TPL Workshop to Focus on Healthy Living

A workshop on "Developing

a Healthy Lifestyle" will be held for children and teens at Triana Public Library on Wednesday,



July 13, at 2 p.m., according to the main offices of the Huntsville Public Library.

During the session, par-

ticipants will learn about new nutrition information and how to select and prepare healthier

alternatives. For more information, visit hmcpl.org.

HU Recognized by EPA

Huntsville Utilities' South and Southwest Water Treatment Plants were recognized recently by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for Achievement of Area-Wide Optimization Program Performance Goals during 2015. EPA's Region 4 Chief of Grants and Drinking Water Protection Branch, Becky Allenbach, notified Huntsville Utilities of this outstanding achievement.

Specifically, Allenbach recognized the success of the plants in meeting goals the Alabama Department of Environmental Management set for optimized drinking water treatment plant performance for turbidity. In meeting and exceeding these goals, the system's customers were provided with "protec-

tion against waterborne disease extending above and beyond regulatory requirements."

Huntsville Utilities President and CEO Jay C. Stowe "is proud of the water treatment personnel that achieved this EPA recognition, and provides customers with quality drinking water that exceeds regulatory requirements while also continually optimizing the treatment processes that keep costs low for customers."

Huntsville Utilities is a publicly-owned, not-for-profit utility company providing electric service to over 180,000 customers, water service to over 94,000 customers, and natural gas service to over 52,000 customers in Huntsville and Madison County, Alabama.

by Gary T. Whitley, Ir.

C.A.F.Y. 2016 Focuses on Four Pillars

The Huntsville Police Department's Community Awareness
For Youth (C.A.F.Y.), in cooperation with the City of Huntsville,
Madison County Commission
and the Office of Multicultural
Affairs, will hold CAFY 2016
Saturday, July 30, at the Jaycee
Building and Fairgrounds, 10

a.m.-3 p.m.

The event will feature a youth talent showcase, giveaways, food trucks, in addition to a giveaway of some 500 backpacks.

CAFY's four pillars of success are health, career, education and finance. The program aims to give Madison County youth the tools necessary to achieve success by providing guidance, knowledge and resources that enable the youth to gain insight into what it takes to become a successful adult.

For additional information, contact Kenny Anderson at (256) 883-3993.

Champion of Change Nominations Accepted

This fall, the Obama Administration will be hosting a White House Champion of Change for College Opportunity event to honor individuals and leaders who have taken action to expand opportunity for

students from all backgrounds to advance to and through college.

Please enter the link information below to learn more about the White House Champion of Change for College Opportunity: https://www.whitehouse.gov/ blog/2016/06/21/nominatewhite-house-championchange-college-opportunity

Please submit nominations by 11:59 p.m. on Monday, July

AAMU Manages New Construction, Renovation

Persons who haven't visited the Alabama A&M University campus in a while will likely notice a sense of "bustle" from the top to the bottom of The Hill.

Following the demolishment of Gravitt Apartments to make way for a new 600-bed residential facility on Meridian Street, a site contractor is now preparing the grounds, according to Brian Shipp of Physical Facilities. Also leveled was the Old Pump House located in the rear of Normal Post Office. Shipp said the area will

simply return to being its original green space as part of campus beautification efforts along Meridian.

In keeping with its aim to renovate one building unit a year, the University has begun renovations to Building 7 in the massive Normal Hills Student Apartments complex.

Art and music students and faculty returning in the fall will find that the parking lot of the Morrison Building has been resurfaced. From Morrison,

the view across Legacy Lake and Meridian Street reveals a sizeable void, not only because of the disappearance of Gravitt Apartments, but also because of the relocation of the structure that housed the Office of Human Resources.

Shipp noted that the structure and HR offices are now located near the rear, northeast entrance of the campus, directly behind the Councill Federal Credit Union.

by Jerome Saintjones

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Your Washington Recap

Here are the top issues in DC this week:

- 1. The House and Senate are in session this week with a schedule of furious activity for the next two weeks, after which they will adjourn until September.
- · In the HOUSE. All eyes are on the House, which will reconvene for the first time since the 26-hour, House Democrats' sit-in on June 22-23. House Speaker Paul Ryan announced last week that the House will vote on restricting gun purchases contained in a larger anti-terrorism bill requiring a 3-day hold on gun purchases by anyone currently or in the past 5 years who has been investigated as a terrorist - but also requires the feds to show probable cause that the person will commit an act of terrorism (this is far short of the "no-fly, no-buy" provision wanted by Democrats). The House will also take up a stop-gap, 18-month reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration which reportedly will not contain a controversial House GOP provision to privatize the nation's air-traffic control system (the current FAA law expires on July 15).
- · In the SENATE. As a prelude to the GOP Convention that starts on July 18, the Senate will attempt to bring up 2 immigration-related bills: (1) Senator Ted Cruz's (R-TX) "Kate's Law," which would require a mandatory minimum prison sentence of 5 years for any undocumented immigrant convicted of illegally re-entering the United States after being deported - named after Kathryn Steinle who was fatally shot by an illegal immigrant in July 2015 in San Francisco; and (2) Sen. Pat Toomey's (R-PA) bill to prohibit federal funding to the more than

- 300 "sanctuary cities," which includes Philadelphia, the site of the Democratic Convention. The Senate voted in October 2015 on a package that contained both bills which failed to garner the necessary 60 votes. The Senate may also turn to a bill containing a bipartisan compromise on genetically-modified food labeling, which would allow food companies the option of disclosing GMO ingredients through either a digital code (the food industry's preference) or through an on-package symbol that the Agriculture Department would approve and would have a "scan here for more food information" sticker. In addition, the Senate will turn to the FY2017 Defense Appropriations bill and also try to resolve the impasse on legislation that contains \$1.1 billion to fight the Zika virus. Finally, the Senate is expected to approve the 18-month extension of the Federal Aviation Administration, once the House gets done with the
- 2. President Obama traveled to Poland this July 7-9 to attend the NATO Summit in Warsaw and to meet with Polish President Andrzej Duda to discuss security issues. While in Warsaw, President Obama will also meet with the 2 top EU officials - European Union President Donald Tusk and European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker to discuss U.S.-EU cooperation in the aftermath of the U.K.'s vote to exit the EU. From Poland, the President will travel to Spain on July 9-11 to meet with King Felipe VI and Acting President Mariano Rajoy.
- 3. House and Senate conferees met this week to finalize legislation to battle the alarming spike in overdoses from heroin, prescription drugs, and opioid pain relievers (which have surpassed car accidents as the

leading cause of injury-related death in the U.S.). The "Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act" would expand prevention and educational efforts - particularly aimed at teens, parents, and other caretakers — to prevent the abuse of opioids and heroin and to promote treatment and recovery and also make naloxone more widely available to law enforcement agencies and other first responders to help in the reversal of overdoses to save lives. The conferees would like to get the bill passed in its final form before Congress adjourns on July 15, but may hit a snag from Senate Democrats who want actual funding attached to the bill to the tune of \$600 million.

- 4. Senate Appropriations Chair Thad Cochran (R-MS) announced last week that his committee had completed its work on all 12 FY2017 appropriations bills - although only 3 have been approved by the full Senate (the Energy & Water, Military Construction/VA, and Transportation/HUD bills). Senator Cochran also said that Congress' short, election-year schedule this year makes it very likely that lawmakers will have to approve a stopgap measure to avoid a government shutdown this fall. The House Appropriations Committee has finished work on 10 appropriations bills to date, with four of those bills having been approved by the full House (Defense, Energy & Water, Legislative Branch, and Military Construction/VA).
- 5. 2016 Presidential Watch. On Tuesday (July 5) President Obama made his first appearance with Hillary Clinton at a campaign rally in North Carolina at the Charlotte Convention Center at 5:30 p.m. On Friday, July 8, Vice President Biden joined Clinton at an event in

Scranton, PA. Donald Trump was also in North Carolina July 5 at the Duke Center for the Performing Arts in Raleigh. Last Saturday, Trump met with potential Veep choice Indiana Governor Mike Pence at the Trump National Golf Club in Bedminster, NJ. The Washington Post reported on last Friday that top Veep contenders NJ Governor Chris Christie and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-GA) have been asked to fill out 100-question surveys and provide tax records to the Trump campaign.

6. The Democratic National Committee unveiled a draft of its party platform last Friday and free community college is a central part of the higher education plank. Although the draft plan calls for "bold new investments by the federal government" in higher education, it notably does not include free tuition at public colleges and universities - the ambitious proposal that Bernie Sanders had used to galvanize young voters.

Among the higher education proposals in the plan is "a dedicated fund of tens of billions of dollars" for historically black colleges and universities, Hispanic-serving institutions and other minority-serving institutions.

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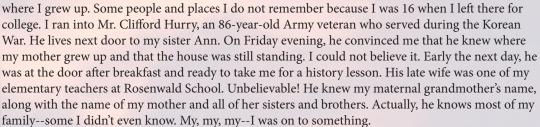
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Ah, Family!

The love of family is one of life's greatest blessings. During the past week, I had the opportunity to go down to the country in Monroeville



The next day, we visited my oldest sister Ola. She was 80 years old this past March, sitting on the front porch looking forward to number 81. When BIll and I arrived at her home, she was sitting on the front porch in grand, old-fashioned style. It was hot, hot, hot in Mobile; however, the temperature didn't seem to phase her. I was burning up! She spends most of her days sitting on the front porch. Neighbors and strangers alike passed in cars and on feet shouting "hello" and waving to us. It was very obvious that she is a respected elder on her street. We visited into the evening, sitting on the front porch and there was no concern about her safety. Any time spent with Ola is time well spent. Although she has some memory slippage, she welcomed us by name, noting that it was good to see me--her baby sister, asked about the children and continued to invite us in "where it was cooler."

We were back home on Sunday and senselessly tired, when we heard someone enter the rear door. Ah, it was Katie. She had finished the first term of summer classes on Friday, had a couple of "off days" and decided to drive home. What a wonderful surprise. If she had arrived a few hours earlier, she would have beat us home. We piled into the car and drove to my sister Mary's house to take her some things from Mobile. She and our great niece Tracy had a full "grill" going on, preparing for the 4th. Beyond the food, the fellowship with Mary, Tanisha, Justis, Tracy, Vanessa, Walt and Brandon was impromptu. Many times, that's some of the best fun--unordered and unplanned.

We didn't have special plans for July 4th due to travel commitments. By mid-day Monday, Katie was asking if we were "going to feed" her." Of course, I answered with, "We are going to dinner with friends." Thanks to Mary Cotton, we had a delicious dinner. Margaret had invited us earlier in the week, so it was an invitation open for our acceptance. It was great seeing our brother Woodrow, along with his daughter Quita and the rest of the family. Short of that invitation, we would have been ordering out and picking up--something we have no problem doing when necessary. My mother used to say, "We throw away enough to feed another family." I didn't know the significance of what she was saying over 40 years ago until the children grew up, left home and I started throwing out most of what I was cooking week after week--unsure why Bill wasn't eating it--could have been too much or just not worth eating. Hmm. Not sure I want to know.

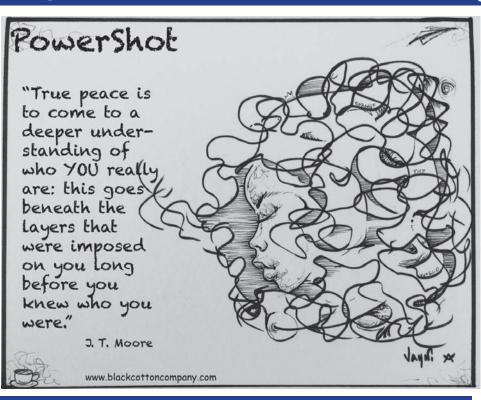
We hope you all had a great Independence Day! I'm proud to be an American: at least I know I'm free. Thanks to all of the men and women who have and are making our freedom possible. God Bless the USA!

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Space Center Concert Celebrates the 1980s

The U.S. Space & Rocket Center Foundation is proud to announce its second annual Concert in Shuttle Park, coming on Saturday, July 16, and we're celebrating the 80s this year!

2016 marks the 30th anniversary of the major motion picture, "Space Camp," so this year's installment of the concert series revels in the decade that catapulted a small youth camp in North Alabama into a cultural icon.

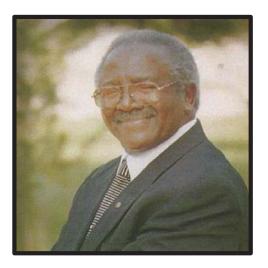
What celebration would be complete without the soundtrack of the decade? This is the outdoor concert event of the summer! The 80s were big! Come relive the excess of it all... big hair, big lights, and big sounds.

Among the performers for the concert in Shuttle Park (\$39) are Eddie Money, Mickey Thomas, Yacht Rock Revue, Jeff Carlisi, Robbie Dupree and Bill Champlin. Gates open at 7 p.m.

Proceeds from the 'Totally 80's Concert in Shuttle Park' benefit the U.S. Space & Rocket Center Education Foundation's Space Camp General Scholarship Fund.

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Funeral service for Mrs. Maggie Hyter will be announced by Nelms Memorial at a later date.

Funeral service for Mrs. Mary Idell Havis of Guntersville, Ala., was held Saturday, July 2, at St. Minor Primitive Baptist Church with Pastor Mario Ford officiat-

Funeral service for Ms. Olivia Watts was Wednesday, June 29,

at 12 p.m. at Douglas Tabernacle Church with Elder Richmond Malone Eulogist and Elder Robert Rogers, Sr., officiating.

Funeral service for Mr. Mustafa Bearfield was held Tuesday,

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June 28, at the Moseley Complex - Oakwood University (Huntsville, Ala).

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The Impact of Brexit

The news has spread that Britain has separated from The European Union (EU). This historic decision has sparked controversy worldwide as a close vote that brought about Brexit a.k.a Britain's Exit. Britain will gain financial independence, free trade, and other control over their economy and sovereignty. It sparked the question, maybe chimed in their opinion and votes, on whether Britain should stay or leave. Although the majority voted to leave, many preferred for Britain to stay. I can understand how it was a tough call. There are perks to being independent but considering how the European Union is explained and why it was founded, I can see why people, such as President Barack Obama, thought it was a good idea for Britain to stay in



The EU is an economic and political partnership involving 28 European countries. It began after World War II to foster economic co-operation, with the idea that countries that trade together are more likely to avoid going to war with each other. It has since grown to become a "single market" allowing goods and people to move around, basically as if the member states were one country. It has its own currency, the euro, which is used by 19 of the member countries, its own parliament, and it now sets rules in a wide range of areas - including on the environment, transport, consumer rights and even things such as mobile phone charges (bbcnews.com).

I am one who understands the idea of the European Union as it's explained above. It does

comes to the economy because, after all, it grows when multiple people work together.

However, I wouldn't blame those who voted to leave if the union felt less like a partnership and more like dictatorship. Control can cause people to cut away. If people feel like the government is working with them but rather against them, there is no need to aim for independence. This holds true whether you're running the economy or running a business; there may come a time when you have to make a decision to be independent or remain in a union, and that decision should be well thought out: Does it feel like there is equality, or a lack of power?

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Armed Forces Celebration & 75th Anniversary of Redstone Arsenal



Arsenal Celebrates Armed Forces Week

Armed Forces Celebration Week kicked off last week with a Proclamation Signing on Redstone Arsenal.

The signing was held at the Army Materiel Command head-quarters parade field at 10 a.m.

General Dennis Via, Commanding General of the Army Materiel Command, hosted a Proclamation Signing Ceremony. Also in attendance was Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle, Madison Mayor Troy Trulock, and Chairman of the Madison County Commission Dale

Strong.

According to AMC, the event included pre-ceremony music, a parachute demonstration by the Silver Wings Jump Team, and a reading of the proclamation by Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army Joe Fitzgerald.

The Proclamation Signing Ceremony was the first event in a week-long celebration of armed forces and Redstone Arsenal's 75th anniversary.

After the Proclamation Signing, Redstone Arsenal leadership recognized four members from

the community who made longlasting and notable contributions for the betterment of the installation as "Good Neighbors."

The 2016 Good Neighbor recipients include: Mike Segrest, co-chairman of the Army Community Relations Committee; Chad Emerson, CEO of Downtown Huntsville Inc.; Jeff Wishik, president of the Semper Fi Community Task Force; and W.F. Sanders, Jr., previous cochairman of the Army Community Relations Committee.

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The goal of the support group is to provide comfort and support while facing the challenges of dementia. Over the years RRV found that the best support system comes from others that are traveling down the same road.

When the emotional, spiritual, physical, and financial stressors with others are shared, people realize that they are not alone in their journey.

The support group will meet the first
Thursday of each
month from 5:30-7 p.m.
in the front conference
room at our community.

Regency is located at 2004 Max Luther Drive, Huntsville, AL 35810. Phone (256) 852-0033 The first meeting will be July 7, 2016 from 5:30–7 p.m.

TVCWRT: Covert Economy of the Civil War

The Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table (TVCWRT) will focus on

"Trading with the Enemy: The Covert Economy During the American Civil War" presented by Philip Leigh, Thursday, July 14, at 6:30 p.m., at the Elks Lodge, 725 Franklin Street, Huntsville, Ala.

While Confederate blockade runners famously carried the seaborne trade for the South during the American Civil War, the amount of Southern cotton exported to Europe was only half of that shipped illicitly to the North.

Most went to New England textile mills. The trade in contraband was not confined to New England. Union officers Major General Benjamin

Butler and Admiral David Dixon
Porter benefited
from this black
market. President
Lincoln admitted
that numerous
military leaders
and public officials

were involved, but refused to stop the trade.

Philip Leigh is a professional writer who holds an electrical engineering degree from the Florida Institute of Technology and an MBA from the Kellogg School at Northwestern University.

Visitors are welcome. For more information, call (256) 278-5533.

Valley Scopes by Melissa Wilson/Seloma

Sagittarius You will find yourself tackling a financial issue, so be sure to muster up your courage so that you're up to the challenge.

Aquarius If you find yourself putting things off, so what? Recuperation should come first.

Virgo You'll find yourself considering how the things that are happening help you to answer the questions that you've grappled with in life thus far. An open mind helps as you expand your current viewpoint.

Leo Although you may be tempted to remain indoors, and reflect, business affairs are calling, and you currently have plenty of things to do.

Scorpio You're ready for an escapade, even if it could cause a clash. So go for it, as you will find it worthwhile.

Libra You

may have to give a detailed clarification on the job, or elsewhere; however, it will leave room for better interpretation, as well as for your own personal advancement.

Capricorn Right now, someone is listening to what you have to say with a sincere heart, so you'll be quite relieved to realizethat yelling isn't necessary.

Pisces Someone, who is in tune with you will be taking time out in order to discuss something that is pertinent to him or her, and sheds light on a situation for you.

Gemini You'll find that someone is open to talk about matters that are relevant to you;

at the exact time that you need to chat.

Cancer You'll feel good about a choice to stay true to your own feelings, and values, which will prevent you from being pushed too far into an area of discomfort.

Taurus You'll be relieved to know that a major goal that you have is shared with someone who you naturally collide with.

Aries Thanks to your capacity to lead, successful modifications are occurring somewhere where they are definitely needed.



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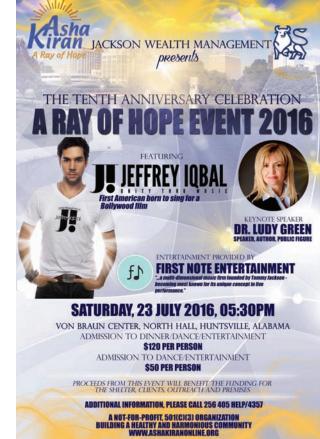
DLC offers inspiring and experienced leaders opportunities to benefit

from qualified and seasoned trainers, scholars, and business professionals who share and discuss research and best practices regarding obtaining excellence through diversity.

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For more information, call (256) 536-9717.



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July 11

City Concerts in the Park Blue City and Emily Joseph Big Spring International

Park, 6:30-8 p.m.

July 15

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DCI North Alabama Drum Corps International Sponsor: US Army Bands Featuring:

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Southwind - Mobile, AL Spirit of Atlanta - Atlanta, GA DCI Box Office at (317) 275-1212 Tickets: \$20-\$30 Louis Crews Stadium AAMU - 7 p.m.

July 23

AshaKiran's Annual Ray of Hope Event and 10th Anniversary Celebration

July 24

Valley Conservatory Jam Session

July 25

2nd Annual Caribbean Heritage Gala The Cooper House, 405 Randolph Ave., Huntsville Caribbean Association of North Alabama; \$40 individual (\$300/Table of 8) (256) 653-4751 www.canaonline.com

7-11 p.m.

July 28

Boys and Girls Club Leaders & Legends Dinner Guest: Evander Holyfield VIP Reception: 5 p.m. Von Braun Center-North Hall, 6 p.m.

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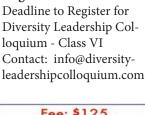
AshaKiran's 2-Day Language Advocacy Workshop August 19

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August 25

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