

# The Valley Weekly

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*"Black art has always existed. It just hasn't been looked for in the right places."*

- Romare Bearden

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Friday, January 15, 2016

## Several King Day Events Set Throughout the Valley

For the past three decades, the Huntsville brothers of the Delta Theta Lambda Chapter & Education Foundation of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated have hosted the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Breakfast, and the 31st annual event will continue this time honored tradition.

The 31st Annual Unity Breakfast will be held on Monday, January 18, 2016 at 8 a.m. at the Von Braun Center's North Hall.

If you have not already secured a ticket and would like to attend, see your favorite Huntsville Alpha brother as tickets are going fast.

Another Huntsville treat to commemorate the superlative life

and enduring legacy of the late civil rights pioneer and social justice activist is the annual Emancipation Proclamation Observance.

The event is hosted by the Greater Huntsville Interdenominational Ministerial Fellowship. The service, however, will be held on Friday, January 15, 2016, at 7 p.m. at Progressive Union Missionary Baptist Church located at 1919 Brandontown Road in Huntsville.

Frequently, with each new year, many people make resolutions, promising to do various things throughout the course of the remaining year. Without the benefits of a scientific poll, most would likely rank the national Number 1 resolution as weight

loss/healthy living.

Here to help many of us make it past the first month of a challenging resolution, the ladies of the Central North Alabama Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., will host their annual "Go Red" luncheon for heart health on Saturday, February 6, at the Huntsville Marriott. Tickets to attend are \$40 and may be purchased from any of the members of Central North Alabama Alumnae Chapter.

As 2016 continues to escalate to new heights, Valley residents are encouraged to attend these and other events indicative of the area's diversity. Until then, enjoy Huntsville's Happenings.

by Gary T. Whitley, Jr.



## Alabama Wins National Championship

The University of Alabama's Crimson Tide football squad won (45-40) the 2016 College Football Playoff National Championship Game over the Clemson University Tigers. The game was played at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Ariz., and Alabama's win was its fourth in seven football seasons of what

some refer to as Nick Saban's dynasty at Alabama.

Heisman Trophy winner Derrick Henry opened up the scoring with a 50-yard touchdown run, allowing Alabama to draw blood first. Despite Clemson QB Deshaun Watson's phenomenal skills, the Tigers never regained the lead after the half.

## Alum Gains Attention for Cancer Research

An Alabama A&M University alumnus is gaining national attention for her groundbreaking cancer research in her lab at Tuskegee University, where she is a physicist.

Dr. Hadiyah-Nicole Green earned her undergraduate degree at AAMU, where the St. Louis native also served as Miss Alabama A&M and authored her first book of poetry.

For more information about Dr. Green's research, visit the AAMU website at [www.aamu.com](http://www.aamu.com).



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## Washington in 60 Seconds



Here are the top issues in DC this week:

1. The House and Senate were in session until Wednesday to allow House and Senate Republicans to attend the "Bicameral GOP Retreat" in Baltimore on 13-15 January (see item #3). The Senate will convene for the first time since December and is expected to allow a vote on Senator Rand Paul's (R-KY) "Audit the Fed" bill, which would open up the Federal Reserve's most sensitive operations to auditing and reporting, including the Fed's "discount window" (short-term lending to member banks), its open market operations, and its agreements with foreign bankers. The bill has passed the House in each of the previous 3 Congresses, but has never had a vote in the Senate. The House, among other items, will take up a resolution to cancel the recent "Waters of the United States" regulation, a bill to strengthen sanctions against North Korea for claiming to test a hydrogen bomb, and a bill to increase Congress' oversight of the July 2015 Iran nuclear agreement (seen as a GOP attempt to scuttle the deal by

imposing additional terms).

2. On Tuesday, President Obama delivered his final State of the Union Address, which departed from the traditional litany of policy proposals in favor of a broader discussion on the challenges facing the country (and the next President). The White House also cited the following items for the President's final year in office: criminal justice reform, the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade pact, climate change, and gun control measures. Without fanfare, President Obama on Friday vetoed the Budget Reconciliation bill which would have repealed key pieces of Obamacare and stopped federal funding of Planned Parenthood for 1



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year. The House is planning to take a largely symbolic vote to override the veto on January 22 to coincide with the annual March for Life on the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision.

3. On Wednesday, House and Senate GOPers headed to Baltimore for their annual 3-day legislative retreat, where they will discuss: economic growth and innovation; fighting terrorism and keeping America safe; the future of health care; and rethinking poverty programs. King Abdullah II of Jordan has been invited to present a keynote address for the retreat on Wednesday, joining Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jon Meacham, CNBC's Larry Kudlow and the Archbishop of New York., Timothy Cardinal Dolan. Senate Democrats will meet at the National's Baseball Park in D.C. on Wednesday and House Democrats will hold their retreat in Baltimore the last week of January.

4. Last week, in response to the series of recent ISIS-directed or -inspired events around the world, House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) announced that he had asked Reps.

Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) and Ed Royce (R-CA) to hold a series of meetings with rank-and-file GOPers to gauge whether to move forward on new Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF) against ISIS. The military force discussion could be one of the points where the House and Senate GOP leaders diverge, as Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) has said he does not want to pass a new AUMF in the final year of the Obama Administration.

5. 2016 Presidential Watch. Last week, the Democratic-owned Mercury Analytics firm polled 916 people and found that 20% of likely Democratic voters say they would buck the party and vote for Donald Trump in the general election, while only 14% of GOP voters said they would cross party lines to vote for Hillary Clinton. The poll has a margin of error of +/- 3.5%.

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Dr. Latasha McCrary, Staff Attorney  
at Southern Poverty Law Center  
and UAH alumna

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# From the Editor

*Brrrrrrrr!*

As I write this editorial, it is scheduled to be 18 degrees and 17 degrees over the next two nights. In the entire scheme of our local weather, we have actually had some fairly decent weather, even when we consider the rain. On January 9th, motorists were urged by the Alabama Department of Public Safety to "use caution when traveling in North Alabama."

I was 16 years old when I left home for Normal, Ala., in 1975. I lived with my sister Mary and her husband Walter in the summer of 1975 and worked a summer job at the CAA; yes, the Community Action (Partnership) enhancing "the quality of life through the mobilization of federal, state, and local resources in order to provide advocacy, economic development, and assistance to move low-income people toward self-sufficiency" (<http://caa-htsval.org>). The CAP has been supporting individuals and families in North Alabama since 1965. The late Mr. Edwin S. Hill was the Executive Director when I worked there as a summer hire. Back then, it was called the Community Action Agency. I turned 17 in July and started college in September.

One of the things larger cities had that we did not have in our small town was 'advocacy and economic development' organizations. In small towns, people were so busy trying to keep food on the table and the lights on, producing the livestock and making the crop to be concerned about advocacy. It seems that there were some local educated (mostly teachers) citizens who organized for advocacy from time to time; however, I don't have enough memories to write about it. I was young and somewhat sheltered from 'the things going on' around me. Vanity Fair Mills was the major employer where the people I knew worked back in Monroeville. They either worked at the cutting or sewing plant, along with a few others who held miscellaneous jobs. The summer after my freshman year at Alabama A&M, I returned home along with my late sister, Vanessa, and we applied and were hired at the cutting plant. Due to the environment, we quit before the summer was over. We were college girls who did not plan that for our future. Enough said!

To my point about the cold weather: we may have icy roads and hazardous driving conditions. I just don't remember this type of weather--even as a college student. So few of us had cars. There was no Google or Internet; perhaps I just never noticed it. Actually, the weather was one of the things we liked about Huntsville, after having lived in three states north of here.

State troopers offer the following tips to help ensure safe winter travel:

- Avoid travel, if possible, when icy or other extremely hazardous driving conditions develop.
- Keep vehicles in good operating condition. Check antifreeze levels and use windshield washer solution suitable for freezing weather conditions. Keep gas tanks at least half full.
- Remember weather and roadway conditions can quickly change. Adapt speeds to existing roadway conditions, and be alert to changing weather and the possibility of icy, slippery roads.
- During inclement weather, turn on headlights and windshield wipers and maintain a safe distance between your vehicle and other vehicles.
- Pay particular attention to bridges and overpasses, which have a tendency to develop extremely hazardous "black ice."
- Keep blankets, a first aid kit, a charged cell phone and other emergency supplies in your vehicle. (<http://dps.alabama.gov/Home/wfFlyerDetail.aspx?ID=2&PK=5db8abc7-251a-41ef-8087-d0d37d768d6b>)

This guidance was given "if driving becomes necessary." Most of us believe we have to drive somewhere most days, so my response to this advisory is: "Be safe!" I tend to be cold-natured; so, if you don't see me around town when the temperature dips into the "teens," just know I am hibernating and following the advice of the state troopers.

Be safe until next week ...



*Dorothy*

## AKA Founder's Day Celebration Set

*Huntsville Alumni  
Chapter of Alpha Kappa  
Alpha Sorority Celebrates  
108th Founder's Day*

The Huntsville, Epsilon Gamma Omega Alumni Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. will have an extra special Founder's Day on Sunday, January 24, at the historic St. Bartley Primitive Baptist Church, 3020 Belafonte Avenue, Huntsville, Ala., at 3 p.m.

Our keynote speaker will be the International Treasurer of the sorority, Ms. Danette Anthony Reed of Carrollton, Tex. Reed is a corporate executive with PepsiCo, Frito-Lay Division, served with the company for over 31 years, and has been recognized for her outstanding leadership.



Since its founding on January 15, 1908, on the Howard University campus, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., has had a tremendous impact, empowering communities through service initiatives and progressive pro-

grams. Throughout its 108 years of existence, the sorority has made incredible achievements in education, health, business and federal legislation.

Every year chapters throughout the nation celebrate the sorority's founding in their annual Founder's Day Program. We welcome members of the community to share in our celebration.

For more information, contact Benita Martin Dwight, chair, at Benita.e.martin-dwight.civ@mail.mil or

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## BTL to Present "Beauty and the Beast"

The Broadway Theatre League is scheduled to present Disney's world-famous Broadway musical "Beauty and the Beast" January 29-31 at the Von Braun Center.

Also an Academy Award-winning animated feature film, this production has captivated millions internationally.

The classic love story is filled with memorable characters, plush sets and costumes, and attractive production numbers, among them including "Be Our Guest" and the noted title song.

Show Times: Friday, January 29 at 8 p.m.; Saturday, January 30 at 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.; and Sunday, January 31 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

## U.S. Space and Rocket Center Features "Space Jewelry"

The U.S. Space and Rocket Center will feature the exhibit "Celestial Dreams: The Art of Space Jewelry" through the late mid spring.

Using precious gems, minerals and metals, artist Kathy Chan interprets the genuine awe of the cosmos and its vibrant oasis, Earth. A native of China who grew up in equally exotic Brazil, Kathy Chan studied in England before moving to the United States.

The self-taught jewelry artisan possesses instincts and talents that have reaped numerous accolades, including 14 international awards. This exhibit is on display through May 15, 2016.



## UAH Alum, Attorney to Speak at King Day Program

UAH alumna and SPLC attorney Latasha L. McCrary was slated to present the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day observance address on January 14.

"Refusing to accept being mediocre" has carried McCrary ('05 BA, Political Science, Sociology) a long way in her highly successful legal career.

The civil rights attorney, experienced in criminal defense law at the internationally renowned Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) in Montgomery, Ala., presented at the annual UAH Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Program on Thursday January 14. The SPLC is a non-profit legal advocacy

organization that investigates hate groups in the United States and abroad, and specializes in civil rights and public interest litigation.

The program was sponsored jointly by UAH's Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Office of Diversity.

At the SPLC, McCrary is not only one of the youngest criminal defense lawyers

on staff, but she is also the only attorney from Alabama to ever work for the organization.

Born and raised in Madison County, she graduated from Hazel Green High School and earned a B.A. degree from UAH in May 2005, double majoring in Political Science and Sociology.



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"Where you start should not determine where you end up."

-Barack Obama



# What a Difference a Day Makes

It was Thursday. The date was December 10, 1964. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was accepting the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, Norway. His was a speech of personal conflict, the kind one has when receiving payment for work not yet completed. Yet, his words of hope signaled a world that had the capacity for peace and respect for human life. Consider below an excerpt from King's acceptance speech.

*Your Majesty, Your Royal Highness, Mr. President, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen:*

*I accept the Nobel Prize for Peace at a moment when 22 million Negroes of the United States of America are engaged in a creative battle to end the long night of racial injustice. I accept this award on behalf of a civil rights movement which is moving with determination and a majestic scorn for risk and danger to establish a reign of freedom and a rule of justice. I am mindful that only yesterday in Birmingham, Alabama, our children, crying out for brotherhood, were answered with fire hoses, snarling dogs and even death. I am mindful that only yesterday in Philadelphia, Mississippi, young people seeking to secure the right to vote were brutalized and murdered. And only yesterday more than 40 houses of worship in the State of Mississippi alone were bombed or burned because they offered a sanctuary to those who would not accept segregation. I am mindful that debilitating and grinding poverty afflicts my people and chains them to the lowest rung of the economic ladder.*

*Therefore, I must ask why this prize is awarded to a movement which is beleaguered and committed to unrelenting struggle; to a movement which has not won the very peace and brotherhood which is the essence of the Nobel Prize.*

*Sooner or later all the people of the world will have to discover a way to live together in peace ...*

*After contemplation, I conclude that this award which I receive on behalf of that movement is a profound recognition that nonviolence is the answer to the crucial political and moral question of our time - the need for man to overcome oppression and violence without resorting to violence and oppression. Civilization and violence are antithetical concepts. Negroes of the United States, following the people of India, have demonstrated that nonviolence is not sterile passivity, but a powerful moral force which makes for social transformation. Sooner or later all the people of the world will have to discover a way to live together in peace, and thereby transform this pending cosmic elegy into a creative psalm of brotherhood. If this is to be*

*achieved, man must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love ...*

A full decade after Dr. King's coveted honor in Oslo, and nearly six years after his assassination in Memphis, Tenn.--on the exact day of Tuesday, December 10, 1974--a classified document was completed pertaining to the implications of worldwide population growth on U.S. security and overseas interests.

National Security Study Memorandum (NSSM) 200, also referred to as The Kissinger Report, laid out a comprehensive plan to permanently silence future generations of intelligent, politically active people of color in 13 nations.

The report lists 13 countries as being of major concern with

respect to U.S. security interest because their projected growth could exceed nearly half of the world's population growth. Three African nations (Egypt, Ethiopia and Nigeria) were among the group, joining India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Indonesia, Thailand, the Philippines, Turkey, Mexico, Colombia and Brazil.

A particularly disturbing aspect of the more than 100-page report is the following "reasonably sustainable hypothesis": "Populations with a high proportion of growth. The young people, who are in much higher proportions in many LDCs, are likely to be more volatile, unstable, prone to extremes, alienation and violence than an older population. These young people can more readily be persuaded

to attack the legal institutions of the government or real property of the 'establishment,' 'imperialists,' multinational corporations, or other-often foreign-influences blamed for their troubles" [Chapter V, "Implications of Population Pressures for National Security"].

While the report was declassified decades ago, it does bring to mind a series of secret reports and meetings that undermined the respect for human life that Dr. King espoused. Count among these the Order of the Skull and Bones, the Berlin Conference of 1884, the American Eugenics Society, today's annual Bilderberg Conference (started in 1954), and the Society for Biodemography and Social Biology, to name a few.

- Jerome Saintjones

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## RiahRose Workshop Offers Financial Freedom

On January 23, 2016 RiahRose Home for Children, Inc. will present Building Blocks to Financial Freedom, a series of free financial workshops targeting the displaced population of Huntsville and anyone desiring to learn how to better manage their finances. Because this is an all day event, breakfast, lunch, childcare, and transportation (if needed) will be provided.

The workshops will run from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Huntsville Public Library Main Campus and cover topics such as setting financial goals, budgeting, understanding and repairing your credit, opening and maintaining a checking and saving account, and comparison shopping for banks. Attendees will also be able to pull their credit report onsite and review it with a banking or financial expert. In addition, representatives from local banks will be on hand to assist in opening checking and/or savings accounts.

The workshop facilitators are Mrs. Nedra B. Robinson, Vice-President/Branch Manager of SunTrust Bank in Marietta, Georgia and Ms. Lauretta P. Moore, Family Services Center. So that these and other financial experts can provide as much one-on-one attention as possible to each individual, attendance is

limited to 20 participants. You can reserve your spot by contacting RiahRose Home for Children, Inc. at 256-489-4348 or via email at RiahRose@outlook.com. Join us as we strive to help others to build their financial futures - one block at a time.

RiahRose Home for Children, Inc., a 501 (c)3 corporation, was established in 2008 with a mission to help ease the burden of teen pregnancy and prepare them for the responsibilities of motherhood. Since that time, services have been expanded to combat chronic homelessness by meeting the needs of mothers beyond the teenage years. Due to increasing numbers of women and children without a stable home, RiahRose accepts women who are pregnant and with young children who are in need of a clean, safe, drug/tobacco free stable home. Our newly developed mission is to provide a program for residential care for women and young children. This service offers a clean, safe, nurturing, and alcohol/drug-free environment to promote education, self-sufficiency, and freedom from government assistance.

For more information about RiahRose Home for Children, Inc., visit the Web site at [www.riahrose.org](http://www.riahrose.org).

# Cutting Back!

"Cutting back" is a phrase that business people only like to hear in reference to budgets. When you start to hear "cutting back" circulating around the workplace, it can spark some nerves. No one wants to catch wind that their company is cutting jobs or that shareholders are backing out. It could lead to a loss of livelihoods or a change in their income in which their lifestyle doesn't support. As an economically concerned citizen, I don't like to hear companies having to cut back or lay off quality people.

Unfortunately, the well known department store, Macy's, is on the verge of cutting back. According to Fox Business, Macy's Inc. on Wednesday outlined plans to cut \$400 million in annual costs by closing stores and cutting thousands of jobs, after what it called a 'disappointing' sales and earnings performance in 2015. Macy's said it expects to cut about 3,000 associate jobs across its stores and to implement a "voluntary separation opportunity" for about 165 senior executives. It also will cut 600

back-office jobs and eliminate 750 jobs by consolidating call centers." (Chelsey Dulaney)

Unfortunately, one of the downsides in business is being responsible for others' livelihood, and never knowing how the funds will flow. There can be a point in time when the funds are flowing heavily and fruitfully, then it could be that one season where the income decreases and the funds slow down. It's hard to prepare for those moments, and although there are plenty who analyze the markets and stocks, you can't always predict or foresee the day that a company is affected. From the outside look-

ing in, Macy's is one company I wouldn't have predicted having to cutback; especially with the big Macy's day parade and tons of other PR they receive. However, it happens, and as businessmen/women, the only thing you can do is to make the proper adjustments to stay afloat, even if that means swallowing pride and cutting back. Just like a tree or hair, when you cut it, it can always grow back. So if cutting back can save the company so that it can potentially grow back in the long run, then do what is necessary to protect the overall business.

by Amoi Savage



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Huntsville Museum of Art

## January 15

The Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Emancipation Proclamation Celebration  
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr., Charlotte, N.C.

Progressive Union MB Church

1919 Brandontown Road  
7 p.m.

## January 16

Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Parade  
Downtown Huntsville

MLK Christian Jazz Fusion  
First Seventh Day Adventist Church

1303 Evangel Drive  
6 p.m. (Free)

## "Journey's Escape"

Black Jacket Symphony  
Von Braun Center Concert Hall  
Downtown Huntsville  
8 p.m.

MLK Weekend Black Affair brought to you by Sunny 98.1 and McCloud Entertainment

Cahaba Shrine, 1226 Blake Bottom Road  
9 p.m. - Until  
First 100 Advance Tickets \$10

Free food and premium drinks while they last  
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## January 16-18

Oakwood University MLK

Basketball Classic

## January 17

Art-N-Soul Society of Expression MLK Poetry Event  
Bob Harrison Center  
6156 Pulaski Pike, NW

## January 18

Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Breakfast  
Von Braun Center North Hall  
8 a.m.

## January 23

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## February 5

30th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration  
Honoring Pastor Wayne P. Snodgrass of Progressive Union Missionary Baptist Church  
The Jackson Center  
Cummings Research Park  
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## February 7

60th Anniversary Observation  
Holy Cross-St. Christopher's Episcopal Church  
3740 Meridian Street

## February 12

Dancing with the President and First Lady of Alabama A&M University  
"Glitz and Glamour on The Hill"  
Ernest Knight Center  
7p.m.  
Tickets \$25; Students, \$10

## Progressive Union to Hold Pastor's Anniversary

Progressive Union Missionary Baptist Church (PUMBC) will hold its Pastor's 30th Anniversary Celebration beginning January 30 and culminating February 7. The anniversary theme is: "Honoring Our Pastor with Overwhelming Love" - 1 Thess. 5:12-13.

The public is cordially invited to all events. On Saturday, January 30, "Love Notes & Musical Concert" will include tributes to Pastor Wayne Snodgrass. United Voices of Praise (UVOP), PUMBC Mass Choir and PUMBC Reunion Choir will perform in concert at 6 p.m. PUMBC is located at 1917 Brandon Town Road in Huntsville, Ala.

On Friday, February 5, the 30th Anniversary Gala, an unforgettable evening of honor and celebration has been scheduled at The Jackson Center, 6001 Moquin Drive. The event will begin with a reception on the purple carpet

at 6 p.m. followed by the Gala at 7:00. The tickets are \$50 per person. Tickets can be purchased Monday through Friday at the PUMBC's Union Family Christian Life Center (FCLC), 1919 Brandon Town Road or by calling (256) 534-8266.

On Sunday, February 7, Progressive Union will celebrate our Pastor's

30th Anniversary at the 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship services. The guest speaker for both services will be Reverend Gerod Duff, Pastor of the Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church, Griffin, Ga.

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