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"Leadership should be born out of the understanding of the needs of those who will be affected by it."
- Marian Anderson

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Diversity Leadership Colloquium Hosts Forum

The Tennessee Valley Diversity Leadership Colloquium (DLC) held a "Candidates Forum" on Tuesday, July 26, at Fellowship of Faith Church Fellowship Hall. The forum attracted 13 candidates vying for the offices of mayor, city council and school board in Huntsville.

The forum allowed the community an opportunity to hear and meet the candidates.

DLC graduates Andrew M. Sieja, attorney, Martinson & Beason PC, and Samuel T. Greene II, president/CEO of Greene Consulting, served as moderators.

Among the participants were the following:

Mayor: Tommy Battle and Jackie Reed (Not Present: Ken Boyd).

School Board District 5: Carlos Mathews and Pamela Hill

City Council District 5: Will Culver, John Meredith (Not Present: Jacob Kristopher Anders and Thad Clarke).

City Council District 1: Devyn S. Keith, Michelda Johnson, Richard Showers, Sr., Robert Hewlett Jr., and Peter Proctor.

School Board District 1: Mary L. "Jackie" Sawyer, Laurie Bone McCaulley and Michelle Watkins (Not Present: Mary L. "Jackie" Sawyer).

DLC offers both aspiring and experienced leaders opportunities to benefit from qualified and seasoned trainers, scholars, and business professionals who share and discuss research and best practices regarding attainment of excellence through diversity.

For more information about the DLC and/or future events, please call (256) 536-9717.

New South Endorses Municipal Candidates

Dr. Herman Mixon, president of the Alabama New South Alliance, announced that the organization has endorsed the following candidates in the upcoming 2016 election:

Tommy Battle for Mayor; **Michelle Watkins** for School Board District 1; **Carlos Mathews** for School Board District 5; **Will Culver** for City Council District 5; and **Dr. Richard Showers, Sr.**, for City Council District 1.

The municipal election will



be held on Tuesday, August 23, 2016.

TVCWRT Talk Scheduled

The Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table will feature "Claude Minié and His Magic Musket Ball" by Mark Hubbs on Thursday, August 11.

The event will be held at the Elks Lodge at 725 Franklin Street in Huntsville.

The talk will focus on the invention of the expanding base muzzle-loading bullet and how it affected casualties and tactics during the Crimean War and the Civil War. Part of the program will be use of artifacts to clearly explain the difference between a rifle, musket and rifle musket and the loading of each.

Hubbs is an 11-year veteran of the U.S. Army Infantry. Since leaving active duty, he has worked as an environmental protection specialist and archaeologist for the US Army Space and Missile Defense Command on historic Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama.

Hubbs is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, The Madison County Historical Society and was the co-founder of the Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table.

The public and all visitors welcome. For additional information about the Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table and its upcoming events, call (256) 278-5533.

DLC Accepting Fall Applications

The Tennessee Valley Diversity Leadership Colloquium is finalizing arrangements for its eight-week fall class. Acceptance deadline is September 6.

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.

DLC is designed for individuals interested in gaining access to

networks, mentors, and sponsors that have traditionally not been available to diverse members of the broader community. Enrollees will be exposed to topics such as: Understanding and Embracing Diversity, Organizational Culture and Structural Reform, Racial and Gender Intelligence, Social Justice and Equality, Networking and Mentoring, Politics, and more. Cost: \$795.

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Your Washington Recap

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

1. The House and Senate are in recess until September 6.
2. President Obama is in Atlanta, Ga., to address the Disabled American Veterans Conference. On Tuesday, he and Mrs. Obama hosted a state dinner at the White House for Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong on the 50th anniversary of the two (2) countries' establishment of diplomatic relations.

On Wednesday, President Obama hosted a "town hall" meeting in D.C. for 1,000 young African leaders, who are convening at the Omni Shoreham Hotel after

6 weeks of academic study under the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders.

3. Last Friday, federal courts in two (2) separate cases struck down voter identification laws in North Carolina and Wisconsin on the grounds that the laws impermissibly discriminate against minority voters (although the judge in the Wisconsin case left the rules intact for the state's Aug 9 primary elections). These rulings are in addition to recent setbacks for voter ID laws in Kansas and Texas.

4. Also, last Friday, the Department of Transportation announced \$500 million in the 8th Round of TIGER transportation

Councill High School 50th Scheduled

On August 13, the Legacy of William Hooper Councill and the 50th Anniversary of its closing will be celebrated. This anniversary event will be held at the Huntsville Marriott (5

Tranquility Base, Huntsville, AL 35805). Tickets for both the Legacy Brunch & Gala are \$75.00. For more information, contact Brenda Barley Chunn at (256) 426-8625.

grants for 40 lucky awardees.

5. The deadline for submitting public feedback on the Obama administration's proposal to make it easier for federal student loan borrowers to have their debt canceled when they are defrauded by their college.

Thus far, the comments have been pouring into the department by the thousands---the department had processed more than 5,000 comments on the proposed rule by the end of last week.

For-profit colleges have mounted a campaign against the rule, which would stick colleges with the cost of loan forgiveness in the event that the Education Department determines that the college defrauded a borrower. Some groups appear to have organized

responses, as many of the public comments contain identical boilerplate language about concerns that for-profit college students and taxpayers say they have about the rule.

6. 2016 Presidential Watch. According to the Nielsen firm (plus the totals from PBS stations which are not included in Nielsen totals), Donald Trump's acceptance speech had 34.9 million viewers compared to Hillary Clinton's 33.8 million. However, the Democrats beat the GOP on each of the first 3 nights of the conventions.

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From the Editor

Ah ... The Diamond Years!

Family and Friends gathered for the 75th Birthday Celebration Honoring Josephine Scruggs, the First Lady of First Missionary Baptist Church on Saturday July 30th. Her son, Rev. Marty Tipton, and his wife Melody planned the event, with the assistance of Ms. Shirley Clemons, family and friends.

Rev. Tipton, who is pastor of First Baptist Church East Nashville (Tennessee), read Proverbs 31: 10-31 and "Lady Jo's" husband, Dr. Julius Scruggs, offered a prayer before the meal--which was catered by Mrs. Ann Warren. Morgan Tipton, Nicki Foley, Jocelyn Boustani, and Katrina Eason reflected on "What she means to me." Homegrown Ryan Patrick Parker sang, and all attendees serenaded Lady Jo with "Happy Birthday." Mrs. Scruggs thanked family and friends from near and far for taking part in an enjoyable celebration.



Dorothy

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**CITY OF HUNTSVILLE
NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF 2016 ACTION PLAN**

The City of Huntsville, Alabama is required to prepare a Consolidated Plan every five years, which is a detailed analysis of the City's housing and non-housing needs, available resources, and the plan used to utilize those resources. The plan includes a five-year Strategic Plan, a one year Action Plan, and the Consolidated Plan's implementation tools for addressing some of the identified needs. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and HOME Investment Partnership Program funds are received from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Huntsville has developed housing strategies which include efforts to increase the number of affordable housing units. The City has also addressed the housing and supportive services needs of special groups such as the elderly, very low income, homeless, physically disabled, and the mentally ill. Anticipated sources of funding have been identified. The following program activities are proposed for CDBG and HOME funds in the One Year Action Plan for FY16 (7-1-16 to 6-30-17).

PROJECT/PROGRAM	FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT	SUBRECIPIENT/PARTNER	
New Construction Program	HOME	\$238,982.00	Family Services Center, Inc. Habitat for Humanity, Inc.	
NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROJECT	Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)	HOME	\$147,020.00	Family Services Center, Inc.
	Downpayment Assistance Program (DAP)	HOME	\$160,000.00	Family Services Center, Inc.
	Housing Counseling Program	HOME	\$8,640.00	Family Services Center, Inc.
	Deferred Maintenance Home Repair Program (DMHRP)	CDBG	\$347,202.00	CASA, Inc. City of Huntsville
	Code Enforcement Program	CDBG	\$450,000.00	City of Huntsville
FAIR HOUSING PROJECT	Multi-Family Program	HOME	\$361,000.00	Lenox Park, LP
		CDBG	\$1,500.00	City of Huntsville
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT & CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PROJECT		CDBG	\$1,000.00	City of Huntsville
		CDBG	\$7,400.00	Alabama Non-Violent Offenders Organization, Inc. (AANVO)
		CDBG	\$165,000.00	Boys & Club, Inc.
PUBLIC SERVICES PROJECT		CDBG	\$7,400.00	Harris Home for Children, Inc.
		CDBG	\$7,400.00	Village of Promise, Inc.
		CDBG	\$7,400.00	City of Huntsville
		CDBG	\$243,600.00	City of Huntsville
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION	HOME	\$101,738.00	City of Huntsville	
	CDBG	\$243,600.00	City of Huntsville	
	TOTAL	\$2,247,882.00		

The City of Huntsville is required to publish this summary of the Consolidated Action Plan and make copies of the Plan available for public inspection at various locations in the City. You may review a draft version of the Plan at the following locations: Huntsville Public Library main branch-915 Monroe St., Richard Showers Center-4600 Blue Springs Rd., Huntsville Housing Authority Central Office-200 Washington Street, Alabama Institute for Deaf & Blind (AIDB)-600 St. Clair Ave. Bldg. 2, North Alabama Coalition for the Homeless (NACH)-1580 Sparkman Dr., Suite 111, and the Community Development office-120 E. Holmes Ave. A 30-day comment period, which will end on September 5, 2016, is required before the Action Plan can be submitted to HUD. Comments or suggestions concerning the 2016 Action Plan should be made in writing and mailed to: City of Huntsville, Attention: Michelle Gilliam Jordan-Planning Director, Community Development Department, P.O. Box 308, Huntsville, Alabama 35801. For more information please contact Turkessa Coleman Lacey at (256) 427-5400.

**CIUDAD DE HUNTSVILLE
NOTA DE PRESENTACIÓN DEL PLAN DE ACCIÓN DEL 2016**

La ciudad de Huntsville, Alabama requiere preparar un Plan Consolidado cada cinco años, el cual es un análisis detallado de las necesidades de residencia o vivienda y no residenciales de la ciudad, recursos disponibles y el plan de utilización de esos recursos. El plan incluye un plan de estrategia de cinco años, un año de un Plan de Acción y las herramientas de implementación del Plan Consolidado para abordar algunas de las necesidades identificadas. Los fondos del Programa de Subsidios Globales para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG, por su sigla en inglés) y los fondos del Programa de Asociación para Inversiones en Vivienda (HOME, por su sigla en inglés) se reciben del Departamento de Viviendas y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos. Huntsville ha desarrollado estrategias de vivienda que incluyen esfuerzos para aumentar el número de unidades de viviendas. La ciudad también ha abordado las necesidades de la vivienda y de servicios de apoyo de grupo especiales como a las personas ancianas, de ingresos muy bajos, sin hogar, físicamente discapacitadas y enfermos mentales. Se han identificado fuentes anticipadas de financiamiento. Se proponen las siguientes actividades para los fondos de los programas CDBG y HOME en el Plan de Acción de Un Año para año fiscal 2016 (Julio-1-16 a Junio-30-17).

PROYECTO/PROGRAMA	FUENTE DE FINANCIAMIENTO	CANTIDAD	SUB-RECIPIENTE/SOCIO	
Nuevo programa de construcción	PÁGINA DE INICIO	\$238,982.00	Family Services Center, Inc. Habitat para la humanidad, Inc.	
ESTABILIZACIÓN DE BARRIO PROYECTO	Organización de desarrollo de vivienda comunitaria (CHDO)	PÁGINA DE INICIO	\$147,020.00	Family Services Center, Inc.
	Programa de asistencia de pago inicial (DAP)	PÁGINA DE INICIO	\$160,000.00	Family Services Center, Inc.
	Programa de asesoría de vivienda	PÁGINA DE INICIO	\$8,640.00	Family Services Center, Inc.
	Apilado el programa de reparación de mantenimiento hogar (DMHRP)	CDBG	\$347,202.00	CASA, Inc. De la ciudad de Huntsville
	Programa de ejecución de código Programa Multifamiliar	CDBG	\$450,000.00	De la ciudad de Huntsville
FERIA DE VIVIENDAS PARTICIPACIÓN pública y el proyecto de participación ciudadana		CDBG	\$361,000.00	Barrio Concepts, Inc.
		CDBG	\$1,500.00	Desarrollo de la comunidad de la ciudad de Huntsville
PROYECTO DE SERVICIOS PUBLICOS		CDBG	\$1,000.00	Desarrollo de la comunidad de la ciudad de Huntsville
		CDBG	\$7,400.00	Organization (AANVO) de infractores no violentos de Alabama
		CDBG	\$165,000.00	Club de muchachos y Casa de Harris para niños
		CDBG	\$7,400.00	Pueblo de promesa
ADMINISTRACIÓN DEL PROGRAMA		PÁGINA DE INICIO	\$101,738.00	Desarrollo de la comunidad de la ciudad de Huntsville
		CDBG	\$243,600.00	
	TOTAL	\$2,415,413.00		

La Ciudad de Huntsville requiere publicar este resumen del Plan Consolidado y hacer disponible copias del Plan para inspección pública en varios lugares de la ciudad. Usted puede revisar una versión preliminar del Plan en las siguientes ubicaciones: Biblioteca Pública de Huntsville - 915 Monroe Street., Centro de Richard Shower - 4600 Blue Springs Road., Oficina Central de la Autoridad de Vivienda de Huntsville- 200 Washington Street, Instituto para Sordos y Ciegos de Alabama (AIDB, por su sigla en inglés)- 600 St. Clair Ave. Bldg. 2, Coalición de Alabama del norte para personas sin hogar (NACH, por su sigla en inglés)- 1580 Sparkman Dr., Suite 111, y la Oficina del Desarrollo de la Comunidad- 120 E. Holmes Ave. Un período de comentario de 30 días, el cual terminará el Septiembre 5, 2016, es requerido antes de que el Plan de Acción pueda ser enviado a HUD. Comentarios o sugerencias sobre el Plan de Acción del 2016 debe hacerse por escrito y enviarse al Departamento del Desarrollo Comunitario de la Ciudad de Huntsville, Atención: Michelle Gilliam Jordan-Planning Director, P.O. Box 308, Huntsville, Alabama 35801. Para más información por favor de comunicarse con Turkessa Coleman Lacey al (256) 427-5400.

Champion Game Plan for Life

One of the ways we prepare for increase or promotion in our lives is to be thankful for what we already have. Let us not forget to be grateful for what God is already doing in our lives. When we are thankful, it creates an atmosphere of joy and peace that brings an inner strength to us. I know we all

have problems from time to time and that's why we have to be careful about complaining, because when we complain, it keeps us all stressed out and in a place of no progress. Life is about momentum so don't let the enemy slow you down on your journey Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters.



ValleyScopes

by Melissa Wilson/Seloma

GEMINI - The hassles that you may have felt susceptible to of late will be halting, which will give you ample time to contemplate something more pleasant, like a fiesta.

CAPRICORN - Through your tenacity you're able to discern a matter of perplexity and air out a bewildering situation.

LEO - Your courageous nature, along with a readiness to rely on inner instincts, will help you to maneuver through emotional issues that you've been somewhat engrossed with.

TAURUS - The things that others might allow to jeopardize their amorous connections happen to be what you openly invite, as a challenge in order to transcend yours.

SAGITTARIUS - While you are cognizant that your zealous exuberance might be obvious, take comfort in the fact that your fierce feelings and fervent mindset will lead you to answers that

make sense.

SCORPIO - Rest assured that a purposeful change may both intensify, as well as build up, a personal area of your life.

AQUARIUS - You might find yourself in a slightly fickle mood of late. However, keep in mind that in certain predicaments risk can be good; fear not so much.

VIRGO - Something noticeably astonishing will capture your interest, sparking a feeling of defiance and possibly moving you to action in a certain matter.

ARIES - You'll find that your focus on the things that you're grateful for, in addition to your positive

outlook, can be contagious and quite encouraging, to others.

LIBRA - Your need to vocalize thoughts right now could stem from an aversion to restraints and hindrances of any sort. State your piece. Preach.

PISCES - An unannounced or unanticipated event will give you a cerebral pause, where your admiration for either something, or someone, will tend to expand.

CANCER - You may have your eyes set on something that could seem to be somewhat of an optical illusion; however, your inner well being is your cornerstone during the challenges that you face.

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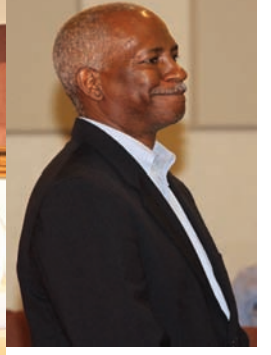
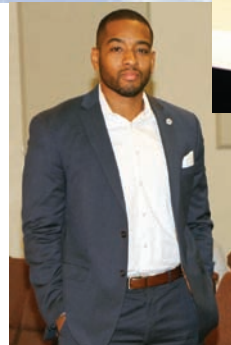
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United We Stand

Last week during the Democratic National Convention (DNC), we witnessed history happening as the first African-American president and the first female president nominee of the Democratic Party, shared the stage in support of one another. It was a beautiful thing to see two people who are considered minorities in America, a female and an African American male, in such a major political position.

As President Barack Obama reaches the end of his historical term governing the United States of America, he backs the first female nominee and former First Lady, Hillary Clinton as she enters presidency. Over the course of the convention, the speeches were undeniably remarkable as to be expected from the Democratic Party leaders.

As Hillary Clinton accepted her nomination for presidency, she touched on an important topic for quite sometime. She expressed the importance of unity. Hillary Clinton addressed the fact

that one man can't run a show, or do everything on his own. She acknowledged the roles that we all play in making America great, such as soldiers, nurses, teachers, entrepreneurs, public servants,



and more. Instead of trying to divide people and divide countries, Hillary Clinton addressed working together and forming more allies as oppose to enemies.

This message is much needed at a time where there is seemingly so much segregation between people. There is a divide between cops and civilians, religions,

LGBT rights, and racism. I was proud that Hillary addressed how much of a problem division is to our country. After all we are United States for a reason.

Our country was built off of the words, "We the people," which represents unity and accordance. Nothing can be built, not Rome and not a home, without the help of another. USA is a business, it is a corporation just like any other. It requires a president, boss, or leader, and plenty of people working together to achieve greatness.

Our country runs off group effort and activities that individuals put in to make our country the best and safest place to live. If we use that same mentality to work in unity on our individual projects and tasks, we would surely see success and greatness as a country.

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All the best,
Amoi Savage

OU Hosts City Beautification Awards

On July 29, Oakwood University hosted the Huntsville Beautification Awards for the second consecutive year.

The work of Oakwood's Grounds Department has been recognized on the city's Beautification Honor Roll for more than 15 years. The award is marked with a green and gold sign at Oakwood's main entrance to the campus.

Properties are judged on: first impression, originality, distinction, design, selection/quality of trees, shrubs, flowers, grass, ground cover, maintenance, hardscape design and maintenance, and litter control.

The City Beautification Board was created in 1956, to improve the appearance of Huntsville through ordinances and by recognizing the efforts of private and public sectors in making a more healthful and beautiful city. Huntsville's Beautification Awards have been presented for 36 years.



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- Funeral service for **Mr. John F. Jackson, Sr.**, will be announced at a later date.
- Funeral service for **Dr. John W. Hall** was held at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, August 4, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Huntsville. Dr. Hall was the husband of State Rep. Laura Hall.
- Funeral service for **Mrs. Mattie Williams Johnson** was held Thursday, August 4, at Briar Fork Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America with Pastor Theodis Acklin officiating.
- Funeral service for **Mr. Frank H. Claxton** was held Monday, August 1, at 11 a.m. at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor O. Wendell Davis officiating.
- Funeral service for **Mrs. Dora L. Petty** were held July 30 at 2 p.m. at Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Larry Davidson, Jr., officiating.

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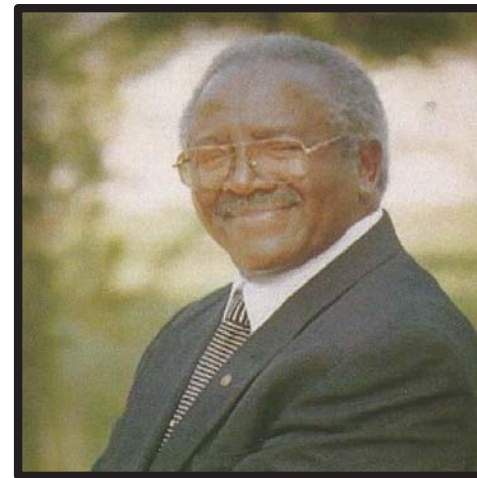
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