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- James Baldwin

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Engineers Annual Golf Tournament Set

The National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) Professionals will host its yearly golf competition next month.

The 5th Annual STEM Golf Tournament has been scheduled

for July 26, at The Links at Redstone at 8 a.m., with an 8 a.m. shotgun start.

The two-person scramble format is \$65 per person and \$130 per team. The cost for a corporate sponsorship

team is \$1,000. Sponsorships (\$200) are also available for hole, driving range and putting green.



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For additional information, contact Anthony Lancaster at (256) 682-2909, e-mail anthonyclancaster@gmail.com, or visit www.nsbe-northalabamaae.com

Sorority Chapter Will Celebrate 30th

"Pearls and Pinstripes" is the festive theme of Alpha Kappa Sorority, Inc.-Rho Chi Omega's 30th Chapter Anniversary Celebration.

The event will be held Saturday, July 27, at 11 a.m. in The Jackson Center, located at 6001 Moquin Drive, NW, Huntsville, Ala. The "dress to impress" activity will feature live music and a "delicious brunch." Tickets are \$55 at <https://www.aka-rco.org/30anniversary>.

John Riche Memorial Tournament June 29

The 100 Black Men of Greater Huntsville, Inc., has scheduled the 18th Annual John Riche Memorial Golf Classic for Saturday, June 29, at Colonial Golf Course in Meridianville, Ala., with an 8 a.m. shotgun start.

Two-person scramble format (\$80 per person; \$160/team). An awards luncheon will follow, and 1st, 2nd and 3rd places prizes will be awarded for men's and women's flights. For more information, contact Charles Hyder at (256) 651-0134 or Sam King at (256) 694-1403.

Marker Honoring Church Street to Be Unveiled

On Sunday, June 16, the significance of Church Street to local black history will be honored with the unveiling of a historical marker at 2 p.m. on the corner of Holmes Avenue and Church Street, next to the WHNT-TV 19 building.

At 3 p.m., the Church Street Festival of Voices at the Huntsville Depot will highlight Huntsville black history. Actors representing close to 60 local notables (e.g., Dr. William Hooper Councill and Anna Knight, etc.) will share stories.

Food trucks will sell food from the Church Street era, and attendees can give their best karaoke performance of songs by musical legends.

Both events are free.

For more information about *African Americans for Completing the Story in Huntsville-Madison County*, visit the website www.completingthestory-AL200.org.



STUDY: Huntsville Among 'Top 10' in Career Ops

Huntsville ranks as the nation's 4th-Best City for Career Opportunities, according to SmartAsset.

In its fifth annual study, the company analyzed data on 355 cities to find the best places for career opportunities. Huntsville has the 12th-highest early-to-late-stage income growth in the study as a whole, at 47.99%, and the City offers annual housing costs of just \$9,768, the third-lowest among the top 10 cities

Building a professional life can be difficult, but it's the best way to make sure a person and one make

enough to put money away in savings as well as afford to live the life wanted.

Certain cities are better than others for career opportunities. Opportunity, however, does not only depend on the number of jobs. Housing costs, median income and support networks all factor into determining which cities are best for those people looking to grow or even start their careers.

To find the best cities in the country for career opportunities, SmartAsset considered data across seven metrics: unemployment rates, change in total em-

ployment, median income, income growth over time, annual housing costs, the number of career counselors and the number of higher

education teachers.

For more details on how we came to our results, see the Data and Methodology section below.

Woody Anderson Summer Automotive Academy

More than 20 local middle schoolers attended the first Summer Automotive Academy at Woody Anderson Ford (June 4), in collaboration with Calhoun Community College. The kids worked on functional mini V8 engines. They also put together an autonomous robot car that they could program to drive itself.

The academy was designed to showcase exciting technological possibilities in the automotive industry and stave off a shortage of interest in this field. Some 120,000 technicians are predicted to be needed over the next 10 years.



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Huntsville Bible College

The 26th Annual Vision Banquet

Friday, June 7, 2019 - Von Braun Center - 7 p.m.

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Washington in One Minute



Here are the top issues in Washington, D.C., for the week of June 10:

1. The House and Senate are in session this week. The House will take up a “mini-bus” package of five FY2020 appropriations bills (Defense, Energy & Water, Labor/HHS, Leg Branch, and State/Foreign Operations). Reportedly, House Democratic leaders will try to pass all the FY2020 appropriations bills by the end of June to allow time for negotiations with the Senate before the new fiscal year begins on October 1. The full House also is scheduled to consider a resolution to hold Attorney General William Barr and former White House counsel Don McGahn in contempt of Congress and to allow House Judiciary Chair Jerrold Nadler (D-NY) to go to court to seek civil enforcement of the subpoena for Barr to turn over special counsel Robert Mueller’s unredacted report and underlying evidence, as well as that for McGahn to provide documents and public testimony. The resolution significantly gives any House committee chair the power to go to federal court to seek civil enforcement of subpoenas, both current and future orders, so long as they are granted approval by a 5-member board that the Democrats will control. The Senate will vote on 2 resolutions by Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) to block arms sales to Bahrain and Qatar.

2. Last Friday, President Trump announced that he had reached a deal with Mexico on immigration and would thereby cancel (subject to a review in 90 days) his threatened 5% across-the-board tariffs on Mexican goods that

were set to go into effect today. The New York Times reported Saturday that Mexico’s agreement on Friday to deploy its national guard throughout Mexico, giving priority to its southern border, had already been promised in March during secret discussions with then-Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen and Mexican Interior Secretary Olga Sanchez. The other part of the deal to expand the program permitting asylum-seekers to remain in Mexico while their claims are processed was reportedly also agreed upon weeks before Friday’s announcement. The President attended a meeting on Major League Baseball’s (MLB) efforts to eliminate the human trafficking of Cuban players, and The Washington Post reported last month that the Justice Department is investigating the Los Angeles Dodgers, Atlanta Braves, San Diego Padres and Washington Nationals seeking records relating to the scouting and signing of players from Latin America. On Tuesday, the President traveled to Council Bluffs, Iowa, to make remarks at ethanol-producer Southwest Iowa Renewable Energy LLC. On Wednesday, Trump meets with Polish President Andrzej Duda at the White House, who sought another 1,000 U.S. troops stationed in Poland (in addition to the current 4,500).

3. After a Friday jobs report showed only 75,000 jobs were added in May

(100,000 fewer than predicted and a steep fall from April’s 224,000 jobs), Washington observers now widely expect the Federal Reserve will move to cut rates this year, as early as next month. The current federal funds target rate is 2.25% to 2.5%.

4. Politico has reported that the White House will announce that Tomas Philipson, a former University of Chicago economist and specialist in health care policy, will replace Kevin Hassett as Chair of the White House Council of Economic Advisers (CEA). Philipson already serves one of the 3 members of the CEA.

5. Last week, the Democratic National Committee announced that it was raising the bar for the 3rd Democratic debate in September by requiring that candidates reach at least 2% in three polls and round up support from at least 130,000 donors. To date, 20 candidates have qualified for the first debate on June 26-27, who were required to reach 1% in three polls or collect contributions from 65,000 unique donors, including at least 200 donors from 20 different states.

6. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos said last week that the Trump administration still does not have a plan for how to enforce President Trump’s executive order on campus speech. She blamed federal bureaucracy. In Congress, Senate Republicans are pushing a resolution condemning campus speech

codes and free speech zones. They want Attorney General William Barr to crack down on schools that do not promote free speech.

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Draymond Green: The Star of Changing Lanes & Aggressive Listening

Read Proverbs 12:1,15

"Enfant terrible" (French, "unruly child"): an unusually successful person who is strikingly unorthodox, innovative, controversial and/or genius.

Enter Draymond Green:

Four-time All-NBA Defensive team

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Two-time NBA All-Star, and

2017 Defensive Player of the Year.

Despite these accolades, this 6-foot-7 forward's more known for his: 78 career technical fouls; Seven game-ejections, totaling \$376,000 in fines.

That is, until now.

NY Times, 5-19-19:

"For seven seasons running, he has ranked among the league leaders in words per minute.

"But in recent weeks, as the Golden State Warriors prepared for another crack at another N.B.A.

championship, Green decided to do some listening. In particular, he said, he listened to his mother and to his fiancée, who advised him to keep his emotions in check, especially when it involved his interactions with referees."

"Sometimes I'm not mindful," Green said, "and I'll get a tech and that will just kill the energy of our team. I've really been focused and locked in on that, and I realized I got to a point where I was doing more crying than playing. I'm sure it was disgusting to watch, because I felt disgusting playing that way."

It's a 3 . . . And 1, Draymond?

In one fast break, Green scored both ego-holism recovering steps #1 (to change lanes effectively, glance back quickly before driving forward) and #3 (make aggressive listening your next move)!

When recovering, we change lanes (#1) because we realize the current lane won't get us to our desired destination; additionally, we discover that all we've learned comes not from talking, but from listening (#3).

In fact, the same letters that spell "L-I-S-T-E-N" also spell "S-I-L-E-N-T."

Should the Warriors "three-peat" as the 2019 NBA champs, it'll be due largely to Draymond's bigger ears . . . and smaller mouth!

Q: Are you now ready to join the "Green Team"?

tim allston is the author of the free book, 7 Steps to Manage Ego Problems: The How-to Guide for "Someone Else," free and downloadable now at www.GetEgoHelpNow.org.



DLC Accepting Applications for 12th Cohort



Applications are being accepted for Cohort XII of the Diversity Leadership Colloquium until August 27.

Classes will begin September 3 and end October 22, running 6-9 p.m. every Tuesday evening. Graduation

will be held on October 29.

Applications are available online at www.diversityleadershipcolloquium.com. Questions should be emailed to Mrs. Georgia Valrie at gvalrie1971@gmail.com or call (256) 656-4698.



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The Valley Weekly Calendar of Events

June 14
3rd Annual Bradford Gala
Von Braun Center -
East Hall 2
(Tickets - \$50), 6-8 p.m.

June 15
13th Annual White Linen
Brunch
The Ivy Center of Huntsville/
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June 16
Unveiling of the Church Street
Historical Marker at Holmes
and Church - 2 p.m.

Church Street Festival of
Voices
Huntsville Depot - 3 p.m.

June 17-August 2
Oak Kids Day Camp

Oakwood University Church
Registration: www.oucsda.org/daycamp

June 20
City-wide Fun Fest
Milton Frank Stadium
9 a.m.-1 p.m. (Free)

June 28
Alabama A&M University
Board of Trustees Meeting
Clyde Foster Auditorium
College of Business and Public
Affairs, 10 a.m.

July 13
Beautillion Information Ses-
sion
Sponsor: Fun-Set Social and
Charity Club
Huntsville Public Library
3-5 p.m.

Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

HAVING A FAITH BASED HERITAGE

Colossians 3: 16 says,
"Let the message of
Christ dwell among you
richly as you teach and
admonish one another
with all wisdom through
psalms, hymns, and
songs from the Spirit,
singing to God with
gratitude in your hearts."

When I read this
scripture, it reminds me
of my father, Pastor John
M. Brown, who passed
away eight years ago. My
father was a great man of
God. He also had a beau-
tiful voice. I can remem-
ber him every morning,
waking us up to the
sounds of hymns and
songs from the Spirit.

So the gift of song is
one of the things that he
passed down to me as
well as my brothers and
my sister. As we honor

Father's day this com-
ing week, I
wanted to re-
flect on some
of the things
that Father's
should pass
down to their
children. The
first thing is
a heritage of
faith. Since
my grandmother was a
believer, my Father was a
believer, and now I am a
believer.

So fathers should pass
down this continuation
of faith, because there is
strength in the continua-
tion of a heritage of faith.
Fathers should also pass
down God's standards of
excellence to live by. In
other words, what you will
say and what you won't say.
What you will watch on
television or the Internet
or what you won't watch.
God has a standard that He



wants us to live by, so fa-
thers should
let their
children
know what
is accept-
able.

Finally, fa-
thers should
pass down
character.
We must

have men of charac-
ter who will stand for
God in their homes. 1
Timothy 6:11 says, "But
you man of God pursue
righteousness, godliness,
faith, love, endurance
and gentleness." When
I think about my father,
I think about these
wonderful things that he
left me with. Now I have
an excellent example to
follow. That's what having
a "Faith Heritage" is all
about ... Stay encouraged,
my brothers and sisters!

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Valley Deaths

- Nelms Memorial Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MR. FREDRICK RICE (b. 1965) will be Thursday, June 13, at 12 p.m. at Union Hill Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America with The Reverend Felix Chew officiating.

Funeral service for MS. LA'QUINDRA DONTAY SANDIFER (b. 1986) was held Tuesday, June 11, at Briar Fork Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America with The Reverend Felix Chew officiating.

Funeral service for MR. STANLEY TOWNSEND (b. 1967) was held Monday, June 10, at Saint Mark Baptist Church with Pastor Jeremiah Chester officiating.

Funeral service for MR. BOYDE ALLISON (b. 1951) was held Saturday, June 8, at Little Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church with Elder Dr. Jerry Crutcher officiating.

- Royal Funeral Home -

Public viewing for MR. EUSTACE ST. GEORGE MESSIAH (b. 1952) will be held from 4-7 p.m., Monday, June 17, at the Royal Funeral Home (4315 Oakwood Avenue NW, Huntsville, Ala.).

Funeral service for MRS. BRENDA MCGHEE LOVEJOY (b. 1951) will be held Saturday, June 15, at Northwest Church of Christ at 12 noon with Minister John Branch officiating.

Memorial service for MR. RONALD JAMES COOPER (b. 1944) was held Monday, June 10, at the Royal Chapel of Memories.

Funeral service for MOTHER LEOLA FLETCHER GILLIAM (b. 1943) was held Saturday, June 8, at Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church (759 Pine Grove Road Harvest, Ala.) with Dr. C. Jermaine Turner officiating.

Funeral service for MS. CYNTHIA JORDAN was held Saturday, June 8, at the Royal Chapel of Memories (4315 Oakwood Avenue, NW Huntsville, Ala.) with Reverend Stanley Torain officiating.

Funeral service for MS. KIMBERLY ANN MATTHEWS MCCOY (b. 1969) was held Saturday, June 8, at Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church (7565 Greenbrier Road Madison, Ala.) with Pastor Joe H. Cater officiating.

Funeral service RET. COL. ANNA MAE JOHNSON (b. 1945) was held Friday, June 7, at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church (315 Winchester Road Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor O. Wendell Davis officiating.

- Serenity Funeral Home -



ON THE HILL: OWN television star Yohance Myles (4th, left) joins a media class led by Semaj Robinson, assistant professor (2nd, left), at Alabama A&M University. The "Ambitions" and "Queen Sugar" actor was in Huntsville last week in connection with an event sponsored by the local Alabama State University alumni group. Myles' campus visit was coordinated by AAMU's Office of Career Development Services.

Called ² Preach

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

A "Will" Transplant

Matthew 26:39

Technological and medical advancements have brought us to a place and time where organ transplants are no longer a rare thing. The increase in the demand for organs have exceeded the supply, so persons can now indicate on their driver's license that they are an organ donor. The waiting lists are growing. There is a surgical procedure that all believers must have in order to fulfill their God-given purpose. This has nothing to do with physical organs, however. This transplant is a "will transplant." Like medical students in an observation booth, we get to look

in on that surgery being performed in a place called Gethsemane. It was there that Jesus went to pray just before going to Calvary. It was there that Jesus showed us what everyone who has ever had major surgery,

had to go through; separation, solitude and submission. It was there that Jesus said to His Father, "Nevertheless, not My will, but Thy will be done." It was there that Jesus received His "will transplant" and He was able to come out of that surgical room poised, powerful, and persistent. He could not have

gone to Calvary without that transplant. A sure formula for failure is for a believer to seek to live a life of purpose with their own will as their guide. Like Jesus, we must go to our familiar places of prayer and receive a "will transplant." Then and only then will our lives be meaningful and mighty.



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Old Fashioned Baptism Scheduled for Big Spring



On June 15, the Tennessee Valley community is invited to experience the importance of faith and spirituality in the African-American community at an old-fashioned campmeeting and baptism at Big Spring Park.

Music from gospel choirs, and church picnic food will help to recreate the campmeeting aura at this former baptismal site of St. Bartley PB Church

– Alabama's oldest African-American congregation.


Residents are invited to march in two processions to begin simultaneously at 10 a.m. and merge at Big Spring Park. One procession will march from St. John AME Church, and the other from the St. Bartley historical marker in front of Progress Bank on Williams Avenue. Attendees are encouraged to wear attire from the 1900s.

Huntsville City Council Meetings



Huntsville City Council's regular meetings are held in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. Council work sessions are also held in the Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. People can sign up for notices of Council meetings and special sessions online at <https://signup.e2ma.net/signup/1825550/1780821/>

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Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring

Mrs. Kathy Sieja

The second of two children, Kathy Sieja was born in Panama City, Fla., on October 7, 1946. Her father was in the Air Force for the first 20 years of her life, so she lived in several different cities in the United States, as well as abroad, graduating from high school in Anchorage, Alaska. After attending the University of Alaska and Florida State University, she graduated from the University of West Florida in Pensacola with bachelor's and master's degrees in social work and counseling psychology, respectively.

Sieja and her husband Dan were married over 43 years ago in Pensacola, where he flew FA's with the Navy. The family spent several years living in Virginia, Maryland, Japan, and Texas, while she was primarily a stay-at-home

mom for their three delightful children—Julie, Tim and Andy.

It was while living in Japan that she first began working outside the home, and she continued part-time employment until Dan retired from the Navy in 1989, and they moved to Huntsville, where they have lived ever since. All of their children moved away after high school for college and the beginning of their adult lives. She and Dan were ecstatic when all three families decided to move back to Huntsville, and they now are the very proud grandparents of seven grandchildren.

Most of her career was as a clinical counselor, and she was a partner of The Hearth Psychology and Counseling Center in Huntsville for 20 of those years. She became active in a number of community



programs, including Beginning Experience, where she was able to use her counseling skills to help others. During her career, she did public speaking, led groups, and taught classes on topics such as grief, marriage, and stress reduction.

At St. Mark's Lutheran Church, she is a Worship Assistant, leader of an Adult Sunday School Class, and she has served on the Church Council as well as many committees.

City Lights & Stars

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June 21st - Huntsville's In the Mood

July 5th - Kaleidoscope

July 26th - Henri's Notions

August 16th - Microwave Dave & The Nukes

September 13th - Flashbacks Show Band

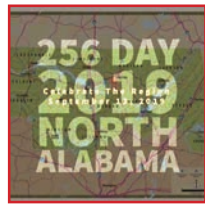


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Celebrate the Region: 256 Day Set for North Alabama

North Alabama is a region of the United States rich in history, beautiful landscapes, progressive opportunities, a mix of complex cultures, enabling the citizens in the area to engage in a world class quality of life.



day to celebrate and acknowledge the residents, businesses, and services that power our day to day lives.

Why September 13 some may ask? Well, it's the 256th day of the year, representing the '256' area code. So, from the river that sings in

The Shoals, to the launchpad known as the Rocket City, to the beautiful views atop Mt. Cheaha, the 256 is certainly a special place to be proud of.

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There is a vibration being generated on the surface layer of red dirt, creating a buzz being heard all around the globe, making this year the perfect time to stop, take a deep breath, and look at ourselves in the mirror.

Hopefully, the reflection looking back at us deserves a celebration for being great citizens of North Alabama.

This year, on September 13, 2019, the region will celebrate "256 Day North Alabama"--a

District 1 Town Hall Meeting Held

House of Hope and Restoration Church Pastor Jaman Leatherwood hosted this week's meeting with Councilman Devyn Keith. Citizens turned out to discuss and hear reports of planning and development in North Huntsville, as well as code enforcement and ordinances presented by Huntsville Department of Community Development. Concern and expressions of sympathy were paid to Crystal Ragland in light of the tragedy associated with her passing.



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