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from America."
- Mychal Denzel Smith



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Rep. Hall Wins Democratic Primary

Incumbent Alabama State Representative Laura Hall defeated Samuel Greene in the Democratic primary election for House of Representatives District 19 on Tuesday, June 5.

Of the 4,285 votes cast in the race, Rep. Hall received 3,687 votes, or 86 percent, to challenger Samuel T. Greene's 598 votes, or 14 percent.

The general election will be held on November 6, 2018. The candidate filing deadline was February 9, 2018. Incumbent Laura Hall is unopposed in the Alabama House of Rep-

resentatives District 19 general election.

Rep. Hall was first elected to the Alabama House of Representatives by special election in August 1993. She is a retired educator whose tenure in the education field extended for over 40 years.

A native of Pendleton, S.C., she enrolled in Morris College in Sumter, S.C., and earned the B.S. degree in biology with chemistry as a minor. She earned the Master of Science degree in Science Education from Ohio State University and the K-12 Administration



Certification from Alabama A&M University.

ASBCC Conference Set for Birmingham

The Alabama State Black Chamber of Commerce (ASBCC) will hold the 2018 ASBCC Entrepreneur & Innovators Conference June 21-22 in Birmingham, Ala.

The conference will be held at the Goldstein &

Cohen Building, 406 19th Street, in the Birmingham/Ensley Business & Entertainment District.

This year's luncheon keynote speaker is J. Alexander Martin, fashion business mogul. He is a co-founder of creative director

of the FUBU (For Us By Us) Brands. The theme for the 2018 conference is "Taking Care of Business in Our Communities".

For additional information, call (256) 508-5034 or e-mail wehelp@alblackcc.org.

AAMU Board to Hold Summer Meeting

The regular summer meeting of the Alabama A&M University Board of Trustees will be held on

Friday, June 22.

The meeting will be held at 10 a.m. in the Clyde Foster Auditorium of the

College of Business and Public Affairs building.

The public is invited.

AKAs Raising Awareness of Alzheimer's on "The Longest Day"

On June 21, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter, will participate in The Longest Day, an event to raise awareness and funds for the Alzheimer's Association. The Longest

Day takes place on the summer solstice, a day with the most hours of sunlight during the entire year. The day was chosen to symbolize the daily challenges of caregivers and those living with Alzheimer's, because

every day seems to be their longest day.

As one of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.'s Community Impact Days, Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter invites the community to two activities on June 21. The morning begins with BINGO at the Bob Harrison Senior and Advocacy Center, located at 6156 Pulaski Pike Blvd., Huntsville, Ala., from 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Door prizes and refreshments will be provided.

The second activity will be a presentation by the Huntsville Alzheimer's Association, along with a game night at First Missionary Baptist Church,

located at 3509 Blue Spring Road, Huntsville, Ala., from 6-8 p.m. The presentation topic will be "Alzheimer's and Dementia Awareness and the Caregiver's Role." A special salute will be given to caregivers of those who are experiencing Alzheimer's or dementia.

Organizers believe that together, inroads can be made toward making a difference in raising awareness of risk factors, diagnosis, advocacy and research. Donations of \$5 are appreciated and will benefit the Huntsville Alzheimer's Association.

The public is invited to both events.

New Beginnings Pastors' Anniversary Scheduled

New Beginnings Christian Church and Pastors Errol and Jennifer Davis are inviting the public to the celebration of the 11th Anniversary and Pastors Appreciation.

Events begin on Wednesday night, June 20, at 7 p.m. for Worship and Word Wednesday with guest preacher Pastor James Mooney of St. Bartley Primitive Baptist Church, Huntsville.



The Anniversary Services will culminate on Sunday, June 24, at 10:30 a.m. with guest preacher Pastor Fitzgerald Gilbert of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Goodspring, Tenn.

For additional information, call (256) 489-4943 or visit newbcc.org.

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Washington in One Minute



Here are the happenings in and around Washington, D.C., this week:

1. The House and Senate are in session this week. The House will take up 3 dozen bills, all aimed at addressing the opioid epidemic, including policy changes to educate pharmacists, coordinate a national response, and create a program to test alternative treatments (as part of the anti-opioid theme, the White

House announced a multimillion dollar advertising campaign last Thursday targeting young people about the dangers of prescription narcotics). Tuesday was the deadline set by the House Republican Leadership to reach agreement on immigration legislation, without which a group of GOP moderates teaming with House Democrats may force a series of votes on 4 immigration proposals via discharge petition later this month. The

Senate this week will take up the \$716 billion FY 2019 Defense Authorization bill, which will include significant measures to counter China's militarization in the South China Sea and deter Russia's military aggression and cyber-attacks.

2. President Trump was in Singapore and Monday met with Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, ahead of the start of his summit meeting with North Korean Leader Kim Jong Un, which took place on Tuesday at the 5-star Capella Hotel on Sentosa Island, which is a quarter-mile off the Singapore coast.

3. On Monday, the Federal Communications Commission's repeal of the Obama-era net neutrality rule went into effect, allowing Internet service providers, such as

Comcast, Verizon, Cox and AT&T, to arbitrarily block, speed up or slow down access to specific online services – and, more significantly, charge extra fees for access to Internet “fast lanes.”

4. On Thursday, the Department of Justice's Inspector General released a report expected to criticize former FBI Director James Comey and other senior DOJ officials for their handling of the investigation into whether Hillary Clinton mishandled classified information as Secretary of State.

5. Last Thursday, Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross announced an agreement with Chinese telecom giant ZTE, which will result in a \$1 billion fine against the \$17.2 billion company and the installation of new management and a compliance team picked by the U.S. in exchange for ZTE being allowed to resume business with American

companies. According to CBS Money Watch, ZTE relies on components from U.S. companies Qualcomm and Intel for 43% of its handsets and networking equipment. Despite the announcement, Sens. Rubio (R-FL), Schumer (D-NY), Cotton (R-AR) and Van Hollen (D-MD) have filed an amendment to the FY2019 Defense Authorization bill being considered on the Senate floor this week, which would prohibit the federal government from using ZTE or Huawei equipment or services.

6. The Supreme Court was expected to release more of its major “end-of-term” decisions, which could include pending cases on partisan gerrymandering, union fees, Internet sales taxes, credit card fees, and cellphone privacy. According to Bloomberg News, the 25 final cases awaiting decisions this month constitute 48% of its opinions for the whole 2017-18 term, which will be the highest

percentage in history to be decided in the last month of the term.

7. Hamm Consulting Group participated in the American Association of Community Colleges (AACCC) Advocates in Action meeting to discuss community college federal legislative priorities for 2018 with other community college officials and stakeholders and to advocate for the community college agenda on Capitol Hill this week. Congress is actively working on key issues including DREAM Act/DACA, FY 2019 funding, and the Higher Education Act reauthorization, all important to community colleges.

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Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

In Matthew 20:12-15, one of the hired men said to the landowner, “These who were hired last, worked only one hour and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.” But the landowner answered one of them saying, “I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for one denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don't I have the right to do whatever I want with my money? Or are you envious because I am generous?”

Does it ever feel like you that life is not fair? As we read here in the text, we see that God blesses whoever He wants to bless and there is no rhyme or



reason to it. But the problem that so many of us have is we try to look at the fairness of it all. For example, how many of us felt like those who worked the longest should have been paid the most. Let's face it, most of us see life from our own limited experiences and our own perceptions. So when we feel that life is not fair, perhaps we need to look at the reason we feel that way. I believe that one of the reasons we feel that life is not fair is because of “comparisons.”

In other words, we are constantly comparing ourselves to other people. This is a trap by the enemy. He will always make you feel like what you did or what you have is not enough. I pray that you don't fall into this trap. Now, there is nothing wrong with trying to aspire to be like someone else, but that is

completely different from the parable that is being explained in this scripture. When we make comparisons, that will keep us from the blessings that God wants us to have.

Also, our pride will make us feel like life is not fair. Pride has always been the “downfall” of man. The Pride of these hired workers made them feel like they were better than the people who worked for only an hour. Even though they agreed to the conditions and the pay. I believe that whenever we feel that life is not fair, we may need to check our perspective and ask God for wisdom in this area Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters.

Also, remember that you can purchase my book, “A CHAMPION GAME PLAN FOR LIFE,” on Amazon.com or contact me at pbrown@damson.com



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On Fatherhood

by Jerome Saintjones



From Our Senior Editor

My mom and dad were teens when I was born in the late 1950s. To make a long story simplistically short, I was ultimately raised by a couple who were childless relatives. This came about at the insistence of a maternal grandfather who was intent on achieving some normalcy in his own home, despite this second teen pregnancy among his daughters.

Approaching their 60s, this older couple (Callie and Big Daddy) alternated between being like a first and second family, meaning that my younger mom and dad—who had both eventually married someone else—were never quite out of the picture. Actually, I first met my biological father when I was in the first grade. I was sitting on the front porch of an A-frame house on a dirt-road, half-street in Tuscaloosa's Stillman Hill community.

The details are sketchy, but I remember that he drove up in an old car, said something like, "I'm your daddy, boy," and then he walked into the house to talk to Callie and Big Daddy. I stayed on the porch. When he finally stepped through the screen door and back on the porch, he looked at me as if *he* was a prodigal son who had "come to himself," handed me a few dollars, and went on his way.

I remember Big Daddy sort of jealously saying to Callie, "Why he wait all dis time?"

From that moment forward, he has been ever-present in my life. There were occasional trips to "the country" to interact with his side of the family, clothes shopping before the school year, discussions about everything from "nature bumps"—and how to get rid of them—to "every man's got to save his own soul."

He conjured up whatever vehicle that he thought would make it and drove me to and from Tuskegee throughout my college years. There was no job too menial for him when it came to providing for his family and his first son. He drove a feed truck once, the city bus, a milk truck, hauled concrete blocks, and even had a job with the railroad that took him away from his home during weekdays.

Somehow, he found time to hunt, transport family members who had formed a Gospel group, help people in need, and patch up the old country house.

There is a lot of talk about the absence of black fathers in the lives of their children. There is little said about all the black men who have raised someone else's child, even including one by an irreverent master. This current talk has to be juxtaposed with the realities and the severity of the lies we tell ourselves. In the words of Moms Mabley: "What good old days? When? I was there!"

Indeed, *what* Golden Age existed for the black family in America? I'm approaching 60, and I remember several of my childhood friends who were being raised by single mothers. So, the 1950s and 1960s were not it. But, fortunately, the black doctors, lawyers, insurance men, electricians, plumbers, grocers, etc., had no choice but to live in the same black neighborhood. The notion of a female teacher who made more money than her husband was not a deal breaker, but ultimately proved a lasting bond. This flash in the pan period might have been as close as we ever came to a Wakanda—once the lynchings and cross-burnings eased, only to be replaced by urban blight and renewal, the withering of rural communities and slowly, slithering, subtle gentrification.

When the 1970s rolled around and integration was feasible, despite new-found black consciousness, every college-educated body able to rub two 50-cent pieces together abandoned their black neighborhoods for further assimilation into another world that equally despised its own poor. We should have seen more trouble coming. A nation built by unpaid slaves will *never* be able to get that blood taste for ever cheaper and cheaper labor out of its mouth.

Thus, if fatherhood is synonymous with the resourceful ability to provide, what happens when the trucks and buses drive themselves? When mail and agricultural jobs tighten? When even the garbage truck requires only one man instead of three?

We often go on and on about the negative impact stemming from fathers not being in the home. We should not ignore that the impact we are seeking comes from fathers' being in their children's *lives*, no matter *how* they pull it off, near or far. And, that might not necessarily be financial. We *are* descendants of slaves, remember? The ideal world we insist on reclaiming has never existed.

Real fathers, though, have always been with us.



Boy Scouts of America Annual Memorial Service

Saturday, May 26, 2018 - 12 Noon

Glenwood Cemetery - Huntsville, Alabama

The Annual Memorial Ceremony, sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America, was held on Saturday, May 26, 2018 at Noon at Glenwood Cemetery in Huntsville, Ala. The guest speaker was COL (Ret.) Glenwood Norris, Jr., of the U.S. Army Missile and Space Defense Command, Redstone Arsenal. His last assignment prior to attendance to the Air War College was as Deputy Commander and Executive Officer of the 29th Support Group, Kaiserslautern, Germany. COL Norris became the sixth Commandant of the Warrant Officer Career Center on 15 July 2004 where he commanded for three years. His final assignment was as Inspector General, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command. COL Norris retired on 30 September 2010. Music was provided by St. John A.M.E. Church VIP Ensemble.



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MasterChef Contestant Visits Huntsville for Restaurant Week

Huntsville's Black Restaurant Week closed out with a special appearance from MasterChef contestant Camerron Dangerfield. The reality TV star was a guest chef at the grand opening of the new Allure Martini Bar and Grill on 2020 Country Club Ave.

For a limited time, Dangerfield took over the establishment's kitchen, serving patrons items from the bar and grill's updated menu, which included bacon ranch fries, chicken and waffles and the "Raw" dog.

After duking it out with 43 chefs, Dangerfield secured an apron from the judges, advancing him to the next round of the competition, which brings him closer to the \$250,000 grand prize. A former AAMU student, the

now financial analyst gained notoriety on campus for his culinary prowess.

Founded in 2016, Black Restaurant Week was created to shine light on the plethora of black-owned dining establishments located in the Rocket City. From June 1-10, eateries like The Veggie, Rookiez Wingz and Layer's Dessert opened their doors to waves of new customers looking to diversify their palate and support black business. Now in its second year, almost 20 establishments participated in the week-long event.

For more information on Black Restaurant Week Huntsville, please visit their various Facebook pages.

MasterChef airs Wednesday at 7 P.M. on FOX.

by Reggie D. Allen



Australian Tech Company Chooses Huntsville



Electro Optic Systems Pty Ltd (EOS), a leading Australian technology company operating in the aerospace and defense markets, has selected Huntsville, Ala., for its flagship U.S. manufacturing facility.

The company made the announcement June 6, joined by state and city leaders at the Huntsville/

Madison County Chamber. "EOS is very happy to have the opportunity to formally join the Huntsville community," said Phil Coker, the company's U.S. President.

EOS has built a strong reputation as a provider of weapon systems technology for over 25 years.

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The Valley Weekly Calendar of Events

June 16
12th Annual White Linen Brunch

Honoring: Rep Anthony Daniels - Civil/Political; Dr. W. Quinton Foster, Cardiologist - Health; Rev Endia Scruggs - Religion/Spiritual; Mr. Wilbert Brown - Education; Mr. Trent Griffin - Community Services; and Mr. Tony Nobels - Social Services

Alabama A&M University Knight Center, 10 a.m.

June 17
Father's Day

June 22
Alabama A&M University Board of Trustees Meeting
Clyde Foster Auditorium
College of Business and Public Affairs, 10 a.m.

June 22-23
AAMU Alumni Association Retreat

June 23
Bulldog Club Breakfast
Ernest L. Knight Reception Center - 8 a.m. - Registration

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Valley District Church of God in Christ (COGIC) AIM Conference 2018 honored music legends (alphabetically): Sis. Melissa Dollerson, Sis. Dorothy Downing, Sis. Shirley Green, the Late Elder Cleopha Pair, Sis. Robin Roberts Parham, Bro. Ricky Roberts, Sis. Vetrea Ruffin, Elder Jamel Strong, and the late Dr. Lena Warrior. The event was held at the Bible Way Worship Center on June 4.

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Valley Deaths

- Nelms Memorial Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MR. ERNEST J. HIGH (b. 1941) was held Saturday, June 9, at Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church (292 Cemetery Road - New Market, Ala.) with Pastor Larry Davidson officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. ANNIE R. FLETCHER (b. 1943) was held Wednesday, June 6, at Eagles Nest Ministries (6831 Hollow Road, NW - Huntsville, Ala.) with the Reverend Lester Baker officiating.

Funeral service for MS. DELORES RUTH ("NOOCHIE") BENSON (b. 1961) of El Segundo, Calif., was held Friday, June 8, at First Missionary Baptist Church (3509 Blue Spring Road - Huntsville, Ala.) with Dr. Julius R. Scruggs officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. CALDONIA LOVE CUFF (b. 1948) was held Saturday, June 2, at Saint James Primitive Baptist Church with Pastor Billy Jones officiating.

The Memorial Service for Reverend Joe Cephus Johnson, Jr. (Pastor of Greater Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church) was held Saturday, June 2, at the Greater Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church (816 N.W. 1st Avenue - Hallandale Beach, Fla.).

- Royal Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MRS. GUSSIE MASTIN JACKSON (b. 1924) will be held Friday, June 15, at the First Missionary Baptist Church (3509 Blue Spring Road, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Julius R. Scruggs officiating.

The family of BABY BRYSON JAMES BENSON (b. 2018) received guests Monday, June 11, at Royal Funeral Home.

Funeral service for MR. HUBERT McGLATHERY (b. 1939) was held Sunday, June 10, at the Madkins Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (2403 Oakwood Road, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Billy Jones officiating.

Funeral service for MS. EMMA LOU "LUCY" FLETCHER (b. 1938) was held Saturday, June 9, at the Triana Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (263 Stone Street SW, Madison, Ala.) with Pastor James Childress officiating.

Funeral service for MR. KELVIN DURAN LEWIS (b. 1984) was held Friday, June 8, 2018 at the St. Paul United Methodist Church (620 6th Street, Madison, Ala.) with Reverend William Ragland officiating.

Called 2 Preach

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

Saul's Armor and the Sling

The very familiar story of David and Goliath emphasizes more times than not the underdog factor surrounding David. However, there is an engaging emphasis that I wish to explore and extract in this short exegetical excavation, and that is, the power of

the personal acceptance of one's God-given uniqueness.

After David observed that King Saul and all of Israel's army were too afraid to face the challenge that Goliath had given them to send him a man that he would agree to fight,

and the victor would secure the submission of the nation of the loser, he could not stand hearing what he called an uncircumcised Philistine berating the army of God and God

Himself; therefore, his passion for God and His honor pushed David to the front of the line and he volunteered.

Saul thought that this was a ridiculous thing for



David to do until David's resume revealed that his past work experiences included slaying a lion and bear. Saul volunteered his armor but not his active involvement.

David's response was, "I cannot walk with these, for I have not tested them." What David had tested was his slingshot.

Many are attempting to use Saul's armor rather than their slingshot, which represents those unique gifts and talents that God gave them. Purpose and power are lost when distilled through untested armor. The best way to honor God and live a fulfilled life is to use your slingshot. God and the world is waiting.

HudsonAlpha Celebrates a Decade

HudsonAlpha recently celebrated its ten-year anniversary and a "Decade of Discovery." Since opening its doors in 2008, HudsonAlpha has become a world leader in genomics, publishing 600 research papers, opening the Smith Family Clinic for Genomic Medicine, and impacting the lives of four million learners worldwide.

It also has fostered a life sciences business ecosystem, with more than three dozen companies opening their doors on the HudsonAlpha campus in Cummings Research Park and generating more than \$1.85 billion in economic impact.

HudsonAlpha is the brainchild of co-founders Jim Hudson and Lonnie McMillian.

The grand opening took place on National DNA Day, which commemorates the discovery of the DNA double helix in 1953 and the completion of the Human Genome Project in April 2003.

HudsonAlpha is home to one-person

start up companies and international leaders in the life sciences industry. The for-profit companies co-located on campus

have shown 19 percent job growth in the past year - compared to the national job growth rate of 1.8 percent.

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Millennial Thought

by Josh Alex Baker

Message Marked for Deletion

One of my favorite professors shared a concept with my class one day that will forever be ingrained into who I am.

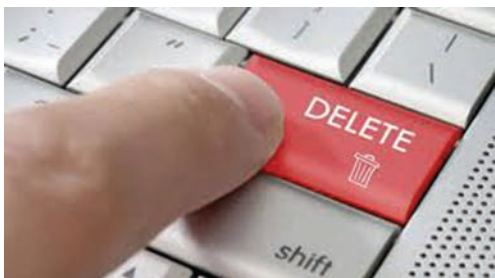
He said, "We can hear something and not receive it."

Muddling through thoughts of what to write next, I began to check my voicemail. Sifting through old messages, I mindlessly completed this customary practice.

As I chose the option to delete a message, the phrase used to alert me that this had been complet-

ed struck a chord within my spirit.

In monotone fashion, the system's voice utters, "Message marked for deletion."



I am immediately transported back to that day and to my professor's classroom.

In life, many people

will scrutinize you. They will attempt to belittle your vision, invalidate your work, and even undermine your character. Invoking a power they don't possess, they will be sure to inform you of all that you will not do and all the places you will not go.

While you might not be able to avoid hearing this, you most certainly retain power over receiving it.

I speak blessings over your life.

I speak sanity and sanctity of mind over your life.

I speak fullness of joy, love, and peace over your life.

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Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring

Mrs. Hazel F. Hawk



For many decades, Hazel Lullean Ford Hawk has contributed services to the community in a multitude of ways, ranging from feeding the hungry to caring for the young and elderly.

She studied at Alverson-Draughon College of Huntsville from 1976-1977 where she studied Business Administration. She went on to work a combined 32 years managing food operations for the Madison County school system at Famer's Capital School (now Lynn Fanning Elementary) and for Kroger, retiring in 1990.

Throughout her career, Hazel fed thousands of people. However, her work did not stop there. Hazel began feeding the elderly

and those who were less fortunate out of her own home, often harvesting many of her own crops for the efforts.

From 2000-2003, Hazel provided nursing care to seniors with varying levels of disabilities at Agape Village Nursing Home.

When Hazel wasn't visiting the elderly; she was making an impact with youth. For some 25 years, Hazel has been heavily involved in offering not-for-profit child care services. She co-managed a home daycare from 1990-2001, where she helped numerous parents who could not always afford to pay regular childcare fees. Hazel was an active member of the religious organization Order

of the Eastern Star

from 1961-1989.

To date, Hazel has been a member of Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of Dr. O. Wendell Davis, since 1991, where she is currently active in the Mothers' Ministry and Senior Adult Ministry (S.A.M.).

Hazel married her biggest supporter, the late Arthur "Jake" Hawk. From that union, came her main support system: 7 children, 22 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren, 4 great-great grandchildren and 2 God children.

Summer's Approaching: How Energy-Efficient Is Your Valley Home?

How many miles per gallon does your Valley home get?

(BPT) - Everyone wants the inside scoop on how to get the best deal. Ironically, consumers will do a bunch of research over a \$500 smart phone and relatively little for the largest purchase of their lives--their homes.

Most home buyers focus on price and payments; however, factoring in a home's energy consumption costs could save tens of thousands of dollars over years of ownership. Comparing the performance and construction quality of one home to another is often not apples to apples.

Newly built homes tend to be more energy efficient

than older homes, but total performance is also influenced by the builder and design, said CR Herro, a building scientist and vice president of environmental affairs for Meritage Homes.

Home Energy Rating Score

When buying a new or resale home, buyers can use a shopping tool to help them understand the anticipated costs of a home's energy bills. The Home Energy Rating Score, or HERS, is the industry standard for measuring a home's energy efficiency. It was created by the not-for-profit Residential Energy Services Network (RESNet), an independent consortium of building scientists and construction

experts.

Think of HERS like miles-per-gallon fuel economy for your car, except that a lower HERS is better:

* According to the U.S.



Department of Energy, a typical resale home in the U.S. rates a HERS 130 and costs approximately

\$200,000 in utilities over a 30-year mortgage.

* Utilities for a home that scores 100 would cost 30 percent less, saving \$60,000 in operating cost.

* Utilities for a home that

Some builders, such as Meritage Homes, design homes to capitalize on energy efficiency and can achieve HERS scores lower than the 2016 U.S. average of 62 by including high-efficiency heating, cooling, windows, lighting and insulation in all their homes.

How to know the score

"Knowing the HERS score of your home can be the difference between a European vacation every few years or a kiddie pool in the driveway," said Herro. "A lower HERS score could also raise the value of your home because the rating is being added to home appraisal standards." Proposed fed-

eral legislation also could provide mortgage borrowing advantages for homes with low HERS, he added.

More than 2 million homes in the U.S. have been HERS rated for energy efficiency, generating energy savings of \$268 million in 2016 alone, according to RESNet.

More homes are being rated as home builders increase their participation in the HERS program and post the ratings for the homes they build.

To find the HERS for a home, a list of participating home builders and tips for improving the energy efficiency of your home, go online to: <http://www.hersindex.com/knowthescore/>.

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