

"... Stark greed, the desire for wealth, has overridden all humane considerations." - Chancellor Williams

ASU-OU Student Set for Med School

A 13-year-old who is currently jointly studying biological sciences at Arizona State University and Oakwood University has made plans for med school in 2024.

Alena Analeigh Wicker of Fort Worth, Texas, has been accepted to and plans to attend the Heersiink School of Medicine at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, according to reports on "Good Morning America" and ABC News.

Alena recently received the President's Volunteer Service Award's lifetime achievement honor and graduated from high school last year at just 12 years old.

The talented student is also the founder of Brown Stem Girl, an organization she started to provide an outlet for girls of color in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) classes.



HMCPL Offering Free Computer Classes

The Huntsville-Madison County Public Library (HMCPL) is offering a series of computer classes throughout the month of August.

The online classes will be conducted using the Go To Meeting app. Persons who do not have the app will be able to download the app when they sign in for the first class.

For online classes, persons will be sent the Go To Meeting invitation link and materials in an email a few days before class.

The online classes include Excel Online; Briefing: Formatting Tables in Excel; Advanced Pivot Table Grouping; Online Briefing: Intro to Google Apps; Advanced Excel Online: Data Validation. More info? E-mail ahale@ hmcpl.org.



AAMU Farm Site of Town Hall

on Medicinal Cannabis

The Winfred Thomas Agricultural Research Station was the site for a July town hall designed to discuss myths and facts about medicinal cannabis and its effect on society.

Industry experts joined community advocates to host an in-person and online town hall in person and online to discuss the impact of medical cannabis in Alabama.

Patients, veterans, caregivers, community advocates and agricultural entities attended to learn more about the licensing process and how medical cannabis will impact the community. Organizers relied heavily upon the expertise provided by Dr. Rasean T. Hodge, a licensed physician practicing in Atlanta, Ga.

During May 2021, Governor Kay Ivey signed medical marijuana legislation into law, making Alabama the 37th state to adopt a medical cannabis program. The Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission is currently working to implement and administer the laws by making medical cannabis de-

rived from cannabis grown in Alabama available to registered qualified patients and by licensing facilities that process, transport, test or dispense medical cannabis. Beginning September 1, 2022, a person may apply to the commission for a license for an integrated facility or for a license as a cultivator processor, secure transporter, state testing laboratory or dispensary.

Alabama A&M University has been a major part of initiatives designed to foster ways for minorities to enter the Cannabis industry and to take on Social Justice, Diversity and Inclusion as it relates to the Cannabis enterprise. Among the attendees were Jerry Mitchell, Alabama Black Chamber of Commerce; Juandalynn Givan, Alabama State Representative; Reggie McKenzie, North Huntsville Business Association; and AAMU alumnus Antoine Mordican, CEO of Native Black Farm.

"It is important to facilitate community crosstalk about cannabis so that the public can be well informed and support all aspects of education from the agricultural perspective to safe patient use and community law," stated Air Force veteran and medicinal cannabis advocate Aretha Dix.

Mrs. Loretta Spencer

Subsequently, "the human toll of the Drug War in the United States had its greatest impact on the minority communities, and the lasting consequences have created a class of marginalized citizens with few opportunities for upward mobility," according to Dr. Ernst Cebert, responsible for plant breeding and genetics, as well as renewable energy, at AAMU's Winfred Thomas Agricultural Research Station, located in Hazel Green, Alabama.

Event hosts included the Alabama A&M University Winfred Thomas Research Station, LeBleu Fields Business Solutions, LCC and GaiaBox.

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Washington in One Minute



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

1. ON THE FLOOR. The Senate is in session this week and the House is in recess. The Senate, in its last week of session before the month-long August Recess, will have a lot on its plate, including debate on the \$739 billion Budget Reconciliation bill letting Medicare negotiate the costs of prescription drugs and containing the climate and energy-related provisions as part of the Schumer/Manchin agreement.

By statute, the debate on a reconciliation bill is limited to 20 hours, cannot be filibustered, and — once the 20-hour limit has expired — the remaining amendments are considered with little or no debate in a marathon voting session known as a "vote-a-rama."

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) pledged to bring up again a bill which would expand health care benefits for veterans exposed to toxic fumes caused by open burning of waste that was unexpectedly torpedoed last week when 25 Republicans changed their vote to no and prevented the bill from overcoming a filibuster.

The Senate may also take up a House-passed bill that requires the federal government to recognize same-sex and interracial marriages. Last Friday evening, the House passed a bill to ban assault weapons on a 217-213 vote before it adjourned, although Politico is reporting that the House may reconvene in 2 weeks to take up the Reconciliation bill if it is approved by the Senate.

2. THE WHITE HOUSE. On Saturday, President Biden announced that he once again tested positive for the coronavirus and, although he was not experiencing any symptoms, he would temporarily curtail his travel schedule, including a visit he had intended make to Capitol Hill on Saturday to meet with veterans who are holding a vigil there until the "burn pit" bill is passed. He also canceled a scheduled trip

to Hemlock, MI on Tuesday. Last Friday, he announced the nominations of 8 new federal judges, bringing the number of announced federal judicial nominees to 132, and approved a federal disaster declaration for Kentucky, which is coping with the aftermath of severe flooding in the eastern part of the commonwealth.

Last Thursday, the President held a 2-hour phone call with Chinese President Xi Jinping, in which the topic of Taiwan came up (as House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-CA, begins her trip to Asia, which may include a visit to Taiwan).

3. CHIPS LEGISLATION. On July 28, The U.S. House of Representatives voted 243-187 to pass the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022, which authorizes \$280 billion in funding to boost semiconductor and science innovation in the country.

The Senate previously passed a modified version of the CHIPS Act before sending the bill to the House for approval. President Joe Biden is expected to sign the legislation into law soon, officially opening funding of up to \$54.2 billion for chip companies to open new factories.

The CHIPS Act was triggered by the chip shortages over the last few years, which has held industries like automotive and consumer electronics hostage. The growing semiconductor content in cars and devices with on/ off switches has led to the shutdown of car production lines, while raising prices of chips. It's also notable that the legislation increases funding for the National Science Foundation by \$81 billion, laying the groundwork for increased growth and innovation.

4. AUGUST 2 PRIMARIES. On Tuesday, primary elections will be held in five (5) states: Arizona, Michigan, Missouri, Kansas and Washington, which will include a referendum for Kansas voters to decide whether to amend the state constitution to specify that it does not contain a right to abortion (to undo a 2019 Kansas Supreme

Court ruling that found the right was implicitly part of the state's governing document). These primaries will be the first of 15 primaries held around the nation in August.

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Public Notice: Huntsville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Meetings

The Citizens Advisory Committee of the Huntsville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization will meet Monday, August 15, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. The Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board meets on Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at 4:00 pm. All meetings are held on the 1st floor of COH City Hall located at 308 Fountain Circle, unless otherwise noted on the Huntsville-Area MPO website at www.huntsvillempo.org. To review items on the agenda for this meeting visit: http://www.huntsvillempo.org/plans-and-reports/ For all other information on these meetings visit: http://www.huntsvillempo.org/about/meetings-and-agendas/

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Funeral service for MR. GARY PARNELL SAUNDERS (b. 1957) will be held Thursday, August 4, at 1 p.m. at the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Minister Rodrick Harris officiating.

Memorial service for MR. KEYDRICK EVANS (b. 1997) will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, August 4, from Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel (Pastor Mylon Burwell, Officiant).

Funeral service for MR. JERRY LEE PARKER (b. 1973) was held Friday, July 29, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Hernandez Ford officiating.

Graveside service for MRS. VERETTA HOLLINGSWORTH (b. 1943) was held Saturday, July 23, at Valhalla Memory Gardens.

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Funeral service for EVANGELIST MARION ANDERSON DRAPER (b. 1958) will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, August 5, at the True Light Church of God in Christ (6380 Pulaski Pike N.W. Huntsville, Ala.) with Superintendent Bobby Sledge officiating.

Funeral service for MS. MATTIE SUE CARTWRIGHT (b. 1968) was held Monday, August 1, at the Madkin's Chapel C.P.C.A (2403 Oakwood Rd NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Reverend Endia J. Scruggs officiating.

Funeral service for MR. JEREMY DWAYNE CUMMINGS (b. 1990) was held Sunday, July 31, at the Royal Chapel of Memories (4315 Oakwood Avenue NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Darius Holden officiating.

Public viewing for MR. JOE WILLIE WALTON, JR., was held 2-5 p.m., Saturday, July 30, at the Royal Funeral Home.

Funeral service for MRS. TRUDIE MAE SATCHER (b. 1932) was held Saturday, July 30, at the West Mastin Lake Baptist Church (4705 Mastin Lake Rd NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Willie Hinton officiating.

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Funeral service for MS. GEORGIA WASHINGTON-WILSON was held Saturday, July 30, at Serenity Funeral Home.

Funeral service for MS. ASHLEY WILLIAMS was held Saturday, July 23, at Serenity Funeral Home, at 2 p.m.

THE VALLEY WEEKLY

THE FAMILY The Power of Forgiveness

Parents, spouses, siblings, friends, colleagues, church members and neighbors are all individuals with whom individuals have close relationships. Unfortunately, at one time or another, one or more of these individuals will do or say something so profoundly hurtful or painful to you, that you will vow "TO NEVER FORGIVE THEM."

I have been strongly encouraging and praying for a family to forgive another family for a seemingly unforgiveable action that caused great pain. The children in the families are not allowed to interact with each other.

No one is perfect.

Has anyone ever forgiven you for hurting or angering him/her? Stop and ponder your relationship with the one whom you think you cannot forgive? Have you done anything in the past to hurt or embarrass him/her?

Forgiveness is letting go

of anger, grudge and bitterness. It does not mean forgetting nor excusing the harm done to you, nor making the person think it's OK. It means creating feelings of understand-

ing, empathy and compassion for the one who hurt you, as well developing a peace that can help you go on with your life with a refreshing reality.

Quotes that may help empower one to forgive:

"Remember, the Lord forgives you, so you must forgive others."

~Colossians 3:13 Forgiveness is not an occasional act. It is a constant attitude."

Dr. Margaret J. Kelly

ther King, Jr.

"There is no love without forgiveness, and there is no forgiveness without love."

~Martin Lu-

"Forgiveness is the best form of love. It takes

a strong person to say "I'm sorry", and an even stronger person to forgive."

"Love is an act of endless forgiveness, a tender act that becomes a habit.

"Forgiveness is the final form of love."

Sources:

extension.msu.edu/experts mayoclinic.org The Holy Bible, KJV twitter.com

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THE REASON FOR DISCIPLINE

Hebrews 12:11 says, "No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it."

Have you ever felt God's discipline in your life and tried to understand why? Why am I enduring these hard times in my life and why do I need discipline from God? These were some of the questions that I thought about while studying this scripture. So I thought back to my own life and remembered the times that my father disciplined

I did something wrong, but it was because he loved me enough and cared about me in such a way that I wouldn't do anything to harm myself or anyone else. Today, I believe that we live in a time that lacks parental discipline. Now the word discipline means the practice of training people to obey rules using punishment to correct disobedience. So, we as Christians not only need to understand the "nature" of God's discipline, but we also need to know how to respond properly to it. And, the first thing we need is a good attitude so we don't say things like 'God is mad at me' or

me. It wasn't always because

'God doesn't like me.' I can remember as a father, when I disciplined my own kids, I was never "mad" at them. I just wanted them to do well in life. Just like God, our heavenly Father wants all of us to 'produce a harvest of righteousness and peace.'

The next thing we need is a submissive spirit, which means ready to conform to God's authority. When God disciplines us, we need to realize that it is for our good, to bring

out a good purpose for our lives. Jeremiah 29:11 says, for I know the plans that I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. You see, God's discipline is directed to "benefit" the believer and because He is so good, He would not

A CHAMPION GAME PLAN FOR LIFE discipline us if it were not going to produce something good out of it. So, let us not lose

is disciplining us, but let us celebrate the fact that God loves us and cares enough about us to see that we do well in all that we do ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters ... You can purchase my book, "A Champion Game Plan For Life" at amazon.com. Thank you for your support.

heart when God

VALLEY WEEKLY EVENTS

August 5-7 DL Hughley

Comedian Stand Up Live Huntsville Huntsville, Ala.

August 8

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Calvary Hills Community
Theater
7 p.m.

August 9

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Book your tour: http://ow.ly/SjQc50JW7Gm 5:30-8:30 p.m.

August 12 Summer Ghost Hunt at Huntsville's Historic Lowry House 1205 Kildare Street Huntsville, Ala. (205) 305-5098 7-10:30 p.m.

August 13

The Valley Arts Festival The Camp 5909 University Drive Huntsville, Ala. 1-11 p.m.

September 17

Football vs. Austin Peay Louis Crews Stadium Alabama A&M University 2 p.m.

October 1

Bulldog Football vs. Bethune-Cookman University Louis Crews Stadium Alabama A&M University 2 p.m.

October 4

Concert Earth, Wind & Fire Orion Amphitheater www.axs.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.

AUGUST 5 - JESSE WIL-

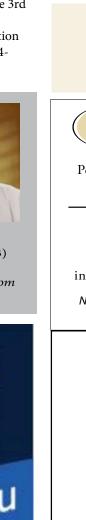
LIAMS - Jesse Wesley Williams is an American actor, director, producer and activist.

He is best known for his role as Dr. Jackson Avery on the ABC series Grey's Anatomy (2009–

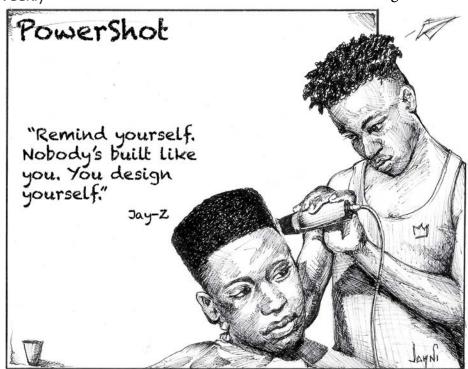
present). He has appeared in the films The Cabin in the Woods (2012), The Butler (2013) and Band Aid (2017).

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- Albert Murray



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Alabama A&M University **Bulldog Football 2022**

Sept. 1	at UAB	B'ham	7PM
Sept. 10	at Troy	Vet	6PM
Sept. 17	vs. AUSTIN PE	AY	2PM
Sept. 24	at FAMU		5PM
Oct. 1	HOMECOMIN	IG	
	(vs. Bethune-Coo	kman)	2PM
Oct. 8	vs. Grambling		1PM
Oct. 16	at UAPB (St. L	ouis)	3PM
	River City Cla	ssic	
Oct. 29	vs. Alabama St	tate	
	Magic City Cla	assic	2:30PM
Nov. 3	at MVSU		6:30PM
Nov. 12	vs. Jackson State		
	Gulf Coast Challenge		
	Mobile, Ala.		TBA
Nov. 19	vs. Texas South	ern	1PM

SWAC Championship

Huntsville Happenings



The Boys and Girls Clubs of North Alabama (BGCNAL) held its annual "Leaders and Legends" Dinner, presented by Hiley Automotive Group, recently at Huntsville Von Braun Center South Hall.

Former New Orleans Saints Quarterback Drew Brees was the keynote speaker for the annual event fundraiser.

BGCNAL President/ CEO Patrick Wynn inducted two former club members into the Hall of Fame--Ms. Morgan Saintjones, executive director of Huntsville's Legacy Center & BGCNAL Board Member, and Dr. Gerald Onuoah, internal medicine physician for Nashville's HCA Tristar System.

Although many attendees were there to support the annual BGCNAL fundraiser and to pay respect for the two Hall of Fame inductees, the highlight of the evening was the recognition by BGCNAL President/CEO Patrick Wynn of Mrs. Liz Clemons, director of BGCNAL's James A. Lane Club, located on Abingdon Avenue in Huntsville (shown above).

Mrs. Clemons was honored for her 30 years of service to the Boys and Girls Club. A member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated,

Mrs. Clemons has partnered with her sorority,

to provide experiences and resources for kids at the James Lane Club.

Hall of Fame Honoree, Dr. Onuoah, credited Mrs. Liz Clemons for helping him when he was a student at the Club and thanked her publicly during the event for his success on becoming a medical doctor.

He presented "Mrs. Liz," as she is affectionally known by her club kids, with the flowers from



other local sororities and fraternities and many other community organizations

BGCNAL during the yearly activity.





Perspectives on **God Views** Current News

Kyrie Irving as LA Laker? Please, prove me wrong!

"I will rise above the highest clouds and make myself like the Most High" - Isaiah 14:14.

Muhammad Ali would never have been the three-time heavyweight champ without challengers Sonny Liston, Joe Frazier, and George Foreman. While special talents are needed to be #1 special characteristics such as perseverance, selflessness, and timing are required to become even #2.

Many show that they can never be the top person until they've mastered being a leader from the middle.

Two such persons are Lucifer from the above Bible text and now once again, three-time All-NBA star Kyrie Irving. Rumors of him becoming a Los Angeles Laker - and rejoining former Cleveland Cavaliers teammate LeBron James (LBJ) are disturbing.

For all the leaders from the middle, the enigmatic Kyrie Irving is a poor example of how to be number one from a number two position. As his history proves it, . . .

Worse, the Lakers have a terrible history of cramming their roster with All-Stars - and losing.

Mr. Have-Cross-over-Dribble-Will-Travel?

Ironically, Irving:

- Wore #2 on his Cavalier uniform even though he resented being #2 to LBJ;
- In 2017, he was even second in sneaker sales of course, behind LBJ.
- This 2012 Rookie of the Year couldn't handle being Robin to Batman - the earlier 2004 Rookie of the Year LBJ!



In 2017, he engineered his trade to the Boston Celtics, and then

his trade to the Brooklyn Nets in 2019; in 2022, his Nets were swept 4-0 by those Celtics.

Of all the teams, why would he be interested in becoming a

The L.A. Lakers' Losing Formula

Despite 17 championships in 75 years, the Lakers lose often when overstuffing All-Stars on their rosters. In 1968, for example, Wilt Chamberlain joined Lakers All-Stars Jerry West and Elgin Baylor – and they won nothing those next four years until Chamberlain and Baylor retired.

Their 2004 season featured them signing two-time MVP Karl Malone and 1996 Defensive Player of the Year Gary Payton to join All-Stars Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant - and the eventual champion Detroit Pistons beat them 4-1 in those

Please prove me wrong, . . . I've been wrong before. But adding the seven-time All-Star Irving to a Lakers roster already engorged with All-Stars LBJ, Anthony Davis, Carmello Anthony, and maybe/maybe not Russell Westbrook is already a recipe for continued unfulfilled dreams and hopes.

If the LBJ and Kyrie marriage didn't work the first time,...

There's nothing wrong with having dreams and hopes; success dictates that they be anchored in reality and documented

CALLED 2 PREACH

Grasshoppers, Giants Grapes & God

It is the nature of narratives to present these kinds of diversities as a means to bring about a segued summary that makes a lasting impression.

Such is the case in the story of the 12 spies that Moses sent out to survey the Promised Land. When these 12 brought back the report to the people of



God, 10 of them declared themselves as being grasshoppers; in other words, inferior.

Because of that mentality, their attention was on the giants in the land. Joshua and Caleb had a difference of opinion.

While the grasshoppers saw giants, these two saw God, and because they saw God, they brought back the grapes as optic proof of God's promise of power to overcome the giants.

Unfortunately, the people heard the majority, and that kept them on a 40-year journey that should have taken less than two weeks.

The grapes were not the only thing in the land, and



the giants were there to build faith in God, who had already informed Moses about both.

God is always for us and since there were both giants and grapes, their size were signs of a preview to how God would get Himself glory and give untold blessings to His people.

The grasshopper analogy was just that, an analogy, and it was not introduced

by God. Rather, unbelief produced it.

We must be careful not to add anything to the promises of God. By themselves they are always "yes and amen."



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This Sunday's Lectionary



Sunday, August 7, 2022 Ninth Sunday After Pentecost (Track 2 - Year C) Genesis 15:1-6 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40 Psalm 33:12-22

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

Mrs. Loretta Spencer

Mayor Loretta Purdy Spencer graduated from the University of Alabama in 1959 with a B.S. degree in elementary education.

She returned to
Huntsville to teach
fifth grade at Fifth
Avenue School.
Spencer spent the next
30 years focused on
volunteerism, most
notably as the president
of boards, such as The
Boys and Girls Club,
The Senior Center, The
Botanical Gardens,
and as chair of the
Huntsville Planning
Commission.

While chairman, she helped develop Cummings Research Park West, the second largest research park in the United States.

In 1996, Spencer was elected as the first female mayor of Hunts-ville, as well as the first woman to be elected mayor of a large city in Alabama.

She served three terms as mayor and is credited with such accomplishments as bringing the Toyota V-8 Engine Plant, the Target Distribution Center, the downtown Embassy Suites Hotel, Bridgestreet



Town Centre and a host of retail businesses to Hunts-ville, as well as beginning the revitalization of the downtown area.

She has received a multitude of awards and much recognition for her vision and leadership.

Since leaving office, Spencer continues to contribute her time and resources to many worthwhile organizations, including the Army Space and Missile Defense Board (ASMDA), the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra Board, the Community Free Clinic, The Calhoun College Foundation Board and the Hudson Alpha Institute for Biotechnology.



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