

E-Book To Be Released



ADAM HENIG is planning the release of an e-book, an electronic issue, which is usually read online, discussing the events leading up to and after the publication and television release of Alex Haley's *Roots*. Henig, born and reared in the San Francisco Bay area, attended California State University, Chico, majoring in political science with an emphasis in cultural and international studies. After graduation, he pursued his interest in African American history and literature.

The e-book, *Alex Haley's Roots: An Author's Odyssey*, is scheduled to be released in January. In 1977, when the New York Times declared that the television mini-series, *Roots*, was the "most significant civil rights event since the Selma-to-Montgomery march of 1965," its author, Alex Haley, became America's newest "folk hero."

His book was on the Times' Best Seller's list for months, and won the Pulitzer Prize. His story had captivated a nation and then the world. From Idaho to Israel, it seemed everyone was caught-up in "Rootsmania."

Alex Haley was on his way to becoming the most successful author in the history of publishing. That's

Birthdays

Dec. 26 – Judy Groenke, Payton Chandler Kent, Jimmy (Chico) Hill, Jennifer Reynolds, Stacy Paris, Grant Dew, Joe Lovelace, John Reece, Jr., Dawn Pease Orman, L. Q. Russell, Patricia Jackson, Sherrin Reviere Nissen, Jack Glenn, Brad Wiley, Sam Poe, Tracy Vaughn.

Dec. 27 – Joan Sigman, Norman Hendren, George Rose, Chuck Porter, David Ream, Marie Swanner, Lillian Howard, Lynn Ward, Blake Smith, Libby Butterworth, Dwight Weaver, Vicki Gould, Alex Smith, Alan Newlin,

Glenda Bain, Don Strauss, Nancy Houston.

Dec. 28 – Kirstie Hunter, David Cook, William Reynolds, Larry Carden, Dustin White, Carolyn Williams, Joe Moss, Norene Douglas, Frankie Hutcherson, Martha Crowder, Shan'derda Williams, Robbie Camara, Mike Lawson, Donya Welch.

Dec. 29 – Patricia Gallo-way, Greg Mitchell, Maurice Gaines, Missy Raye Miller, Joey Hassell, Jennifer Akin, Katelyn Cherry, Amy Roberson, Dave Clark, Jennifer Clark, Kelly Carmack, Damian Dowling, Logan Jones,

when his troubles began. Within a decade and a half following the publication of *Roots*, Haley managed to alienate most of his fellow writers and at the same time squander most of his wealth. When he died at the age of 70, his estate was auctioned off and his iconic book went out of print.

What happened? Based on interviews of Haley's contemporaries, legal documents, personal correspondence, and newspaper accounts, Henig investigates the unraveling of one of America's most successful yet enigmatic authors.

In addition to his upcoming publication, about Haley, Adam is a book reviewer for Sacramento/San Francisco Book Review and Blogcritics.

Graduate



JODIE GARRETT, of Henning, graduated December 19th from the Tennessee Police Academy. Attending the ceremony were his wife, Hayley Garrett; his sister, Jenna Janzen; his mother, Ellen Pilcher; and his in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Jankovsky.

Christmas Ready



SANTA CLAUS visited the Lauderdale County Library December 19th. In lower photo, the stage in the children's area of the library was dressed up for the holiday.

Anniversaries

Dec. 26 – Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Elder, Mr. and Mrs. Jason Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Chalk, Mr. and Mrs. Montelle Parsons.

Dec. 27 – Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harrald, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Reviere.

Dec. 28 – Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Neil Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Wilson.

Dec. 29 – Mr. and Mrs. Terry Troutt, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Land, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Childress, Mr. and Mrs. William (Shayne) McKee III.

Dec. 30 – Mr. and Mrs. Deno Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. George Tyree, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Poynter.

Dec. 31 – Mr. and Mrs. Leon Pickard, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stowers, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Crowson.

Jan. 1 – Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Larry McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. Richard West, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hutcherson.

Daniel Adkins, Colin Webb, Jennifer Carmack, Jimmy Trobaugh, Daniel Gaines.

Dec. 30 – Beth Bailey, Philip Herron, David Rose, Jr., Rufus Lowrance, Maryann Ennis, Libby McBride, Thelma Hurt, Mary Patterson, Yawanda Hubbard, Kim Castleman, Jackie Betz, Jason Hayles, Billy Brandon.

Dec. 31 – Ashton Gaines, Brent Tucker, Ken Sutton, Caitlyn Hurt, Sarah Callender,

Marriages

December 14th - Eric Antwan Williams, 30, to Erica Denise Ferguson, 32, by Roy Dowell.

December 16th - Robert Henry Spencer, III, 25, to Breanna Rosa Titsworth, 23, by Howard A. French.

December 17th - Charles Nelson Gray, 35, to Lorry Elizabeth Taylor, 31, by Rod Schuh.

Si Ming Liu, 20, to Bing Yu Qiu, 24, by William Welch, Jr.

December 19th - Frank Jeffrey Kirkpatrick, Jr., 27, to Jessica Brooke Osteen, 22, by Rod Schuh.

Jamie Holder, Ashley Adkins, Olivia Gaines, Bethany Allysa Buckner, Charlie Miller, McKayla Holmes, Chris Nelson, Mia Maxwell.

Jan. 1 – Wilson Ferguson, Martha Thornton, Liz Craft, Joy Beaird, Emma Bonds, Perrilyn Cherry, Gertie M. Davis, Janet Hurt, Jimmy Haynes, Katheryn Dunigan, Richard West, Olgie Patrick, Bill Pollard, Jennifer Terry, Richard Adams, Arthur R. Walker, Barbara Walker, Bobby Baker, Jackie Webb, Jennifer Camper.

Instead of being a time of unusual behavior, Christmas is perhaps the only time in the year when people can obey their natural impulses and express their true sentiments without feeling self-conscious and, perhaps, foolish. Christmas, in short, is about the only chance a man has to be himself. ~Francis C. Farley

Telisa Woodard, formerly of
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'Twas the Night before Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St Nicholas soon would be there.

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads.
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
Away from the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below.
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tinny reindeer.

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St Nick.

More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name!

"Now Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! On, Cupid! on, on Donner and Blitzen!
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! Dash away! Dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky.
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of Toys, and St Nicholas too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot.
A bundle of Toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler, just opening his pack.

His eyes-how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow.

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath.
He had a broad face and a little round belly,
That shook when he laughed, like a bowlful of jelly!

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself!
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings, then turned with a jerk.
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose!

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, 'ere he drove out of sight,
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!"

Clement C. Moore

Safety Roadblocks

The Tennessee Highway Patrol, along with Ripley Police Department, will conduct a seatbelt checkpoint in the central section of Ripley during the morning of December 27th. Recognizing the danger presented to the public by unbelted vehicle occupants, officers will target those who operate a vehicle while unbelted and take corrective actions for other violations observed.

The Tennessee Highway Patrol recognizes that safety belt checkpoints are highly visible and effective tools of enforcing the safety belt laws of Tennessee while ensuring the protection of all motorists.

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