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ELDER OF THE WEEK



Mrs. Jacqueline D. Reed

"Freeing yourself was one thing, claiming ownership of that freed self was another." - Toni Morrison



Early Independence Day Celebration Scheduled

The 2021 Independence Day Celebration will be held near Ditto Landing's Kingston Pavillion on Saturday, June 26.

Scheduled is live music from Good Vibe Tribe and JEDEye. Moreover, food trucks and games will be on hand for the entire family to enjoy.

Admission is free, but persons can purchase a VIP Pass that's \$25 for

adults (kids under 10 are admitted free with pass holding adult).

The VIP pass benefits Christmas Charities Year Round and includes: boxed dinners from Dreamland BBQ, exclusive access to restrooms, seating and tables in the pavilion and shaded area with fans.

The gates open at 5 p.m., music starts at 6 p.m. and the fireworks start at 9 p.m.

HPD Offer Summer Home Safety Tips

Huntsville Police Department has shared helpful tips on how Valley residents can protect their homes when they're away:

Keep mum: Don't post to social media or share photos from your trip.

Reach out: Have a friend or neighbor you trust check on your home.

Plan ahead: Ask the post office to hold your mail.

Leave a light on: Turn at least one interior light.

Don't forget: Be sure to lock all doors and windows.

Communicate: Let community watch know you'll be out of town.

Contain your pets: Many times, a pet can cause a false alarm. Limit your pet's access to certain areas of your home, so they don't set off a motion detector.

Avoid hiding spots: Do not leave spare keys hidden outside your home while you're on vacation.

Register your alarm: Don't forget to register your alarm through the City of Huntsville.

Check your batteries: Make sure your alarms are functioning properly. If they are battery-operated, check to see that the batteries are fresh.

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AAMU Board Approves \$211M FY22 Operating Budget

The Alabama A&M University Board of Trustees on Friday, June 18, unanimously approved a \$211 million operating budget for FY22. Presented by Dr. Lynda Batiste, AAMU's interim vice president for business and finance, the budget will include a 6 percent across the board salary increase for faculty and staff.

In a later report, Trustee and Faculty Senate President Jeanette Jones praised President Andrew Hugine, Jr., for leaving a significant positive imprint on the University and for expertly navigating within the University culture. She especially noted his favorable response to a request made by the Faculty Senate in February. That request

urged the University complete an approved plan calling for adjustments to faculty salaries, as well as to staff compensation.

Trustees also approved recommendations for tuitions, fees, and room and board, along with a \$200, 2019 allocation of \$200 "Bulldog Bucks" for students to use on amenities in the new Welcome Center, which is scheduled for completion in Spring 2022 and will house the Office of Admissions.

Academics

The Board approved agreements and MOUs with the University of Rwanda, the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine and the University of Alabama

at Birmingham (Early Assurance Program).

A new concentration in artificial intelligence and a Master of Science degree program in counseling will be added to the roster, while the Ph.D. in reading degree will be replaced by the Ph.D. degree program in curriculum and instruction.

Presidential Search

The Presidential Search has been launched by AcademicSearch, coordinated by Drs. John Garland and George E. Ross. The position is open until filled but only by applications received by July 30, 2021, at aamu@academicsearch.org. The prospectus is available at www.aamu.edu.

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Washington in One Minute



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

1. **ON THE FLOOR.** The House and Senate are in session this week. The Senate this week will vote to invoke cloture on a recently-revised version of the For the People Act, which would expand voting rights and require certain national voting standards. Last week, Sen. Manchin (D-WV) offered a voting rights compromise that would make election day a public holiday, offer 15 consecutive days of early voting for federal elections, allow automatic voter registration through state departments of motor vehicles, and allow alternative IDs like utility bills to suffice as proof of identity. The House has a long list of bills on its calendar this week, which includes legislation to make it easier for employees to prove when they are a

victim of age discrimination in the workplace. The House has also scheduled another vote on a bill – a vote requiring 2/3rds voting “yea” failed last week – that requires financial institutions to collect data on credit applications submitted by LGBTQ-owned businesses (current law requires reporting on applications by minority- and women-owned businesses).

2. **THE WHITE HOUSE.** Last Thursday, after returning from his European trip, President Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act, which gave federal workers the day off last Friday for the nation's newest federal holiday. On Thursday, the President traveled to Raleigh, N.C., visiting the state capital as part of his continued efforts to encourage people across the country to get the COVID-19 vaccine (only 55%

of adults in North Carolina have received a dose of the vaccine) and, on Friday, the President will host Afghan President Ghani and National Reconciliation High Council Chair Abdullah at the White House. First Lady Dr. Jill Biden will travel to Nashville, TN and Jackson, MS, on Tuesday to visit COVID-19 vaccine sites and encourage communities to get vaccinated. Last Friday, the President announced that 300 million COVID-19 shots have been given in the 150 days since he took office (to date, 65% of American adults have gotten at least one vaccine shot).

3. **CRUISE SHIPS.** Last Friday, U.S. District Judge Steven Merryday approved the State of Florida's motion for a preliminary injunction suspending the Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) mandatory guidelines for cruise ships, ruling that the CDC's “conditional sail order” — a framework of regulations dictating how cruises can restart in the U.S. during the COVID-19 pandemic — can remain in place for Florida cruises only until July 18 (after July 18, the rules will become non-binding recommendations for cruise companies as they are for other industries). The CDC has until

July 2 to propose a more limited set of cruise regulations to the court.

4. **SUPREME COURT'S FINAL MONTH.** Last week, the Supreme Court ruled for the 3rd time in 9 years to uphold the Affordable Care Act in a 7-2 decision in California v. Texas. The week, we may see a decision in Arizona Republican Party v. DNC on whether Arizona may impose voting restriction laws on ballot harvesting and votes cast at the wrong precinct.

5. **EDUCATION.** On

Thursday, U.S. Education Secretary Miguel Cardona testified before the House Education and Labor Committee. It was the first oversight hearing held by the committee on the Education Department during the Biden administration.

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VALLEY DEATHS

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Graveside service for MR. ARTHUR WRIGHT TAYLOR (b. 1951) was held Saturday, June 19, at Valley View Memorial Gardens.

Funeral service for MS. STEPHANIE BRESHA HICKS (b. 1988) of Petersburg, Tenn., was held Saturday, June 19, at Lynchburg Funeral Home with interment to follow at Antioch Cemetery.

Funeral service for MRS. VERNA GILBERT (b. 1924) was held Friday, June 18, at New Life Seventh-day Adventist Church, 3912 Pulaski Pike, NW, Huntsville, Ala.).

ROYAL FUNERAL HOME
4315 Oakwood Avenue
Huntsville, AL 35810 - (256) 534-8481

Funeral service will be announced later for MR. TAYLOR ERVIN BURNS, JR. (b. 1949).

Funeral service for MRS. EBONY MARIE SHEFFLER (b. 1972) was held Wednesday, June 23, with Pastor Leroy Harris officiating.

Graveside service for MRS. BESSIE MAE MATLOCK SMITH (b. 1933) was held Tuesday, June 22, at Meadowlawn Garden of Peace, 450 Mount Lebanon Road, Toney, Ala., with Dr. Paul Hollman officiating and Reverend Dr. Karnie Smith eulogist.

Graveside service for MR. IRA JAMES TURNER (b. 1961) was held Friday, June 18, at Thatch-Mann Cemetery (1801 West Hobbs Street Athens, Ala.) with Pastor Willie James Mangruen officiating.

Graveside service for BABY GIRL ZURI BRIELLE BAKER (b. 2021) was held Thursday, June 17, at the Meadowlawn Garden of Peace (450 Mount Lebanon Road Toney, Ala.) with Pastor Jaymes Mooney officiating.

SERENITY FUNERAL HOME
2505 University Drive NW
Huntsville, AL 35816 - (256) 539-9693

Funeral service for MR. STARCY LACAHHN WALKER (b. 1976) was held Friday, June 18, at Oakwood Memory Gardens, 1 H.L. Cleeland Way, Huntsville, Ala.

Funeral service for MR. HERMAN COSTOS CANCEL (b. 1928) was held Sunday, June, at Serenity Funeral Home.

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CHAMPION GAME PLAN

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“PERCEPTION IS EVERYTHING”

1 Samuel 17:45 says, David said to Goliath, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defiled.”

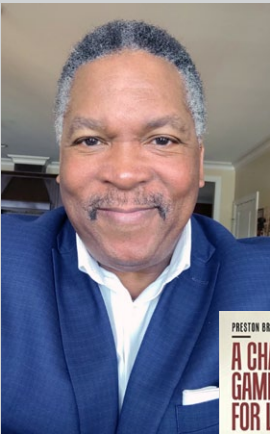
You know, it’s been said that “perception is everything.” So, the way we see things will affect the way that we react to them.

For example, what do you do when you are faced with a situation that appears to be too

much for you to handle? And, *everything* looks like a “giant.” But if we believe in the power of God, we should know that there is no problem too big for God.

When we look at this scripture, we can read for ourselves that Goliath was a Giant Problem, that someone had to deal with.

According to the text, Goliath had been defiling the entire Israelite Army for 40 days. But the worst thing of all was that they put up with it. No one was willing to challenge Goliath until David came along.



You see, David didn’t look at Goliath the same way that these soldiers looked at him. David had a different perspective of the situation and he realized that the “battle” was in God’s hands and not in the hands of a shepherd with a rock and a slingshot.

This message is for all of us: when we are facing difficult times, we



need to know where our help comes from, because so many times we allow the enemy to expose our weaknesses in such a way that we are unaware of the strength that we have. I believe our strength comes from the wisdom that we get from God.

I heard someone say that “everyone else looked at Goliath and said, ‘He’s too big to kill,’ but David looked at

Goliath and said, ‘He’s too big to miss.’”

You see, perception is everything ... stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters.

And, make sure you purchase a copy of my book, “A Champion Game Plan For Life” at amazon.com.

NAAACC Meetings

The North Alabama African American Chamber of Commerce (Huntsville) meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at 12 noon.

The meeting location varies. Call (256) 564-7574.

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Sherrod to Join AT&T in New Role

Lisa Sherrod has accepted the position of assistant vice president of external affairs for AT&T Services, Inc. In her new role, Sherrod will be responsible for managing stakeholder relations with the City and County of Dallas.

Previously, she worked as director of external and community relations for Tenet Healthcare, where she managed Tenet's national and local community relations

efforts, the Tenet Foundation, in addition to supporting government relations.



Prior to her role at Tenet, she served as outreach director for Congresswoman Ed-dite Bernice Johnson in Dallas, and for seven years on the Washington policy staff for two Texas delegation members.

Sherrod is an alumna of Leadership Dallas and Leadership Texas programs. In 2020, she chaired the

UNCF North Texas Walk for Education, which raises money for deserving college-bound minority students.

She is a member of the Dallas Chapter of The Links Inc. volunteer organization, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and Committed to a multitude of local civic efforts. Sherrod has been featured in Roll Call, Congressional Quality and Who's Who in Black Dallas.

Sherrod will be located in Dallas, Texas.

HU Official Receives Award

Dr. Harry Hobbs, vice president employee engagement for Huntsville Utilities, received the Harriett Tubman Award on June 12. The event was located at the Magnolia Room in Decatur, Ala. The guest speaker of the event was the

Honorable Judge Joe Brown. Judge Brown was on TV for several years adjudicating civil disagreements. Dr. Hobbs was awarded the Harriett Tubman award based on his work with underserved youth in the North Alabama Madison

County area.

This event was organized and sponsored by Kidz Table CEO Lynnette Brown.



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"Every great dream begins with a dreamer."

Harriet Tubman



"Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die, life is a broken-winged bird that cannot fly."

- Langston Hughes



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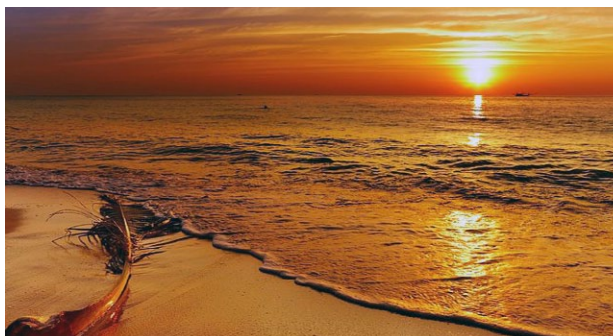
REV. MICHAEL RICE

He Himself Has Said

Hebrews 13:5-6 (NKJV)

The assurance that was no doubt in the mind of the writer of Hebrews was given the perfect boost that

it needed by the original readers being reminded that the words he wrote were not his own. Given the fact that this was in the context of the subject of



covetousness and contentment and because the original readers were being

persecuted, it would have been and was easy for the recipients of this communication to feel *forsaken* by the very God they had embraced through Jesus Christ. The languish of loneliness that sets in when oppressed is as natural as breathing and it takes a word from heaven not a

mere human. This kind of assurance must come from One who is Omnipresent, Omniscient and Omnipotent. That is why the author of this verse prefaced the promised with *He Himself has said...* The promise was, *I will not leave you or forsake you.* The original language of the New Testament literally reads, *I will not, NO NOT EVER leave you or forsake you.* This was the promise of the perpetual presence of the only One who could provide the confidence that produced this bold response; "The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?" The promise



was not of not ever going through anything. It was that of never going through it alone without the assistance of the only One who could keep us from being destroyed. Praise Him!

THE VALLEY WEEKLY **VALLEY EVENTS** HAPPENINGS, ACTIVITIES & MORE!

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June 25

Oakwood Farmers Market Pavilion
5001-A Adventist Boulevard NW
Huntsville, Ala.
12 noon

\$5 After 5
Huntsville Museum of Art
300 Church Street
Huntsville, Ala.
5-8 p.m.

June 26

Peak Butterfly Season in the Purdy Butterfly House
Huntsville Botanical

Garden

4747 Bob Wallace Avenue
Southwest
Huntsville, Ala.

Outdoor Market

Lowe Mill Arts & Entertainment
2211 Seminole Drive
Huntsville, Ala.

Independence Day Celebration

Ditto Landing
293 Ditto Land Road
Huntsville, Ala.
6 p.m. (Fireworks, 9 p.m.)

June 28

Concerts in the Park
Maneuver Center of Excellence Band and Fireworks
Big Spring Park
200 Church Street
Huntsville, Ala.
6:30-8 p.m.

July 1-3

Comedian Gary Owen
Stand Up Live
Huntsville, Ala.

July 8

Boys & Girls Club Leaders & Legends Dinner with Deion Sanders
Von Braun Center North Hall
5 p.m.

July 9

Reba McEntire
Propst Arena
Von Braun Center
8 p.m.

July 30-August 1

D.L. Hughley
Stand Up Live
Huntsville, Ala.

August 14

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September 30

Kenny G
Concert Hall

JUNE 25 - JIMMIE WALKER - James Carter Walker Jr., is an American actor and comedian. He is perhaps best known for portraying James Evans, Jr. ("J.J."), the oldest son of Florida and James Evans, Sr., on the CBS television series *Good Times*, which ran from 1974 to 1979.

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Rosetta James Foundation "Spotlight on Our Elders" ... Featuring

Mrs. Jacqueline D. Reed

Jacqueline (Jackie) D. Reed was born on a farm in Sparta, Tenn., in White County, where her father was a farmer and drove a school bus for 35 years. During her junior year in high school, she worked at the city drug store and was voted by the high school band to be a majorette. In her senior year, she was voted as the "Cutest Girl" in the class among 400 seniors.

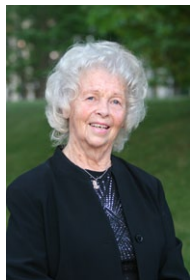
Following graduation from high school, she attended Tennessee Polytechnic Institute (TPI), Cookeville, Tenn., working in the family-owned restaurant in Sparta, Tenn. During her sophomore year at TPI, she met Ray B. Reed, from Hartsville, Tenn., a junior at TPI. She moved to Nashville, Tenn., to work, while Ray continued his education. After Ray graduated, he moved to Nashville to work, and they were married on November 25, 1955. In 1956, Ray was drafted into the Army, and they moved to Philadelphia, Pa., for two years. Ray was

stationed at Rittenhouse Square, learning computer technology.

The first child (Debra) was born in 1958, three weeks before Ray was released from the Army, and they moved to Huntsville, Ala., where Ray was employed with General Electric.

For over 30 years, Jackie Reed has dedicated her time attending City Council and Governmental meetings, monitoring budgets affecting all citizens. Since 1988, she has run for Mayor eight times. She has run for City Council six times, and one legislative position. She feels pride from choosing the needs of others over her own, and she has earned the respect and trust from city employees and citizens.

In recognition of her dedicated service as a volunteer and community activist, she received the Rosa Parks Woman of Courage Award from the Huntsville/



Madison County Branch of the NAACP. She has also written "One Woman's Opinion" for 15 years in the local newspaper, "Speakin' Out News". Jackie was recently selected

to be showcased as a "Loser" on the "Today Show", which was aired on national television on NBC November 29, 2015. The story told the dedication, drive, determination and persistence of never giving up. She also has a song written about her life by Mr. George Wells, Huntsville, Ala. - "The Legend of Jackie Reed". Jackie has two children and both hold college degrees.

She also has two grandsons that are students in the Huntsville City School system. Her faith in God and the strength she gains from that faith has seen her through many hard times and she remains a source of inspiration to all who know her.

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