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"What we have once enjoyed we can never lose; all that we deeply love becomes a part of us."

- Helen Keller



County Sets COVID-19 Voting Safety Precautions

In an effort to ensure a safe elections process for all voters, Madison County Election Officials, Probate Judge Frank Barger, Sheriff Kevin Turner, and Circuit Clerk Debra Kizer have put safety precautions in place to aid against the spread of COVID-19.

To enter a polling location, voters will need to abide by the following guidelines:

- A mask covering the mouth and

nose shall be worn at all times - in the event the voter does not have a mask, one will be provided

- Voters must sanitize hands upon entry - hand sanitizer will be provided
- Voters must maintain a distance of six feet
- Voters are encouraged to bring their own pen or pencil to mark the ballot - any non-transparent marking device is acceptable - a sanitized pen will be

provided, if needed.

Voters may experience delays due to the practice of social distancing. Election Workers will monitor the number of voters within the polling location at any given time and require that six feet of distance be kept between all voters. These measures are being put in place to ensure the



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safety of all persons involved in the elections process, including our valued Election Workers. "Without our Election Workers we would be unable to properly administer an election", said Judge Barger. "Many of our workers are either in a high-risk category themselves or care for someone in a high-risk category, and their protection while serving the community in this capacity is one of our highest priorities." Like the majority of other counties throughout the state, Madison County will not have curbside voting available. There is not sufficient time to develop procedures, put appropriate materials and safety equipment in place, and train workers to provide a curbside option at polling locations.

In the event a voter prefers to cast an Absentee Ballot, the deadline to apply is close of business on July 9. If returned by hand, the ballot must be received by the Absentee Election Manager at the Madison County Courthouse by close of business Monday, July 13.

If returned by mail, the last day to postmark a ballot is Monday, July 13. You may receive an Absentee Ballot application via madisoncountytvotes.com or by calling (256) 532-3684.

A&M to Hold Joint Commencement This Month

Alabama A&M University officials have announced a July 31 commencement ceremony to celebrate the institution's approximately 721 spring and summer 2020 graduates.

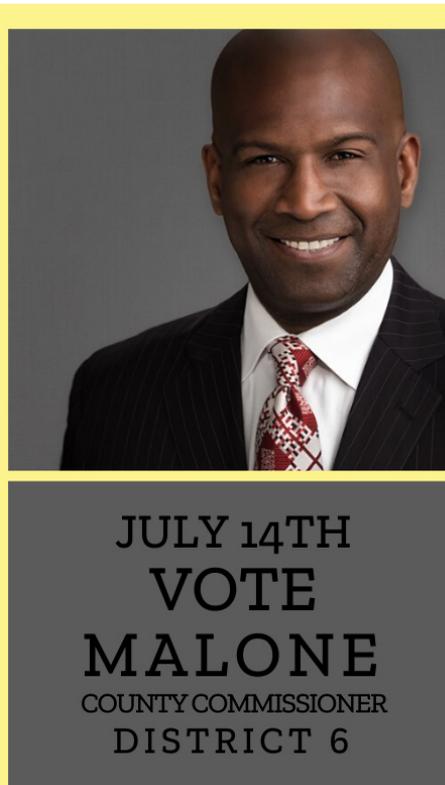
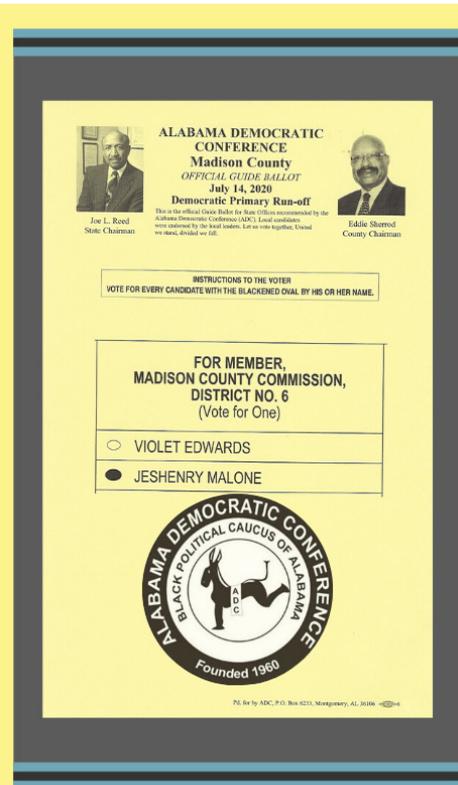
The ceremony will begin promptly at 7 a.m. in the Louis Crews Stadium. The rain date will be at the same time and venue on Saturday, August 1.

Face coverings will be required for all graduates, who will be physically distanced in chairs on the

field. Graduates should wear flat or athletic shoes for walking on the artificial turf. Families and guests

will be required to physically distance in the stands and are required to wear face coverings. Additionally, graduates will receive electronic tickets for their guests.

Additional logistical information about the event can be found on the University's website at <https://www.aamu.edu/academics/commencement>.



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Washington in One Minute



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

March will expire on July 31).

1) The Senate is in recess this week. There will be no votes scheduled on the House floor until the week of July 20, but House committees resumed meetings Monday, starting with 3 markups of the FY2021 appropriations bills. Last week, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) called on Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) to begin negotiations on the next coronavirus relief bill (the House passed a \$3 trillion bill on May 15, which has not been considered by the Senate). Sen. McConnell said that the Senate will not start discussions on a bill until later this month and insists it will include COVID liability protection for businesses (Note: enhanced federal unemployment benefits enacted as part of the CARES Act in

2) On Saturday, President Trump signed legislation to extend Paycheck Protection Program loans through August 8, 2020 (the program had expired on June 30, but still has approximately \$130 billion left to give out).

On Tuesday, the President hosted an event on “safely reopening American schools.” On Wednesday and Thursday, the President hosted Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador at the White House for events to celebrate the U.S./Mexico/Canada Trade Agreement, which entered into force on July 1, 2020, replacing NAFTA (Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is also invited).

On Saturday at 8:00 p.m., the President will travel to New Hampshire to hold a campaign rally in Portsmouth at the

Portsmouth International Airport.

3) *The Hill* newspaper reported that Monday, when the Supreme Court issues more rulings from its 2019-2020 term, it will be the first time in 24 years that decisions will be announced in July, a delay that “can be attributed to the coronavirus that upended normal operations for the justices this year.” The court is expected to issue rulings in the following cases: 1) Whether states may enact laws requiring its presidential electors to follow the state’s popular vote when casting their electoral-college ballots; 2) whether the Trump Administration has the authority to expand an exemption for the Obamacare “birth-control mandate” to allow private employers with religious or moral objections to opt out of providing contraceptive coverage without any notice; and 3) whether a state grand jury and congressional committees may compel President Trump to release his financial records and tax returns.

4) Last Thursday, by a vote of 5-4, the Supreme Court granted a request by the State of Alabama to temporarily freeze a

lower-court ruling, issued as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, that would make it easier for voters in the state to cast absentee ballots in the state’s upcoming primary election runoff, which is scheduled for July 14. The justices put the order by a federal district court in Alabama on hold while the state appeals to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit and, if necessary, the Supreme Court. On the same day, the court refused to fast-track a case by the Texas Democratic Party to decide whether all Texans could vote by mail during the coronavirus pandemic, leaving in place the state’s current regulations for the July 14 primary runoff election. According to *The Washington Post*, Democrats and voting rights advocates have filed 50 lawsuits in 25 states

to make it easier to vote by mail, while Republicans and other conservative groups are spending \$20 million to stop the expansion.

5) On July 7, the House Education and Labor Higher Education and Workforce Investment Subcommittee held a hearing on “A Major Test: Examining the Impact of COVID-19 on the Future of Higher Education” and the House Appropriations Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Subcommittee marked up its appropriations bill for FY 2021.

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Redstone Taking Applications for Small Business PPP Loans

Redstone Federal Credit Union continues to accept applications for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and applauds the application deadline extension which gives small business owners until Aug. 8 to apply. Redstone business members have already been approved for over \$31 million in loans since the process began. More than 1,000 businesses have benefited from the program.

Master’s Touch Barber Shop is one of those businesses. Lee Lamb, owner, said after not having an income for two months during the pandemic shutdown, he was ecstatic to get his loan approved.

Redstone’s business lending staff walked him through the paperwork and answered his questions. Contact businesslending3@redfcu.org for more information.

HBC Announces Frank Williams Scholarship for Financial Literacy

Huntsville Bible College, under the leadership of Dr. John L. Clay, has announced the Frank Williams Scholarship for Financial Literacy, which will sponsor the newly developed HBC Financial Literacy Program for the students of HBC and the community.

The scholarship will promote the following: 1) An understanding and proper use of financial management skills; 2) Promote proper management

of debt, calculating interest and understand the time value of money; 3) Learn how to budget, track spending, effectively pay off debt and plan for retirement; and 4) Make wise financial decisions and avoid abusive financial practices.

A native of Milwaukee, Wis., Frank Williams has been a relative of the Huntsville and Madison County community for more than a decade. He is the father of two adult children,

Anatasia and Frank II, and he is a member of First Missionary Baptist Church.

Williams is currently the executive manager and managing partner of Landers McLarty Dodge Chrysler Jeep



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Small Businesses May Be Eligible for EIDL Program Financial Relief

To further meet the needs of U.S. small businesses and non-profits, the U.S. Small Business Administration reopened the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and EIDL Advance program portal to all eligible applicants experiencing economic impacts due to COVID-19 today.

"The SBA is strongly committed to working around the clock, providing dedi-

cated emergency assistance to the small businesses and non-profits that are facing economic disruption due to the COVID-19 impact. With the reopening of the EIDL assistance and EIDL Advance application portal to all new applicants, additional small businesses and non-profits will be able to receive these long-term, low interest loans and emergency grants

- reducing the economic impacts for their businesses, employees and communities they support," said SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza. "Since EIDL assistance due to the pandemic first became available to small businesses located in every state and territory, SBA has worked to

provide the greatest amount of emergency economic relief possible. To meet the unprecedented need, the SBA has made numerous improvements to the application and loan closing process, including deploying new technology and automated tools."

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Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

"Perfect Peace" Isaiah 26:3 says, "Thou will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee, because they trust in you."



capability. In John 14:27, Jesus tells us, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you, I do not give as the world

gives. So let not your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

The bible has much to say about peace. As a matter of fact, the term *peace* occurs over 400 times in the bible. So it's easy to say that the bible can be seen as God's testament of peace. Now when we look at this scripture, I believe that there are three things that we can take from what the profit Isaiah is saying about peace.

First, he talks about the "protection" of peace by using the word "keep," which means to hold on to and not let go. It also means to capture what's on your mind. So, when we keep our minds stayed on Him, God will capture our thoughts and make them agreeable with His.

Secondly, he gives us the "description" of this peace. Our scripture defines it as "perfect". Now, when we talk about perfect peace, that means *undisturbed* peace. You see, God's peace is unique in so many ways. The writer Paul tells us that it surpasses all understanding. It also surpasses human

He describes peace as surpassing human expectations. In other words, God always has a way of showing up and *showing out*. Finally, the prophet Isaiah gives us the "conditions" for peace. God's grace is a free gift to all of us, but there are certain conditions that must be met. First, we have to have a mind "stayed" on Him. Now the word *stayed* means to lean on or rest upon, to support. Therefore a mind that is at peace is a mind that is supported by God. Philipians 2:5 says "let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.

Also to be at peace we need to have a heart that trust God. You see when we place our full trust in him He will always direct our paths and keep us in perfect peace....Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters. And make sure you purchase your copy of my book "A Champion Game Plan For Life" on amazon.com

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'A Memorial Thought for Parted Parents'

The Poets' Help
"A Memorial Thought
for Parted Parents"
Psalm 116:15-18



Memories of parted parents can and do bring with them a deluge of dialogues that have been filed onto the hard drive of the heart and mind which, in turns, produces a mixture of both grief and gratitude. If one is blessed in such a way

that their parental parsing is filled with memories of experiences that were not perfect, yet in the passing of time have become perfected, one can be left with a kind of pathos described by the poet Alfred Lord Tennyson who wrote: *But O for the touch of vanished hands and the sound of a voice that is still.*

I reflect now upon three dates, March 29, April 4, and April 6. The first marks the day of departure in 2012 of my dear sainted mother. The second represents the birthday of my sainted father whom I had the privilege of caring

for in his final years. I can still hear him say, 4-4-25 as he would perpetually have to answer the question about his DOB from the nurses and other health officials who entered his room when he had to be hospitalized. The third date was the day in 2012 that mother was laid to rest.

Tennyson *helps* with those memories. Another poet, David, reminds me of the "preciousness" of the death of His saints in the sight of God. In his poem (psalm) he went from pathos to praise.

So do I.



JULY 10 - MARY McLEOD BETHUNE - Legendary educator & activist. Born in Mayesville, S.C. She is best-known for founding a school in 1904 that later became part of Bethune-Cookman University in Daytona Beach. - BlackinTime.info



Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring

Rev. Ethel Y. Delaney

The Reverend Ethel Y. Delaney--"Sweetpea"--was born in Nashville, Tenn., to Mrs. Bessie and the late Mr. Walter Young. She is the oldest of six (four surviving) siblings.

She attended Fisk University and continued her studies at Newark State College and Riverton Medical Technology School in Newark, N.J. She was professionally trained as a medical technologist/hematology specialist.

She *always* loved music! Some of her life's music experiences include the following: guest soloist at a master class recital given by the famous Dutch Baritone Max Von Egmond at the Swelnick Conservatory in Amsterdam, Holland, and guest soloist for the Haitian Christian Methodist Episcopal Church Conference in Port-Au-Prince, Haiti.

In 1992, while conducting a spiritual retreat for a Baptist church in Savannah, Ga., sponsored by "Mission in Action," she was stirred by the Holy Spirit and convinced of her calling into Ministry. She shared her new purpose with her husband--the late Dr. Henry Delaney--who responded to her by simply saying, "The Lord needs as many preachers as possible to carry out His mission."

After she was ordained, Reverend Delaney served with her husband at St. Paul Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church of Savannah, Ga., growing it from 216 members to 5,000, which made St. Paul the largest church in the C.M.E. denomination. She later pastored the Faith Community CME Church in Savannah for 12



years. After the passing of her husband in 2013 and having lived in Savannah for over 30 years, Reverend Delaney gradually relocated to the Nashville/Huntsville area. She joined the Phillips CME Church of Huntsville, Ala., where her son, The Reverend Keith E. Ellison, formerly served as pastor. She is the devoted mother to five.



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- James Baldwin

The Other COVID Healthcare Heroes

(BPT) - As the country continues to battle the COVID-19 pandemic, Americans are eager to celebrate healthcare workers on the front lines who cope with the disease every single day. You've probably heard countless stories of the amazing acts of kindness and courage exhibited by the doctors, nurses and other healthcare staff who are facing the virus head on.

But among the brave and selfless healthcare providers who put their energy, compassion and even their health on the line to give care to the suffering are many unsung heroes - the healthcare workers in long-term care facilities and nursing homes.

Their untold stories involve not only their capacity to acknowledge and mourn great loss, but also their dedication to providing the compassion and care required to help their residents persevere and recover.

In a time like this, they deserve recognition for their sacrifices.

Mother-Daughter Team:

In Indianapolis, mother



and daughter team Lenore Williams and Aubrey Baker both work at long-term care facilities. Williams says that colleagues at CommuniCare, a national, family-owned company that operates long-term care, assisted living and rehabilitation facilities across the country, has helped hundreds of residents recover from the virus.

"Our division alone has recovered over 150

patients, and I think it has largely been due to the love and care our staff provides," said Williams, a regional director of clinical care for CommuniCare.

To help prevent the spread of COVID-19, long-term care facility employees have learned and implemented strict new protocols for bolstering resident and staff health and safety - including lockdowns that unfortunately

keep residents apart from their loved ones.

"There are people who care about your family members that are in here. We are trying the best we can," said Baker, a qualified medication aide at Wildwood HealthCare Center on Indianapolis' east side. "They are very scared, and I try to tell them that it is going to be OK," said Baker.

Baker tested positive for

COVID-19 back in March but has fortunately since recovered. As soon as she was cleared to return to work, despite her mother's wishes, she went back to the COVID 19 unit.

Care at Long-Term Facilities Goes Way Beyond COVID-19

Healthcare workers at care facilities provide vital daily care and assistance for those unable to care

for themselves. They are dedicated to continuing to provide that quality care to the best of their ability - despite the dangers and challenges of the current pandemic.

"For our patients' physical and mental well-being, we wake up every morning, put on our scrubs and protect our patients," says Ashley Johnson, nurse at Landmark Nursing Home in Texas. "We reduce injury. We improve health. We work with recovery, post-operative care and sometimes assist with palliative care. We maintain skills in supporting someone with degenerative diseases. We help people develop, recover and improve skills needed for daily living and working. We help people communicate 'I love you' to their loved ones after a stroke. We improve quality of life and will continue to do so for our residents."

Read inspirational stories of recovery and kindness, then send your own messages of thanks and encouragement to healthcare workers and residents in long-term care and assisted living at CareNotCovid.



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Graveside service for MR. SYLVESTER MARTIN (b. 1948) was held Wednesday, July 8, at Valhalla Memory Gardens with The Reverend Dr. Edward Anderson officiating.

Funeral services for DR. CHARLES SMOOT, SR., and MRS. MAMIE GILL will be announced at a later date.

Graveside service for MRS. LAURA V. LACY DARWIN (b. 1939) was held Friday, July 3, at Valhalla Memory Gardens.

Public Viewing for MS. ROSETTA ASHFORD (b. 1960) was held Friday, July 3, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home.

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Graveside service for MRS. MARGARET NANCE (b. 1931) will be 10 a.m., Saturday, July 11, at Meadowlawn Garden of Peace (450 Mount Lebanon Road Toney, Ala.).

Funeral service for MR. EZELL BIRDSONG was held Thursday, July 9, at the Royal Chapel of Memories with Pastor Larry Smith officiating.

Funeral service for MR. CHARLES HENDERSON BRANDON, better known as "HENSON," was held Thursday, July 9, at the Royal Chapel of Memories.

Graveside service for MS. KIMBERLY E. BRADFORD (b. 1975) was held Wednesday, July 8, at the Meadowlawn Garden of Peace (450 Mount Lebanon Road, Toney, Ala.) with Pastor Maurice Wright officiating.

Funeral service for MS. RODSHEDA LASHAR YOUNG-BLOOD (b. 1993) was held Wednesday, July 8, at the Royal Chapel of Memories with Reverend Willie Montgomery, Jr. officiating.

Graveside service for MR. FRED ALLEN (b. 1957) was held Thursday July 2, at Thatch- Mann Cemetery (1801 West Hobbs Street, Athens, Ala.) with Chaplain Rich Thompson officiating.

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Graveside service for MS. VILETTA SIMS (b. 1936) will be Friday, July 10, at 11 a.m. at Madison Memory Gardens with Pastor C. Jermaine Turner officiating.

Graveside services for BABY ROYAL MICHAEL CHUKWU was held Friday, July 3, at Meadow Lawn Garden of Peace with Pastor C. Jermaine Turner officiating.

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Tennessee Valley Calendar of Events

July 11

Mic Night @ The Valley Conservatory
"Saturday Night Live"
7-9 p.m.

July 14

Run-off Elections

July 18

Mic Night @ The Valley Conservatory
"Saturday Night Live"
Huntsville, Ala.
7-9 p.m.

July 18-19

5th Annual Huntsville Comic & Pop Culture Expo
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July 29

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July 31

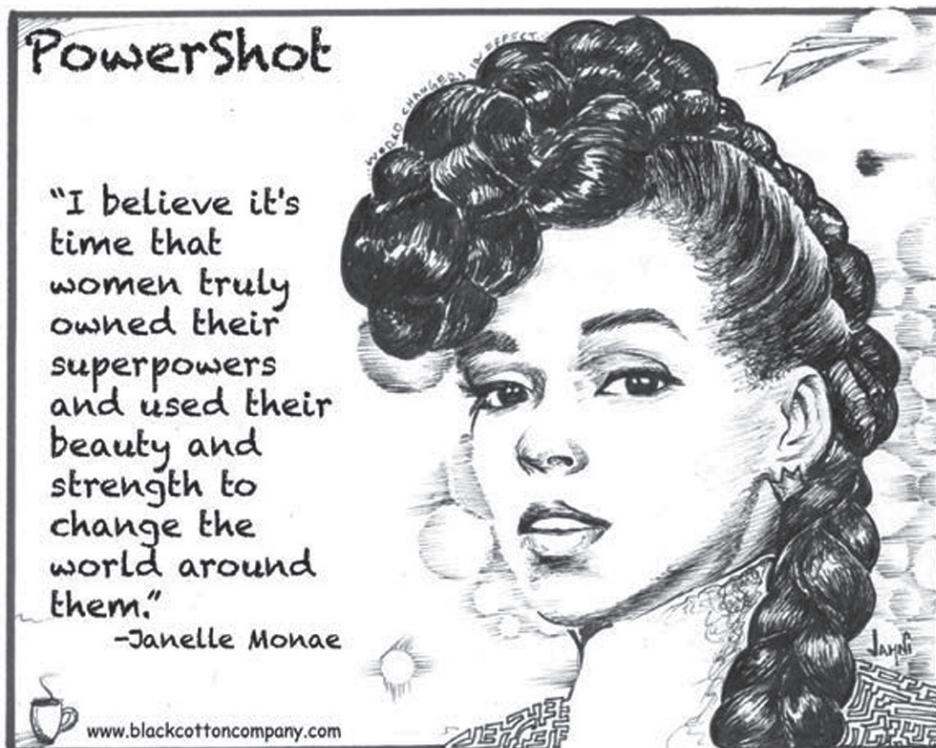
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August 6

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September 19

Escape To Margaritaville
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Mark C. Smith Concert Hall
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*"I have been in Sorrow's kitchen and licked out all the pots.
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with a harp and sword in my hands."*

- Zora Neale Hurston

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Perspectives on EGO-holism

by tim allston

What if/Should Trump Resign, . . .

*"There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is
the way of death." - Proverbs 14:12*

Here, Solomon asserts that death results largely from man's reliance upon his own "rightness," not God's counsel.

Candidate Trump's "I alone can fix it" mindset is resulting in growing national distrust, mirroring Nixon's 1974 Watergate departure and the subsequent Republican electoral bloodbath.

Veteran Democratic strategist James Carville predicted recently that Trump will resign the presidency and not seek re-election, to avoid the "loser" label, <https://www.foxnews.com/media/james-carville-trump-zero-chance-re-elected>

How could that evolve in these remaining 100+ days?

Led by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, Republicans will convince Trump that his ticket-leading will lose the White House, decrease their Senate majority and hurt them in states' down-ballot races.

Trump will consent to resign, reluctantly, but not until:

- Former U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley will deliver the keynote address at the GOP convention;
- On Wednesday's nomination night at the convention, Trump will announce that the liberal media and the Dems won't allow him to "return America to the greatness that i had started";
- Then, he'll place in nomination the Mike Pence-Haley ticket!
- Facemask-wearing Pence, the new titular head of the party, will re-energize the sagging Christian evangelicals' support;
- Haley - the Sikh-American former governor who removed her state's Confederate-emblemmed flag following the 2015 Charleston, SC Mother Emmanuel Church shootings - the GOP will seek to counterbalance Biden's female VP running mate - and especially a fellow woman of color.



And Trump?

Trump's contempt for unfavorable media coverage has led him to propose in recent years launching his own TV network, <https://www.latimes.com/politics/story/2020-06-19/trump-gets-an-all-trump-network-it-could-be-his-future> and <https://www.cnn.com/2019/10/03/media/trump-tv-network/index.html>. If you want a TV career, advised Trump longtime friend and former Fox News chief Roger Ailes, first run for president.

Michael Wolf's 2018 book *Fire and Fury* foreshadowed a dysfunctional Trump administration but, more importantly, its unpreparedness for the White House. "Donald Trump and his tiny band of campaign warriors were ready to lose with fire and fury. They weren't ready to win."

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