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Main Steet Alabama Goes South

South Huntsville has been chosen as part of a statewide effort to build stronger communities through effective downtown and neighborhood commercial district revitalization.

Main Street Alabama, a non-profit organization that uses a national model with a 40-year track record of success, designated the towns after a rigorous application process. Main Street Alabama will immediately begin providing each town with intensive board development, goal setting, work planning, market study with implementable economic development strategies, targeted technical assistance, and quarterly training related to downtown development.

- MainStreetAlabama.org

Huntsvillian Moderates Panel

A Huntsvillian who now serves as a training specialist for Auburn University's Government and Economic Development

Institute recently served as moderator for a forum in Selma, Ala.

Morgan Saintjones moderated a breakfast forum which



platform for six candidates seeking the office of Probate Judge for Selma/ Dallas County (Ala.). A grad of Alabama A&M

gave a public

University and American University, Saintjones formerly served as a program coordinator for TMT Group, Inc., in Huntsville, Ala.



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Advice Offered for Those with Sleep Issues

(BPT) The American Academy of Sleep Medicine offers tips for those who work irregular hours to get a healthy amount of sleep:

'Wake time' * Avoid sunlight exposure if you sleep during the day; wear sunglasses if you go outside.

* Use moderate amounts of caffeine early in your shift.

* Use public transportation, cab or arrange a ride after a shift.

* Take a 20- to 30-minute nap during a break or before a night shift.

* Consult a sleep specialist to reinforce your body clock with bright light therapy.

'Sleep time' * Avoid caffeine and alcohol a few hours before bed.

* Plan for major schedule changes by altering your sleep time a few days in advance.

* Keep the same schedule on workdays and days off and create a "wind down" routine before bed.

* Keep your bedroom cool, turn off electronics and only do relaxing activities.

Manufacturing Boosts State Upward

Chiefexecutive.net has ranked Alabama at No. 17 on its Best States and Worst States for business rankings. Last year, Alabama had climbed to No. 19.

The site credited the improvement to "a continued influx of manufacturing investment and its steady flourishing of its digital capabilities."

To paint a picture of the state's efforts, the site noted that Toyota and Mazda chose a site "near an existing Toyota engine factory" for a new plant that will employ up to 4,000 workers at an average annual salary of \$50,000.

"Alabama's package of incentives was worth more than \$350 million," reported



chiefexecutive.net. "The plant is to produce \$951 million in net revenue to the state after the incentives are taken into account."

A plus was that Alabama already ranked 5th in auto production among all states, with Toyota building engines there already, along with Mercedes-Benz, Hyundai and Honda assembling vehicles and many suppliers providing in-state production, too. Vehicles have become the state's No. 1 export. Fellowship Presbyterian to Hold Men's Day



Fellowship Presbyterian Church will observe Men's Day on Sunday, June 10, at 10 a.m. The speaker will be Rev. Warner Durnell, executive presbyter, Middle Tennessee Presbytery. The public is invited to attend this celebration at 3406 Meridian Street, Huntsville, Ala.



Downtown Walk: The Annual North Alabama Sickle Cell Foundation, Inc. Walk-A-Thon took place without a hitch Saturday, June 2, from Big Spring Park in Downtown Huntsville. Coordinated by Pamela D. Thompson, executive director, and her team, the Walk featured several organizations, along with food, music and drinks for replenishment. (Photo by J. Saintjones)

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

1. The House and Senate are in session this week. The House will take up the 2018 Water Resources Development Act (authorizing U.S. Army Corps funding) this week, as well as bring the first three FY2019 appropriations bills to the floor: (1) Energy & Water appropriations; (2) Legislative Branch appropriations; and (3) Military Construction appropriations. According to Politico, House Republicans will meet next week to discuss whether House Speaker Paul Ryan has reached an agreement within the GOP Conference to move forward on immigration legislation. If not, a group of GOP centrists and House Democrats may force a vote on four immigration bills via a discharge petition that needs the support of 218 Members (on Friday it had 213 signatures). The bills are: (1) a conservative bill sponsored by Rep. Goodlatte (R-VA); (2) the

DREAM Act; (3) a bipartisan bill sponsored by Reps. Hurd (R-TX) and Aguilar (D-CA) that provides DACA protections and border security; and (4) a bill to be selected by Speaker Ryan. Under the House's "Queen of the Hill" procedure, the bill with the most votes beyond 218 would win.

2. On Monday, President Trump met with Defense Secretary James Mattis, newly-returned from meetings in Singapore with Asian security officials, and hosted a reception for Gold Star military families (where White House watchers are eager to see if First Lady Melania Trump shows up after 24 days out of the public eye). On Tuesday, the President met with Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley to continue preparations for his summit with North

Korean Leader Kim Jong Un on June 12. He also hosted the Super Bowl Championship Philadelphia Eagles on Tuesday at the White House. On Wednesday, he got a briefing on the upcoming hurricane season at FEMA headquarters. On Thursday, he met with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at the White House. On Friday, the President travelled to Quebec, Canada, for the 2-day Group of 7 (G7) Economic Summit.

3. According to the Washington Post, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau last week cancelled a planned trip to Washington to finalize the renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) after Vice President Mike Pence demanded that any new NAFTA deal include a provision which would automatically end the agreement after 5 years--to which Trudeau vehemently objected. On Friday, Canada announced it would impose \$12.8 billion in retaliatory tariffs on U.S. goods after the U.S. announced on Thursday that it would abruptly end an exemption for Canada, Mexico and the European Union from 25% steel and 10% aluminum tariffs.

4. Citizens again watched on Monday the 10 a.m. news, when the Supreme Court was expected to release more of its major "endof-term" decisions, including Gill v. Whitford (partisan gerrymandering in Wisconsin); Trump v. Hawaii (travel ban); Janus v. AFSCME (public sector unions' ability to charge non-members for collective bargaining); andMasterpiece Cakeshop v. The Colorado Civil Rights Commission(the gay wedding cake case).

5. On Tuesday, the Senate Appropriations Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee held a hearing on the Education Department's FY 2019 budget request. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos will be the single witness before the subcommittee.

6. A CBS News/YouGov Battleground Tracker Poll released last Sunday found that control of the House will be a toss-up in November, with the poll predicting 219 seats for the Democrats and 216 for the GOP (with 218 needed for a majority), although the margin of error was +/- 9 seats.

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rom the Editor

Rho Chi Omega Welcomes 21 New Members Ahh ... Sisters! The members Rho Chi Omega Chapter of Alpha

Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, welcomed 21 new members on Sunday, May 27. The official ceremony was held at The Jackson Center, followed by a Membership Intake Process Luncheon that included several hundred family and friends. The venue was elegant



and classy. After lunch, attendees were served pink and green, layered cake for an extra touch of graceful sophistication. Mrs. Acacia Sturdivant presided during the luncheon, and Dr. Gloria Flowers provided the meditation. We were welcomed by President Robin Miller, and Mrs. Kassel Kendricks shared the occasion. The new members were introduced to the attendees, just prior to lunch. Charter Member Cheryl K. Johnson was the speaker, introduced by Mrs. Demetra S. Williams. Membership Committee Chairperson DeShannon March and President Miller provided closing remarks.

Rho Chi Omega Chapter was established on July 29, 1989, in Madison Ala., to continue the



Sorority's legacy of service to all mankind. The members are hard at work and are committed to the mission of Alpha Kappa Alpha's programs of service. This year, they are in the final stage of Launching New Dimensions of Service (2014-2018), and they continue to remain focused for a strong finish with programs in five target areas: Educational

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Enrichment, Health Promotion, Family Strengthening, Environmental Ownership and Global Impact.

This year, we celebrate 110 years of the AKA tradition and credo: "To be supreme in service to all mankind." In 1908, a Howard University co-ed, Ethel Hedgeman, dreamed of creating a support network for women with like minds coming together for mutual uplift, and coalescing their talents and strengths for the benefit of others. Her vision crystallized as Alpha Kappa Alpha, the first Negro Greek-letter sorority. Five years later (1913), lead incorporator Nellie Quander ensured Alpha Kappa Alpha's perpetuity through incorporation in the District of Columbia.

Because they believed that Negro college women represented "the highest—more education, more enlightenment, and more of almost everything that the great mass of Negroes never had" — Hedgeman and her cohorts worked to honor what she called "an everlasting debt to raise them (Negroes) up and to make them better." For more than a century, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sisterhood has fulfilled that obligation by becoming an indomitable force for good in their communities, state, nation, and the world.

Alpha Kappa Alpha programs today still reflect the communal consciousness steeped in the AKA tradition and embodied in AKA's credo, "To be supreme in service to all mankind." Cultural awareness and social advocacy marked Alpha Kappa Alpha's infancy, but within one year (1914) of acquiring corporate status, AKA had also made its mark on education, establishing a scholar-ship award. The programming was a prelude to the thousands of pioneering and enduring initia-tives that eventually defined the Alpha Kappa Alpha brand.

As Ms. Johnson indicated during her speech, "Congratulations to the new members, now the work begins." Welcome to our wonderful sisterhood! Until next week ...

Dorothy

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Funeral service for MS. ROSLINE MARTIN (b. 1948) was held Sunday, May 27, at Saint Rebecca Primitive Baptist Church with the Reverend Hernandez Ford officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. ROBERTA KING (b. 1915) was held Saturday, May 26, 2018 at Madkins Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (2403 Oakwood Road NW - Huntsville, Ala.) with the Reverend Endia Scruggs officiating.

- Royal Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MRS. GUSSIE MASTIN JACK-SON (b. 1924) will be held Friday, June 8, at the First Missionary Baptist Church (3509 Blue Spring Road, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Julius R. Scruggs officiating.

Memorial service for MR. THOMAS ALPHONSO "AL" HARRIS, JR. (b. 1940) was held Saturday, June 2, at the First Missionary Baptist Church with Dr. Julius R. Scruggs officiating.

Lauded Comedian to Bring the Laughs to Rocket City

Fresh off her Emmy win, comedienne Loni Love is bringing the laughs to Huntsville for a special two-night engagement at Stand Up Live, June 15-16. Most might recognize Love for her work on the Emmy-winning talk show "The Real," alongside cohosts Jeannie Mai, Tamera Mowry and Adrienne Houghton. Since the show's inception, the comedienne won the viewer's hearts with her blunt take on relationships, politics and current events.

Love captivated judges with her observational humor and larger-than-life personality on the 2003 revival of Star Search. Despite being the runner up, the rising comedienne quickly caught the atten-

tion of Hollywood, landing small gigs in "With or Without You" and "Soul Plane," which starred a then-unknown Kevin Hart. While at-

tending Prairie View A&M, love discovered her love for comedy after-winning a stand-up competition. Moving to the West Coast after graduation, the Detroit native quickly secured an engineering position. Testing the waters, Love

moonlighted as a comedian at the historic Laugh Factory, before ultimately ditching her lucrative nineto-five to pursue standup



full-time. Love is a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

In her ten years of comedy, Love has made appearances on Chelsea Lately, The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, Comics Unleased and Chocolate News with David Alan Grier. Love also boasts an impressive acting resume with credits in Phineas and Ferb, Ned's Declassified School Survival Guide, Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2, Kickin' It and American Dad.

In 2013, Love released her first book "Love Him or Leave, but Don't Get Stuck with the Tab: Hilarious Advice for Real Women," a compilation of anecdotes geared toward the everyday woman.

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CAFY Student Honored

The Community Awareness for Youth (CAFY) Young Citizen of the Month winner for May 2018 is Samuel Styes. Samuel Styes is the top Young Marines member in the Southeast region, which includes Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Florida.

Styes is a Youth Worship Leader and plays base and

acoustic guitar in his church band. He is a platoon leader in Junior ROTC. In addition, he is a member of his school's History Club and is particularly interested in military history.

"I am passionate about serving our country in the military," he said, "and I hope to be accepted by the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., or go to a college to receive a degree in aerospace engineering. I hope to become an officer

in the United States Marines, and if that happens, I would like to continue my flying heritage and become an aviator." Over the course of the year, he will travel to other units throughout the division to lead, motivate, and serve as a role model. Know a young citizen who is making a difference in the community and want to give them recognition? Please go to www.mystar991.com and submit an application. CAFY is sponsored by the City of Huntsville, Huntsville Police Department, Florida Institute of Technology Huntsville Site, Oakwood University, Huntsville Optimist Club and the Human Relations Commission.



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Dr. John Clay, president of the Huntsville Bible College, and his team hosted their 25th Anniversary Vision Banquet on June 1. "Encouraging Kingdom Builders" was the theme for the event, which was held at the Von Braun Center. Nearly 800 attendees joined in this annual fundraiser, garnering almost \$200,000 in support for this postsecondary biblical institution that stresses the importance of balancing the responsibilities of family, church and work to meet the needs of students and the community. Established in 1986, the College prepares preachers

and church leaders to be effective in carrying out the mission of the local church.

Dr. & Mrs. Harry Hobbs were chairpersons of the banquet this year. Dr. Robert Smith, Jr., Charles T. Carter Baptist Chair of Divinity at Beason Divinity School of Samford University in Birmingham, Ala., was the keynote speaker. "Encouraging Kingdom Builders" Awards were given to St. Mark Baptist Church (Partnership Award), Minister Wilma T. Booker (Volunteer Award), and Alumni Awards to Rev. Earla Lockhart and Rev. Kenneth Lankford.

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The Seeds We Sow and Where We Sow Them

I like to believe that there is a divine order underlying everything we do. I am fulfilled by the notion that every good and fruitful act I will commit already exists. And that now, it is simply a matter of manifestation. It is simply a matter of vision attaining tangibility.

In considering ourselves such vessels, it is my belief that our works are seeds. From biblical passage to modern day literature, the seed has remained one of the most vital emblems of growth.

The idea that something massive can grow from something minute lends us the motivation to endeavor in even our most unsure circumstances.



One of the most important motifs we encounter in life is the integrity of what we sow. Whether backed by religious text or a general belief in cosmic balance, by and large, people believe that you will receive back what you send out. As a result, many of us work arduously to plant seeds that will return a bountiful harvest.

But as we do this, I posit that we remember one thing: everything won't grow everywhere. If I place a seed in a box, it will remain a seed. If I place a seed on a table, it will remain a seed. If I hold a seed tightly in the palm of my hand, it will remain a seed. It is not until a seed is planted in fertile soil, watered, and exposed to sunlight that growth can occur.

So, as you walk in your purpose and endeavor to plant many seeds, consider the caliber of your environment. There are seeds that are not growing. And it isn't because they don't possess the power to become fruitful but because they are in unsuitable environments.

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Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring Mrs. Frances Jones Harris

Born in Helena, Ala., to a locomotive engineer and a homemaker, Frances Jones Harris is a retired educator who taught mathematics at levels ranging from middle school to college.

Reared and educated in Birmingham, Ala., Harris graduated from Western-Olin High School. She also served as an associate reference librarian at her alma mater, Alabama A&M University.

An ordained Elder and Church Treasurer at Fellowship Presbyterian Church, Harris maintains active involvement in a number of organizations, including Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; the Board of Directors of the North Alabama Sickle Cell Foundation; 100 Black Women; and Fellowship Presbyterian Church, where she has been involved with Project

HOPE.



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Champion Game Plan for Life

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 that they had already established a "standard" for their

lives that would not allow them to bow down to any golden image. Now, a

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. 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 sources-- 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. So many of our youth today remain isolated in their own world, with their own thoughts. But who is setting the standard for them to live by? 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, we will raise our standards to where God wants them to be. Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters ... Also, remember that you can buy my book "A Champion Game Plan For Life" at amazon.com.



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