

# The Valley Weekly

*"The most dangerous creation in any society is the man who has nothing to lose."*  
- James Baldwin

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## Healthy Huntsville: Cinco de Mayo Dance Party Set

A Cinco de Mayo Dance Party at Campus No. 805 will be held as an integral part of the Healthy Huntsville initiative on Friday, May 5, from 5-10 p.m. The party will be great fun for those looking for variety in their workout after office hours. Indeed, Healthy Huntsville is throwing a Dance Party to remind Valley area

residents that there are lots of ways to exercise (and to have fun while doing it!). Register from 5 - 6 p.m. for a chance to win door prizes. Zumba by Mira Eggleston from 6:15-7 p.m.; Salsa Lesson by Ricky Jenkins of Dance Rocket City from 7:15-8 p.m.; "Dance, Dance, Dance" with Live DJ from 8-10 p.m.



**BLACK TIE PERFORMANCE:** R&B singer and entertainer Alvin Garrett of Birmingham (Tuscaloosa native) delighted the audience at Alabama A&M University 17th Annual Black Tie Scholarship Gala at the VBC on Friday, April 28.

## Bloggers to Convene in the Rocket City

More than 600 travel bloggers, journalists and others in the travel industry will converge on Huntsville for the annual TBEX North America Conference, May 4-6. TBEX (short for Travel Blog Exchange) attendees reach a combined audience of 300 million viewers, readers and followers a month. While the convention itself lasts just three days, the attendees devote an average of 11 days at the conference host site, so exposure to Huntsville and Alabama will be vast. "It's a megaphone to shout about Huntsville," says Leslie Walker, Con-

vention Sales Manager for the Huntsville/Madison County Convention & Visitors Bureau. The bloggers and journalists - who include magazine and print writers and representatives from TV networks - will be researching future stories as well as posting real-time news and tidbits, thus the anticipated widespread use of #iHeartHsv hashtag on the Internet. During the 2016 convention in Fort Lauderdale, the participants sent out more than 35,000 tweets about the event in a three-day span. Last fall, on a preliminary TBEX tour, a group

of nine journalists and bloggers from across the country visited. Their 2.5-day visit generated 932 posts with a global reach of 28.5 million. "Imagine," Walker says, "the impact of 600 people over 11 days." TBEX holds a number of worldwide conferences each year. Some more recent ones have been in Stockholm, Manila, Jerusalem, Bangkok, Ft. Lauderdale, Athens (Greece) and Cancun. That's a list of cities with whom Huntsville has not often been linked. "Promoting leisure tourism and the meeting industry in Huntsville and

Madison County equals economic development for our community." Jessica Carlton, then the marketing manager at the CVB and now the Digital Media Specialist for the City of Huntsville Communication Office, attended the 2015 conference in Ft. Lauderdale. She suggested the conference could be a big boon for Huntsville. "I thought, 'Why not? We'll give them a call,'" Walker says. Even when she saw the list of previous host cities, she wasn't daunted. "I called them in their office in Los Angeles and said we'd like to host."

## Harley-Davidson VP to Address A&M Grads

The more than 500 persons scheduled to receive degrees at Alabama A&M University's 6 p.m. VBC spring commencement exercises May 5 will receive words from a woman who once sat among them on her eventual climb through the corporate world. After earning her degree in nursing from cross-town University of Alabama in Huntsville, Tchernavia Rucker received the Master of Business Administra-

tion degree from AAMU. Now a certified senior professional in human resources, Rucker is vice president of human resources for Harley-Davidson Motor Company, where she supervises over 200 HR employees. Rucker's extended role includes employee and labor relations, talent management, training, organizational development, performance management, diversity, safety,

occupational health and other functions. She has performed similar HR duties at Good-year Dunlop North America Tire, Inc., in addition to securing experiences in healthcare and scientific research at other organizations. The administrator previously served on the boards of the Urban Economic Development Association, Progressive Community

Health Centers, the Crispus Attucks Center and the South George Street Community Partnership. Her current affiliations include the Board of Directors for the Next Door Foundation; Mount Mary University in Milwaukee, Wis.; the Society for Human Resource Management; and the National Black MBA Association.



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Mastin Lake Road/University Drive)

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## Washington in a Minute

Here are the top issues in Washington, D.C., this week:

1. The House and Senate are in session this week and will continue finishing up work on the omnibus appropriations bill for the remaining 5 months of FY2017. Last week, Congress approved a one-week extension to the current temporary funding bill, which is keeping the federal government operating at FY2016 levels. The House GOP leadership is whipping its members to garner enough votes to pass a revised Obamacare reform bill, but it is still far from certain that a vote will happen this week. The House will also take up a bill to expand existing sanctions and impose new sanctions against North Korea.

2. Top Democratic leaders said that a deal reached Sunday night by Congressional leaders would restore Year-Round Pell Grants. The omnibus appropriations bill, which would fund the government through the end of September, contains a provision of Pell grant eligibility to include low-income students attending classes all year.

3. President Trump made remarks at the Independent Community Bankers Association's conference Monday at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in DC. On Tuesday, he welcomed members of the U.S. Air Force Academy's football

team to the White House to present them with the Commander-in-Chief's trophy for beating Army and Navy this year. On Wednesday, he met with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas at the White House, who recently took a hard line with the militant Hamas leaders who seized control of the Gaza Strip by refusing to pay for the electricity that Israel sells to Gaza. On Thursday, he travelled to New York City where he joined Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull to commemorate the 74th anniversary of the Battle of the Coral Sea on the USS Intrepid Museum. The two leaders then met to discuss counter-terrorism and refugee issues.

4. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin spoke on President Trump's tax plan at the 2017 Milken Institute Global Conference in Los Angeles - a gathering of 4,000 investors, economists and industrialists from around the world who pay between \$12,500 and \$50,000 to gain entry to the 4-day conference. According to the Washington Post, White House staffers have begun meetings with the House Ways and Means Committee and plan to fine tune the tax proposal by meeting with advocacy groups and lawmakers through the summer with a view to getting a vote in Congress in the fall.

5. On Tuesday, the House

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure held a hearing on "U.S. Airline Customer Service," which featured questions regarding the recent, much-publicized incidents involving airline passengers being ejected from flights. Senior officials from United, American, Alaska and Southwest Airlines were witnesses at the hearing, including CEO Oscar Munoz of United.

6. According to the Politico website, Heritage Foundation President (and ex-South Carolina GOP Senator) Jim DeMint has been fired by the Heritage Board of Directors in a dramatic clash of personalities - which has caused at least one board member to resign in protest. Former President Ed Feulner will reportedly step in as interim president to run the conservative think tank. The Washington Examiner speculated that White House staffer Steve Bannon may be in the running for the job.

7. Axios Media reports that President Obama is getting \$400,000 per speech and compared it to President Clinton's fee of \$250,000 and President Bush 43's \$200,000 (Mrs. Obama gets \$200,000).

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## Third Lane Brother Makes Scout



The Lane brothers consistently demonstrated Leadership skills and a willingness to help those in need. They fully exhibited the Scouting Spirit by living the Scout Oath and Scout Laws in their everyday lives. As students, they distinguished themselves by their energetic personalities and determination for success. They displayed a high work ethic, a desire to succeed, and an unwavering determination to excel. They also displayed natural leadership qualities.

Quinten Terrell Lane (2nd, above) was awarded the Rank of Eagle Scout on November 23, 2011. Quinten is currently a senior at the University of North Alabama with a double major (Business Management and Spanish). On April 24, 2017 Quinten

received the University of North Alabama's "University Man 2017 Award", presented by Dr. Kenneth D Kitts, president. He will graduate in May of 2017.

Curtis Alexander Lane (left, above) was awarded the Rank of Eagle Scout on March 21, 2015. Curtis is currently a junior at the University of North Alabama where he is majoring in Marketing. He also serves as the Head Equipment Manager for the championship football team. Dillan Maurice Lane (r) was awarded the Rank of Eagle Scout on February 7, 2017. Dillan is a senior at Sparkman High School. He has been accepted and will attend the University of North Alabama in the fall of 2018.

## Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

In Philippians 3:3, it talks about putting no confidence in the flesh. So, no matter what accomplishments that we obtain, it's all from God.

All the good that we do comes from God and not us. And, when we do good things, God doesn't owe us anything just because we are good or have done

good things.

For example, if we got up every morning and prayed for two hours, or if we read four chapters in the bible every day, God doesn't owe us anything. We need to get rid of this attitude that we're going to do something just to

get something from God.

You see, when we begin to understand that we don't deserve anything from God, then we will get happy and excited about everything that God does for us ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters.



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# From the Editor



Ah ... Summer Jobs!

During this time of the year, high school and college students are looking for summer jobs. There are many of us who can make impactful differences in this area; however, we either don't know we can or we just don't care. With that said, students, supervisors and their parents have a huge part to play in making this work.

As a college student, my late sister Vanessa and I took summer jobs at a local plant in town. I had spent one year in college and she had completed two. We didn't last the entire summer because we refused to take the taunting that our supervisor continued to dish out! We believe she treated us that way because it was clear that we were temporary for the summer and planning to go back to college. Moreover, some of them knew that they would be there on the cutting and sewing lines for as long as the jobs were there. I'm not calling it an 'ism' but I am just saying that our plan was never to live at home and work in a factory for the rest of our lives. We wanted to go places, do things and experience life. That made the difference for us, but some of our friends and family felt stuck. And, they were -unfortunately.

It has been a long time, but I believe I convinced Vanessa to quit with me. We worked from 3-11 p.m. each day, Monday through Friday. We didn't have a car, so we rode to work with a neighbor who worked the same shift. Early during the shift this particular afternoon, the supervisor queried us about our production the prior day. The "line" told her jointly that we had worked the entire 8 hours and that our production reflected a full day's work to the best of our ability. That did not seem to be good enough and she continued to try to get us to explain why we had not done more. I told Vanessa, "Let's quit," because it was not fair for her to "get on to us" when the entire line shared our sentiments about the workload. Plus, I reminded my sister that we were leaving at the end of the summer because we were going back to college. So, the two of us walked off the line and waited outside for our neighbor to get off at 11 p.m. That was a long evening. We could not get in the car because it was locked. We literally had to wait outside in the parking lot.

When we arrived home and told our mother what had happened, she was unraveled. Tattered because it would be all over our small town that the two Williams girls had walked off the job at the local plant. We were able to convince her that it would be alright because we were going back to college, and that factory was not our future. We figured if everyone on the 'line' agreed that all of us worked the entire time and that the production requirements were not realistic, that she should have accepted our responses and adjusted the load. Didn't happen, and things didn't work out. We had the home training and the work ethic. We really had done our best, and it wasn't good enough.

Advice to students: Do your very best and work the entire time. Because the long-timers and supervisors are taking multiple smoke breaks, participating in on-going huddles and office talks, texting and calling their friends and family does not mean that you can do it, too. Always work for the job you plan to have someday, not the job you are currently performing. If you do that and have to leave, you can leave with a clear conscious and not look at the past. I truly believe that we should not "mourn the things that are lost, but smile at the lessons we learn from them" (Unknown).

Advice to supervisors: I looked up the word supervisor and this is what I found. A supervisor is a "person in the first-line management who monitors and regulates employees in their performance of assigned or delegated tasks. Supervisors are usually authorized to recommend and/or effect hiring, disciplining, promoting, punishing, rewarding, and other associated activities regarding the employees in their departments. (BusinessDictionary.Com) When persons with supervisory authority are reckless and take advantage of employees, they can trigger life-changing consequences -sometimes good, and sometimes not. We should be mentoring and teaching our summer hires how to be successful in the workplace. I have employed countless high school and college student over the years and I believe most of them would give me a good evaluation. That's important. How do you believe your employees would rate you?

To parents: One of the things that K-12 teachers are telling us is that they are challenged with parents who uphold their children when they need to be teaching them right from wrong. Sometimes, the adults are wrong and the children are right; however, most of the times that is not the case. We need to make sure, as parents, that we train up our children and teach them the WAY. We knew our mother would be disappointed because we walked off the job; however, when we explained our reasoning behind it, she understood and supported us. She wanted better for us than she had. That's what caring, loving parents want--always!

I will have a couple of summer hires in a few weeks. I plan to provide them with a meaningful experience that will count for them in the future. What about you? The cost is priceless based on the impact we can make. Together, let's make a difference in some lives of young people.

Until next week ...

*Dorothy*



by Gary T. Whitley, Jr.

## Huntsville Happenings

### Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle Officially Announces Campaign for Governor

While Huntsville is lauded as the "Shining Star of Alabama," the man crowning that star of success, Mayor Tommy Battle, has officially announced his candidacy to become the 55th Governor of the Great State of Alabama.

On Friday, April 28th, Mayor Battle announced his official intent to seek the State's top job via an e-mail blast using his new campaign slogan, "Battle for Alabama." Recently re-elected to a third term as Mayor of Alabama's fastest growing city; Tommy Battle is a lifelong conservative who will run to serve as Alabama's next governor in the 2018 Alabama



Republican Primary. Should the citizens of Alabama elect Tommy Battle as Governor of Alabama, he would be the first Alabama mayor to ascend to the governorship in the state's history.

A small business owner and real estate developer, Battle laid out a case for his candidacy as a responsible leader from outside the state government. "For too long, the people of Alabama have seen our values come under attack," said Battle. "Alabama has endured corruption instead of opportunity.

Scandal instead of education. Embarrassment instead of pride. "We're not just in a battle for Alabama's values, we're in a battle for Alabama's future," Battle added. "I'm running for governor because

I'm ready to lead that fight."

In the eight years that Battle has served as Mayor of Huntsville, the economic development announcements and the quality of life enhancements have been significant. Under his leadership, more than 17,000 new jobs have been created for the area, including the addition of Remington Arms Company, GE Aviation and Polaris.

Battle's conservative management has generated more than \$2.5B in economic investment for Huntsville and has earned the city eight straight Triple-A credit ratings. When faced with Montgomery's decision to cancel long-standing commitments on area road projects, Battle worked with community and elected leaders to find a pay-as-you-go solution to build more than \$500M in roads and infrastructure. He has taken a fiscally conservative, results-driven approach to creating new jobs and better opportunities for Alabamians.

Battle emphasized his gubernatorial campaign will focus on bringing communities across Alabama's 67 counties together to create new opportunities in economic development, infrastructure, roads, education, and job creation. "This campaign isn't going to be against anyone," said Battle. "It's going to be for Alabama."

Mayor Battle, 61, has been married to his wife Eula for 28 years. Their son and daughter-in-law, Drew and Lauren, have one son, George.

## ValleyScopes

by Melissa Wilson/Seloma

### GEMINI

Communicating confidence on the job or in the areas of public domain, courts of law, or within a marriage is proving to have a powerful bonus, as far as your performance goes.

### TAURUS

You'll have the chance to openly show your fondness for something that you feel the need to do quite regularly.

### LEO

The Mean Lunar Node, which is always retrograde, is calling on you, to pay attention to a side of your personality that you may usually avoid or feel vulnerable in revealing- so that another quality can be developed; unreservedly empty of indecisiveness and/or co-dependence.

### SCORPIO

Even if some of your personal affairs are challenged by something going on during this period--where Mercury is retrograde--your personality is prone to save the day, since people are relating to you and are likely to find your listening ear to

be a welcome relief during a time of stress.

### AQUARIUS

Odds are, with the Mercury conjunction of Uranus accentuating individualistic tendencies, that you're feeling the need to express your individuality within your profession, as well as within the realm of dating, which you're innately doing.

### SAGITTARIUS

As you use practical measures, in order to thrive, whether auctioning off heirlooms, or other possessions, you'll likely feel relief by putting additional dividends to good use.

### PISCES

A consideration of your deepest values, may have you asking yourself if the way that you're handling a certain situation is in fact the best way. The answers that you come up with, are sure to steer you in a mentally fecund direction that will move you closer to a Uranus-inspired, invention-tested way.

### ARIES

You have likely found a way to deliberately express your individuality at work and

blow someones' socks off; way to go!

### LIBRA

You've stumbled upon another way to demonstrate to an acquaintance or pal an extraordinary way to fill in an area or void, one that means a great deal to you.

### VIRGO

A proposal that you've likely come up with is proving to be a powerful way to show concern and possibly make yourself feel better about something in the long run, too.

### CAPRICORN

You may find yourself in the pursuit of ways to be extremely effective as certain expectations change and you move beyond the struggle to reformat plans.

### CANCER

You are possibly coping with emotions that may have resulted regarding public issues, as Mercury's conjunction with Uranus indicates a need to use feelings that are being experienced as a potential catalyst for power-fueled, communications and action.

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May 5

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 Speaker: Pam McDonald  
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Alabama A&M University  
 Spring Commencement  
 Speaker: Tchernavia Rocker,  
 VP, Human Resources  
 Harley-Davidson Motor  
 Company  
 Von Braun Center  
 6 p.m.

May 5-6

Whistle Stop BBQ Festival  
 Huntsville Depot Round-  
 house  
 Downtown

May 6

"Strides Against Violent En-  
 counters; Always Safe, Always  
 Prepared"  
 Jack & Jill of America and  
 Alabama A&M University

Contact: Dr. Yolanda Powell-  
 Friend, (256) 527-3005  
 Elmore Building  
 12 p.m.

May 11

The Four Tops & The Tempta-  
 tions  
 Presenter: Huntsville Hospital  
 Foundation  
 VBC Propst Arena  
 \$20-\$25  
 8 p.m.

May 12-13

Rocket City Brewfest  
 Huntsville Depot Roundhouse  
 Downtown

May 20

Untouchables Corvette Club  
 Annual Scholarship & Charity  
 Spring Fling  
 Cahaba Shrine Center/1226  
 Blake Bottom Rd. - \$15  
 Contact: 256-603-2441/256-  
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8 p.m.-12 a.m.  
 Please call Carolyn Lundy or  
 James Lundy at (256) 852-  
 2240 for more details

May 27

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 Festival  
 Huntsville Dragway Grounds,  
 502 Quarter Mountain Road  
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 dbluesfestival.com/](http://www.oldschoolan-<br/>
    dbluesfestival.com/)

June 10

Family Day of Education and  
 Fun  
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 Agribition Center  
 Moores Mill Road  
 12-4 p.m.

June 17

Fun Festival & Expo (Free)  
 VBC South Hall

July 13-15

Space Camp SummerFest

# India Street Food Festival May 6

The Huntsville India  
 Association (HIA) will host  
 the 2nd Indian Street Food  
 Festival on Saturday, May  
 6, at Horizon Elementary,  
 7855 Madison Pike, in  
 Madison, Ala., from 11:30  
 a.m.-2 p.m.

That's right!  
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 dia. There will be cultural  
 events, entertainment, kids  
 play area and, of course,  
*food.*

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children seven and under.  
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City Council work sessions also held in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m.

For more information, call (256) 427-5011.

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Photos are helpful! Reports of a sensitive nature may be submitted confidentially.

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Huntsville Connect uses SeeClickFix software to help citizens report and track their service requests



via the web or mobile app: Google Play or iTunes for your iPhone, Android, Windows Phone or BlackBerry.

For Emergency requests – please call 911.

Instructions: To report an issue:

1. Select the Report tab.
2. Type in the address/location of the service request or drag the map marker to the location of your issue
3. Click *Next*.
4. Choose a service request Category from the drop-down menu that best matches your issue.
5. Enter a Title, additional Description, and attach an Image if possible.
6. Click *Submit*.

## North Huntsville Cleanup



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### Volunteers Needed

**When:** May 6, 2017 (Rain Date – May 13th)

**Where:** Meet at Jemison High School  
5000 Pulaski Pike

**Time:** 8am—Noon

Sponsored by City Councilman Devyn Keith  
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Operation Green Team

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- Litter pick-up sticks
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- Gloves

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## Valley Deaths

Funeral services will be announced later for **Mrs. Dorothy G. Johnson, Mr. Anthony Pierre Witt** and **Mrs. Dorothy Langford**.

Funeral service was held on Monday, May 1, for **Elder James "Pit" Leslie** (b. 1932) at Beaver Dam Primitive Baptist Church with Pastor Emeritus Theodore Bone officiating.

Funeral service was held for **Mr. Willard M. Scissum** (b. 1947) on Sunday, April 30, at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church.

Funeral service was held for **Ms. Larissa King** (b. 1977) on Sunday, April 30, at New Life Seventh-day Adventist Church with Pastor Michael Ross officiating.

Funeral service for **Mr. Berry Wayne Davis** (b. 1964) was held Nelms Memorial Funeral Home on Saturday, April 29.

Funeral service was held Saturday, April 29, at Zion Progress Missionary Baptist Church for **Ms. Devan D. Hereford**.

Funeral service for **Mr. Ruben L. Burruss** (b. 1963) was held Saturday, April 29, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home.

Funeral service for **Mr. Charles Ray "Billy Goat" McKinley** (b. 1963) was held Saturday, April 29, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home with Rev. Gary Rowe officiating.

-Nelms Memorial  
Funeral Home

# St. Bartley Launches Multi-Week Installation Celebration

The St. Bartley Primitive Baptist Church family is inviting the entire Huntsville community and surrounding areas to the Pastoral Installation Celebration of Elder Jaymes Mooney, the church's ninth pastor.

The celebration will begin on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at 6:30 pm, with Family Night sponsored by the Youth Department, in the churches Activity Center.

On Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 7 p.m., Pre Installation Worship Service with Elder Timothy Rainey and the Indian Creek Primitive

Baptist Church in charge of the worship service.

On Wednesday, May 17, 2017, at 7 p.m., Pre Installation Worship Service with guest speaker, Elder Dr. Bernard Yates, President of the National Primitive Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. and Pastor, of Zion Hope Primitive Baptist Church, Pensacola, FL.

On Saturday, May 20, 2017, a "Black Tie Gala" will be held at the Jackson Center, with Red Carpet beginning at 4 p.m., and Banquet beginning at 5



p.m. The speaker for this event is Rev. James "Tex" Thomas, pastor emeritus, Jefferson Street Missionary Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn.

On Sunday May, 21, 2017, Morning Worship

Service will be held with Rev. Daniel Corrie Shull and the Burnett Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville, KY in charge of the service. Sunday School will be held at 8:30 am followed by Morning Worship Service

at 10 a.m.

At 4 p.m., the Official Installation Service will be held with guest speaker, Elder Dr. T.W. Samuels, President Emeritus of the National Primitive Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. and Pastor Emeritus of The Greater Mount Moriah Primitive Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina. Ministry in music will be provided by The Combined Choirs of St. Bartley.

For additional or ticket information, call the church office at (256) 651-7556 or (256) 975-4039.

## Case Announces Upcoming Free Concert

Those that attended "Monica & Friends" at the Von Braun Center on April 29 might've noticed that someone was missing from the lineup. The show was originally billed as Monica, Donnell Jones and Case, but only two-thirds were physically present.

Patrons showed early signs of confusion when DJs didn't mention the 41-year-old, instead focusing on the other two acts. Following Jones's set, the DJ announced that the headlining artist would be next to take the stage, leaving many attendees scratching their heads.

During Jones' intermission, a representative walked on stage, bearing the bad news that due to an unforeseen illness, the Grammy-nominated R&B singer would not be performing and he would be replaced by another DJ.

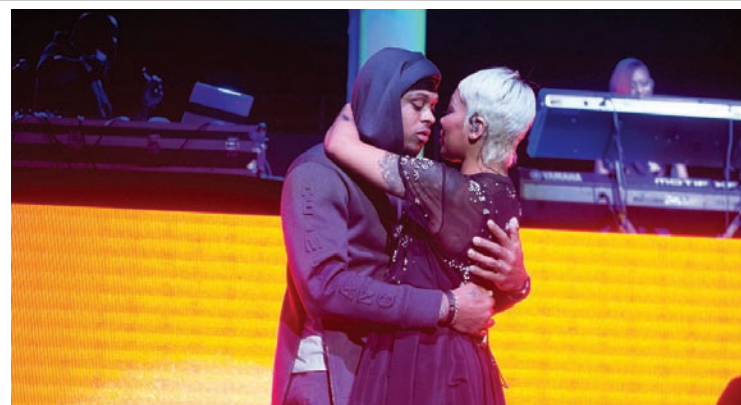
Less than 24 hours after the show, Case broke his

silence, penning a heartfelt apology on Facebook. In the statement, the "Touch Me, Tease Me" singer set the record straight that the promoters, Bronz & Brainz Productions, were not responsible for his absence, calling their partnership "A1." To make amends, Case said he will hold a free concert sometime this year.

"This will be fan-driven and limited seating," Case wrote on his social media account. "But I'll give those that came to see me last night a #Guaranteed Spot."

Fans that attended the April show are encouraged to keep tickets stubs to claim their reserved spot. There is no set date for the show, but the artist promised to inform fans when and where they can register to redeem their tickets.

by Reggie  
Allen



R&B songstress Monica surprised fans by bringing husband and professional ballplayer out for a quick onstage kiss during her April 29 show at the Von Braun Center. *Photo by Reggie Allen*

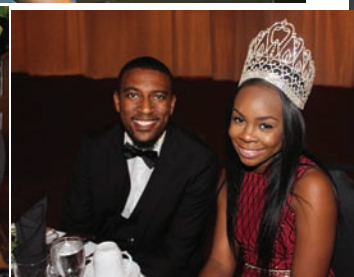


**CELEBRATE!** The Harris Home for Children held its 63rd-anniversary dinner on April 27 at the Von Braun Center. The night featured musical entertainment from local recording artist and saxophonist Alex D Banks and was emceed by radio personalities Mojo and Toni Terrell. The dinner was closed with a concert from Grammy Award-winning ensemble Kool and the Gang, who performed their cavalcade of hits, including "Ladies Night", "Hollywood Swinging" and "Celebrate." *Copy and Photo by Reggie Allen*

Alabama A&amp;M University

# 17th Annual Black Tie Scholarship Gala

Friday, April 28, 2017 - Von Braun Center - 6:30 p.m.



## Jack and Jill, A&M Bridge Community and Law Enforcement

Jack and Jill of America Incorporated and Alabama A&M University are hosting "Strides Against Violent Encounters; Always Safe Always Prepared".

The initiative aims to bring the local police de-

partments in the surrounding area together with the community in a basketball tournament.

"We want to send the message that law enforcement and neighborhoods can work together to

improve the community," states Dr. Yolanda Powell-Friend, foundation chair of the Greater Huntsville Chapter Jack and Jill of America Incorporated.

The tournament will be held on the campus of

Alabama A&M University in the Elmore Gymnasium on May 6, 2017, beginning at 12 p.m.

In addition, there will be seminars on how to engage with police officers, a buzzed driving simulator,

and scholarships will be awarded in the name of a fallen officer from various police departments, along with a texting and driving seminar.

Three Point Contest (with a \$10.00 entry fee)

Prize of \$200.00 to the winner, Slam Dunk Contest (with a \$10.00 entry fee) Prize of \$100.00 to the winner etc.

For additional information, call (256) 527-3005.