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"You've got to jump off cliffs all the time and build your wings on the way down."

- Annie Dillard

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Roaring 20s: OU Readies for 42nd UNCF Gala

Oakwood University has announced that recording artist and jazz vocalist Avery*Sunshine will headline the 42nd Annual Oakwood University UNCF Gala.

A keynote address will be given by retired NFL great John Stallworth, the Chairman of the John Stallworth Foundation. The Gala will be held on April 9, in the North Hall of the Von Braun Center and will

begin at 6:30 p.m. Visit <https://give.oakwood.edu/uncf-gala/> for event details and sponsorship information.

Avery*Sunshine, an accomplished singer and composer who weds soul, gospel, jazz, and R&B in a signature mix, has worked everywhere from Broad-



way to the Democratic National Convention to the European club and festival scenes. Her

#1 hit single "Call My Name" from her critically heralded sophomore project THE SUNROOM, was awarded ASCAP's Rhythm and Soul song of the year 2016 award.

John Stallworth is currently a partner at Genesis II, a family business created with Bobby Bradley in 2006 to enhance both partner's philanthropic support efforts, investments and related business interests.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit <https://give.oakwood.edu/uncf-gala/> or contact Cheri Wilson, Oakwood University, at (256) 726-7201 or uncf@oakwood.edu.

Hospital's Annual Wellness Conference Set

Huntsville Hospital Corporate Wellness will sponsor its annual Wellness Conference on Friday, March 20, from 8 to 12:30 p.m. at the main campus of Huntsville Hospital (Corporate University), located in the Dowdle Center, 109 Governors Drive.

The keynote speaker will be Mike Veny, professional drummer and leading mental health speaker.

Organizers will also offer optional health screenings that morning from 6:30 a.m. - 8 a.m. The cost is \$30 for an employee of Huntsville Hospital and \$40 for non-employees to attend.

The wellness conference is open to the public. The focus this year is mental wellness: "Connecting the Dots Between Mental and Physical Wellness."

More info: (256) 265-1000.



WINNERS! Dr. Archie and Mrs. Veronica Tucker emerged as winners of Alabama A&M University's 9th Annual Dancing with the President and First Lady Scholarship Banquet on Friday, February 28. The Tuckers also danced away with the People's Choice award. (J. Saintjones)

Tow Truck Driver Saves a Life

Woody Anderson Ford Tow Truck Driver Jeremy Price (2nd, l) witnessed a car engulfed in flames on February 12. Instantly, Price ran to the vehicle and pulled the driver from the car.

"I didn't want to leave someone burning in a car," said Price, to local media.

Shortly after the Monrovia Volunteer Fire Rescue arrived and assisted with the fire. Price said he believes it was fate and God that put him at the right place at the right time.

"God used me that night and put me there to do my job," said Price. The driver had minor cuts and bruises.



ASHAKIRAN FOUNDATION KITE FESTIVAL

Saturday, March 7 (FREE!)

John Hunt Park Festival Grounds

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11 AM - 3PM

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Washington in One Minute



1. HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK: the “Super Tuesday” Presidential Primary with voting in 14 states was Tuesday, March 3.

2. The House and Senate are in session this week. The House was expected this week to consider a \$6-billion emergency FY2020 supplemental spending bill to focus federal resources at the Departments of Health and Human Services, State, Homeland Security, and Defense to contain the coronavirus outbreak. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) said last Friday he wants the Senate to pass the emergency supplemental bill before it starts recess on March 13.

3. This week, President Trump had at least 3 events pertaining to the coronavirus outbreak, including a meeting Monday with pharmaceutical company executives; a meeting on Tuesday at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md.; and a visit to the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta on Friday. Other events this week: On Thursday, President Trump participated in a Fox News Town Hall in Scranton, Pa. On Friday evening, he will attend a fundraising dinner in Palm Beach, Fla.

4. On Tuesday, 14 states, including AL, AR, CA, CO, MA, ME, MN, NC, OK, TN, TX, UT, VT, VA,

vision and care for over 26 residents. “These are people who have nowhere else they can turn to for supportive housing and care, so 305 8th Street is the answer to their families’ prayers,” stated Executive Director Andrea Williams.

For information on upcoming activities, donation opportunity and volunteering, visit the website at www.3058thstreet.org, the Facebook page (“305 8th Street”) or by calling (256) 489-2997.

and American Samoa, held their primaries. Approximately 40% of the U.S. population had a primary event on March 3, with a total of 1,344 pledged delegates—34% of all pledged delegates—at stake. Tom Steyer and Pete Buttigieg ended their campaigns over the weekend.

5. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control is posting official updates on the coronavirus on its website, including a chart that lists the total new cases across the U.S. See the chart here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>

6. This week, the Supreme Court heard arguments as to whether the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau will cease to exist (*Seila Law v. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau*), and whether to strike down a Louisiana abortion law that requires doctors who perform abortions to have the right to admit patients at a nearby hospital (*June Medical Services v. Russo*).

7. The Trump administration on Friday officially launched its payment card pilot program that will test a new way for students to receive federal student aid to pay for things other than tuition, such as books and living expenses. The Education Department has selected four universities (Jackson State University, Purdue University, University of Georgia, University of California-Riverside) to partner with financial services companies to carry out the experimental program.

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Huntsville City Council Meetings

Huntsville City Council’s regular meetings are held in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 6 p.m.

City Council work sessions are also held in the Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. People can sign up for notices of Council meetings and special sessions online at <https://signup.e2ma.net/signup/1825550/1780821/>

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Scenes from Local Reenactment of the Selma-to-Montgomery March (55th Anniversary) Sunday, March 1, 2020



‘Love Grows Here’ Recognition Dinner Held

305 8th Street, a faith-based 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization, recently hosted its 7th Annual “Love Grows Here” Recognition Dinner and Silent Auction on Thursday, March 5, at the Huntsville Botanical Garden. The theme this year was “Everyday Heroes.”

305 8th Street provides a home and family for mentally disabled adults ineligible for government assistance and currently provides 24-hour super-



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Funding is provided by the Madison County Commission and the Alabama Department of Senior Services through the TARCOC/ Area Agency on Aging.



The Valley Weekly Calendar of Events

March 5

27th Annual Scholarship Banquet
National Society of Black Engineers

Tickets: (\$35)
Huntsville Country Club
2601 Oakwood Avenue
Huntsville, Ala.
Contact: Jauquin Holmes
(314) 299-7108

March 6-8

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March 11

Jill Scott in Concert
Von Braun Center Concert Hall

March 14

Rosetta James Foundation
Honoring Our Elders Celebration
The Jackson Center Tickets: \$50
(256) 536-9717 - 12 noon

FMBC to Hold Prayer-Concert of Healing

First Missionary Baptist Church (FMBC) will host its first Prayer-Concert of Healing on Sunday, March 8, at 4 p.m.

The Prayer-Concert is being held in observance of the National Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS that runs during the first week of March each year.

On March 8, special presentations will be provided by Alabama State Rep. Laura Hall, local media personality David Person, and FMBC member Parisgene Smith, and Pastor, Rev. Dr. Don Darius Butler. FMBC's Mass Choir will render the music for the evening.

RSVP to the event on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/events/519854322243732/>

From the Editor

Greetings!

I recently had the pleasure of joining a group comprised of other Huntsvillians who attended a special musical performance in the Magic City in mid-February.

Alabama A&M University alumnus Henry Panion III was the key force in the recent Alabama Public Television (APT) evening broadcast premiere and concert documentary of "Dreams of Hope" on Thursday, February 13. Panion is a composer, arranger, conductor and professor in the Department of Music at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

"Dreams of Hope" tells the story of a historic concert at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, more than 50 years after a hate crime there that killed four African American girls. Conducted by Panion, the concert performance featured musical instruments that served as symbols of hope--violins restored from Holocaust concentration camps.

The documentary added behind-the-scenes interviews which helped celebrate the resilience of

those who have faced hate, discrimination and racism. Panion produced and co-directed (with David L. Macon) the documentary, as well as provided original music. The production aired on PBS stations nationwide.

But the work of Dr. Panion doesn't end here. A composition by the UAB professor will be featured by the New York Philharmonic in an upcoming concert "Music as Change Agent."

The concert's program raises the question "What are ways in which music can spark dialogue and enact change?" Panion's "Here We Are" was selected as a representation from "centuries of repertoire" by "composers whose works both reflect and contribute to larger social issues." The concert will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 21, in Lincoln Center's David Geffen Hall.

"Here We Are" was commissioned by the Alabama Symphony Orchestra to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the 1963 bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church and the tragic deaths of four children, often commemorated as the "Four Little Girls." At its ASO premiere, on the annual tribute to Martin Luther King Jr., music critic Michael Huebner described Panion's work as the "most poignant in this concert's history."

The New York Philharmonic is considered by many to be among the most famous orchestras in the world. Panion says that as a child he would watch the New York Philharmonic under the direction of conductor Leonard Bernstein on television, along with millions of others.

Great things are continuing to happen in the lives of our native sons and daughters throughout Alabama. Until next week ...



Dorothy

NSBE Schedules 27th Banquet



The North Alabama Professionals Chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers (NAL NSBE Professionals) is hosting its Twenty-Seventh Annual Scholarship Banquet on Thursday, March 5, at Huntsville Country Club, 2601 Oakwood Ave, Huntsville, Ala.

In an attempt to continue to stimulate and motivate our youth, the theme for this year's program is "Engineering the Revolution: Bridging Technology and Government Systems in Modern Times."

This year's speaker is Michael Cox, director of Air & Missile Defense Systems at Raytheon.

The National Society of Black Engineers is a non-profit, tax exempt organization under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Its goal for the Twenty-Seventh Annual Scholarship Program is to provide numerous scholarships to deserving but under-served North Alabama students.

Tickets are available for \$35 each. Please contact Jauquin Holmes, scholarship chairperson, at (314) 299-7108.



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Don't Play Politics with Your Portfolio

As you know, it's an election year. As a citizen, you'll be interested in the issues being discussed. But as an investor, should you care greatly about the outcomes?

Maybe not so much. After all, at different times, the financial markets have performed well and poorly under different administrations and when different parties have controlled Congress. Ultimately, your investment success will depend, at least in part, on moves you can control.

For example, try to follow a long-term strategy based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. And keep investing, where appropriate, in all markets – up, down and sideways.

Here's another important move: Avoid investment mistakes, such as chasing after "hot" investments you see mentioned on the cable shows and the internet. By the time you find these investments, they may already have cooled off – and they might not even be suitable for your needs.

After Election Day, regardless of the outcome, help keep your portfolio on track by leaving politics out of it.



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Perspectives on EGO-holism by tim allston

The Newest NBA Rivalry: Kyrie Irving vs. Steph Curry (Part 2)

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

Last week, "The Newest NBA Rivalry: Kyrie Irving vs. Steph Curry (Part 1)" <http://valleyweeklyllc.com/ValleyWeekly02282020V6N25.pdf>, announced Irving's election as the National Basketball Players Association number two officer.

We're hoping that this new NBPA vice president, who has disliked routinely being a number two person, will learn from Golden State Warriors superstar Steph Curry how to embrace being the number two person. But what did Curry do, and why?



THE CURRY CHRONICLES

In 2015, Curry led his team to win their first NBA championship in 40 years, and was named the league's Most Valuable Player (MVP), the top man on the top team.

In 2016, he led his Warriors to the most regular-season victories in NBA history; he was #1 in scoring (30.1), free throw percentage (.908); and steals (2.1).

Additionally, Curry became the NBA's first-ever unanimous MVP, and his coach Steve Kerr was named Coach of the Year, . . .

. . . But their team lost that 2016 NBA championship series - thanks to Kyrie's winning three-point shot. Thus, the number one player and his number one team became reluctantly the second-place team.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO STEPH . . .

So what now did Curry do? This one-time scoring champ and two-time MVP put his own ego on the backburner, and helped his team recruit a four-time scoring champ and four-time winner of varied NBA MVPs, Kevin Durant.

Curry chose willingly an unprecedented second place role; the Warriors won the 2017 and 2018 championships!

ROMANS 10:15: "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET . . ."

What would motivate this superstar to choose to step down into a lesser place? The answer lies in his sneakers, on which he displays "4:13."

"(4:13) represents a Bible verse I wear on my shoe. Philippians 4:13 says 'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.' It's also my mantra, how I get up for games and why I play the way I do."

Hopefully, Curry's example of following Jesus Christ will inspire you. Kyrie Irving, too.

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.

Champion Game Plan for Life *by Preston Brown*

THE RULES FOR FORGIVENESS

Matthew 18:21-22 says,

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven



times? Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy seven times."

When we look at this scripture, we see that Peter was probably not expecting this response from Jesus. And many of us today are not prepared for this response, either. Because it's hard to forgive people that have hurt you, even "one time," but Jesus is telling Peter that we need to forgive our brothers and sisters "seventy seven times." But let's face it, when someone hurts you or does you wrong, it's hard to forgive. Especially when the pain is so deep that it's hard to

pay and yet this servant did not forgive a man that owed him a debt that was a "considerable" amount less. In this comparison, we see God's amazing grace is revealed, because the King represents how God forgives us of our debt, no matter how much that we owe. That's why God demands that we look at others through the eyes of mercy, not justice. But the best thing we need to understand about forgiveness is the freeing power that it gives you. When we forgive it sets us free from the pain of the past. But when we choose not to forgive people, we release a negative spirit in our lives that robs us of our peace and our joy. That's why we need to get free from the hurt and the pain of the past that unforgiveness brings. Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters!

First, we have to understand that it's hard to forgive from an earthly perspective, because the one who forgives is the innocent person who allows the guilty person that did wrong to go free. This is not normal and that's why it's hard. We see here in the text that this king showed his servant mercy and not the "justice" that the circumstance called for. So forgiveness starts with showing the same mercy that God shows us. Secondly, forgiveness is revealing, because it reveals our weaknesses. Here again we find in this text that the King forgave a debt that his servant couldn't

pay and yet this servant did not forgive a man that owed him a debt that was a "considerable" amount less.

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Funeral service for **MRS. LILLIE MAE WILLIAMS BINFORD** (b. 1960) was held Tuesday, March 3, in the Nelms Memorial Funeral Chapel with Pastor Gary Binford officiating.

Funeral service for **MRS. DOROTHY ELLISON JORDAN** was held Friday, February 28, at First Missionary Baptist Church with The Reverend Dr. Julius R. Scruggs officiating.

ROYAL FUNERAL HOME - 4315 Oakwood Avenue - Huntsville, AL 35810 - (256) 534-8481
Funeral service for **ELDER TOMMY LEE HARRIS** (b. 1946) will be held Thursday, March 5, at Mount Zion Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America, 3726 Pryor Road, Madison, Ala., at 11 a.m. with Pastor James O. Robinson officiating.

Funeral service for **MR. CURTIS PRUITT** will be held at 12 noon, Saturday, March 7, at the Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church with Dr. O. Wendell Davis officiating.

Funeral service for **MS. SHARDAY SHAVON PICKETT** will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, March 6, at the Bethany Primitive Baptist Church.

Funeral service for **MR. JOE CAWTHORN** was held Wednesday, March 4, at the Royal Chapel of Memories with Pastor Phil Ford officiating.

Funeral service for **MS. JOHNNIE MILLER STEWART** was held Monday, March 2, at the St. Bartley Primitive Baptist Church with Pastor Jaymes Mooney officiating.

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

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Funeral service will be announced at a later date for **MS. BRENDA FLINT, MR. ROBERT LEE LANGFORD, JR. and MS. ASHANTI ROBERTS,**

Memorial service for **MRS. AMY BATTLE PEARSON** was Saturday, February 29, at Serenity Funeral Home.

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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- Jesmyn Ward

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God's Sovereign Singularity

Exodus 8:16-19

In the church of my childhood, The Morning Star Baptist Church, where my maternal grandfather pastored and my maternal grandmother played the piano, I remember that hymn, "We Will Understand It Better." The verses verified and the chorus codified

that life presents for the saints some things that are beyond present explanation; therefore, the understanding would come, "by and by when the morning comes." Now that I am an adult, I understand that to mean that God is Sovereign; the only One who can rightfully say, "I can do whatever I want,"

and not sound laughingly demented saying it. Many of those things that He can do, only He can do. It was this attribute of God that the magicians of Pharaoh

found out when they tried to use their magic to make gnats appear. They had been pridefully successful in duplicating turning the Nile into blood and producing frogs. However, when God instructed Moses to tell Aaron to strike the ground with his rod and the dust became gnats, we read that the magicians tried to make

the gnats appear, but they failed. The magicians found themselves confessing something to the king that they had not planned to confess; God has done this! In other words, it was at that time that they and everyone present witnessed God's Sovereign Singularity. Indeed, there are some things that only God can do, and He doesn't have to wait for the "by and by" to do them.

The bad thing is people assume you've changed because now you have money ...

- Shaquille O'Neal

Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring

Janie Holifield

Janie Adams Holifield is a retired educator, the daughter of the late Clarence and Jennie M. Adams. Born in the small cotton hamlet of Leighton, Ala., as one of eight children, she spent her formative years in Leighton, where she received her early education in a white framed, one-room church that also served as the schoolhouse in Colbert County, Ala. During her teen years, her family moved to Sheffield, Ala., where she attended Sterling High School and graduated.

Upon completing Alabama A&M College in 1958 with a B.S. degree in the field of education, she was hired by the late Welton Reynolds as a first grade teacher at W. C. Handy Elementary School in Florence, Ala. Her first class was composed of 50 bright-eyed and eager students. Be-

ing in the segregated South, there were very little resources and even fewer outdated and ragged textbooks that could provide an adequate education for African American children. However, Mrs. Holifield, the eternal optimist, believing that every child could be taught and being armed with nothing more than a chalkboard, a box of chalk and a dust rag, taught the basics of reading, writing and arithmetic. In addition to being a first grade teacher, she also served as the school's librarian from 1963-65. She spent nearly a decade there, only to leave W. C. Handy to marry Freeman Holifield, Sr., in 1965 and return to Huntsville, Ala.

Her educational career has been filled with many "firsts", including being one of the first African-American principals at Elkmont Elementary



School in Limestone County from 1967-68. She was also one of the very first graduate students to be admitted in the master's degree program in elementary education established at the newly renamed Alabama A&M University; first African-American teacher at Riverton Middle School in Madison County, Ala.; and first African-American assistant principal at Gurley High School in Madison County.

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