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"The urge to save humanity is almost always a false front for the urge to rule." - H. L. Mencken

A&M Annual Day Party Bringing Added Energy

Alabama A&M University is gearing up for a Homecoming celebration like no other, highlighted by the 2025 Alumni Day Party on Friday, October 10, 2025. Set against the backdrop of the University's 150th Anniversary under the theme "Rich Heritage, Bold Future," this year's Alumni Day Party will bring energy, nostalgia, and un-

forgettable music to the Football Practice Fields from 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

A household name in the HBCU and Greek life community, Big Mucci is the voice behind the line dance classic "Biker's Shuffle."

A rising star with Alabama roots, Tonio Armani brings a fresh mix of smooth R&B and southern flair.

Known as "The Bad Boy of Southern Soul," TK Soul has carved out a lasting place in the genre with his vibrant performances and infectious songs.

803Fresh – With hit tracks like "Boots on the Ground," 803Fresh adds a high-energy flavor to the lineup.

The Alumni Day Party is more than just a concert. It's a

gathering of generations, a chance to celebrate the University's legacy, and a moment to embrace the bright future ahead. As Alabama A&M marks 150 years of impact, events like these reinforce the University's role as a cultural hub where music, community, and Bulldog pride come alive.

IMS Readies for Campaign Nonviolence Action Days

Interfaith Mission Service (IMS) is honored to help coordinate local engagement for PACE Bene's Campaign Nonviolence Action Days to help create "a world rooted in nonviolence and love in action."

In these times of escalating violence, discrimination, and war, the need for nonviolence has never been more urgent. For the past 12 years, Campaign Nonviolence has brought together tens of thousands of people to build a culture grounded in peace, justice, and care for the earth.

Last year, over 80,000 people participated in more than 5,300 actions across the U.S. and around the world. This year, we invite your organization to join us for Campaign Nonviolence Action Days, happening from September 21 (International Day of



Peace) through October 2 (International Day of Nonviolence).

Participate in any of the following ways: Join one of the featured calls-to-action: Organize a

local action—we'll help amplify it. Commit to an individual or small group action that uplifts nonviolence.

Many are already offering wonderful

service and hosting meaningful events. There's no need to create something new—simply register your activity on the website and join with thousands of others across the country.

The shared goal is to help communities recognize that real, practical alternatives to violence already exist—and that through healing, justice, and creative nonviolent action, meaningful change is possible.

Register your action (copy): <https://pacebene.org/action-days>

Pastor Jamal Bryant Highlights Phillips CME Event

Phillips Christian Methodist Episcopal Church will hold its 160th Anniversary Black Tie Gala, a milestone celebration of faith, heritage, and community service. The black-tie event will be held on Thursday, September 18, at 7 p.m. at the Von Braun Center South Hall Ballroom in Huntsville, Ala. The event will feature

Pastor Jamal Bryant.

This commemorative evening will bring together members of the congregation, local leaders, and special guests to honor the church's rich legacy and enduring impact. Guests will enjoy a night of formal dining, live entertain-



ment, and reflections on 160 years of spiritual leadership and community outreach.

"This is more than a celebration of history—it's a tribute to the generations who built a foundation of faith, service, and unity," said Rev. Dr. Gregory Scott, pas-

tor of Phillips CME Church. "We look forward to an unforgettable evening as we honor our past and look ahead to the future."

Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available now. For more information or to RSVP, contact Clifford March or visit phillipscmechurch.org.



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Valley Weekly Washington One Minute

by Ron Hamm

Here are the latest top issues and events in Washington, D.C.:

1. CONGRESS. The House and Senate are in session. The House and Senate this week will both be debating the nearly \$1 trillion FY 2026 Defense Authorization bill. However, the Senate GOP Leadership was expected to start the week by changing Senate Rules to further restrict the use of the filibuster on Executive Branch nominees to allow for “en bloc” confirmation of non-Cabinet executive branch nominees (dramatically speeding up the process) ... Notably, neither the House nor the Senate has any appropriations bills scheduled for floor consideration this week despite a looming September 30th government shutdown deadline. The latest rumor is that House Appropriations Committee Chair Tom Cole (R-OK) is favoring a stopgap bill to keep the gov’t open through Thanksgiving (to date, of the 12 annual appropriations bills, only the Military Construction/Veterans Affairs bill has been approved on the floor by the House and Senate).

2. EXECUTIVE BRANCH.

Last Tuesday, the President announced that he would move the U.S. Space Command headquarters from Colorado Springs, CO, to Huntsville, AL. Last Friday, the President issued an executive order reviving the pre-1949 “Department of War” moniker for the Defense Department. Last Thursday, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Danish energy company Orsted sued in federal court to block the Trump administration’s stop work order for the 80%-complete, \$6.2 billion Revolution Wind project off the coast of Rhode Island. On August 29, Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy withdrew or terminated \$679 million for 12 port grants intended to support the development of offshore wind power ... Next week, the President and First Lady will travel to the U.K. for a state visit that includes a banquet hosted by King Charles III in St George’s Hall at Windsor Castle.

3. SUPREME COURT.

Last Wednesday, the Trump administration filed a petition before the U.S. Supreme Court asking it to decide on

an expedited basis whether the President has the authority to impose his “reciprocal” and “fentanyl trafficking” tariffs on China, Mexico, Canada, and a host of other countries using the International Emergency Economic Powers Act of 1977 (on August 29, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit struck down the tariffs). Read the full petition here: petition.

4. NATIONAL GUARD DEPLOYMENTS.

On September 2, Federal District Court Judge Charles Breyer ruled that it was illegal for the Trump administration to have deployed 4,000 California National Guard troops and 700 Marines to Los Angeles last June in a lawsuit brought by California Gov. Gavin Newsom. The judge ruled that the administration had violated the Posse Comitatus Act of 1878 that bars the military from enforcing domestic laws without explicit permission from Congress, but also stayed his injunction until Sept. 12 to give the White House time to appeal the decision and did not order the withdrawal of the remaining 300 National Guard troops, providing they only perform functions authorized by federal law such as protecting federal property. On September 4, D.C. Attorney General Brian Schwab filed suit in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to end the deployment of 2,300 National Guard troops,

including units from 7 states, that were activated on August 11 in Washington, D.C. At a Tuesday (Sept. 2) press conference, the President stated that he intends to send troops to Chicago and several news outlets have reported that the Department of Homeland Security has requested use of the facilities at Naval Station Great Lakes for ICE enforcement and removal operations in the Chicago metropolitan area.

5. AUGUST JOBS REPORT.

The Labor Department announced on Friday that U.S. economy added only 22,000 jobs in August, well below a predicted 75,000 jobs, making the 4th weak jobs report in a row, with the unemployment rate ticking up slightly to 4.3%. Further, revisions to June and July’s reports showed a combined 21,000 fewer jobs were created (June was revised down by 27,000,

from +14,000 to -13,000, and the change for July was revised up by 6,000, from +73,000 to +79,000). In view of these disappointing jobs numbers, most observers expect the Federal Reserve’s Federal Open Market Committee to lower interest rates this week, after its 2-day meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday.

6. HIGHER EDUCATION.

On Friday, the U.S. Education Department announced it will expand its ombudsman office to include proactive outreach and education efforts aimed at helping families better understand federal student loan borrowing before they take on debt. The decision comes as student loan defaults and delinquencies remain alarmingly high, with over 6 million borrowers (34%) currently delinquent on federal loans and approximately 5.3 million borrowers already in default.

The newly renamed Office of Consumer Education and Ombudsman will also develop a comprehensive “common manual” by July 2026 to standardize federal loan servicing and collection practices across all vendors. Under Secretary Nicholas Kent emphasized that this shift toward earlier engagement is designed to help students make more informed borrowing decisions, ultimately leading to lower debt burdens and better repayment outcomes. The initiative marks a significant policy change from reactive complaint resolution to preventive financial education and regulatory standardization.

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Ahhh! Football at an HBCU!

Last Saturday marked the first home football game at my beloved alma mater, Alabama A&M University. The energy on campus is like no other. For those of us who grew up in small towns across Alabama, football Saturdays at an HBCU feel much like the “Big Meeting” days of our childhood—filled with food, family, fellowship, and a deep sense of tradition.

At AAMU, football is never just about the scoreboard. It’s about the gathering. It’s about pulling out your best outfits, reconnecting with classmates, sorority sisters, fraternity brothers, and mentors who shaped your journey. It’s about the March-

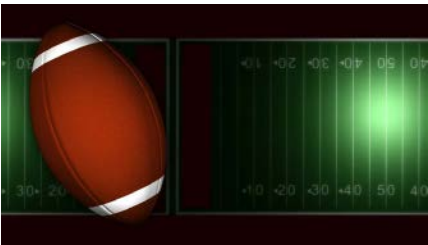


ing Maroon and White Band bringing down the house with their sound and precision.

It’s about the Bulldogs on the field, giving us all a reason to stand tall with pride.

Football at an HBCU is culture, history, and celebration all rolled

into one. Long after the final whistle blows, the real win is found in the laughter under the tents in Tailgate Village, the shared plates of barbecue ribs, fried chicken, catfish, pound cake and banana pudding, and the familiar voices shouting “Go Bulldogs!” from every corner of the stadium.



So, as the Bulldogs take the field this season, let us remember—this is more than a game. This is legacy. This is tradition. This is the heartbeat of our community.

Ahh, football at an HBCU!

Until next week ...

A NOTE FROM THE ...



Dorothy

SEPTEMBER 12 - RUBEN STUDDARD - Christopher Ruben Studdard is a German-born American R&B, pop and gospel singer and actor. He rose to fame as winner of the second season of American Idol and received a Grammy Award nomination in 2003 for Best Male R&B Vocal Performance for his recording of “Superstar.” In the years following Idol, Studdard has released seven studio albums, including his platinum-selling debut, *Soulful*, and the top-selling gospel follow-up, *I Need an Angel*. He is most well known for his recording career, which has produced hits including “Flying Without Wings,” “Sorry 2004,” and “Change Me,” but he has also segued into television and stage work. Most notably, he starred as Fats Waller in a national tour revival of *Ain’t Misbehavin’*, which spawned a Grammy-nominated soundtrack.

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Funeral service for **MR. DEVERE CARLOS PRIDE** (b. 1946) was Wednesday, September 10, at Little Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church with Reverend Gregory McGlathery, eulogist and Reverend Dr. Jerry Crutcher officiating.

Funeral service for **MR. CURTIS TYRONE TONEY** (b. 1970) was Tuesday, September 9, at Eagles' Nest Ministries Church, 6831 Hollow Road NW, Huntsville, Ala., with Pastor Jeremy Garner officiating.

Funeral service for **MRS. JOYCE R. SANFORD** (b. 1954) aka "Bonnie Ray" of Lexington, Kentucky, formerly of Huntsville, Ala., was Saturday, September 6, at Madkins Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church in American with Rev. Dr. Edward Anderson officiating.

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Funeral service for **MR. EDWARD LEE WALTER, SR.** (b. 1943) will be at 12 noon, Saturday, September 13, at the Family Worship Center, 3105 8th Ave SW, Huntsville, Ala., with Pastor Jvon Hearn officiating.

Funeral service for **MOTHER WILLIE MAE DRAPER** (b. 1923) will be announced at a later date.

Graveside service for **MR. OSMOND DEWAYNE RANDOLPH** (b. 1974) was Wednesday, September 10, at the Thatch-Mann Cemetery, 1801 W Hobbs St, Athens, Ala., with Royal-Funeral Home-Mason Chapel, directing.

Funeral service for **MR. THEODORE ROOSEVELT PASSMORE, JR.** (b. 1937) was Tuesday, September 9, at the Royal Chapel of Memories with Pastor Willard Scott officiating.

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Funeral service for **MR. RANDY MATKINS** (b. 1956) will be Saturday, September 13, at Fellowship of Faith Church, 3703 Memorial Parkway NW, Huntsville, Ala., at 12 noon.

Funeral service for **MR. WILLIAM HAYGOOD** (b. 1944) will be announced at a later date.

Spiritual Game Plan

PRESTON BROWN'S



Today's Spiritual Game Plan:

"No Regrets"

Philippians 3:13 says, "The one thing I do, forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead."

You know, the great thing about the past is you don't have to feel guilty about it. What we should do is learn from it and move on with our lives. We can't allow a few bad choices that we've made affect the rest of our lives. This is a trap from the enemy, the devil. You see, when we finally choose the life that God wants us to have, we should have no regrets about whatever we have done in our lives. When you live with regret, it sucks the life right out of you and keeps you in a state of depression and discouragement. It also keeps you from making the best of your time.

Time is too valuable to waste, and the older you get, the faster it goes by. What lies ahead is the new life God wants you to have, with no regrets. He's ready to give you beauty for ashes. He's ready to give joy for your mourning. It's never too late for you to say, Lord, make me over and make

me who you want me to be. Make me your witness, for all the world to see. Take me, I'm yours and let your spirit rest in me. Make me over Lord, make my life complete, with no regrets.

Prayer: Loving Father, help me to learn from the mistakes that I have made and not live with regrets.

Question: What mistakes have you made that keep you a prisoner of the past? What can



you do to move forward without regrets?

Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters, and make sure you purchase a copy of my books, *Spiritual Game Plans For*

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Jeffrey Epstein's Other Victims: Missing Parents

"Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." - Ephesians 6:4

We are rightly outraged by the Jeffrey Epstein scandal—by the crimes, the cover-ups, and the political hypocrisy.

Both sides of the aisle see through the thinly-veiled attempts to hush it all away.

But as sickening as the abuse itself is, I am most disturbed by the question no one seems to be asking:

Where were the parents?

These missing parents' young daughters, mid-to-late teens at the time, were not simply swept into the orbit of the rich and famous without someone's permission.

Where was the parental vigilance?

The oversight?

The protective guardrails?

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As the father of a former teenage daughter, I can't imagine such parental neglect. When her mother and I allowed our daughter to start working in her early teens:

1. Her mother first consulted her peers and their parents; then,
2. We researched options; and only then
3. Introduced her to a vetted employer.

But We Didn't Stop There ...

Then, we downloaded the Life360 tracking app on all three of our cellphones—not to control our daughter, but to care for her.

We kept this tracking app until the day we:

- Dropped her off at her college freshman residence hall;
- Prayed in a family circle with her; and then
- Each kissed her "goodbye."

If everyday parents like us could provide such boundaries and accountability, why couldn't parents of wealth and influence do the same?

Unless, of course, they were blinded by the glitter of "lifestyles of the rich and famous."

Leadership isn't just for presidents or CEOs. It begins at home.

When parents fail to lead, when they abdicate their sacred duty, the powerful prey on the vulnerable.

First Things First

It's time we not only hold predators accountable, but also first ask hard questions of the parents who failed to protect their children.

#Leadership #EgoHolism #ProtectOurChildren
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When parents fail to guard their children, the powerful prey on the vulnerable.

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Millennial Moment

by Gloria B. Caldwell

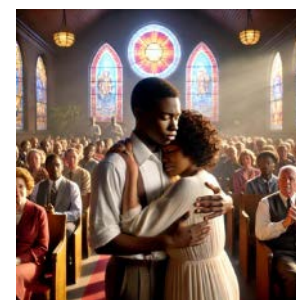
COMPASSION ...

What does it take to extend a little grace to someone else--a little compassion and understanding?

Sometimes things get a little tricky. You know how that feels, right?

Every now and then, a person hits a bump... you do, too. Think about those moments when you are in a funk. Or, moments where it feels like things are caving in on you. What about the moments when it rains and it's pouring?

It would help if you had a moment to regroup without being called weak, lackluster, or incapable. Well, think about those times and be mindful that it happens to all of us. Extend a little grace. Offer up



some compassion.

Compassion can pull someone up. Isn't that what we are put here for? Each one reaches one. We pull each other through to accomplish our goals and to realize our purpose.

Helping someone get out of a trying time also teaches you about yourself. It allows you to tap into your self-awareness. Reflect. It is a reminder that you overcame something.

It is a beautiful thing.

Psalm 103:13 says: The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

Aren't we striving to be more like Him? Well, if you aren't a believer, are you conscious enough to understand that this is necessary? Compassion helps with improved happiness, good mental health, and a more robust immune system.

It is said that it also reduces anxiety, stress, and depression. So you win from being compassionate.

Extend a bit more compassion. It will do you good.

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Butterfly Release
Huntsville Botanical Garden
Bob Wallace Avenue
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10 a.m.

September 20
32nd Annual Trail of Tears
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The Leadership Role of Listening at Home

When our children mess up, we well-intentioned parents often default to authority, rules, and discipline. But sometimes, what our children need most is not our verdict, but our voice—one that says:

- ◇ “I believe you.”
- ◇ “Let’s figure this out together.”
- ◇ “I’m listening. Tell me what’s going on.”

CNBC’s August 31st article, I’ve studied over 200 kids—here are 6 ‘magic phrases’ that make children listen to their parents, recently shared these six “magic phrases” that help raise kids who actually listen. They all point toward the same theme: empathy.

1992 presidential candidate Bill Clinton’s famous debate moment “I feel your pain” line worked because he entered the listener’s space, not the judge’s bench. Parents can do the same.

This is Step #3 in



Ego-holism Recovering: *Become an Active Listener.* That means asking *What happened?* instead of *Why did you do that?* It means sometimes keeping our mouths closed long enough to hear our children’s hearts open.

Leadership expert Dr. John C. Maxwell says, “Give them your heart before you ask for their hand.” The Bible says similarly, “Except you become as little children, you cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven.” Both remind us: listening is leadership.

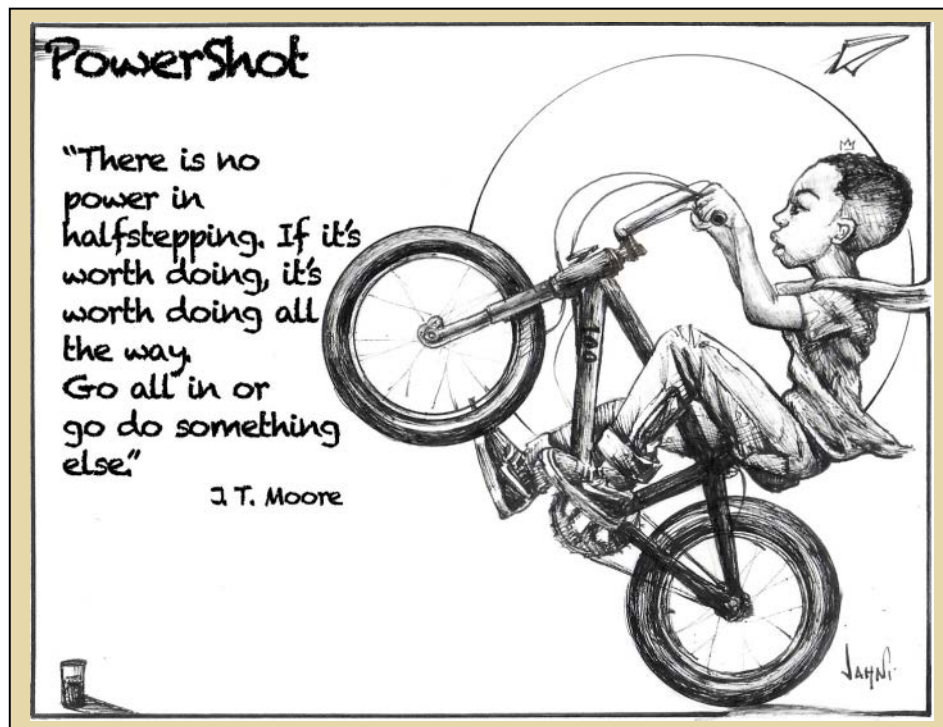
We’ve been schooled in reading, writing, and speaking, but never in “Listening 101.” Yet listening

is the discipline that builds bridges instead of walls, and leaders at home—like leaders in business—must master it.

Because when we truly listen, we can help our children turn bitter lemons not just into better lemonade, but into the best: the sweetest lemon meringue pie!

#Leadership #Parenting
#EgoHolismRecovering
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ON THIS DAY

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Rosetta James Foundation "Spotlight on Our Elders" ... Featuring

Mrs. Bettye Dixie

Mrs. Bettye Williams Dixie is a sociology graduate of Tuskegee Institute (University), and she earned the M.Ed. degree in counseling from Pennsylvania State University.

For nearly 30 years, Dixie served as a career counselor of individuals entering or re-entering postsecondary education. Her noble duties included personal adjustment counseling, interpreting tests and interest inventories.

As a dementia expert, Dixie has engaged dementia residents in nursing homes in art and music activities, important functions that have assisted these persons with needed coping skills. Moreover, she has trained nursing home staff and the general public in the unique causes of dementia, as well as how to best work with dementia patients.

The multitalented Dixie has worked in the fundraising sector for nearly decade for at least three worthwhile nonprofit organizations. She has served on the Board of Trustees for the Presbyterian Home for Children in Talladega, Ala., for two years. Since its founding in 1868, the Presbyterian Home for Children has led the state in providing services to Alabama's at-risk children. The organization has provided clients with

services aimed at preserving and reunifying families in their own home. This has been a proven and effective method to end cycles of abuse and neglect. PHC's Secure Dwellings Program provides safe and affordable housing on the PHC campus to homeless children and their female caregiver, while dedicated staff work to minister to their needs by empowering the caregiver to achieve goals and reach self-sufficiency, as well as providing a safe haven for homeless children to rest, grow and play. Finally, the Supportive Housing communities throughout the state serve homeless children with their female caregiver.

Dixie has provided useful expertise for six years to Mission Haven, which offers affordable short-term housing and friendly hospitality to missionary families, as well as for students at local seminars. Her affiliation with RiahRose Home for Children has centered around providing a home for homeless pregnant women and homeless families with young children.

Among her many affiliations are Fellowship Presbyterian Church U.S.A.; The Golden Charmers, an aggregate of older adults focusing on offering support and information on health issues, leisure



pursuits, volunteerism, successful aging, financial well-being and faith in God; Presbyterian Women (moderator and vice moderator), nurturing faith through prayer and Bible study, and advocating for justice and peace; the Chancel Choir; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; and the Huntsville Spiritual Chorale, which performs and preserves the coveted Negro Spiritual.

Dixie is also actively involved in the Alpha Omega Chapter (founding member) of Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., and its ongoing work to launch services for intellectually and developmentally disabled citizens. She has served as the organization's president, vice president, chaplain and membership intake coordinator.

She was married to the late Dr. Theodore Dixie, Sr., a retired Alabama A&M University professor, and they have one son, Ted, Jr.

The Manns Will Highlight Gospel Concert

Alabama A&M University has announced award-winning gospel power couple David and Tamela Mann as headliners for the 2025 Homecoming Gospel Concert, taking place Sunday, October 5, at 6:00 p.m. inside the AAMU Event Center.

The announcement comes as part of the University's sesquicentennial celebration, a year-long reflection on AAMU's Rich Heritage and Bold Future. The Homecoming Gospel Concert is one of the signature Homecoming events highlighting the faith, culture, and community spirit that has guided AAMU for 150 years.

David and Tamela Mann are internationally celebrated entertainers who have



left a lasting imprint across gospel music, television, and stage.

Tamela Mann, a Grammy® Award-winning gospel singer, has captivated audiences with her powerhouse vocals and chart-topping hits such as "Take Me to the King" and "Change Me." Her albums have consistently soared to the top of Billboard's gospel charts, earning her multiple Stellar, BET, and NAACP Image Awards.

David Mann, an accomplished actor, comedian,

and singer, is beloved for his work in Tyler Perry's productions, including the role of "Mr. Brown" in Meet the Browns. Together, the couple has built a remarkable career that blends ministry, entertainment, and music, becoming symbols of family, faith, and resilience.

Together, the Manns embody the spirit of inspiration and joy that defines gospel music, making them the perfect choice to headline Alabama A&M's landmark celebration.

The Gospel Concert serves as both a spiritual anchor and joyful prelude to the week's festivities under the 2025 Homecoming theme "Volume 150" – a nod to the University's sesquicentennial year.

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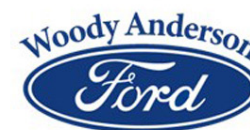


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City Opens Stoner Park Skating Rink

The city's newest recreational destination is officially open. City leaders gathered to cut the ribbon on the highly anticipated Stoner Park Skating Rink, marking the debut of Huntsville's premier covered outdoor roller skating venue.

The \$2.3 million project, designed by Nola Van Peurse Architects and built by Butler Construction, broke ground in July 2024. The rink itself measures 85 by 185 feet and

sits under a 19,000-square-foot open-air pavilion on the site of the park's former tennis courts.

The skating rink was born out of a community-driven vision. Residents asked for more diverse recreational opportunities, and City leaders delivered. The facility also features new restrooms and easy access to other park amenities, including a playground, multi-purpose fields, and football, baseball, and softball facilities.

Located on 68 acres south of Stringfield Road and west of Pulaski Pike, Stoner Park continues to grow as one of Huntsville's most dynamic recreation hubs.

"Huntsville Parks and Recreation is committed to enhancing new and existing facilities, amenities and parks," said Parks & Recreation Director James Gossett. "We hope this encourages residents to get active, explore and maybe even try something new."

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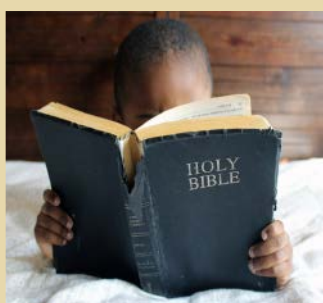
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First Lesson:

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

Psalm 14

Second Lesson:

1 Timothy 1:12-17

GOSPEL:

Luke 15:1-10



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Alabama A&M University Arts & Literary Exhibition & Celebration

Saturday, September 6, 2025 - The Event Center - Normal, Alabama

Organizers: Dr. SanYvette Williams-Foy and Dr. Rosalind Ali



CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE



Bibbs to Create Commemorative Art for Alabama A&M University 150th Anniversary

Alabama A&M University proudly announces an exclusive artistic collaboration to honor our historic milestone.

Celebrated artist, Charles Bibbs has been commissioned to create two original paintings commemorating the 150th Anniversary of Alabama A&M University.


About the Artist
Charles Bibbs is an internationally recognized artist whose powerful works celebrate African American culture, history, and achievement. His distinctive style and meaningful subject matter have made him one of the most sought after contemporary artists in America.

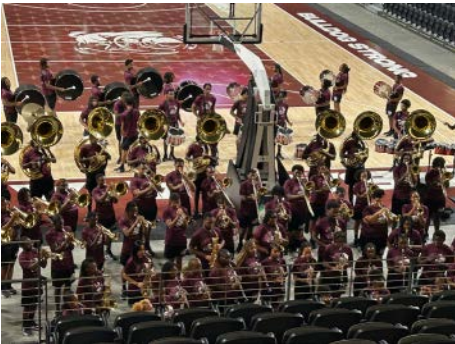
The Commission
These exclusive original paintings will capture the spirit, legacy, and bright future of Alabama A&M University as we celebrate a century and a half of educational excellence, innovation, and community impact.

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More details about viewing opportunities and acquisition will be announced soon.

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Alabama A&M University 2025 Homecoming Events

DOOR DECORATING CONTEST

Wednesday, October 1

Registration closes at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 1. Doors must be decorated by Monday, October 7.

Judges will stop by unannounced between Tuesday, October 8-Thursday, October 10.

BULLDAWG FEST

Saturday, October 4
10 a.m.

Let the Celebration Begin! Join us as we officially kick off Homecoming Week with Bulldawg Fest, an exciting night of music, food, and unforgettable vibes on the Quad! Admission: Free and open to students.

GOSPEL EXPLOSION

Sunday, October 5

6 p.m. - The Event Center
Performers: Tamela & David Mann

Special Guests: AAMU Gospel Choir, Oakwood University Choir and More!

Get ready for a powerful night of worship, praise, and inspiration at this year's Homecoming Gospel Explosion!

Join us for an unforgettable evening featuring electrifying performances from award-winning gospel artists and special guests.

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

Monday, October 6
10 a.m.

Honoring the Legacy of

Our Founder Join us for the Wreath Laying Ceremony, a cherished Homecoming tradition that honors the life and legacy of Dr. William Hooper Councill, the esteemed founder of Alabama A&M University.

This solemn and meaningful ceremony serves as a time of reflection and gratitude for the vision, leadership, and enduring impact of Dr. Councill. Held at the gravesite of our founder, this event brings together students, alumni, faculty, and community members to pay tribute to the man whose dream of education and empowerment continues to shape generations.

SKATE NIGHT

Tuesday, October 7
7 p.m.

Roll Into Homecoming Week with Style! Lace up your skates and get ready for one of the most anticipated student events of the week--Skate Night at Roller Time!

Enjoy a night of music, lights, and fun as we take over the rink for a high-energy, AAMU-exclusive skating experience. Dress in your best throwback Soulja Boy attire. Spots are limited, so be sure to sign up early to secure your place on the list! Sign up will be emailed to students.

Transportation will be provided; buses will run to and from campus for all registered participants.

EVERY SUNNY WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, October 8
12 Noon

Bulldog Spirit. Big Energy. One Epic Midweek Celebra-

tion. It's not just any Wednesday; it's Every Sunny Wednesday--Homecoming Edition!

Join us on The Quad for a high-energy celebration packed with music, a student pep rally, giveaways, games, and more as we keep the Homecoming spirit alive all week long.

ALL WHITE BASH

Wednesday, October 8
7:30-9:30 p.m.

An Explosion of Color. A Night to Remember.
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ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thursday, October 9
8 a.m.

Swing into Homecoming Weekend with Bulldog Pride! Join fellow alumni for a day on the green at the annual Alumni Golf Tournament, a Homecoming tradition that combines friendly competition, networking, and Bulldog camaraderie. Whether you are a seasoned golfer or just out to enjoy the vibes, this event is the perfect way to kick off your Homecoming weekend.

Enjoy a morning of golf, great conversation, and reconnecting with classmates in a relaxed and scenic setting. Registration information coming soon.

FACULTY/STAFF YARD SHOW

Thursday, October 9
12:30 p.m.

The Tables Have Turned; and the Yard is Watching! You've seen the students hit the stage;

now it's the faculty and staff's turn to show out! Join us for the Faculty & Staff Yard Show, a fun and spirited Homecoming event where our campus leaders trade in their desks for dance moves.

Watch your favorite professors, advisors, and administrators hit the yard with step routines, strolls, and surprises you won't want to miss.

ALUMNI PEP RALLY & HOMECOMING MIXER

Thursday, October 9
6 p.m.

It's time to turn up the spirit and bring the Bulldog energy! Join the National Alumni As-

sociation for the Alumni Pep Rally at the Dome at Orion—an electrifying evening dedicated to celebrating the legacy, pride, and unity of Alabama A&M University alumni.

DAY PARTY

Friday, October 10
3-6:30 p.m.

This year, we are excited to feature Big Mucci, Tonio Armani, 803Fresh, and TK Soul! Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy music, food trucks, vendors and more! Stay tuned for more!

PARADE

Saturday, October 11
8 a.m.

Line-up: MLK Elementary
Registered student organizations (RSOs), departments, and community groups are

invited to apply for participation.

FOOTBALL

Saturday, October 11
8 a.m.

The Bulldogs will take on Mississippi Valley State University on Saturday, October 11, at 2 p.m.

HIP-HOP CONCERT

Saturday, October 11
Von Braun Center-Propst
7:30 p.m.

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