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- William Monroe Trotter

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Woman-Owned Business Gets Potential \$76M Contract

The U.S. Army has selected economically disadvantaged woman-owned small business ProjectXYZ to provide programmatic support services under a potential \$75.9 million contract.

According to govcon-wire.com, the Department of Defense states the company will support foreign military sales, security assistance and other international programs of the service branch.

Work will run through May 31, 2023, with locations and funds determined upon each issued order.

Huntsville, Ala.-based ProjectXYZ offers research, design, development, integration and maintenance services for programs in the areas of engineering, logistics, alternative energy and information technology.

Kim Lewis (above) serves as CEO.



Housing Authority, TVA to Install New HVAC Units at Northwoods

Huntsville Housing Authority (HHA) was approved to move forward with a contract with Huntsville Utilities to provide new HVAC equipment and energy upgrades to HHA properties.

This partnership is made possible by a Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) grant to Huntsville Utilities, which will partner with TVA.

This grant is called the Uplift Pilot Program and requires HHA to commit \$889,200.00 of capital funds toward the program.

In addition, funding will be matched through



cash and in-kind contributions from Huntsville Utilities and \$1 million from TVA.

Northwoods Affordable Housing development is the targeted recipient due to antiquated HVAC units that require replacement.

There are 215 units at Northwoods that need new HVAC equipment and this agreement will make it possible to replace approximately 200 units.

League of Women Voters Fund Pushes VOTE411.org

VOTE411.org, a nonpartisan voter guide supported by the League of Women Voters of Alabama Education Fund, is now live online and available to voters in time for the Alabama Party Primary Elections.

This guide offers the candidate and election information needed to be better informed when going to the polls on June 5. All statewide races are included. Not all candidates have participated to date, but more are expected.

VOTE411.org is a 'one-stop-shop, providing simple tools to help voters

all over Alabama navigate the voting process for the upcoming primary elections. It contains candidate information, voter registration tools, polling place locations and other helpful Election Day information.

The League urges citizens to share the news with friends who are seeking nonpartisan election information from the League of Women Voters.

Even citizens in the Mobile and Opelika/Auburn areas can also find local election and candidate information on VOTE411.org.

Edmonton Heights Could Get National Register Listing

By 2020, Huntsville will have two more historic districts surveyed, intended to be listed on the National Register: McThornmor Acres and Edmonton Heights. In particular, Edmonton Heights was constructed in 1959, when Huntsville was still a segregated city, as one of few neighborhoods in the city where African Americans were allowed to live and purchase property.

The devastation of the Urban Renewal program of the 1960s brought in displaced African American residents from the heart of downtown, and Edmonton Heights served as a refuge for many black citizens. At the heart of that refuge was Alabama A&M University. Due to closeness to the neighborhood, many of the residents were faculty and staff for the University.

AAMU provided resi-

dents with the first black primary school in the county (Council Training), the first African-American hospital in the county (Virginia McCormick Hospital), a public library (Carnegie Library), among other resources. Many of Huntsville's African American citizens would not have had access to these resources if not for Edmonton Heights and AAMU. The Edmonton

Heights neighborhood served as an incubator for progress providing a sense of community, identity, and unity.

As with McThornmor Acres, the effort to survey and list Edmonton Heights on the National Register involved several collaboration between the Edmonton Heights Neighborhood Association, and other organizations.

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Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

Romans 7:19 says, "For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do this I do." It goes on to say in verse 21, "Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me."

You know, it's hard to believe that there was

another school shooting. But, is it really that hard to believe?

Do most people want to do good, but for whatever reason now days, it seems they can't? You see, it's not enough to rid ourselves of evil desires and thoughts, but we have to replace them with good thoughts and



good desires. That's why I believe that we all need some kind of "spiritual covering" on a daily basis. It is important to read God's word on a daily basis. It's also a good idea to read a daily devotional, perhaps like "A Champion Game Plan For Life," to provide spiritual reinforcement. Just because the devil leaves you alone one day doesn't mean he won't come after you and your family another day. You see, in order for us to

defeat the enemies of life, we need a plan. For example, when we look at the parable that Jesus tells in Matthew 12:43-45 about an "evil spirit."

The evil spirit was driven out but nothing good was added. Any time we try to break a bad habit like smoking or over eating, we have to replace that habit with something good. Also, let us stop trying to be good because the "Law" tells us to be good. We should try to be good out of the goodness of our hearts. And we can't be negative all the time without and equal balance of positive reinforcement. I believe we can all learn to overcome evil by learning a simple principle. That principle is: " You can't take something bad out without replacing it with something good ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters!



PRIM! AAMU alumnus *Glenn Wiggins* is pursuing his lifelong dream of working in the fashion industry in New York City. Last week, Edwan O'Neal (l) and Dorothy Huston (r) stopped in to see Glenn at Proper Cloth on Broadway in New York City.



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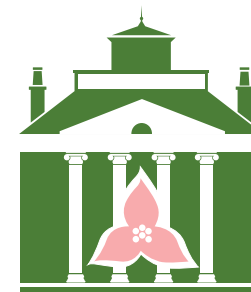
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From Our Guest Editor

District 6 Commissioner Hosts First Townhall

Madison County's District 6 Commissioner, JesHenry Malone, held his first townhall meeting last week at the Robert "Bob" Harrison Center. The first in a series of community town halls, according to Commissioner Malone, the meeting drew a crowd of nearly 150 concerned citizens.

District 6 Commissioner informed his constituents that this town hall was a community conversation to have "an open and honest discussion in District 6." Commissioner Malone, who currently serves as the West Huntsville Precinct Commander for the Huntsville Police Department, began his community conversation with a status update for District 6. Since he assumed the role as Commissioner for District 6, following the untimely death of the late Robert "Bob" Harrison and his appointment to the post by Alabama Governor Kay Ivey, Malone shared his nearly 100 days with the eager audience. From county finances, the District 6 budget, to roads, and county trash, Commissioner Malone has jumped deep into his new role.

Through questions from the audience and continued discussions, Commissioner Malone invited citizens to engage in further dialogue regarding the old Johnson HS property, title 1 schools in the area, neighborhood watch, crime, and neighborhood pride. Although Commissioner Malone shared with the audience that he doesn't have all the answers to the needs of the district that he is committed to working with all community stakeholders to make District 6 the best in Madison County.

With his unique spirit of collaboration and inclusion, Commissioner Malone shared that he has been meeting with other elected officials whose respective areas include District 6. In support of this renewed vigor and collaboration to make North Huntsville the crown jewel of Huntsville, Huntsville City Councilman Devyn Keith was in attendance and answered specific City of Huntsville related questions on various projects and needs.

The inaugural community conversation by Commissioner Malone ended with his promise to continue serving District 6 for as long as his constituents would allow. Additionally, Commissioner Malone encouraged everyone to be the eyes and ears of the district and to share with him and his staff regularly as the District 6 office is there for the community and that they are elated to serve the district.



Gary T. Whitley, Jr.



Valley Deaths

- Nelms Memorial Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MS. ROSLINE MARTIN (b. 1948) was held Sunday, May 27, at Saint Rebecca Primitive Baptist Church with the Reverend Hernandez Ford officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. ROBERTA KING (b. 1915) was held Saturday, May 26, 2018 at Madkins Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (2403 Oakwood Road NW - Huntsville, Ala.) with the Reverend Endia Scruggs officiating.

Funeral service for MS. MARTHA L. CHILDRESS (b. 1952) was held Friday, May 25, at Fellowship of Faith Church (3703 North Memorial Parkway - Huntsville, Ala) with Bishop Dexter Elston officiating.

Graveside service for MR. CHRISTOPHER HUGHES (b. 1979) was held Saturday, May 19, at the Pine Grove Cemetery (Deposit, Ala.) with the Reverend Walter Peavy officiating.

- Royal Funeral Home -

Memorial service for MR. THOMAS ALPHONSO "AL" HARRIS, JR. (b. 1940) will be 12 noon Saturday, June 2, 2018 at the First Missionary Baptist Church with Dr. Julius R. Scruggs officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. GUSSIE MASTIN JACKSON (b. 1924) was held Friday, June 1, at the First Missionary Baptist Church (3509 Blue Spring Road, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Julius R. Scruggs officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. JOYCE MAE LOVE "Big Ma" BOYD (b. 1936) was held Saturday, May 26, at Union Hill Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (3126 Nevel Drive, Huntsville, Ala.) with Reverend Clifford Malone Hollins officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. CARKYNE B. WILLIS (b. 1951) was held Wednesday, May 23, at the New Life Baptist Church (2314 Hines Street, Athens, Ala.) with Pastor Antoyne Green officiating.

Funeral service MINISTER RONNIE SIMS JOHNSON (b. 1958) was held Wednesday, May 23, at the Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church (380 Indian Creek Road, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Timothy Rainey officiating.

Called 2 Preach

by Pastor/Founder Michael D. Rice
Grace Gethsemane Mission Church

Operation Wrap 'em Up

By the time this is printed, I, my siblings and other members of my beloved boyhood community will have celebrated the third anniversary of our neighborhood reunion. We reminisced about the blessings of the village. Our thanksgivings rang out in hope-filled and happy harmony as we thought about how the village parents wrapped us in a sustaining sense of self and God, and how that carried us to many places of success and succession for our children. God worked through them, pointing us



in the right direction so that we now can humbly boast of educators, doctors, lawyers, preachers, pastors, pilots and many other service-oriented careers.

I use the phrase 'wrapped us' because in many ways the village parents were like Moses, who wrapped him in a basket and wrapped the basket with material that would keep it

afloat when Moses was put in the basket and placed in the Nile River.

A diabolical edict had been issued by Pharaoh to kill all of the male babies by throwing them into the Nile

River. By faith Moses' parents ignored the edict and hid him for three months and when they could hide him no longer, they wrapped him up in the basket and trusted God's hand to guide him providentially into the

right hands.

This story teaches us that children fair better when they are wrapped well and placed in life, rather than thrown into it. We can do no less. Let's wrap 'em up.



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"Don't play what's there, play what's not there."

- Miles Davis

Lab Helps FBI Fight Computer Crimes

A computer forensics lab at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville was unveiled by the FBI as another tool to beat computer crimes. The lab holds over \$3 million in equipment useful in detecting digital clues.

The Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory (RCFL) is new to the southeast yet one of 17 around the U.S.

The FBI established the RCFL National Program Office (NPO) to oversee the operations of the RCFLs, and to facilitate the creation of new facilities. Additionally, the NPO supports the labs by providing technical assistance to ensure consistent quality management. Upon request, the Huntsville RCFL will provide digital forensics services and training to any law enforcement

agency with jurisdiction in the state of Alabama or south central Tennessee.

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2018 HONOREES



2018 Honorees, pictured above from left to right: Civic/Community Award, Mrs. Lee Marshall Kids to Love; Corporate Award, Attorney Andrew "Andy" Sigia; Educational Award, Dr. Tammy Summerville; Government Relations Award, The Honorable Will Culver; Religious Award, Evangelist Floyd Rodgers; Small Business Award, Mr. James F. Smith



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ValleyScopes

by Melissa Wilson/Seloma

LEO - Your house of new beginnings finds you imperturbable, as you open up your life to better things.

SAGITTARIUS - Sure, you're busy, but you're not too busy for fun--at the moment--or too occupied to shake someones' hand, after he or she acknowledges the competitive edge that you have.

AQUARIUS - After overcoming a bit of tension, you'll find that you get a great deal accomplished through a partnership with others.

VIRGO - Your 2nd & 3rd houses are noteworthy at this time. As it has been said, possessions don't make any of us superior, but they are definitely cutting down on any extra stress that you or a close sibling/pal may have, for now.

CAPRICORN - Your quality of life, is being magnified, with every opportunity that you meet to enjoy and, likewise, invest in the gift of health.

PISCES - Your theoretical thought processes are in full swing as you deal with an aboveboard 8th house issue.

TAURUS - A Uranus semi-square of Neptune, in your house of career is catering to any ideas that you come

JUNE up with that will make inventive concepts more likely to improve future conditions at work.

GEMINI - The sun's arousing conjunction with Mercury in the section of your air, that is related to associates and pals, is stirring communication efforts. This is likely to prove beneficial for you.

CANCER - The Venus trine with Neptune, in your 12th house, is prone to awaken emotions within you that are connected to something that has been concealed in some way.

LIBRA - The Venus trine with Jupiter is in the celestial backdrop as your beliefs enkindle you to encourage or partake in an expanding process of some nature. Your efforts could prove extremely useful to your community in the long run.

ARIES - Juno is in transit within your sign, reflecting your ideas about lasting love, while Chiron indicates that healing feelings are being evoked.

SCORPIO - The Jupiter sextile with Pluto, in your 4th house, is indicative of your being able to enjoy the rest and comfort of home as some inspirational change takes effect.

Revered Centenarian Dies

Surrounded by her children, Mrs. Roberta J. King, a native of Madison County, peacefully transitioned on Tuesday, May 22, at the age of 102.

Mrs. Roberta J. King was born in Madison County on September 10, 1915, to the late Percy Jones and Janie Jones Watkins. Following her primary and secondary education in the Madison County School System, she married the late Oliver King, Sr., and began her lifelong membership with Madkins Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America.

A 1951 charter member of the Twilight Chapter #788, Order of the Eastern Star, Mother King was active in her church and community. The culmination of her service to the church was celebrated in her centen-



nial birth year, 2015, as the National Missionary Society Woman of Year for her more than 60 years of service to the Huntsville Presbytery.

Pastor Endia J. Scruggs and the Madkins Chapel Church joined with the King Family in the Homegoing Celebration for Mother King on Saturday, May 26, with Nelms Memorial Funeral Home directing. Huntsville City Councilman Will Culver, District 5, provided a resolution on behalf of the

Huntsville City Council and the Mayor recognizing the outstanding contributions that Mother King made on the greater Huntsville community during her life.

Mother Roberta J. King left a indelible mark on her family as her precious memories and wisdom are left cherished with three daughters, Mrs. Susie K. Leslie and Ms. Ernestine King of Huntsville, and Ms. Lorene K. Phillips of Austin, TX; sons Oliver King, Jr., Huntsville and Bishop Ollie King, Sr., Cleveland Ohio; twenty-three grandchildren, forty-five great-grandchildren, plus additional generations of great great and great great great grandchildren, plus her special and loving son, Mr. Melvin Kelley of Huntsville.

by Gary T. Whitley, Jr.

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Millennial Thought

by Josh Alex Baker

What Leaves You Replenished?

Wouldn't it be great if cars ran on water?

The abundant resource that fuels our bodies could save us from our dreaded, weekly expenditure on gasoline.

Much to our dismay, it isn't that simple. I'm no mechanic, but I do have this general understanding: A car needs what it needs. And if you don't give a car what it needs, you will reap a greater consequence in the long run.

As human beings, we function in the same way. Intricate and complexly crafted, we are like machinery. And, the longer we live, the better we

understand our handling instructions. We learn what inspires us. What creates fear in us. What we love. Who we love.

And, just like that car, we are replenished by a very specific fuel.



Take care of yourself. Take care of yourself. Take care of yourself.

I once had a professor who taught us that no one

experience is the same. The first time you read "take care of yourself" you probably didn't pay it much mind. The second time, realizing you had already seen this information, it might have struck you a little odd. By the third time, the concept of repetition indicating importance, you likely consumed and digested this fully.

If I told you to think about the person you love the most and go take care of them, you would probably do it immediately. With anything in your power, you would accommodate this request. Are you willing to do the same for yourself?

As you continue your life's journey, seek to identify what fuel replenishes you.

Because, like the car, if you do not give yourself what you need, you will reap the consequence in the long run.

A&M Normalite Competes on MasterChef

At a young age, Cameron Dangerfield was given an ultimatum that would change his life forever.

"When my brothers and sisters would go out to play with their friends, I was the black duck, for lack of better words," Dangerfield told The Valley Weekly in a phone interview. "I was always the odd one out, so I was always stuck in the house with Grandma. She was always cooking. She basically just told me, 'Hey boy, you're either gonna stay in the house and do nothing, study or learn how to do this [cook] while you study.'"

He chose the latter and the results are paying off. Dangerfield, 26, was set to appear on the ninth season of MasterChef, which aired Wednesday, May 30. But, it almost didn't happen. Urged by family to audition, Dangerfield said he had no intentions of trying out for the highly-competitive reality show. However, to his chagrin, a friend filled out an application on his behalf. When a producer from the show reached out, there was no going back.

The Atlanta audition attracted thousands of hopeful chefs, vying for the coveted \$250,000 cash prize. Potential contestants were asked to bring a hot dish that best showcased their culinary prowess. His selection, a Lobster Mac N' Cheese with Smokey Balsamic Glaze served in cast iron dish.

"I showed up five minutes before it was almost too late and that's how it happened," Dangerfield said of the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. By the time producers got a taste of his crustacean-infused pasta, the food was lukewarm, at best, but it caught their attention.



The season premiere kicks off with 43 chefs competing for a spot in the top 24. From there, contestants receive weekly mentorship from the show's panel of judges: celebrity chefs Gordan Ramsey (Hell's Kitchen) and Aaron Sanchez and lauded restaurateur Joe Bastianich.

Throughout the season, contestants will test their skills through a series of rigorous challenges, which will ultimately narrow down to one chef, leaving a quarter-millionaire.

Born and raised in Chicago, Dangerfield was reared by his grandmother. The youngest of five siblings, the MasterChef contestant often found himself paired with the maternal figure, who taught him the ins and outs of the kitchen. Growing up, the family didn't have much, but she instilled the basic rudiments of life.

"She was basically raising a third generation of her family, and all she knew was the country things that she learned in Mississippi while raising us [in Chicago]," Dangerfield said. "All she did everyday was iron, clean and cook. And that's why when people notice me, they always notice that I'm either well-dressed or can cook, because those are the first traits that were taught to me by my grandmother. Those were the things she knew

how to do best."

Despite his informal training, Dangerfield didn't pursue cooking until later in life. While attending Alabama A&M University, the young chef decided to use his culinary savviness to make extra cash. Cooking for friends in his dorm room quickly shifted into preparing private meals off campus. It didn't take long before his name started to be circulated around the Rocket City.

Now residing in Atlanta, Dangerfield made television appearances on TV One's Sister Circle, Atlanta & Company, Fox and NBC. When he's not in the kitchen, he works as a full-time executive financial analyst.

Dangerfield said it's a surprise to many when he tells them that cooking is only a hobby and not a full-fledged career. For the young chef, who's web presence boasts a little over 20,000 followers, being on the show isn't about being famous.

"Some people, they are on TV for the fame. Some people go on TV because they want to be seen," Dangerfield said. "For me, it shows me that what I dream and what I feel and what I want--that it can actually happen. Since I'm so young and I'm fresh from poverty. I'm fresh from growing up in an [im]povished area of Chicago, I feel like it shows other kids. They'll see me as an inspiration that they can do it, too."

You can learn more about Dangerfield by following his Instagram @CookingWithCam.

MasterChef airs Wednesdays on Fox at 7 p.m.

by Reginald D. Allen

Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring

Mr. Robert Wilson

Robert Wilson was born in Gastonia, N.C. Wilson received the Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro, N.C. He continued his studies in professional management at Florida Institute of Technology (1975-77).

His work assignments in engineering and management were in the states of New Jersey, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky and Alabama. His winning management style led to numerous honorary and other awards.

In 1968, Wilson became

a movie star for his role in movie titled "Maintainability of Nuclear Warhead Sections," which won an award in an industrial competition. He retired in 1994.

He became a Presbyterian in 1963, was ordained an elder in 1964 and was ordained a deacon in 1972.

As an inactive elder at Fellowship Presbyterian Church in Huntsville, Ala., he chaired the Christian Education Committee; served as past president of the Presbyterian Men; and assisted the staff of the Fellowship After-School Study and Tutorial (FASST)



Program.

He is married to Dr. Patricia Isles Wilson, retired professor at Alabama A&M University. They have one son and four grandchildren. The Wilsons reside in Madison, Ala.

Local Among Rising Black Women Seeking Office

In April, Conde Nast publication, Glamour magazine visited Birmingham, Ala., to do a story on the historic run of African American women for public office or re-election in the state of Alabama.

On May 24, the digital piece went live across social media outlets. Among those featured is Huntsville native and J.O. Johnson High School graduate Jessica Fortune Barker, a State Board of Education candidate.

The 33-year-old, Jessica Fortune Barker joins the ranks of a record number of African American

women running for public office or re-election and of millennials who are also running for office.

According to publication, "record numbers of women are running for public office for a variety of reasons in both major parties."

Spurred by Doug Jones' landmark victory over Roy Moore, Democrats in Alabama are feeling empowered to bring more change to the majority conservative state.

Barker entered the fray sparked by the need for change in Alabama's school system.



FORGOTTEN PRINCESS? *With all the Royal buzz in England following the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, it is perhaps easy to forget the occurrence some months ago of another even more historic union. Prince Yoel, the great-grandson of Haile Selassie, the last emperor of Ethiopia, married Ariana Austin, a Harvard-educated African-American woman. The two had met over a decade ago in a Washington, D.C., night club. Prince Yoel, born in Rome and raised in Switzerland, during his parents' exile, earned his undergraduate degree at American University and his law degree at Howard University. The overpowering symbolism unites a people whose lineage includes King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba to the often-called "Chosen People" whose true history is unknown to them.*

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