilson/Seloma

Aries

What you ultimately want could be creating some extra concern when it comes to what's going on, presently, in your relationship department. But as long as you can continue to openly express your individualism, conflict will, fortunately, be kept to a minimum while Uranus squares Ceres.

Aquarius

Bye-bye, monotony. Mars'

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trine with Uranus places repetitive tasks on hold, since there's little allure in any of that now. Therefore, you're likely to disregard anything related to bland procedure and to be well on your way to taking an action-packed chance on something.

Cancer

Jupiter is at a sextile with Saturn, and you're lucky enough

Huntsville Actors Featured in Film Festival

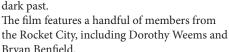
By Reggie Allen

(Photo courtesy of Dorothy Weems)

The Atoning will be showcased at the Sidewalk Film Festival in Birmingham on Aug. 26. The film will be shown in the Alabama School of Fine Arts lecture hall at 10:20 p.m. The film is one of 250+ films shown at the popular film festival, which runs from Aug.22-26.

Directed and written by Michael Williams, the Atoning is 84-minute horror-thriller that stars Virginia Newcomb and Michael LaCour as Vera and James, a married couple trying to protect their son Sam (Cannon Basarge) from demonic spirits

haunting their home. But the supernatural isn't the only thing that torments the family of three. They must also combat the demons from within and unearth the secrets of their



"The audience should expect not only some scares and bumps and jumps, but also a thinking person's horror film about what is beyond the bumps and the jumps," said Weems, who plays Charon Lilith, a mysterious yet pivotal character in the film. "The human experience of normal people out on the edge. It's a mystery and a revelation all at once, with astounding performances and exquisite cinematography."

Weems was unable to give too many details, but the actress said the film isn't all horror. The film has a lot of heart and takeaway messages.

"I love doing drama, and "The Atoning" is a horror/supernatural thriller with a lot of drama, although there are heartwarming moments and ironic humorous touches."

While Williams [Director] has worked on various projects, The Atoning is his second feature film. In 2014, he made his directorial debut with OzLand, a horror-thriller based on the L. Frank Baum classic "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz." The film debuted at the Oxford Film Festival in February. Since its release, the supernatural thriller has raked in multiple accolades, including Best Home Grown at the Magnolia Film Festival and Best Feature at the Azalea Film Festival.

to be on the verge of branching out in some way, shape, or form due to a choice that you've made and the talents that you possess.

Capricorn

Mercury is in conjunction with Mars and your level of confidence is something that you're able to embrace, as you delve into someone elses' thought processes and obtain answers about motives of someone who you've recently had dealings.

Gemini

With Mercury going direct and Mars entering Virgo, you'll likely be putting your efforts toward some new goal, with an awakened sense of strength as you set out to execute a few plans. It may be hard not to complain, if others aren't keeping up.

Mercury's trine with Ura-

nus means that prospects are exceptionally high for a destiny-rigged meeting--an invigorating one, at best.

Libra

Jupiter is opposite Uranus, and you are open to learning without mental restriction or biases, as long as you can do it, on your time, your way.

Pisces

The sun enters Libra, by the 22nd and likely will find you attempting to seek some type of positively impartial, middle ground, in a specific area of your life.

Sagittarius

With the Saturn trine, of Uranus, you are likely, savoring what could be considered improved life-path matters, be it mentally or physically.

Scorpio

Mars trine with Saturn, is

accenting predictability, along with your survival skills; both elements that are likely to make a positive difference for you, at present.

Taurus

Around September 10, the moon, in your sign, is apt to illuminate, or draw attention to, your emotions and may find you ready to reveal your innermost needs during a special event.

Virgo

With the sun opposite idyllic Neptune, the issues that you face, internally, are likely fueling your impulsive mood.

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August 24 AAMU ROTC **Bulldog Battalion** Welcome Back Ceremony Knight Center 3:30 p.m.

August 30-31 DoD Workshop: "Taking the Pentagon to the People" Oakwood University

August 31-September 3 Comedian Don "DC" Curry Stand Up Live Comedy Club

> September 1 Concerts on the Dock Lowe Mill 6-9 p.m.

September 3 Annual Caribbean Day at the Park 11 a.m.-7 p.m. (256) 213-1575

September 10 Native Tree Identification

(6-week series) Huntsville Botanical Garden Guest Center - \$5 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Grandparents' Day Celebration EarlyWorks Children's Museum Tickets: \$35 adults; \$15 Children. Museum Will Be Open RiahRose Home for Children (256) 489-4358 1:30 p.m.

September 14

"2017 Speakers Series for the Village of Promise" Speaker: Ruby Payne, Ph.D. Von Braun Center-North Hall Downtown Huntsville 11:30 a.m.

September 23

The Madison Academy Finish Line Club First Annual Car & Truck Show Madison Academy 325 Slaughter Road



2017 Belles and Beaus Ball at the US Space and Rocket Center on August 19: Huntsville City Councilman Devyn Keith and 2017 American Cancer Society Belle awardee Mrs. Lisa Williams.



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