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"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter ..." - Martin Luther King, Jr.

U.S. Space and Rocket Center Will Highlight World's Best Inventions

The U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Ala., will exhibit the "101 Inventions that Changed the World" from February 1-March 15.

The exhibit will be held from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Center, located at One Tranquility Base. It will explore the turning points in human history, from the invention of Stone Age tools to the Internet.

There is an admission fee. For

additional information, call (256) 837-3400.



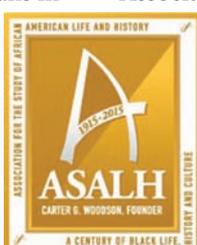
2015 Black History Month Theme Reflects Century of Accomplishments

Over the past century, African American life, history, and culture have become major forces in the United States and the world.

In 1915, few could have imagined that African Americans in music, art, and literature would become appreciated by the global community. Fewer still could have predicted the prominence achieved by African Americans, as well as other people of African descent, in shaping world politics, war, and diplomacy ...

This transformation is the result of effort, not chance ... While the spotlight often shines on individuals, this movement is the product of organization, of institutions and institution-build-

ers who gave direction to effort ... At the dawn of these strivings and at all points along the road, the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, now the Association for the Study of Af-



rican American Life and History (ASALH) has played a vital role. When he founded the Association in 1915, Carter G. Woodson labored under the belief that historical truth would crush falsehoods and usher in a

new era of equality, opportunity, and racial democracy, and it has been its charge for a century. In honor of this milestone, ASALH has selected "A Century of Black Life, History, and Culture" as the 2015 National Black History theme. - ASALH

VBC Site of Boat Show

A three-day boat show will be held at the Von Braun Center South Hall from Friday, January 16, through Sunday, January 18.

According to organizers, "the South Hall will be lined with boats, trailers, exhibits, personal watercraft and merchandise booths from local outdoors stores." Show hours will be Friday (12 noon-9 p.m.); Saturday (10 a.m.-9 p.m.); and Sunday (11 a.m.-5 p.m.). There is an admission fee. For additional information, call (256) 533-1953.

Organization Seeking "Angels"

The Rho Chi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., presents its 25th Angel Pageant Information Meeting and Registration January 11 and 25 at 3 p.m. at Calhoun Community College's Huntsville campus, located at 102 Wynn Drive.

"Angels" ranging from four years old to the 8th grade will have an opportunity to participate in workshops, a fashion and talent extravaganza, Mommy and Me Event, community service project, Father and Daughter Tea, and other activities.



The activities will begin on January 31 and conclude on April 25. For additional information about the program, contact Gail Gandy at (256) 509-3107; Katrina Hale, (404) 290-9661; Lawanda Reynolds, (256) 337-2740 or Robin Miller, (256) 656-7703.

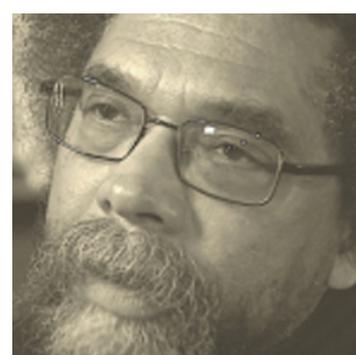
Cornell West to Address Economic Inequality Online

The Valley's Church of the Nativity (Episcopal) Announces Free Online Class Through ChurchNext!

The Huntsville-based Church of the Nativity, Episcopal, has announced the availability of another free class from ChurchNext! scheduled from Sunday, January 11, 2015, 12 a.m. CST until Wednesday, January 21, 2015, 11:30 p.m. CST.

Cornell West, prominent intellectual, author, and cultural critic, will teach an online course on economic inequality ("Called to Common Good: Economic Inequality and what Christians Can Do About It").

Here is an opportunity to learn about one of the most pervasive problems in the United



States from one of the most thought-provoking teachers of our time.

The online course derives from the Trinity Institute's 2015 "Creating Common Good" confer-

ence on economic inequality and is offered through ChurchNext, a leader in online Christian education.

The class, a series of video lectures and discussions, can be taken anytime between January 11-21. No special software is required. It will take an average learner about 45 minutes to complete. Registration is free and open worldwide.

Input the link below to learn more or to register for the class: <https://www.churchnext.tv/school/catalog/course/called-to-common-good-with-cornell-west/>

- Jerome Saintjones

Local HBCU Continues to Push New Cultural Studies Program

A new degree program at Alabama A&M University is designed to give students the tools needed to fill positions sought by business and federal sectors.

Initially, the new Bachelor of Arts degree program in cultural studies will focus entirely on its Middle East concentration. The concentration will delve into an understanding of the culture and literature of the region against the background of historical and social change.

Students will take four semesters of Farsi language common in Iran and other surrounding countries. They will also complete courses in literature, media, politics and geography of the Middle East.

But as the cultural studies program develops within the up-

coming semesters, it is expected to expand to include concentrations in African American culture and literature, as well as Latin American culture and literature, says Dr. Jonaid Sharif, Chair of AAMU's Department of English and Foreign Languages.

"This program offers students flexibility, some freedom of choice and a unique opportunity to complete their courses of study on time," adds Dr. Sharif. "The cultural studies program is not only about academics, but it will provide internships, film viewings, open houses and even immersion in the respective communities of a particular concentration."

The overall degree program requires 50 credits of general education courses, 24 credits of

cultural studies major course work, 27 credit hours of concentration courses, and 24 credit hours of electives.

Among the major requirements are such classes as Film and Culture (HUM 301), Cultural Anthropology (SOC 334), International Business (MGT 458), African American Literature (ENG 404), Post-Colonial Theory and Literature (ENG 420), and other courses.

The Middle Eastern concentration, in particular, will provide students the course work important to such entities as the U.S. State Department, Defense-related agencies and businesses requiring some Middle East knowledge and/or experience.

Researcher Gets Grant from DHS

Two Alabama A&M University professors have received a \$600,000 award from the nation's Department of Homeland Security to assist in the detection and identification of explosive materials.

The principal investigator for the project is Dr. Aschalew Kassu (pictured), an assistant professor in the Department of Engineering, Construction Management and Industrial Technology. Dr. Anup Sharma, professor of physics, is the project's Co-PI.

The project also will provide an opportunity for AAMU to procure needed equipment and supplies necessary to advance existing research capabilities, as well as involve science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) undergraduate students in research.

The professors say the DHS grant will boost "current ef-



orts in mentoring, educating, building a well-rounded research capability," as well as provide scholarships for up to 10 STEM students.

Concerned about the Impact of Social Media?

JOIN THE MOVEMENT!

Social Media Solutions is proud to announce a Social Media conference for adults. Parents, grandparents, P-12 school faculty and administrators, youth organization sponsors, pastors, youth ministry leaders and all other concerned adults are encouraged to attend.

The conference will focus on inappropriate use of technology, and how it has impacted our tweens, teens, and young adults.

Facilitators will lead heartfelt discussions and solutions that address cyberbullying, homicide, suicide, ruined reputations, ruined relationships, texting,

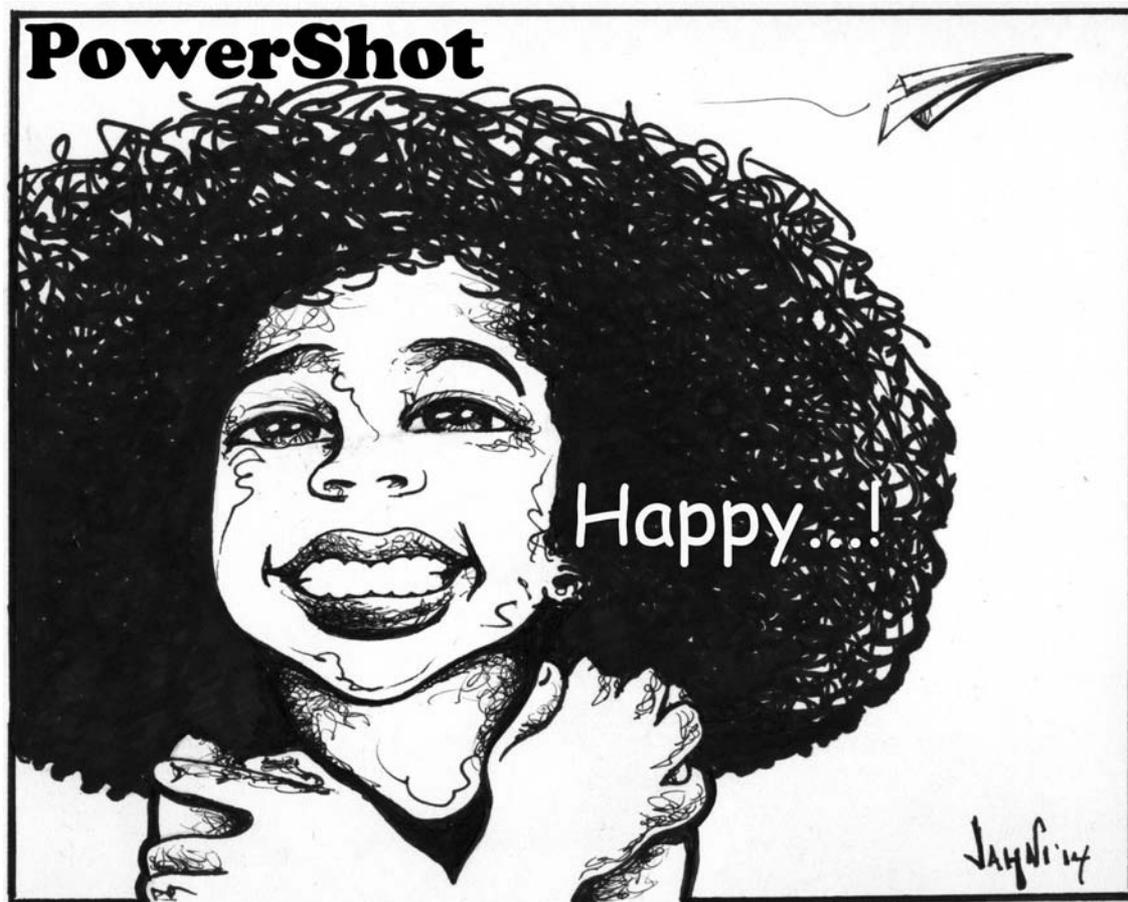
sexting and the impact of social media misuse on college and career opportunities.

The conference will be held Saturday, January 10, at Charger Union Theater on the University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH) campus at 12 noon. Registration fee is only \$5.

For more information or to register, visit the website at socialmeidasolutions.info or email Social Media Solutions at social-mediasolutions11@gmail.com.

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From the Editor



"Oft times we live our lives based on the opinion and perception of others. We need to live our lives based on the revelation of God's word; we are who the Word says we are. Therefore, we must see ourselves as God sees us."
- Pastor Troy Garner

Happy New Year! Like many of you, we had the opportunity to move around town during the past week. On Wednesday, December 31st, Kenneth Anderson's Maximum Life Enhancement hosted a Jazz Celebration at the Huntsville Museum of Art for the Jack & Annie Anderson 2nd Chance Endowed Scholarship Fund at Calhoun Community College. That same evening, a huge crowd was downtown at Big Spring Park for the Huntsville's New Year's Eve Celebration. AMC's Commander General and Mrs. Dennis Via hosted a 2015 AMC New Year's Reception on Sunday, January 4, 2015. The fellowship, food and friends were enjoyed at each of our stops. See the photo recaps on pages 4 and 5. Ah, a new year with new opportunities!

I am pleased to share my space with Pastor-Teacher Troy Garner this week with a New Year's Challenge entitled "You are an Overcomer." According to Garner:

"As believers we must understand the revelation and realization of who we are in Christ. An overcomer is someone who overcame adversity, trials, odds, tribulations, disappointments, pain, fear, hurt, and temptation. You are an Overcomer! I love the passages of scripture; John 16:33; 1 John 4:4; 1 John 5:4,5; and Revelation 12:11 that reveal our true identity. We are overcomers! We are conquerors! Oft times we live our lives based on the opinion and perception of others. We need to live our lives based on the revelation of God's word; we are who the Word says we are. Therefore, we must see ourselves as God sees us. We must see ourselves through the lenses of scripture. The World may label you as a loser, but to God you an overcomer. We are not victims; we are victors. There are many believers who feel defeated, think defeated, talk defeated, but as believers, we must understand that we walk by faith and not by sight.

As believers, we can't allow the circumstances of life to shape who we are. In 2014 you may have had some challenges but in 2015 your testimony is that you are more than a conqueror! You are an overcomer! Obstacles are opportunities, Romans 8:28. Problems are simply the pathway to his promises. Aren't you glad, you don't look like what you went through in 2014? I do not ascribe to luck, I believe in the blessings of God. I do not ascribe to fate, I walk by faith. We must change our perspective--a glass is always half full & not half empty. This is not simply positive thinking, this is kingdom living. You are an overcomer! My prayer for you in 2015 is that you receive all God has for you. (Pastor-Teacher Troy Garner of The Fellowship of Faith Church).

Until next week,

Dorothy

New Year's Eve Celebrations Around the Valley!

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Huntsville to Showcase Europe's Golden Age of Painting

Rembrandt, Rubens, Gainsborough and the Golden Age of Painting in Europe

February 15 – April 26, 2015

The economic growth that swept Europe during the 17th and 18th century fueled a golden age of painting. Religious upheavals transformed the way people thought about and uti-

lized art. Technical aspects of art making were honed and codified, as art academies grew in power.

The number of artists and the number of art collectors grew exponentially during this period, as the fine arts reached an increasingly wider audience. This exhibition features more than 70 major works by master painters from the renowned collection of

The Speed Art Museum in Louisville, Kentucky.

Highlighting art from Italy, France, Belgium, The Netherlands, Germany, and England, this exhibit is comprised of brilliant portraits, religious paintings, landscapes, scenes of everyday life, still lifes, and interpretations of classical antiquity.

Highlights include "The

HUNTSVILLE Museum of Art

Princes of the Church Adoring the Eucharist" by Rubens and "Portrait of a Forty-Year-Old Woman" by Rembrandt. Also on view are works by Tiepolo, Gainsborough, Hogarth, van Dyck, Teniers, Jordaens, Tournier, Ruisdael, Mignard, Crespi, de Troy, Largillière, Boucher, Batoni, Panini and others. Some of these rare objects have never left Louisville since their acquisition by

The Speed.

Those who are visiting Auburn or the surrounding areas, stop by the Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art for a first look at Rembrandt, Rubens, Gainsborough and the Golden Age of Painting in Europe. HMA is proud to be partnering with JCSM in hosting this amazing exhibition from the Speed Museum in Louisville, Ky.

AAMU Loses One of Its Oldest Living Alums

The Alabama A&M University Family mourns the death in Birmingham, Ala., of one of its oldest alumni.

The 102-year-old Ida Lee Perry Hubbard was a native of Decatur, Ala., who received her bachelor's and master's degrees from AAMU. She soon began her 34-year teaching career in the Lawrence County School System in 1945. She retired from

the Tarrant City School System in 1980. Hubbard was an active member of the Forty-Fifth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham and enjoyed her role as an usher and as president of the church's Senior Women's Circle.

Funeral services were held January 3 at Forty-Fifth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala.



Burritt Antique Chocolate Mold Exhibit Will Close Soon

**A Sweet Obsession:
Antique Chocolate Molds**

On Display at Burritt Museum
Thru March 1, 2015
10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sharlene and Phil Coker have been collecting chocolate molds since 1976. Today, the collection consists of more than 100 molds, including ones from the German manufacture Anton Reiche, the French manufacturer Le Tang, and Eppelsheimer of New York. The first chocolate molds appeared in France circa 1830, created to bring chocolate to the public in candy form. The ex-

hibit A Sweet Obsession: Antique Chocolate Molds presents molds from the period of 1860-1950.

The molds in the collection are useful as well as attractive and have been used to make chocolate candy, beeswax ornaments, barley water candy and chalk ware figurines. No holiday is complete in the Coker household without a special chocolate figure or an ornament made from one of their molds. Chocolate candy, made by Sharlene, was even used in a Science experiment for her grandson!

Burritt is thrilled to once again exhibit these beloved antique



molds. On display in the Burritt Mansion through March 1, 2015, this outstanding collection is a perfect way to be inspired for the upcoming holidays and is sure to leave your mouth watering!

Keeping the Dream Alive

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Huntsville, Alabama
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Sorority's "Go Red" Events Promote Heart Health

The Go Red Luncheon will be held Saturday, February 7, 2015, by the local sorors of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. The Go Red Luncheon is the Sorority's signature Heart Health Awareness Event at the Marriott Hotel, 5 Tranquility Base, Huntsville, Ala.

The Honorary Chairperson is The Honorable Laura Hall, Alabama House of Representatives, District 19. The Mistress of Ceremonies is radio personality Toni Terrell, and the keynote speaker is Dr. Jennifer Kiessling, Huntsville cardiologist.

The chapter received a Distinguished Service Award in Physical and Mental Health for its Go Red Project during the Sorority's 48th National Convention in 2008 and again during the 51st National Convention and Centennial Celebration in 2013.

Attire for the event is a red dress or suit for ladies and a red

tie for gentlemen. Tickets are \$40 per person. For more information and tickets, contact Angela Griffin at (256) 508-3924 or Sidonia Myles at (773) 510-7844.

The Go Red Luncheon, "My Heart, My Life" is focused on

women and heart disease, and stroke. The luncheon includes a heart-healthy lunch, live entertainment, door prizes and a digital ad slide show presentation. Go Red Sunday on February 8 is a unique opportunity for partici-

pating area churches to educate, empower and mobilize the community around the issues of heart disease. Women attending church services are encouraged to wear red and share in the commitment to help save lives.



Alabama Military Collectors Show Set

Date: January 16-17

Friday 1-5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Huntsville Jaycee Building, 2180 Airport Road, Huntsville, Ala.

Contact: Phil Anglin, (256) 656-9101; Admission Fee

The Rocket City's only Militaria Show will include guns, edged weapons, uniforms, medals, helmets, flags, badges, field equipment, photographs, books and more to buy, sell, trade and display.

Annual WZYP Bridal Fair Scheduled

Date: January 17

Times: 9 AM - Noon and 1-4 PM

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DLC Tennessee Valley Diversity Leadership Colloquium

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The Diversity Leadership Colloquium (DLC) advances leadership excellence by advocating and progressing the affirmation and inclusion of diversity in strategic markets and communities of interest for competitive intelligence.

Mission:

DLC's mission is to become a premier provider of diversity training for inspiring and experienced leaders throughout the lifecycle.

Values:

Our values are: Collaboration for Excellence; Appreciation with Insight; Respect for Understanding; and Empathy for all ... **C.A.R.E.**

DLC offers inspiring and experienced leaders with opportunities to benefit from qualified and seasoned trainers, scholars, and business professionals who share and discuss research and best practices regarding obtaining excellence through diversity.

DLC is designed for individuals interested in gaining access to networks, mentors, and sponsors that have traditionally not been available to diverse members of the broader community. Enrollees will be exposed to topics such as: Understanding and Embracing Diversity, Organizational Culture and Structural Reform, Racial and Gender Intelligence, Social Justice and Equality, Networking and Mentoring, Politics, Heroes and Holidays, Critical Thinking and Self-Affirmation and Living the CARE Values.

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DLC will run four quarterly, eight week colloquia. The sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. Participant cannot miss more than 2 sessions.

Location: 415-A Church Street - Downtown Huntsville

Enrollment limited to: 16 - **Tuition:** \$795

2015 Schedule

Winter	January 13 – March 3
Spring	April 7 – May 26 - Deadline to register (March 7, 2015)
Summer	July 7 – August 25 - Deadline to register (June 7, 2015)
Fall	Oct 6 – Nov 24 - Deadline to register (Sep 6, 2015)



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