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"Every man is guilty of all the good he did not do." - Voltaire



FUTURE FATHERS: Local chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., held a "Future Fathers" youth conference Saturday, February 22, at Alabama A&M University. The conference drew local professionals to discuss the challenges of parenting, to provide financial literacy, as well as to address issues brought before them by mothers and fathers in attendance. (Photo by J. Saintjones)

AAMU Step Closer to Major North Huntsville Development

by Jerome Saintjones



Event Center

The Alabama A&M University Board of Trustees on February 21 pushed the University a step closer to an expansive development that would greatly boost campus aesthetics and have a significant economic impact on north Huntsville.

In his report before the Board, Dr. Del Smith, dean of AAMU's College of Business and Public Affairs and executive director for economic development, provided an overview on an 11-acre development project that

could ultimately include two hotels, retail spaces and food establishments. Additionally, the development will complement a multi-functional event center for which a groundbreaking could be scheduled as early as fall 2020, with a project completion expectation of 2022. The Board had granted ground lease approvals at the beginning of the regular session.

Under the Business and Finance committee, trustees approved a sewer line easement at the University's Re-

search Farm, located about 10 miles from the main campus, and accepted the school's FY19 audit report.

In the area of Academic Affairs, the Board approved the addition of MBA concentrations in human resources management, and logistics and supply chain management, while deleting specializations in the same areas. Trustees also approved the following: 1) certification (only)/reduced hour option leading to Class A certification in instructional leadership; 2) an online M.Ed. degree in elementary education program and teacher certification at the Class A level; 3) an MOU between AAMU College of Education, Humanities and Behavioral Sciences and Mobile County; and 4) the addition of a minor in space science to the B.S. degree program in physics.

Dr. Jeanette Jones, presi-

dent of the AAMU Faculty Senate, reported a "working relationship" between the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and the University President and Cabinet.

Student Government Association President Jacobi Gray gave a report on an array of student-oriented activities and lectures held during the last quarter and noted upcoming Spring Week events and SGA participation in the Higher Education Day program scheduled for Montgomery.

The Board will take action on building name recommendations at a future regular session

Moreover, the trustees will return to campus to conduct subcommittee meetings a regular session on June 25-26. The regular session will be held Friday, June 26, in the Clyde Foster Auditorium of the College of Business and Public Affairs at 10 a.m.

City of Huntsville Announces College Internships

Looking for a summer internship? The City of Huntsville offers learning opportunities for motivated college students wanting career experience. Positions available in the Administration – Business Relations, Communication, Multicultural Affairs; in Animal Services, Community Development, Emergency Management (EMA), Engineering, Finance, Geographic Information System (GIS), Information Technology Services, Legal, Legal (prosecution office) Planning, Natural Resources, and Traffic Engineering.

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TVJS Promoting Jazz Education

On Saturday, February 29, at 5 p.m. at Columbia High School, Ronald Carter - Distinguished Professor, UNC-Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, N.C., will perform in concert with Huntsville's Tennessee Valley Jazz All-stars. The concert will be the culmination of music clinics conducted by Ronald Carter for the students of Huntsville City Schools, primarily Columbia, Grissom, Lee, and Mae Jemison High Schools.

Carter is former director of the world-renowned Northern Illinois University (NIU) Jazz Ensemble and former

Director of Jazz Studies is continuing to educate students in jazz education and performance on university, high school and performing arts schools and campuses across the country, South America and Canada.

The Tennessee Valley Jazz All-stars include Pete Harrison, Devere Pride and others.

Since 1998, Jazz Education-is-Cool-in-the-School's has been presented, to over 34,800 students, faculty and staff in Huntsville City Schools, Madison City Schools and Madison County Schools. The program is endorsed and receives funding



from Alabama State Council on the Arts.

For tickets to the Columbia High School jazz concert, visit www.tvjs.webs.com. Call (256) 604-8172 or (256) 428-7576.

Selma Bridge Crossing Reenactment Set

Alabama State House Minority Leader Anthony Daniels, State Representative Laura Hall, and United Women in Color, in partnership with numerous community organizations, will host a local reenactment of the Selma to Montgomery Edmund Pettus Bridge Crossing in Huntsville, Ala., on Sunday March 1, at 2 p.m.

The event will begin at the corner of Pratt Avenue and Washington Street and conclude at the Madison County Courthouse (southside). Parking and drop-off

points will be coordinated to help ease arrivals and departures at the start and end of the event. There will be a limited number of speakers at each end of the march.

This is the 55th anniversary of the peaceful protest which became known as "Bloody Sunday" across the nation and led to the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 by then president Lyndon Baines Johnson.

The idea for these reenactments to take place across several states began with the National Organiza-

tion of Black Elected Legislative (NOBEL) Women. State Rep. Laura Hall is the organization's immediate past president.

Alabama's primary is the following Tuesday, March 3, and--with its many colleges and universities--Huntsville is a great place for such an event. This community-wide event is free to the public and will focus on voting rights and the importance of voting. It is an opportunity for those who can't travel to Selma to show solidarity. For more info, call (256) 527-1013.

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The Valley Weekly Calendar of Events

February 27

Black History Month Program Featuring
Rev. Dr. Jamal Bryant
T.M. Elmore Building
Alabama A&M University
6 p.m. (Free)

February 28

Gospel Fest
Huntsville Campus
Calhoun Community College/Student Center
Sparkman Building
Huntsville, Ala. - 6 p.m.

February 29

ScoutReach
Greater Alabama Council of Boy Scout of America
Alabama A&M University
8 a.m.-3 p.m.

March 6-8

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March 11

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NEW Rules for Retirement Plan Contributions, Withdrawals

Do you have an IRA or 401(k)? If so, you'll be interested in some legislation Congress has just passed.

For starters, you now have until age 72, rather than 70 ½, before you must start taking withdrawals from your traditional IRA and 401(k). With this higher age limit, you can keep your account potentially growing longer on a tax-deferred basis. However, if you do wait until 72, your required withdrawals might be larger, and these withdrawals are usually taxable.

You can also contribute to your traditional IRA for as long as you have earned income, instead of stopping at 70 ½, under the old rules.

Here's another change: You can withdraw up to \$5,000 penalty-free from your IRA or 401(k) if you take the money within one year of a child being born or an adoption becoming final. Before the new legislation was passed, you'd pay a 10 percent tax penalty if you made this withdrawal before you reached 59 ½.

Keep the new rules in mind when creating your retirement strategies. The more you know, the better prepared you can be to make the appropriate moves for you.



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Perspectives on EGO-holism

by tim allston

The Newest NBA Rivalry: Kyrie Irving vs. Steph Curry (Part 1)

"He that exalteth himself shall be humbled, and he that humbly himself shall be exalted" Luke 14:11.

On February 17th, Kyrie Irving of the Brooklyn Nets was elected vice president of the National Basketball Players Association.

Perhaps now, this fallen NBA star will learn what superstar Steph Curry modeled when his Golden State Warriors obtained super-superstar Kevin Durant and won more championships: when you agree to step back willingly into a #2 position, time and circumstance will elevate you to #1.

A SHINING STAR, BUT . . .

Kyrie Irving entered the NBA as its #1 draft pick in 2011 and became its Rookie of the Year in 2012.

In 2016, he shot the winning three-pointer that gave his Cleveland Cavaliers the NBA championship, ending the city's championship drought of professional sports teams for 52 years!



But he was not considered as bright a star as his Cavs' teammate, LeBron James, who was named the Associated Press Male Athlete of the Decade.

Irving disliked being seen as #2 to LeBron - coincidentally, #2 was his Cavs' jersey number.

Additionally in 2017, for example, Irving's signature Nike was the NBA's #2 best-selling sneaker, behind LeBron James'.

THE KYRIE CAPERS

In his effort to escape the shadow of being number 2, Irving initiated a series of trades. In 2017, for example, he was traded to the Boston Celtics but soon was sidelined with an injury.

In 2019, Kyrie was traded to the Brooklyn Nets. After only nine games, however, he's again sidelined with a season-ending injury.

Perhaps the humility of this six-time All-Star being sidelined repeatedly with injuries - note: "Kyrie" is Latin for "Lord, have mercy" - and being elected by his NBA peers now to serve them in this #2 NBPA position will help him to look differently at his NBA rival Steph Curry..

According to Isaiah 14 Lucifer, heaven's top angel disliked being #2. Just like Irving.

Conversely, Jesus chose to step back and leave heaven, become #2 by coming to earth, in order to save his team, humanity. Just like . . .

Next week: Part 2: The Curry Chronicles Stay tuned ...

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



IT'S BACON: Drake State Community and Technical College President Patricia Sims (3rd, left) joins community leaders in welcoming Dr. Art Bacon (seated) as part of the school's 2020 Black History Month celebration activities on Thursday, February 20, in the S.C. O'Neal, Sr. Library and Technology Center. In addition to a lecture by Dr. Bacon, Drake State featured several works of the artist in an exhibit. Drake also featured Oakwood University alumnus and historical performer David Anthony Johnson, who provided historical story-telling and impressions during his visit on Tuesday, February 25 in the Drake State Cafetorium. Both events were free and open to the public.

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You know, 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. Today, we live in a society where most of the people don't have any spiritual covering, meaning there is no one to talk about anything that pertains to their spiritual well-being. I believe that this will continue to produce a generation of spiritually un-educated people. So there is no doubt we need some "old time religion" in our lives. That's why we need God to change the very nature of our lives, because how can anybody not realize that we are all sinners? 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 Jesus to change the "ruling spirit" of our lives. You see, the spirit of Christ and the spirit of the world are exact opposite. The spirit of the world is to hate, but the spirit of Christ is to love. You see, 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 get some kind of "spiritual covering for our lives. It's the only way we can truly see the difference between right and wrong ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters.

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Funeral service for **MRS. CAROL ANN M. WILLIAMS** (b. 1946) will be Friday, February 28, at 12:30 p.m. at the C.T. Richards Chapel in the Mosley Complex at Oakwood University with Pastor Carlton Byrd officiating.

Funeral service for **MR. KEHINDE (BKA "KENNY") OLA ARUWAJOYE** (b. 1956), formerly of Huntsville, Ala., was held February 26 at Saint James Anglican Church - Owo, Ondo State, Nigeria.

Funeral service for **MRS. JENNIE V. PARKS** (b. 1932) was held Saturday, February 22, at Zion Progress Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Hernandez Ford officiating.

Funeral service for **MR. HENRY DAVIS, JR.** (b. 1944) was held Saturday, February 22, at the New Birth Missionary Baptist Church (4640 Meridian Street, Huntsville, Ala.) with Rev. Wallace Steele officiating.

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Funeral service for **MRS. PATRICIA MORTON JOHNSTON** (b. 1948) will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, February 29, at Cornerstone Word of Life Church (3783 Sullivan Street Madison, Ala.) with Pastor Mark Garver officiating.

Funeral service for **MR. WILLIE TRISTAN JORDAN** (b. 1986) was held Saturday, February 22, at Saint Luke Christian Church (1800 Sparkman Drive NW, Huntsville, Ala) with Dr. Kerry Warner officiating.

Funeral service for **MR. KERRY LEE SCOTT** (b. 1952) will be 12 noon, Saturday, February 22, at the Royal Chapel of Memories (4315 Oakwood Avenue NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Bishop Ernest Clay officiating.

Funeral service for **MRS. GUSSIE MAE MOORE** (b. 1928) was held Saturday, February 22, at Saint Elizabeth Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (104 Perry Street Madison, Ala.) with Apostle Donnie Moore, Sr. eulogist.

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Funeral service for **MS. CECELIA S. MALCOM** was held Tuesday, February 18, at Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church (Colony), 349 Colony Road, Hanceville, Ala., with Pastor KiKi Wood-Terry officiating.

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God as Guard and Guerdon

The life of Abraham is a marvelous manifestation of a life of faith. His was not perfect but it was authentic. God's choice of him elevated him to a place of prominence in "His-Story."

Here in the opening verse God represented Himself as both Guard and Guerdon; as Protector

and Prize. This is designed to help us who are still developing "spiritual legs" of faith to walk on as God orders our steps and stops.

God said to Abraham; Fear not, Abram, I am your shield (guard); your exceedingly great reward (guerdon)." Abraham was at a particular stage of development. Faith does

not grow in mushroom-like quickness. It is forged and fortified in the fires of trials and adversity.

There are no shortcuts and "knock-off's; and just as it is with "knock-off's," so it is with faith that has not been tried; it's just a cheap imitation.

It is not surprising that even before God told Abraham that He was His guard and guerdon, He spoke these words, "Fear not."

Abraham felt that the victory against those armies that he fought against in rescuing Lot and others would certainly

cause them to want to regroup and attack again at some future time; so it is with spiritual warfare.

Just as it is said of Jesus at the end of His wilderness experience, that Satan departed for a season, that is still the enemy's modus operandi. Fear not! God is still Guard and Guerdon.



Well, I'm not a violent person. You have to back off. People sometimes will try you and try you ...

- Bubba Smith

Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring

Freeman Holified

Freeman Holifield, Sr., retired in 1998 from the U.S. Missile Munitions Center and School, Redstone Arsenal, as supervisory instructional/educational systems specialist (Emeritus). He received the Commander's Award (1983) for his outstanding managerial and supervisory accomplishments.

One of six children born in Bessemer, Ala., to the late Fred B. Holifield, Sr., and Essie L. Holifield, he attended Dunbar High School and then joined the U.S. Army, where he proudly served as an administrative specialist, both stateside and in Korea. Upon receiving his Honorable Discharge in 1962, he pursued and earned a B.S. degree in secondary education at Alabama A&M University (AAMU) in 1966 and completed his master's degree in

education administration and supervision in 1972 while working full-time.

In late 1964, Holifield became the first African American police officer to be promoted to the position of traffic officer in the elite traffic division. Within a few months he trained and was promoted as the first black motorcycle officer.

After leaving the Huntsville Police Department in 1966, he began a new career with the U.S. Ordnance Missile & Munitions Center and School (USAOMMCS) at Redstone Arsenal, Ala., as an electronics instructor. The Civil Rights Movement had extended to Redstone Arsenal, and minorities were employed to work in many of the different agencies.

During his 33 years of employment with the federal



government, Holifield held numerous positions at USAOMMCS, where he served as a training instructor/developer in missile electronics. He was the first developer to complete a course of instructions under the new guidelines of Systems Engineering. Throughout his career with USAOMMCS, he also served two tours overseas in West Germany.



FEBRUARY 28 - CHARLES AARON "BUBBA" SMITH - Former National Football League player who became an actor in the 1970s. He is perhaps best known for his role as Moses High-tower in the Police Academy film series.

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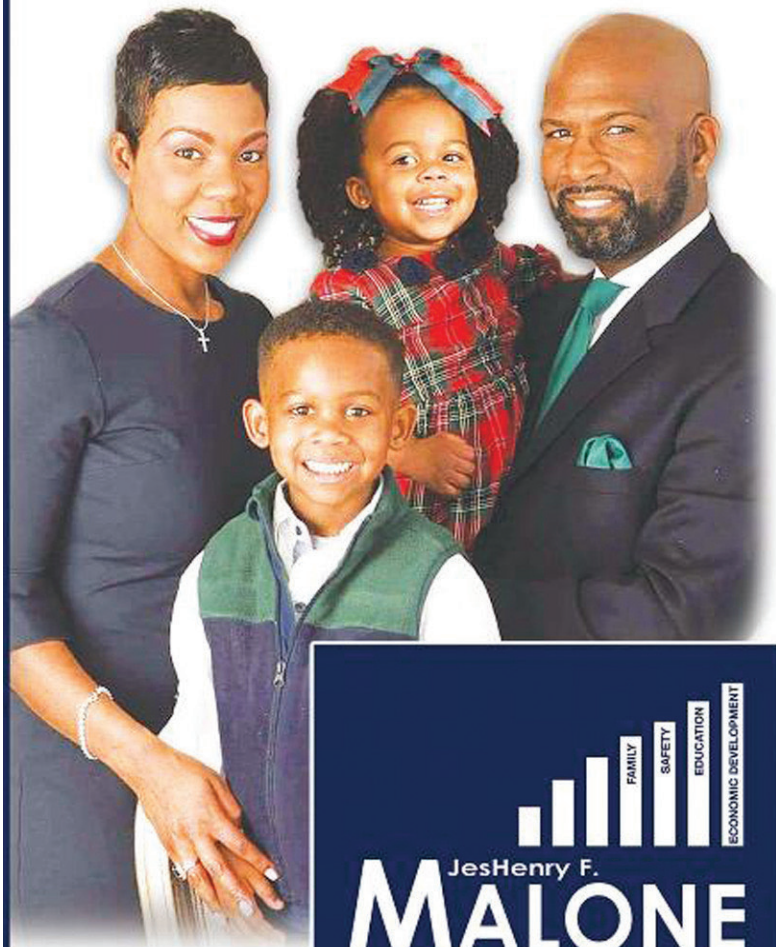
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- Will continue to fight for our quality of life including our schools and recreation.
- Will continue to support Alabama A&M University, Oakwood University and University of Alabama Huntsville.
- Led the effort for the new service center to be located in District 6.

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