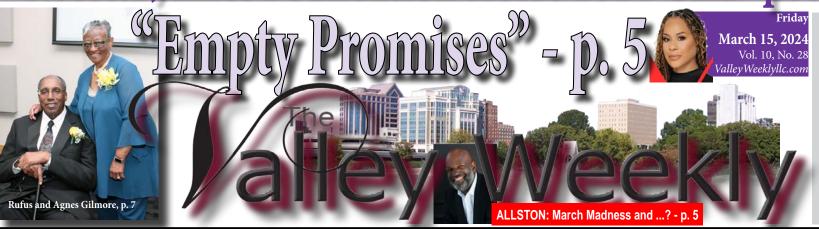
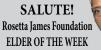
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Dr. Annie Grace Robinson

"If now isn't a good time for the truth, I don't see when we will get to it." - Nikki Giovanni



ERSKINE L. VALRIE TRIBUTE: Members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., turned out in full force to support Mrs. Georgia S. Valrie at the dedication of the Erskine L. Valrie Scorer's Table at the Alabama A&M University, named in honor of her late husband on Thursday, March 7, at the Event Center. See scenes from the activity on Page 8. [Photo: by Jerome Saintjones]

Links: Black Family Wellness

As part of the National Impact Day of Service The Links, Incorporated, Greater Huntsville Chapter, will hold a March 16 Black Family Wellness Expo at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, 315 Winchester Roard,

Huntsville, Ala., 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

The Links, Incorporated, established its Health and Human Services facet in response to the chronic health disparities that persist in black communities and result in the decreased life ex-

pectancy of African Americans and other people of African ancestry.

The goal of HHS is to promote and facilitate programs that support good health and the elimination of chronic health disparities in communities of color.

DEIJ Scholarship Offers Full Access to O'Reilly Learning Platform

To help members of groups underrepresented in technology develop and sharpen skills needed to break through barriers, O'Reily is offering 500 annual scholarships giving full access to the O'Reilly learning platform. **APPLY** for the diversity, equity, inclusion and justice (DEIJ) scholarships on or before April1.

To learn more about O'Reilly's commitment to diversity and inclusion, visit: https://www.oreilly.com/diversity

Board Accepting Beautification Nominations

The City of Huntsville's Beautification Board is now accepting nominations for the 2024 Huntsville Beautification Awards.

The deadline to submit the entry form and \$50 fee for each property nominated is Monday, April 8. Judging set after Memorial Day (May 27). City of Huntsville-

licensed commercial, business or government properties within the city limits qualify. The entity must be at least 1 year old. Properties that currently have an award must reapply each year.

Users who do not have a PayPal account can mail a check to P.O. Box 738, Huntsville, AL 35804.

Make checks payable to the Huntsville Beautification Board.

Choices and Chess at Calvary Hill

School age children between 8 and 12 can participate in "Choices and Chess" at the Calvary Hill Public Library on Tuesday, March 19, from 4-5:30 p.m.

The library is lo-

cated at 2800 Poplar Avenue.

The best learn from the rest. Students can challenge themselves and test their skills with this chess club.

Directed at ages 8

and up, participants open their minds and expand their skills with new moves, techniques, and mindsets. Play some games, make friends, and see who's top dog.

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AKA-RCO to Celebrate Founder's Day Next Week

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated*, Rho Chi Omega Chapter will celebrate Founders' Day on Saturday, March 23, at 2:08 p.m. at Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 759 Pine Grove Road in Harvest, Ala.

The 2024 theme is "Igniting the Power Within." The guest speaker for the occasion is LaTrice Currie Leslie, Channel 3 News Anchor, Chattanooga, Tenn. Leslie also is president of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Pi Omega Chapter.

She is a native Tennessean who grew up in Nashville. After graduating from Hampton University, Leslie worked at a television station in Jackson, Tenn., as an anchor/reporter. She joined the Local 3 News team as a general assignment reporter in 1995. She anchored the weekend news



before moving to mornings. She was selected as a 2005 Chattanooga Woman of Distinction.

Leslie also anchored the weekend news before moving to mornings and currently anchors the noon and 5:30 p.m. newscasts.

Her awards include Chattanooga Woman of Distinction, Hamilton County Outstanding Citizen, Black Excellence Chattanooga "Best Media Personality," Times Free Press "Best Chattanoogan, and NAACP Image Awards – Hannah Martin Through The Storm recipient.

Leslie is very active in the community. LaTrice serves as ambassador for Go Red For Women. She has served on various boards including the Moccasin Bend Girl Scout Council, Big Brothers Big Sisters Of Chattanooga, the

advisory board for Volunteers in Medicine along with The Partnership for Families, Children, and Adults. She is a member of New United Church. She is also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., The Links, and Jack and Jill. LaTrice also serves as the Eye On Health Reporter for Local 3 News and host of Trends on 3.

She is married to Darryl Leslie. She has one son, who is her pride and joy.

> "The person that loves the least, controls the relationship."

> > - Zane

Former Atlanta Mayor to Address Women's Week at AAMU

The Office of Student Activities & Leadership Development has invited the ladies of Alabama A&M University to attend the 2024 Tea on the Hill on Thursday, March 21, at 12:30 p.m. in the T.M. Elmore Gymnasium. This year's color for attire is shades of green.

The guest speaker will be former Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms.

Bottoms was the first mayor in Atlanta's history to have served in all three branches of government, having previously served as a judge and a city councilmember.

Bottoms also served at Senior Advisor and Director of the White House Office of Public Engagement. In 2023, she was appointed a member of the President's Export Council, which serves as the principal national advisory committee on international trade.

Sworn in as the 60th

Mayor of Atlanta on January 2, 2018, Bottoms served during one of the most challenging times in the city's history. In the midst of a global pandemic and a racial justice movement, she became a leading spokesperson regarding the challenges and opportunities facing cities and leaders across America.

While navigating these unprecedented challenges, the Bottoms Administration was able to remain focused on the resilience of Atlanta, negotiating and closing the largest real estate transaction in the history of Atlanta, and one of the largest in the Southeast United

States, delivering millions of dollars in community benefits to people across the city.

Tracing her family's roots to a slave plantation in Georgia, Bottoms earned her undergraduate degree from Florida A&M University, and a Juris Doctorate from Georgia State University College of Law. Bottoms is member of the State Bar of Georgia, Jack and Jill of America, The Links, Incorporated, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

Bottoms was named 2020 Georgian of the Year by Georgia Trend Magazine; one of Glamour Magazine's Women of the



Year and was also named a member of Ebony Magazine's prestigious Power 100 List.

Seating for AAMU's 2024 Tea on the Hill is limited and registration is required: https://docs.google.com/for ms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeDS2V8h 1zpWxY5ADNLYUEDEC2 epDnhG-bV6hKnkdZnAx-qMEw/viewform?pli=1

AAMU's Women's Week is March 18 – 23 and includes food, music and more. For all event details, follow AAMU Student Activities on Instagram.

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Funeral service for MR. DEXTER FRANKLIN JR. (b. 1982) will be Saturday, March 16, at St. Rebecca Primitive Baptist Church, 330 Grimwood Road, Hazel Green, Ala., at 2 p.m.

Funeral service for MS. JOEY WOODS (b. 2007) were held Sunday, March 10, at Madison Memory Gardens, Hughes Road, Madison, Ala.

Funeral service for MR. BRANDON WASHINGTON (b. 1983) was Wednesday, March 6, at Serenity Funeral Home Chapel.

NELMS MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME

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Funeral service for MR. AL E. BURTON (b. 1949) will be Sunday, March 17, at 12 noon at First Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1303 Evangel Drive, Huntsville, Ala.

Funeral service for MS. HELEN TURNER (b. 1935) will be held Thursday, March 14, at 11 a.m. in the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with The Reverend Martino Wynn officiating.

Funeral service for MS. BRENDA BATTLE CLIFT (b. 1956) was Sunday, March 10, at Taylor's Chapel Primitive Baptist Church.

Funeral service for MRS. ROSETTA CRUMBLEY SPENCER (b. 1942) was Saturday, March 9, in the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with The Reverend Dr. Charles R. Winston, Jr. officiating.

ROYAL FUNERAL HOME

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The funeral service for MR. STEVEN ANDERSON MILTON (b. 1973) will be 1 p.m., Saturday, March 16, at the Saint Bartley Primitive Baptist Church (3020 Belafonte Avenue NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Jaymes Mooney officiating.

Funeral service for MR. TYRONE T. GRANT (b. 1957) and REVEREND LARRY "L.C." BURKS (b. 1947) will be announced at a later date.

Funeral service for MRS. DELVIA OVITA ROBERTS HUGHES (b. 1955) was held Monday, March 11, at the Progressive Union Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Dion Watkins officiating.



"Be Encouraged"

Joshua 1:9 says, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid and do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go".

In my experience, God won't give you a purpose without preparing you for it. All your life and throughout all your experiences, God was preparing you for His purpose. Now, His promises to you may not come when you want them to, so we all have to learn to be patient. But God is always on time. If you really believe this, then you can embrace anything that comes into vour life. Just look at the life of Joshua. I'm sure that he wasn't ready to lead a whole nation of people, but God gave him the encouragement that he needed. You see, God is bigger than any giants that we may face

in life. All we have to do is be in fellowship with him. But sometimes no matter how much God encourages us, it's hard for us to keep ourselves encouraged. Even Joshua

appeared to have doubts. So, it is my belief that the progress that we make in life is up to us. Discouragement is a choice that we make. That's why it's so important for all of us to learn to encourage ourselves. Like the song says, sometimes you have to look at yourself in the mirror and tell yourself that you can make it. Remember, as a person thinks in his or her heart, that's what they will believe about

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themselves (Proverbs 23:7.) Also, it's okay to pat yourself on the back sometimes. Let us all learn to speak life over our lives and watch things turn around and remember, life and death lie in the power of your tongue (Proverbs 18:21).

Prayer: Dear God, help me to be encouraged about the plan that you have for my life.

Question: When was the last time you encouraged yourself to finish something you started?

Stay encouraged my brothers and sisters and make sure you purchase a copy of my books, Spiritual Game Plans For A Successful Life and A Champion Game Plan for Life, at amazon.com, or Westbow Books.

NEXT WEEK:

"Thy Will Be Done"

"Friends and good manners will carry you where money won't go."

- Margaret Walker



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March 15

Cove Martial Arts Academy K-5th Grades (\$250) Owens Cross Roads, Ala. 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

March 16

Charleston White Up Close and Personal (plus Justin Whitehead & Dana Kemp) 1010 Heathland Drive Huntsville, Ala. (21+) 5-8 p.m.

March 22-24

The 4th Annual Women's Expo Huntsville Von Braun Center Huntsville, Ala.

March 29

Teacher Professional Development Huntsville Museum of Art Downtown Huntsville 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

March 30

Rocket City Comedy Festival Mark C. Smith Concert Hall Von Braun Center Huntsville, Ala. 8 p.m.

April 6

Lynyrd Skynyrd & ZZ Top Propst Arena Von Braun Center 7 p.m.

April 12-14

Monster Jam Propst Arena Von Braun Center Huntsville, Ala.

May 4

Donate Life Alabama Donor Dash for Life 5K Veterans Park Hoover, Ala. 8 a.m.

May 10

Exhale Huntsville - A Mother's Love Girls Night Out Huemanity Studio Huntsville, Ala. 7 p.m.

May 18-19

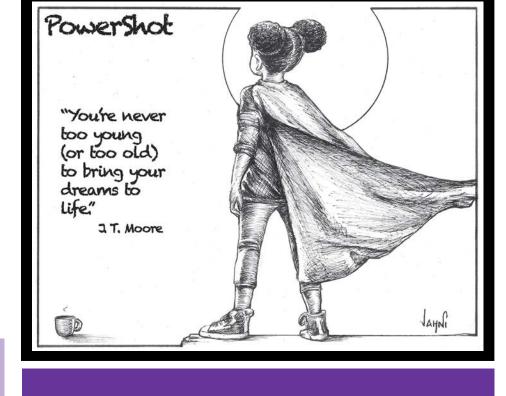
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Maurice Ashley, a Jamaican immigrant, became the first Black chess player to earn the rank of International Grand Master on March 15, 1999.

- bet com



"Art hurts. Art urges voyages ... and it is easier to stay at home."

- Gwendolyn Brooks





"If we give our children sound self-love, they will be able to deal with whatever life puts before them."
- bell hooks

MARCH 15 - Will.i.am - William Adams aka will.i.am (pronounced "Will I am"), is an American rapper, singer, songwriter, DJ, record producer, voice actor and philanthropist, best known as a founding and lead member of the hip hop group The Black Eyed Peas. As a music producer, will.i.am has produced with other artists including Michael Jackson, Justin Bieber, Kesha, Britney Spears, Miley Cyrus, David Guetta, U2, Rihanna, Cheryl, Lady Gaga, Usher, Justin Timberlake, A. R. Rahman, Nicki Minaj, 2NE1, and Baby Kaely. In collaborations and with the Black Eyed Peas, he has a total of 41 top-40 entries on the UK Singles Chart since 1998, and has sold 9.4 million singles in the UK.



- BlackCelebrityBirthdays.org

Empty Promises ...



Empty Promises....

Wow.

Talking about things that

Have you ever been in a situation where you were promised the world? You were told that you were loved.

They said they would always be there for you, and show up to support you. Promised that they would do something. Promised they would start something.

Or they would stop doing something that hurt you. Or, do something that would change your life!!

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But, at the end of the day, they do nothing! Not because they can't, because they are too lazy. Not because they had something else to do, but because they overslept and kept hitting the snooze button.

Not because they didn't have the time, they just didn't make the effort. Not because they weren't able to love, but because they didn't make the choice to love You!

The pain, hurt, frustration, and heartache!

Except ... I'm really not referring to another human being, this time. I'm talking about YOU! Yep, you!

See, we promise our-

selves things but never show up for us. We expect others to, but we don't hold ourselves accountable to

> those very same things that bother us when our parents, kids, friends, and associates don't do! Think about

your biggest cheerleader. You should be disciplined enough to make your dreams a reality, to get up, show up, and support your dreams ... but you don't!

Stop expecting others to be to you, what you aren't to yourself! Stop giving yourself empty promises!

It's unfair! You have the control to change it!

God loves you, and so



"To leave a place, you'd best leave everything behind; all your possessions, including memory. Traveling's not as easy



Fifth Sunday in Lent

Psalm 51:1-13 Second Lesson: Hebrews 5:5-10 GOSPEL: John 12:20-33

Perspectives on **Current News**

March Madness and - the Messiah?

"Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert." - Isaiah 43:19

March Madness annually features the nation's top men's college basketball teams from across the country; from March 19 to April 8, these top 68 teams will be competing to determine who's the #1 college basketball team.

But this month of March also represents the season of Lent. Here, the Christian world celebrates 40 days - from



Ash Wednesday (February 14), to Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter (March 29-31) - ending with commemorating the crucifixion, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the creator of Christianity, the world's largest religion with 2.56 billion people.

Therefore, this month of March features an overlapping of Jump Shots (March Madness) and Jesus (Lent, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday).

During this time, Oakwood University's WJOU radio will feature my latest leadership book, Where Jump Shots Meet Jesus, through its monthly installment of "A Moment in Time," which features local authors. Featured will be two daily segments each Monday through Friday at 7:40 am and 1:40 pm approximately two minutes each.

Here, I will share with you, for example:

- 1. How winning NBA championship dynasties actually got their success formula from Jesus Christ - whether they knew it or not!
- 2. Who's basketball GOAT (Greatest Of All Times)?
- 3. What's the connection between Captain Magic Johnson the Super Laker and Captain Naaman the Syrian Leper from the Bible's 2 Kings 5?
- 4. Where's the enigmatic Kyrie Irving vs. the evangelistic Steph Curry?
- 5. Who is the Bible's equivalent to Kobe Bryant? And
- 6. I'll make such un-orthodox claims as comparing Michael Jordan's "The Last Dance" on ESPN, with Jesus' "The Last Supper" in the book of Matthew.

As a special bonus, I'll also show you how to use the Bible to write and publish your first or next book!

Are you ready to have some fun? Then, let's go - Jump Ball!

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Rosetta James Foundation "Spotlight on Our Elders" ... Featuring

Dr. Annie Grace Robinson

Having grown up in Hale County, Alabama, Dr. Annie Grace Robinson assembled a long legacy of service to education, extending back to her years as a business education teacher at Riverside High School.

When interviewed much later for "Alpha Kappa Alpha's Timeless Service in West Alabama: The Goldlen Legacy of Eta Xi Omega Chapter," a book by Irene Issac Byrd, Robinson talked about her early experiences. Robinson indicated that she "became interested in Eta Xi Omega because she had met and was greatly impressed with the friendliness, helpfulness, and consistently high expectations from the ladies."

She was the first AKA in her family, where her mother always instructed her to be the best she could be, to never use the word "can't", and to never give up on her aspirations and achievements.

Robinson earned her bachelor's degree at Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, a Master of Arts degree from the University of Alabama and a Doctor of Education degree from the University of Kansas



in Lawrence.

She remained active with Eta Xi Omega until 1969, when she moved to Huntsville to accept a teaching job with Huntsville City Schools.

After about a month with Huntsville City Schools, Dr. James Hicks went to see her at Stone Middle School to talk with her about a teaching position at Alabama A&M University.

She spent a 33-year career in education at A&M and remained active as a civic volunteer and member of a number of local organizations, including Phillips Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, the Rosetta James Foundation (founding and current board member), Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Huntsville Chapter of AARP, Friends of the Library and Learning Quest.

She also served on the Board of Trustees of Miles College in Birmingham for many years. She even was appointed to the Board of Trustees of Texas College in Tyler, Tex.



"Spotlight on Our Elders" is a weekly feature sponsored by the Rosetta James Foundation to promote volunteerism and activism in our community among those who are 70-plus. The Foundation also provides scholarships. Learn more about us at www. rosettajamesfoundation.org. Know an outstanding elder (70+) that you would like to see featured? Send us a photo and 250word write-up to info@valleyweeklyllc.com.

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2024 Honorees: Mrs. Brenda Beale, Mr. Rufus Gilmore, III, Mr. Gregory Miley, Mrs. Linda Spalla, Mother Mary Strong and Rev. Dr. Mitchell Walker, Sr.



























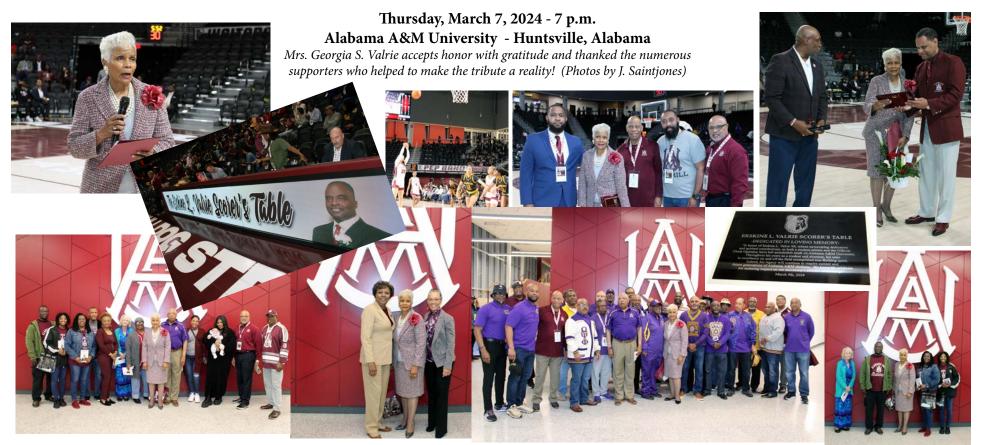








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