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HIA Holding Holi Celebration

Huntsville India Association invites all members of the public, from full-blooded Indians to those who simply get a kick out of chucking dyed powder at strangers to celebrate Holi, the festival of color.

Holi announces the passing

of winter and arrival of spring and will be celebrated with the same zeal at India House lawns in Huntsville on April 9.

There will be a small cultural program, good food, drinks, and of course colors. So bring your friends and family and come

celebrate with us. Tickets are \$5 for adults. Kids under 7 are free. This includes food, drinks, colors, and cultural show/dance. The activity is Saturday, April 9 from 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. For more information contact www.hiaweb.org.

Huntsville New Site of Zipcar

Zipcar, the world's leading car sharing network, today announced a new partnership with the City of Huntsville to bring its "wheels when you want them" membership service to area residents, businesses, visitors and students.

A total of six Zipcars, available for reservation by the hour or by the day, are now located in easily accessible locations throughout the city in popular

areas such as Huntsville City Hall, the Belk Hudson Lofts and the Artisan in Twickenham Square. The vehicles are parked in designated spots for convenient pick-up and drop-off and can be reserved in seconds on Zipcar's mobile app, online or over the phone.

The Zipcar Huntsville fleet Each reservation includes gas, insurance and 180 miles of driving per day, making it a great option

for those looking for ways to save money on the high cost of car ownership.

The launch in Huntsville builds on a successful program at the University of Alabama, where Zipcar launched in 2009. With a number of students already using Zipcar, the company was eager to expand its presence off-campus to provide more Alabamians with convenient access to wheels where they live, work and play.

IMS Annual Meeting Tops May

The Interfaith Mission Service (IMS) will hold its Annual Celebration and Awards Dinner on Tuesday, May 3, at the UAH Exhibit Hall. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. The dinner begins at 6 p.m. The keynote speaker will be Joe Newberry, CEO of Redstone Federal Credit Union.

About the 2016 Award Winners. As it has for 46 years, IMS will recognize organizations and individuals who reflect the ideals of the cooperative. These ideals include the following: 1) Promote interfaith cooperation; 2) Work toward racial harmony; 3) Campaign for social justice; 4) Provide direct help to the most vulnerable in our shared community. The award recipients are:

- Marilyn Mabry Memorial Racial Harmony Award - Dr. Harry Hobbs, Huntsville Utilities

- Rabbi Jeffrey L. Ballon Memorial Interfaith Cooperation Award - Kay Campbell, former Faith & Values editor for The Huntsville Times.

- Charles L. Ray, Jr., Memorial Social Justice Award - Redstone Federal Credit Union and the Society of St. Vincent De Paul for their work combating predatory lending in Alabama.

- IMS Direct Service Award - Fran Fluhler, Manna House

As the cooperative's annual fundraiser, the Annual Awards Dinner provides funding for programs that meet ongoing and future needs in the community. IMS wants to fill each of the 256 seats at all 32 tables in the UAH Exhibit Hall, so the public is invited.

Call IMS at (256) 536-2401 for more information.

Huntsville Embracing Plans for Panoply 2016

Arts Huntsville has announced artwork and headlining acts for the 34th Panoply Arts Festival, slated for April 29-May 1 in Big Spring Park.

Panoply will kick off at 5 p.m. on Friday, April 29, welcoming back favorite local and regional musical acts in addition to nationally-recognized and critically-acclaimed bands and musicians, the Art Marketplace presented by

Toyota Motor Manufacturing of Alabama, STEAM Interactive activities, craft beer, local food trucks and more.

Featured Music: This year, over 50 performances will span three stages. Classical to contemporary, rock and bluegrass will be featured, including the Beasley Brothers, Alan Little, Reginald Jackson and Friends, Huntsville's In the Mood Swing Band and



the Army Materiel Command Band. On Friday night the Showcase Stage will welcome Panoply newcomer Hannah Thomas. Amy Ray of the Indigo Girls (a 2015 Panoply

headliner) describes Hannah's music as "the soul of old country ... but she's also a die-hard rocker with some punk thrown in the mix."

Afterward, one of Huntsville's favorites-- Unknown Lyric--returns to the Showcase Stage with its urban rhythms and grooves paired with strains of Beethoven and other classics.

To close out the night,

North Alabama's own The Pollies come off their tour of the Southeast to headline the Friday night lineup with music from their genre-defying LP Not Here, their first release with Single Lock Records, founded by John Paul White of The Civil Wars.

Saturday highlights locals in area dance and musical performances. Local favorites Bourbon and Shamrocks, Judy

and Josh Allison, Wolves of Chernobyl and more will play for Panoply attendees. Big Daddy Kingfish and Whiskey River kings will take the Showcase Stage ahead of Saturday night's headliner, Drew Holcomb and the Neighbors.

On Sunday festivalgoers can enjoy back-to-back performances by Kush, Mambo Gris Gris and Microwave Dave on the Showcase Stage.

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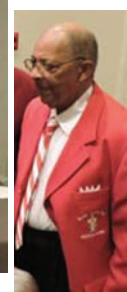
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From the Editor

Long Spring and Summer to Come

Dogwoods are in full bloom, the grass is green and the pollen, ragweed, and 'things in the air' that bother many of us this time of the year are in full effect. For newcomers to the area, this time of the year can be a season of trauma due to all of the stuff that gets trapped in the Valley that impact our quality of life. During the past three weeks, I have had a full round of antibiotics and cough syrup without relief. This week, additional meds, still seeking relief.

As children, we used to hear the elders talk about people having 'hay fever.' According to mayoclinic.org, "hay fever, also called allergic rhinitis, causes cold-like signs and symptoms, such as a runny nose, itchy eyes, congestion, sneezing and sinus pressure. But unlike a cold, hay fever isn't caused by a virus. Hay fever is caused by an allergic response to outdoor or indoor allergens, such as pollen, dust mites or tiny flecks of skin and saliva shed by cats, dogs and other animals with fur or feathers (pet dander).

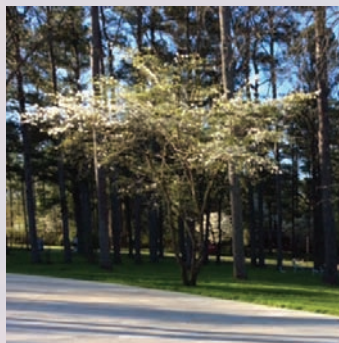
Besides making you miserable, hay fever can affect your performance at work or school and generally interfere with your life. But you don't have to put up with annoying symptoms. You can learn to avoid triggers and find the right treatment." Well, if you had it back then, it was misery that you tolerated. I can not remember anyone going to the doctor for hay fever. As a matter of fact, like with measles, mumps and chicken pops, we were give a home-made dose of tonics that mom concocted and in a few days you felt better or acted as if you did anyway. If it impacted our ability to go to school or get the work done, which was mostly outside back then, I certainly can not remember that.

My daddy used to make moonshine. It was as clear as water. Something like hay fever wouldn't last a day or two, because there was a concoction made with moonshine, lemons, peppermint candy and honey that would knock out all of the hay and the fever. We would get a dose at bedtime, get on our knees to pray, lay down to sleep and the bed would spin round and round until we went to sleep. When you woke up, your sleepwear was wringing wet and whatever was inside had been punched out and you felt like you had lost several pounds overnight just from sweating. What didn't help you back then, certainly did kill you. There is no way my parents would have taken any of us to the doctor for hay fever. We coughed and sneezed and with some prayers and magic, we had some serious meds. After a day or two, we were good to go. I seem to remember that the white lightning or moonshine was so strong that the entire peel of the lemon would disintegrate into the liquid after a few days in the jar. Awesome, hah?

I have talked to locals who suffer annually during this time of the year from a few days to several months with all of the various allergic reactions that get trapped in the local environment due to where we are located. Although the blooms are abound with their beauty, this can be a miserable time for some. Take it easy with the concoctions and go visit your doctor if you can't handle it. They say with the 'right' treatment and by avoiding the triggers, you can avoid it. No such luck for me. Stay healthy and enjoy the beauty of the season.

Until next week ...

Dorothy



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Your Washington Recap

Here are the top issues in DC this week:

1. The Senate is in session this week, while the House is in recess. The Senate will take up a bill to allow civil litigation for theft of international trade secrets and may move to

the Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization bill (expect amendments to beef up airport security after the Brussels attack). Supreme Court nominee Merrick Garland will meet with 11 Senators this week, includ-

ing 2 Republicans – Sens. Collins (R-ME) and Boozman (R-AR). Last Friday, Senator Moran (R-KS) reversed his position calling for the nominee to get a hearing under pressure from conservative groups – leaving Senators. Collins and Kirk (R-IL) as the only GOPers in favor of a hearing on Judge Garland. 2. President Obama met with NATO Secretary General Jen Stoltenberg at the White House and traveled to the University of Chicago to host a town hall on Supreme Court nominee Merrick Garland. 3. On April 6, the White House Office of Public Engagement held a conference call in conjunction with the College

Promise Campaign. Community college leaders and staff participated.

4. On Friday, Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ) released a letter signed by 120 Members of the House, including House Agriculture Committee Ranking Member Collin Peterson (D-MN), to the House Energy and Water Development and House Interior and Environment Appropriations Subcommittees seeking language in the FY 2017 appropriations bills to prohibit funding for the implementation of U.S. EPA's Water of the United States (WOTUS) regulation.

5. Last Tuesday (March 29), as part of the December-en-

acted Fixing America's Surface Transportation ("FAST") Act, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) revived the Bus and Bus Facilities Competitive Grant Program. The funding consists of \$211 million in grants for buses and bus facilities projects, as well as \$55 million specifically for the Low and No Emission (Low-No) bus program.

6. On Tuesday, the TBS Network premiered a new competition series, "America's Greatest Makers" created in collaboration with Intel Corporation. The first show airs at 9:00 p.m. EDT on April 4.

7. On April 7-8, the Commerce Department will hold

its 2016 Economic Development Administration Summit. 8. 2016 Presidential Watch. In an acknowledgment that he may face a contested GOP Convention, Donald Trump has hired Washington insider Paul Manafort to coordinate convention and delegate strategy. For April 5 Wisconsin primary, the latest polls have Cruz leading Trump by 6-7 points. Also, a close race for Clinton vs. Sanders.

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Calendar of Events

April 8

Wild Wine Night
Pinot's Palette
7-9 p.m.

April 9

Huntsville India Association
"Festival of Colors"
3300 Holmes Avenue, Huntsville
11:30-2:30 p.m.

City Love

Pinot's Palette
7-10 p.m.

April 11–May 20

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAH Spring Term
OLLI is a learning community designed for adults 50+
Daytime and evening classes. Details: Osher. uah.edu/Catalog or (256) 824-6183

April 15

HOT Coffee
(Free Networking Organization)
Huntsville Chamber of Commerce Auditorium
Contact: Vicki Morris at facetoface.vmorris@gmail.com, 7:45 a.m.

Star Gazers

Pinot's Palette (\$35/Painter)
6-8 p.m.

April 17

46th Annual Earth Day Festival and Farmer's Market
Monte Sano State Park
Picnic Area
12-5 p.m.

April 22

Annual Black Tie Scholarship Gala
Alabama A&M University
Von Braun Center North Hall
Tickets: \$100
6 p.m.

April 24

Art-N-Soul
"Key Lime Affair"
Bob Harrison Senior Center
6156 Pulaski Pike NW
Doors Open: 6 p.m./Show: 7-9 p.m.
Attire: Dressy Casual
Colors: Lime, Lemon or Spring
(No athletic wear or sneakers)
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April 29

HOT Coffee
(Free Networking Organization)
Huntsville Chamber of Commerce Auditorium
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April 30

Civil War Symposium
"Four Bloody Years of War: Policy and Strategy, Seditious and Emancipation"
SpringHill Suites by Marriott
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8:30 - 9:00AM Zumba

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Business College Silent Auction a Success

At the Alabama A&M Silent Auction on the 1st, one of our biggest items, was the Amazon Echo, which was donated by Renasant Bank. I found the Amazon Echo quite interesting because it brought me back to this YouTube video I watched in college from Dr. Kaku, a metaphysician who gave a speech about the world in 2030.

Dr. Kaku was named one of the 100 smartest people in New York, and begins by defining a physicist as the ones who invented the laser, transistor, electronic computer, television, radio, microwaves, MRI, Internet, and even wrote the World Wide Web.



He continues by giving a glimpse into the future and the new waves of technology to expect in the next ten, twenty, and thirty years.

Although his predictions went further into the future with technology such as: intelligent wall paper, internet portals, wall screens, cyber dogs, and smart toilets. The Amazon Echo is an introduction to this futuristic "smart home" concept.

As entrepreneurs, inventors, engineers, and artists it is our duty to think ahead of the curve. We have to make predictions about our plans and trust the process.

If you are planning for today, you are already late. Most successful people are think-

ing years, sometimes generations ahead of others. They aren't focused on the problems of the present, instead they are searching for solutions towards a better future. They allow the times to catch up to their discoveries, but work well in advance on them.

We've been introduced to this voice-command through our cellular devices such as Siri, and now it is advancing from phones into homes. The Amazon Echo was a four year project that was actually released back in 2014 to limited customers, and hit the world wide market this summer.

Keep in mind as a business owner, especially a start up or tech entrepreneur, that there will be a lot of trial and error. People may not see your vision initially, and there could be a lot of doubt; however, you have to trust your predictions and create a plan to bring it into existence.

by Amoi Savage



ROSETTA JAMES EXHIBIT: The many honors and tributes to long-time voter registration and voter rights advocate Rosetta James were on display throughout the month of March for Women's History Month. The exhibit was available for public viewing through March 31 at the Huntsville Bible College on Oakwood Road. A native of Akron, Ala., and former resident of New York, Mrs. James is also the namesake of the Rosetta James Foundation and its annual celebration.

Ivy Center Sends RFP

The Ivy Center of Huntsville/Madison County Foundation, Incorporated is now accepting proposals from Non-Profit Organizations for 2016 funding in an amount not to exceed \$2,000. The project/program submitted must be related to education, health, science, technology, cultural awareness, and/or economics for disadvantaged youth and their families.

The RFP is now available to download at www.Ivycenterfoundationhsv.org. The deadline for submission is May 5, 2016 and should be submitted to the Ivy Center of Huntsville/Madison County Foundation, Incorporated, P.O. Box 17587, Huntsville, AL 35810. You will receive a letter notifying you whether your proposal was approved. If approved, funds will be distributed during our 10th Annual White Linen Brunch on June 25, 2016.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Sharon H. Butler at jnjsersdshb@gmail.com.

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An Influential Alabamian: Alfreda Green

In today's society, leaders and positive influences are greatly needed in establishing both a positive and genuine path for individuals in our many different communities across the country.

These leaders contribute to their communities in many ways to include, giving their time and assistance to organizations, and to efforts influencing change. One individual that upholds these leadership roles, and has made an imprint in the community is Alfreda Green.

A native of Greensboro, Ala., who currently resides in Huntsville, Ala, Green holds a bachelor's degree in education from Alabama State University, and a Master of Business Management from the Florida Institute of Technology.

Throughout her career, she has taught middle school, high school, and college students; established over 10 years of supervisory level positions in management and operating business systems; served as a deputy director of missiles, and currently serves as the director of logistics; providing support to the program manager of the Joint Attack Munitions System Program Office in Huntsville, Ala.

Outside of an extensive and demanding career, Green supports her community by participating and working with organizations that give back to the

community through the use of charities and numerous scholarships for students. Some of the many organizations with which Green is affiliated include the Association of the United States Army; Blacks in Government; the Alabama State University Rocket City Alumni Chapter; the Society of Professional Women; and the Alabama State University Board of Trustees, where she serves as the vice chairperson-appointed by former Alabama Governor Bob Riley.

Throughout her many different affiliations and accomplishments, Green considers achieving her management position within the federal government her biggest achievement.

"This position has allowed me to give back by mentoring and developing young people entering the federal government, while also taking care of soldiers who courageously put their lives on the line for our country every day."

In speaking on her overall accomplishments, Green defines success as "being happy and

content in your current presence of mind."

She also believes that the keys to being successful in the work place and/or community are "being flexible and adaptable to change; being proactive instead of reactive; continuing to learn; and taking classes to enhance one's overall knowledge-especially in an area of expertise."

Alfreda Green currently holds Department of the Army Achievement Medals for her excellent civilian service; the AMC outstanding Team of the Year Award; Special Acts and Performance Awards; and gained recognition for the Ernie Young Award.

She uses her achievements and awards to motivate her in being the best she can be, and continues to serve her community as a leader and influential careerist.

by Keisha S. Martindale



Valley Deaths

Funeral service for **Mr. Eric Fuller** was held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Elder Lawrence Sandifer, officiating. Interment was in Meadowlawn Garden of Peace.

Funeral service for **Mr. James Willie Jefferson** was held at 12 Noon on Wednesday, April 6, 2016, at St. Peter United Methodist Church with Pastor Danny Ray Jefferson, officiating - 107 Stewart Street - Madison, Ala. Interment: Valhalla Memory Gardens.

Funeral service for **Mr. Fleming G. Butler** will be held at 12 Noon on Saturday, April 9, 2016 at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Earla S. Lockhart, officiating. Interment will be in Valhalla Memory Gardens.

Funeral service for **Mr. Horace**

Drake will be held at 12 Noon on Saturday, April 9, 2016 at St. Rebecca P. B. Church with Pastor Curtis Strong, officiating. Interment will be in St. Ruth Cemetery.

Memorial service for **Mr. Leonard Stevens** will be held at 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 10, 2016 at First Seventh Day Adventist. Towers - 3409 Venona Avenue, Huntsville, Ala.

Funeral arrangements for Mr. Richard M. Turner are incomplete and will be announced later.

Funeral arrangements for Mr. Albert Smith are incomplete and will be announced later.

Funeral arrangements for Mrs. Sarah Ewing are incomplete and will be announced later.

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Some Tips about the Home Office Deduction

If you use your home for business, you may be able to deduct expenses for the business use of your home. If you qualify, you can claim the deduction whether you rent or own your home. You may use either the simplified method or the regular method to claim your deduction. Consider these six tips about the home office deduction:

- 1. Regular/Exclusive Use.**
You must use a part of your home regularly and exclusively for business purposes. The part of your home used for business must also be: a) Your principal place of business, or b) a place where you meet clients or customers in the normal course of business, or c) a separate structure not attached to your home (e.g. garage or a studio).
- 2. Simplified Option.**
If you use the simplified

option, multiply the allowable square footage of your office by a rate of \$5. The maximum footage allowed is 300 square feet. This option will save you time because it simplifies how you figure and claim the deduction. It will also make it easier for you to keep records.

3. Regular Method.

This method includes certain costs that you paid for your home. For example, if you rent your home, part of the rent you paid may qualify. If you own your home, part of the mortgage interest, taxes and utilities you paid may qualify. The amount you can deduct usually depends on the percentage of your home used for business.

4. Deduction Limit.

If your gross income from the business use of your home is less than your expenses, the deduction for some expenses

may be limited.

5. Self-Employed.

If you are self-employed and choose the regular method, use Form 8829, Expenses for Business Use of Your Home, to figure the amount you can deduct. You can claim your deduction using either method on Schedule C, Profit or Loss From Business. See the Schedule C instructions for how to report your deduction.

6. Employees.

You must meet additional rules to claim the deduction if you are an employee. For example, your business use must also be for the convenience of your employer. If you qualify, you claim the deduction on Schedule A, Itemized Deductions. (See Publication 587, Business Use of Your Home)

David E. Herron

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SSU Chapter Hosts Conference



Pictured above, Alabama Chapter Savannah State University Alumni Association, Inc.

The Alabama Chapter Savannah State University National Alumni Association (SSUNAA) Alabama Chapter hosted the Southern Region Conference at the Huntsville Marriott, Huntsville, Alabama, March 5-6. The conference theme was "Upholding Our Impressive Legacy."

The SSUNAA boasts a membership of over 22,000 worldwide, and it is commit-

ted to scholarship and community service. Ms. Elizabeth Smith serves as the local chapter president.

Over 75 SSUNAA members were welcomed to the city by elected officials from the City of Huntsville, City of Madison, Madison County and the State of Alabama.

The conference included a "Practical Chat with the President" Dr. Cheryl Dozier

who provided an update on the state of the university's academics, athletics, campus activities, vision, and strategic goals. The university awarded several academic scholarships to area high school students.

The weekend concluded with worship service at Phillips Cumberland Methodist Episcopal Church, where alumnus Reverend Keith Elison serves as pastor.

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