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Friday, October 25, 2019

S.R. Butler Star Signs with Milwaukee Bucks

Former Butler High School basketball star Trevor Lacey has been signed by the Milwaukee Bucks to an Exhibit 10 deal.

Lacey turned 28 October 13 and is still known to fans from his time in college with both Alabama and North Carolina State.



In his final season in college, Lacey averaged a solid 15.7 points, 4.6 rebounds, and 3.5 assists per game with the Wolfpack, while shooting 39.2 percent from deep on 5.7 attempts per game. All of that combined for Lacey to be named as a Second Team All-ACC pick from the media.

Lacey built a steady career as a role player overseas spending two seasons in Italy, before joining Russia's Lokomotiv Kuban for the last two years. Lacey shot over 40 percent from deep in each of his seasons in Russia, and could bring similar marksmanship to the G League, according to behindthebuckpass.com.

HCS Makes Large Gains on State Report Card

Huntsville City Schools (HCS) has advanced from a "C" to a "B" on the latest Alabama State Report Card, with the district average increasing five points from a 77 to an 82. Almost 90% of schools in the district saw an increase on their individual report card, with 15 schools increasing by an entire letter grade. The largest increases were in the areas of reading growth, math growth, and attendance.

Last year, HCS proactively developed indicators of future success using accountability measures from the state report card but also an additional layer for continuous improvement. This is a key component of

the district's strategic plan which focuses on the whole student.

Superintendent Christie Finley is very proud of what the school system has accomplished, stating that it is "a true testament to what is happening in the classroom."

Finley thanked students, parents, and community partners, along with teachers, "who work diligently to ensure our students are achieving at high levels."

The Alabama State Report Card uses several pieces of information for the report that include academic achievement and growth, chronic absenteeism, graduation rates, and college and career readiness data.



Highlands Elementary School celebrates!

The report card is considered a snapshot in time that can look at a school's performance year after year to monitor academic progress and growth.

State Superintendent Eric Mackey says that the report card can tell us "something valuable about a school or

school system, but it does not tell us everything."

Mackey says that it is also very important to take a closer, more detailed look at the challenges a school faces, the aspirations and goals they have set, and the variety of ways in which they might have succeeded.

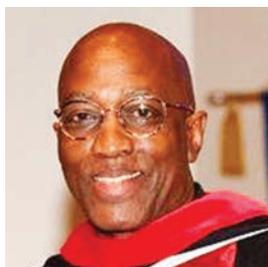
Presbyterian Official Will Address Fellowship PC

The Reverend Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II, Stated Clerk, General Assembly, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will be the anniversary speaker, at Fellowship Presbyterian Church, 3406 Meridian Street, Huntsville, Ala., Sunday, November 10, 2019 at the 10 a.m. worship service.

Dr. Nelson was elected at the 222nd General Assembly (2016) in Portland,

Ore. The son, grandson, and nephew of Presbyterian pastors, Nelson is the first African American to lead the denomination, which has a

300-year history in the U.S. Prior to becoming Stated Clerk, Nelson served as director of the PC (USA)'s



Office of Public Witness in Washington, D.C. His service to the denomination also includes calls as pastor of St. James Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, N.C., and organizing pastor of Liberation Community Church in Memphis, Tenn.

As an extension to his ministry in the PC (USA), Nelson served as associate director of the Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change at the University of Memphis.

As a consultant, he provided staff development training for teacher specialists, curriculum specialists, and principal leaders who provide assistance for low-performing schools.

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Perspectives on
EGO-holism by tim allston

Coming Soon (hopefully): Bernie Sanders' Greatest Campaign, No-brainer Victory

Read Mark 5:18-20

The Lemon

On October 4th, presidential candidate Senator Bernie Sanders reportedly suffered a heart attack.

Campaign advisers urged him to use Bishop T.D. Jakes' "setback is a set-up for a comeback" - i.e., use this experience to promote his chief Medicare-for-All policy proposal.

Absent from October 15th's debate was his trademark arm-flailing, finger-pointing energy; however when questioned, Sanders ("I'm healthy, I'm feeling great") swore to a "vigorous (cross-country) campaign" to fend off any concerns

But there's an even greater comeback/campaign awaiting ...

The Lemonade

"He's not always eager to discuss his personal life. He intentionally kind of avoids the conversations that make it about himself," Faiz Shakir, Sanders's campaign manager, said. "But we see it (recent heart attack) as an advantage to talk about it in those terms - those very human and personal terms ...

A New Lemonade Stand (Platform)?

Shakir: "In my view, there's no avoiding that conversation. You either talk about it now, or you talk about it later. If you're going to have that conversation, I think we all agree, let's just be open and transparent."

While political pundits would view Sanders' heart attack as the final nail in his White House coffin - C'mon: what Dems would nominate for president a 78-year old non-Dem/avowed socialist, now beset with a heart attack, which was only revealed after three days? - healthy lifestyle advocates instead see this as an opportunity for a high-profile celebrity to share his recovering journey. Each year, approximately 735,000 Americans suffer heart attacks, one every 40 seconds. Rather than running improbably for the White House, Bernie could instead be championing this cardiovascular disease campaign--which he can win, starting today.

Bernie's Hat-trick: Ego-holism Recovering Steps 5-7

"Turn your lemons into lemonade" (#5); "The healing's in the revealing" (#6); and "Now that you know go, elevate and grow!" (#7) offer Sanders a no-brainer campaign/victory requiring no teleprompters, opposition researchers, polling data and costly ads.

And no debate opponents, red neckties or navy-blue suits! Only stump speeches from the heart (pun intended).

Q: "Feeling the Bern"?

God has gifted Bernie with a recovering story to share that will outlast every four-year presidential "beauty contests". Just like you, . . .

Q: With which of your setbacks (lemons) can you (water) and God (sweetener) partner to make refreshing lemonade, for all to drink, be refreshed?

Trust me: it'll need no teleprompter - just tell a friend.

tim allston is the author of the free book, 7 Steps to Manage Ego Problems: The How-to Guide for "Someone Else," free and downloadable now at www.GetEgoHelpNow.org.



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To leave the legacy you want, you need to construct a comprehensive estate plan, which may include a will, a living trust, power of attorney and a health care directive. In addition, you may want to name beneficiaries on your financial accounts and life insurance policies as part of that plan. And you may need to update your estate plan in response to changes in your life.

As you incorporate all these elements into your estate plan, don't forget to communicate with your family. Your beneficiaries will need to know how to carry out your wishes – and the more knowledge they have, the fewer surprises will await them.

Here's one more suggestion: Get professional help. To cover all aspects of your estate plan, you will need to work with your financial, legal and tax professionals.

Creating an estate plan will be one of the biggest gifts you could ever give your loved ones – so take action soon.



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Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

“WHY WE NEED GOD IN OUR LIVES”

Psalms 37:7 says, *Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when evil people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.*

There is a song that goes, “If we ever needed the Lord before, we sure do need him now.” In Psalms 37, David makes the case as to why we need God in our lives today. In this scripture he talks about the contrast between the wicked and the righteous. In other words, those who seek to know God and the ones who don’t. Let’s face it, we live in a society where there are a lot of evil people that don’t have any



spiritual covering, meaning there is no one to talk about anything that pertains to their spiritual well-being. I believe this will continue to produce a generation of spiritually uneducated people. So, there is no doubt in my mind that we need some “old time religion” in our lives. Now, one of the reasons we need God’s presence in our lives is to change the quality of our lives. We all need a heavy dose of Jesus to change the very nature of our lives, because the world that we live in is made up of people that are full of hate.

That’s why this country and others around the world have overrun criminal justice systems. Just look at how many people we have in law enforcement. Look at all the prisons and jails that we have in this

country. Look at all the materialism and greed and self-seeking people that are all around. Human nature is sinful. Romans 3:10 says, “there is no one righteous, not even one.” That’s why our hearts and nature need to be changed. We also need God’s presence in our lives to change the “ruling spirit” of our lives. You see, the spirit of Christ and the spirit of the world are exact opposites. The spirit of the world is to hate. The spirit of Christ is to love. Until Jesus saves us from our sins and we grow in His grace, the spirit of the world will continue to control us. That’s why it is so important that we allow the presence of God in our lives. It’s the only way we can truly see the difference between right and wrong ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters.

Scenes from Kimberly Fails Jones 9th Annual Celebration of Breast Cancer Survivors Banquet

Oct. 11, 2019 - VBC North Hall - Huntsville, Ala.



The Valley Weekly Calendar of Events

Thru October 27
Johnson/Butler Legacy Cruise
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78th Annual Magic City Classic
Legend Field
Birmingham, Ala.
2:30 p.m.

Huntsville Country Club
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Huntsville, Ala.
Lieutenant General Willie Williams, USMC, Retired, Honorary Chair

Thru October 31
Tuskegee Photographer Prentice Herman “P.H.” Polk Exhibit
State Black Archives
Alabama A&M University
Wilson Building
(256) 372-4728
8 a.m.-5 p.m.

October 27
Annual Harvest Program
Madkins Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America
Rev. Endia J. Scruggs, Pastor
Guest Speaker: Rev. Jennifer Davis, New Beginnings
Christian Church, Huntsville, Ala.
2403 Oakwood Road, NW
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9:30 a.m.

November 15
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Von Braun Center
North Hall
700 Monroe Street, SW
Huntsville, Ala.
7 p.m.

October 24
Madison County Candlelight Vigil
Oakwood University
Leadership Building
6 p.m.

October 28
Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament for
Stillman College

October 26

CAFY Announces Young Citizen of the Month

A Madison County High School senior has been recognized by the Community Awareness for Youth (CAFY) program as its Young Citizen of the Month.

Bryant Statum has been a long-time volunteer helping the Huntsville Firefighters Association with the annual Special Needs Christmas Dance; the annual Pink T-shirt Campaign to bring awareness to cancer; Muscular Dystrophy Association Boot Drives and camp arrival day cookouts for over 12 years.

He was a part of the Huntsville Utilities ramp building team for CASA of Madison County, he volunteered between the ages of 7-10 with his Mom during Santa’s Village to set up the Hospitality Room and was an elf helping deliver letters to Santa, and he has helped fill food boxes and pick toys with Christmas Charities.

For the past four years, Bryant has been a counselor at Camp Seale Harris day and overnight camps for children with Type 1 Diabetes. He was diagnosed himself with Type 1



at age 10. At a young age he started attending Camp Seale Harris and now is able to mentor children and show them you can live a full life just like any other child.

Valley Deaths

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Graveside service for MS. BONNIE ANN LARKIN WATSON will be Friday, October 25, at 12 p.m. at Huntsville Memory Gardens with The Reverend Melvin Bishop officiating.

Funeral service for MR. JAMES E. GLOVER (b. 1948) was held Saturday, October 19, at the Saint Paul United Methodist Church (Triana, Ala.) with Pastor Tiwirai Kufarimai officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. ROSETTA JAMES (b. 1925) was held Thursday, October 17, at First Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Dr. Don Darius Butler officiating and eulogy by Rev. Dr. Julius R. Scruggs.

- Royal Funeral Home -

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Celebration of life service for MR. BENJAMIN FERGUSON SMALLS (b. 1931) will be 12:00 noon, Sunday, November 3, at the C.T. Richards Chapel in the Moseley Complex on the campus of Oakwood University (5500 Adventist Blvd., Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Craig Newborn officiating.

Funeral service for DR. CHARLES EDWARD UPSHAW (b. 1951) will be 2:00 p.m., Saturday, October 26, at Saint Paul Christian Methodist Episcopal Church (601 Moore Street, Nacogdoches, Texas) with Reverend Alex D. Mills officiating.

Celebration of life service for MR. AUGUSTA MAYES, JR., (b. 1942) was held Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at the Oakwood University Seventh-day Adventist Church (5500 Adventist Blvd., Huntsville, Ala.) with Dr. Carlton Byrd officiating.

Memorial service for MS. DENISE LARUE WILLIS was held Sunday, October 20, at the Oakwood Seventh-day Church with Dr. Carlton P. Byrd officiating.

Funeral service for MR. ELIGHA HOLDEN, JR., (b. 1930) was held Saturday, October 19, at Syler Tabernacle (904 Oakwood Avenue, Huntsville, Ala.) with Reverend Archie Emanuel officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. JOANN MATHIS THOMPSON (b. 1945) was held Friday, October 18, at Progressive Union Missionary Baptist Church (1919 Brandontown Road Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Ricky Sykes officiating.

- Serenity Funeral Home -

2505 University Drive NW - Huntsville, AL 35816
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Funeral service for MR. ROBERT NEELEY was held Sunday, October 13, at Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church, 2350 Wall Triana Hwy., SW, Huntsville, Ala.



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For more information, call (256) 427-5011.

NAAACC Meetings

The North Alabama African American Chamber of Commerce (Huntsville) meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at 12 noon.

The meeting location varies. Call (256) 564-7574.



A friendly reminder to set your clocks back 1 hour at 2 am Sunday, November 3rd.

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Consequences But Not Condemnation

Genesis 3:16-19;
Ephesians 6:6-8

Someone has rightfully said, "One can choose to sin, but not the consequences."

Right from the very beginning, God made it clear that there are consequences for disobedience. However, when applied by God, mercy is always present; that is, until that day of

final judgment.

In the case of our first parents we see that there were consequences for them, but they were not condemned. When looked at carefully, the consequences actually assured them of God's continued presence and help. The pain in childbirth, for the woman, would give way to the joy of seeing that newborn come into the

world. A woman's desire to "control" her husband is off set by the exhortation to submit to their husbands, as to the Lord. The Spirit is present to enable her to not give in to her "natural" desire, but rather to submit to the supernatural power of the Spirit of God.

The thorns and thistles and sweat and toil associated with the cursing of the ground doesn't mean that God will be absent, but that He will forever be present to give nobility to the work that is done with a good will as to the Lord and not man, knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive

back from the Lord.

As Jeremiah says in Lamentations, "It is because of the Lord's mercy that we are not consumed."

Thank God that the consequences of our sins are not condemnation.

NEXT WEEK:
"Caves and Pits
Are Different"



"Religion without humanity is very poor human stuff."

- Sojourner Truth

Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring

Mr. Wiley Henderson

Wiley Joseph Henderson was born in Clarke County, Ala. He was a distinguished graduate, longtime employee and retiree of Alabama A&M University. He participated in further studies at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, University of Alabama in Huntsville, Auburn University, University of Tennessee and Central State University.

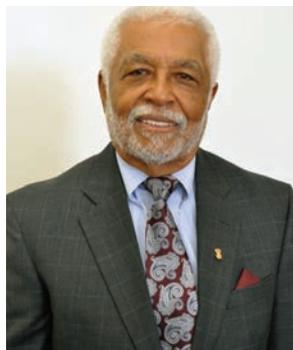
Henderson was actively involved in civic and community outreach programs for more than half a century. As a young professional, he organized a civic club to inform and increase voter registration in his rural south Alabama community.

He also helped to organize a federal credit union to serve minority educators. For several years, he served as chairman of the board for this

organization.

He remained at the forefront as a leader in his church. While serving as chairman of the trustee board, he spearheaded a fundraising effort that resulted in the building of a new edifice. He also served as superintendent for the Sunday School.

Upon moving to Huntsville, he and his family affiliated with the NAACP, Alabama Democratic Conference, and First Missionary Baptist Church. He served as a board member for the Child Development Center at First Missionary Baptist Church, and as an advisor for the Fellowship of University Students. He participated in the Congregational Care and Keenage Ministries. Over the years, Henderson skillfully used his fraternal affiliations



as a venue for community outreach. While serving as president of his undergraduate chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, he began a legacy of working with programs that enhanced the health, social and leadership skills of young black males.

He has also received recognition as Professor of the Month and Teacher of the Year.



OCTOBER 25 - SPEECH. The rapper & leader of the popular group, Arrested Development, was born Todd Thomas in Milwaukee, Wis. The group is most well known for the hit, "Everyday People".

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Washington in One Minute



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 a bill to create a duty on the part of candidates and political committees to immediately report attempts by foreign agents to influence an election and will also mandate that political ads sold online (e.g., Facebook, Twitter and Google) are covered by the same rules as ads sold on TV, radio, and satellite ... On Thursday, the body of Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-MD), who passed away last week, laid in state in Statuary Hall in the U.S. Capitol and a ceremony was held that morning. Rep. Cummings's funeral was held Friday at 10 a.m. at New Psalmist Baptist Church in Baltimore.

2. The Senate took up a treaty allowing Northern Macedonia to enter NATO and then turned to debate on some of the FY2020 appropriations bills, likely Transportation/HUD, Agriculture, and Defense (the Senate has to date passed none of the 12 annual appropriations bills and the House has passed 10 of the 12 bills). There is still no agreement between the House and Senate on the individual allocations for the 12 appropriations bills and the clock is ticking on the stopgap measure keeping the government open, which expires on Nov. 21, 2019.

There is also considerable discussion on whether to bring up a Turkey sanctions bill in view of its incursion into Syria.

3. President Trump on Wednesday travelled to Pittsburgh, Pa., to deliver the keynote address to a gathering of shale gas producers. On Thursday, he participated in a ceremony marking the start of the Hindu festival of lights, known as Diwali, and also presented the Presidential Medal of Freedom to auto racing team owner Roger Penske. On Friday, he travelled to Columbia, S.C., to speak at a criminal justice forum focused on the African American community held at Benedict College. The forum also heard from at least 9 of the 2020 Democratic candidates, including Biden, Booker, Buttigieg, Harris, Sanders, and Warren. Notably, the forum will hold its first straw poll of all students and alumni of the 8 historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) in South Carolina, who will vote online for the presidential candidate that best addresses their concerns ...

4. On Last Tuesday, House Education and Labor Committee Chairman Bobby Scott (D-VA) released the College Affordability Act, its proposal to overhaul the Higher Education Act (HEA). The legislation includes prioritizing federal

funding for states offering free tuition programs at community colleges that let students use other forms of aid for nontuition costs, as well as maintaining funding for public higher education. However,

it does not include notable progressive priorities, including those that have gained traction on the 2020 presidential campaign trail, such as debt-free college at four-year universities and sweeping student loan forgiveness for existing borrowers ...

6. Last week, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee announced that Boeing CEO Dennis Muilenburg will testify before the committee on October 30 in his first public hearing since the 2 fatal crashes of the company's 737 Max jets. on the aircraft ...

7. On Friday night at 8:07 p.m. EDT, the World Series will return to Washington, D.C. for the first time since October 7, 1933, when the New York Giants beat the Washington Senators in Game 5 to clinch the Series at the old Griffith Stadium in D.C. (now the site of Howard University Hospital). On Friday, the WASHINGTON NATIONALS will host the Houston Astros for Game 3 of the Series (as well as Games 4 and 5, if necessary). GO NATS!!!

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