

"Every calamity is to be overcome by endurance." - Virgil

Bob Harrison Center Site of 10th Alabama Women in Jazz

The 10th Annual Alabama Women in Jazz Festival will be held Friday, September 8, and Saturday, September 9, at the Robert "Bob" Harrison Senior Wellness & Advocacy Center, 6156 Pulaski Pike. Kickoff is September 8 at 6 p.m.

Join jazz enthusiasts for an exciting music-filled event. Listen for updates. Last year's phenomenal performances included performances by jazz pianist Nancy Pendergraph, Phebe Jones, The Moore Twins, Sherry Reeves, Lynnece Henry and others.

For more information, visit valleyartsandenter-tainment.org

Hundreds of Works to Be Shown at Monte Sano Arts Fest

Monte Sano Art Festival (5105 Nolen Avenue SE, Huntsville, Ala.) will be held on September 16-17, 2023. The Fest will host about 100 local and regional artists who will be exhibiting their works



in various categories, such as woodworking, metal work, glasswork, pottery, painting, fiber arts, jewelry, photography, and others.

Also, enjoy music and delicious food from food vendors. Hours: Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Visit www. artshuntsville.org.

IMS Annual Fundraiser Set

The Interfaith Mission Service (IMS) will hold its 2023 Annual Celebration

and Awards Conference on September 20 at Trinity United Methodist Church -



Wesley Hall, 607 Airport Road SW, Huntsville, Ala., from 6-7:30 p.m.

The theme of the evening is based on the inspirational sentiment of Dr. King, "The Fierce Urgency of Now." The scheduled keynote speaker is Jacquelyn Gates Shipe, CEO of Global Ties Alabama. For tickets, visit interfaithmissionservice.org.

AAMU Alumni Association Readies for Homecoming Golf Tournament

As the excitement continues to build for the long-awaited gridiron contest between the Alabama A&M University Bulldogs and Tuskegee's Gold Tigers on September 30, one group of alumni is preparing for yet another major event.

The Alabama A&M University Alumni Association, Inc., will host its 2023 Homecoming Golf Tournament on Thursday, September 28, 7 a.m. registration at the Huntsville Country Club, four-person scramble.

"We are seeking sponsorships from individuals, organizations, businesses and philanthropic organizations who believe in the power of education," said Michael Miller of MJT Integrated Systems Solutions, Inc., who serves as fundraising committee chair.

Mr. Jesse Johnson, Jr.

"We are excited about bringing the tournament back, and growing it to be the premier fund raising event for the University's students," Miller said.

For additional information about the Association's 2023 Homecoming Golf Tournament on Thursday, September 28, contact Miller at (256) 656-7719, or e-mail him at michael. miller@mjt-iss.com.

Daughter of Zion Schedules Inaugural Women's Conference Sept. 9

The Daughter of Zion ministry will hold its inaugural "Women of Worship" Conference on Saturday, September 9, at the Westin Hotel in Huntsville, Ala., from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The free session will include prayer, praise and worship, and the conference theme is "Travail."

For additional information, contact Min. Toni Savage (shown on right), president/founder, at info@ dzministries.com.

To register, visit https:// www.eventbrite.com/e/ wow-2023-women-ofworship-conference-tickets-644439334397

Don't dare miss it!





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100BMOGH Holds Its 23rd Annual Golf Classic

was divided into three

flights--two for male golfers

and one for female golfers.

On August 5, 2023, members of 100 Black Men of Greater Huntsville (100BMOGH), Inc. held their 23rd Annual John Riche Memorial Golf Classic at the picturesque Colonial Golf Course in Meridianville, Ala.

The 100BMOGH is committed to making a positive impact in the lives of the community's youth. The John Riche Memorial Golf Classic serves as a fundraising event to support the Men of Tomorrow (MOT) Mentoring Program and Educational Scholarships.

These initiatives are the heart of the "Four for the Future" Cornerstone Programs, which target Mentoring, Education, Health & Wellness, and Economic Empowerment.

Over the past 23 years, 100BMOGH has proudly



awarded over \$300,000.00 in scholarships to Tennessee Valley Youth. These scholarships are granted annually to deserving young individuals who meet prescribed requirements, regardless of race, gender, or religious preference.

This year, programs are focused on Robotics, Basic Sciences, and Economic Empowerment. They are also passionate about providing tutoring, educational field trips, and a strong foundation for our youth's success.

The main golfing event

Prizes were awarded to the first, second, and third-place winners in each flight. Not to mention, we have exciting awards for the longest drive and the closest shot to the pin!

The golfers had the thrill-

The golfers had the thrilling opportunity to participate in two hole-in-one contests, with top prizes worth \$10,000 and a staggering \$1 million

By participating in the 23rd Annual John Riche Memorial Golf Classic, persons not only got to enjoy a fantastic day of golf but also to contribute to a cause that shapes the future of the youth and empowers them to achieve greatness.

- Gary T. Whitley, Jr. Photo by Anthony Gibson

AUGUST 18 - MALCOLM-JAMAL WARNER

- Malcolm-Jamal Warner is an American actor, director, producer, musician, and writer. He is best known for his roles as Theo Huxtable on the NBC sitcom The Cosby Show and as Malcolm McGee on the UPN sitcom Malcolm & Eddie. He also starred as Dr. Alex Reed in the sitcom Reed Between the Lines. He currently stars as Dr. AJ Austin on the FOX medical drama The Resident. Warner was raised by his divorced mother, Pamela, who served as his manager. He was named for Malcolm X and jazz pianist Ahmad Jamal.



- BlackCelebrityBirthdays.com

Orion Event Focuses on Hispanic Culture

Celebrate the start of Hispanic Heritage Month at The Orion Amphitheater on Sunday, September 17, from 12-6 p.m. with "CulturA

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Festiva," a FREE community festival presented by Revel Events Agency and El Olmeca.

The six-hour CulturA Festival is an annual celebration of Hispanic culture, food and music in Huntsville. The event will consist of diverse Hispanic food trucks from Mexico, Venezuela, Puerto Rico, Nicaragua and many other countries. Live musical per-

formances by various Latin music genres will also be featured, as well as a Latinoowned vendors village and a panel discussion with Latin-

> owned business owners and community leaders in Huntsville.

This year, CulturA
Festival expands its footprint by adding a 'Wellness Village' presented
by Huntsville Hospital and
consisting of resources
and services in the health,
financial, education and
social sectors that lead to
the success of a community.
This is a free event, open to
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Memorial service for MS. ADRIANA MC-CANTS (b. 1992) will be on Saturday, August 19, at 11 a.m. at the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.





Funeral service for MR. ROBERT JACKSON, JR. (b. 1937) was held Saturday, August 12, at Saint Luke Christian Church with Pastor T. C. Johnson officiating.

Funeral service for MR. KENNETH GREEN was held Friday, August 11, at New Life Seventh-day-Adventist Church (3912 Pulaski Pike NW – Huntsville, AL 35810) with Pastor James Battle officiating.





Funeral service for MRS. KATHERINE CONER-LY (b. 1956) was held Tuesday, August 8, at Progressive Union Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Dion Jamar Watkins officiating.

ROYAL FUNERAL HOME

4315 Oakwood Avenue NW Huntsville, AL 35810 - (256) 534-8481

Funeral service for MRS. NANNIE LEE BAKER ERWIN (b. 1946) was held Saturday, August 12, at the Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church (13376 Dupree Worthey Road, Harvest, Ala.) with Pastor Willie Lewis Baker officiating.

Memorial service for MR. BOOKER T. COLEMAN (b. 1949) was held Saturday, August 12, at Royal Chapel of Memories.

Funeral service for MRS. ANNIE LOIS TONEY SCOTT (b. 1933) was held Friday, August 11, at the Madkins Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (2403 Oakwood Road, Huntsville, Ala.)

Funeral service for MS. ANDREA CHRISTINA BRAN-DON (b. 1978) was held Sunday, August 6, at the Mt. Zion Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (3726 Pryor Road Madison, Ala.) with Pastor Willie Diggs as eulogist and Pastor James Robinson officiating.

SERENITY FUNERAL HOME

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

Funeral service for MR. KEITH HOLLEY (b. 1986) was held Monday, August 14, at the Serenity Funeral Home Chapel.



Spiritual Game Plan

Who's on First?

Matthew 6:33 says, "But, seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

One of the things we need to realize is that God demands to be first in our lives. When we put Him first, it establishes His importance in our lives. If God is not Lord of all, then He is not Lord at all when it comes to our lives. For example, if watching football is first in your life, then football is lord of your life. If shopping is first in your life, then shopping is lord of your life. If your job and your money are first in your life, then your job and your money are lords of vour life.

Now Lord is translated

as 'Adonai,' which is equivalent to ruler or master. If these things are ruling over your lives, then you have entered a dangerous place

that is not God's will for your life. Anytime our will becomes greater than God's will for our lives, the result will be separation from God. That's why

it is important that we seek Him first so things don't get out of hand.

Now, the definition of being first is preceding all others in time and in order of importance. That's why God demands to be first, because He has blessed us so much. Always remember that total obedience produces total reward.

Whatever we decide to

seek first will always determine the quality of our lives. Matthew 6:21 reminds us that "where

your treasure is there your heart will be also." Those who place God first also have hearts that want to

> please Him. May God grant you spiritual success in choosing the very best for your life. *Question*: What things do you value the most in your life?

Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters, and make sure you purchase a copy of my books Spiritual Game Plans For A Successful Life and A Champion Game Plan for Life at amazon.com, Westbow Books, or if you have a PayPal account, email me at prestonbrown81@gmail. com and I will send you an autographed copy.



Huntsville Council Meetings

Huntsville City Council's regular meetings are held in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Build-

Building on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each

Thursday of each month at 6 p.m.

Council work sessions are also held in the Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. For more information, call (256) 427-5011.

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"To be poor is hard, but to be a poor race in a land of dollars is the very bottom of hardships."

- W.E.B. Du Bois





HAPPENINGS, ACTIVITIES & MORE!

Thru September 23

"Fire Becomes Her" Art Exhibition by Ace Lemlev Lowe Mills ARTS & Entertainment **UAH Project Space** 2211 Seminole Drive Huntsville, Ala. 5-7 p.m.

August 18-19

Christopher Titus Comedian Stand Up Live Huntsville 2012 Memorial Pkwy SW Huntsville, Ala. (256) 261-3374

August 19

Shop Black Huntsville Fest Butler Green @ Campus 805 Huntsville, Ala.

Shakespeare in the Garden "A Midsummer Night's Dream" Huntsville Botanical Garden

7:30 p.m.

August 23

Brad Williams Comedian Stand Up Live Huntsville 2012 Memorial Pkwy SW Huntsville, Ala. (256) 261-3374

August 27

Learning Expo 2023 The Orion Amphitheater MidCity Huntsville, Ala. 1 p.m.

August 30

My Cousin Tiera Comedian Stand Up Live Huntsville 2012 Memorial Pkwy SW Huntsville, Ala. (256) 261-3374

September 7

Steve Brown Comedian Stand Up Live Huntsville 2012 Memorial Pkwy SW Huntsville, Ala. (256) 261-3374 7 p.m.

September 9

Bulldog Football vs. Lane College Louis Crews Stadium Alabama A&M University 6 p.m.

September 15

NEACA Fall Craft Show Von Braun Center 9 a.m.

September 21

Bulldog Football vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff Louis Crews Stadium Alabama A&M University 6:30 p.m.

September 30

Rich Girl Goals Conference A Boss Lady Society richgirlgoals2020@gmail. Huntsville, Ala. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Bulldog Football vs. Tuskegee

Louis Crews Stadium Alabama A&M University 2 p.m.

October 7

Rocket City Scottish Festival and Highland Games Sharon Johnston Park 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

PowerShot "Blessed are they who see beautiful things in humble places where other people see nothing. Camille Pissarro



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"Gods always behave like the people who make them."

- Zora Neale Hurston

Strength ...



Strength ...
Where do you pull it from when you feel you have nothing else to give? You're tapped out. Mentally and physically, gone. (That mental can sure tear that physical down quickly)
So, in this time of despair, where do

It is easy to talk about it, but when you want to lie there. You don't want to think about anything, move, open your eyes, or go anywhere; you just want to be ... how do you break

you get your strength?



out of this before your circumstance changes?

You have GOT to do something! I know you don't want to, but the first step is all it takes. No one else is responsible for getting you up and out of this funk. Read, watch something funny, drive, go somewhere you haven't been, dress up, smile, dance, workout ... move. You cannot lay there. You are wasting time and your life.

Trouble can't always last. It just cannot. Think back on when you felt it would last before. It ended! Grab your strength with a shift of mindset. It is not the end until it is the end,

and if it's not going to matter five years from now, don't allow it to take the strength you have. Take it back!!!

You can do it; think back; you're a warrior; you've done it before! Grab your strength, and let's go!

ON THIS DAY



The Anti-Cigarette League of America was established in Chicago, Illinois, in 1919.

- onthisday.com

"An imbalance between rich and poor is the oldest and most fatal ailment of all republics."

- Plutarch

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.

This Sunday's Lectionary



Sunday, August 20, 2023 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost (Track 2, Year A)
First Lesson:
Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Psalm 67
Second Lesson:
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
GOSPEL:

Matthew 15:[10-20],21-28

'No More Dirty' Good Music & Arts Fest Set Oct. 1

No More Dirty (NMD) announces its 3rd Annual No More Dirty Good Music & Arts Festival on October 1 at Big Spring Park East, 200 Church Street, in downtown Huntsville, Ala., from 3-8 p.m. The free event has been dubbed "100% Kid & Family Friendly" and will include food, fun and games.

In addition to Denise Tichenor-Davis and comedian Small Fire, the guest artist roster features Chris Brunson & Anointed, Charles & Tanya Harris, DBrealmuzik, Angela Bryant, Sky Jasper and the Huntsville Community Drumline. The DJ's House will include DJ Sam Smite, DJ Teef, DJ Siza Hanz and DJ Fanatic.

Among the activity's

co-sponsors are Redstone Federal Credit Union, Huntsville Music Office, Huntsville Utilities, Asha Kiran and the City of Huntsville. For additional information, contact host Fred Whitlow II at info@ nomoredirty.org.



Perspectives on
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Increase Your

Memory Power

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Want to Improve your Memory? Start with "What's that in your Hand?"

And the Lord said to him, "What is that in your hand?" He said, "A rod."

And he said, "cast it on the ground" - Exodus 4:2,3

Previous to the Bible verses, the shepherd Moses was telling God why he couldn't follow his command to lead his fellow Israelites out of their 400-year Egyptian slavery.

God then ordered him to throw down his shepherding rod, which then became a snake. God then had Moses retrieve it, returning it to a shepherd's rod.

Here, God was showing Moses that they would partner to bring victory, once Moses used the resources in his hand.

If you like me are starting to forget things more and more - both young and old - join me in following Moses' mandate: in your and my hands are God's words, humility, and old-school tools.

Sometimes it is easier to recall activities from 20, 30, and 40 years ago than it is to remember tasks from 20, 30, or 40 minutes ago!

[DISCLAIMER: This column is NOT to replace medical or professional advice. Instead, it's my natural, humbling way to reverse my increasing memory seepage.]

Again, "what is that in your hand?" God's Word, humility, and old-school tools.

"In the Beginning, ..."

What built my memory 60 years ago was the three-pronged process of memorizing Bible verses at home, for church school, and church.

Recently, I downloaded an app that will make me once again memorize, write, and recite three new Bible verses weekly.

"Repeat after me, ..."

The maxim "repetition deepens the impression" actually works

I'm learning now to humble myself and ask what they've just said; then in my own words, I'll recap their instructions!

"Write On!

My latest venture is to jot down what I heard being said - that is, when I can remember to carry a small pad and pen!

The Navigators founder-evangelist Dawson Trotman once said, "Thoughts disentangle themselves when they pass through the lips and fingertips."

These are God-gifts immediately available to us, "in your hands."

Are these three tools of humility, Bible re-memorizations, and notetaking working?

I'll keep you posted, . . . that is, if I remember.

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Scenes from the Jerome Saintjones Retirement Celebration





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

Mr. Jesse Johnson, Jr.

Korean and Vietnam War veteran Jesse Johnson, Jr., of Tampa, Fla., devoted more than 41 years to a career built on enlisted, civilian and corporate experiences. He served the Army as an enlisted officer and served in both Korea and Vietnam for almost 11 years. From there, he served 30 years in the civil service arena as a specialist in equipment for the HAWK Missile System; to the Maintenance Engineering Directorate, USAMICOM; as a logistics and program management specialist; and as am international program management specialist.

Even for a few years following his retirement in 1995, he continued to serve as a consultant for international program management at Sigma Tech, Inc., of Huntsville, Ala.

Mr. Johnson has been married to Mrs. Ella Mary Harris for more than six decades, and they are the parents of three children, one daughter in Hoover, Alabama, and two sons, one in Huntsville and the other in Jacksonville, Florida. One of his grandsons was accepted into Harvard University, which made Mr. Johnson awfully proud. They also have five beauti-



ful grandchildren, three grandsons and two granddaughters. In addition, he has one sister and two brothers.

His religious and community service is legion and encompasses contributions to the Alabama A & M University Alumni Association, Defense systems Management College Alumni Association, Pacesetters Lions Club, International Association of Lions Clubs, Blacks in Government, The American Legion, the National Court Appointed Special Advocate Association, the North Alabama International Trace Association and the Alabama Association of Human Resource Boards. Additional service include membership and board positions with the Alabama Lions Sight Conservation

Association, the Eyesight Foundation of Alabama, the Huntsville/Madison County Senior Center, the Madison County Department of Human Resources, Harris Home for Children, First Community Health Plan, TARCOG Area Agency on Aging, Alabama Silver-Haired Legislature, AL Institute for the Death and Blind, Volunteers of America, State Bible Bowl Coordinator for the Scholastic Motivation Ministries of the AL 2nd Jurisdiction Lions Club, Loan Executive for the United Way, Child Protection Board of Madison County, Madison County Juvenile Courts Dependency Task Force, Madison County/Limestone County Community Action Agency, C. H. Mason Bible College within the Church of God in Christ, the Nike Gold Tournament, and a Deacon, Past Trustee, Sunday School and Bible Teacher at First Church of God in Christ.

A sociology and economics graduate of historic Alabama A&M University, Johnson still enjoys golf, chess, home construction projects and gardening.

He has amassed awards and commendations far too numerous to list.



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Focusing on Early Childhood Education = Long-term Success!

(BPT) - Being a parent means fostering the attributes children need to succeed in life. The aim is to create humans who will be a benefit to society, exemplifying strong character, morals, intelligence, confidence and more. That's why it's important to be intentional with what children are taught from a young age, beginning in early childhood education programs.

According to a survey of parents with children ages 0-6 conducted by OnePoll on behalf of Kiddie Academy Educational Child Care, parents prioritize learning soft skills and social issues in early childhood education over subjects like math, history, geography and science. Parents are looking for a well-rounded experience that isn't necessarily aimed at teaching the common

subjects that come to mind when thinking about "school" in general.

Instead, parents are more likely to want to narrow in on "outcomes" that will propel their children forward in areas that will

help them become successful adults.

So what are the key outcomes parents should look for when choosing an early childhood education program? Experts at Kiddie Academy say the outcomes of character, confidence, curiosity, connection, critical thinking and creative



expression are the most important.

"When we concentrate on building skills to benefit children for life, especially at a young age, we aren't solely focused on teaching domains of education that increase subject knowledge, but instead on building a developmental base that will form the foundation for

future education," said Ocie Watson-Thompson, Ed.D, at Towson University and Kiddie Academy curriculum advisory board member.

For children of preschool age, focusing on the outcomes of hands-on, play-based experiences is key. Social-emotional development is another result of early childhood education that should not be overlooked. Everything a child learns in a child care program should build a developmental foundation.

According to NAEYC, early math, for example, is not about the rote learning of discrete facts like how much 5 + 7 equals or worksheets with one correct answer. Rather, it's about children actively making sense of the world around them and using openended playful exploration to encourage children to solve problems in real situations. In this case, the outcome of critical thinking is built around subtle mathematical principles, providing the foundation for learning more complex concepts as children grow.

Other outcomes like

confidence, connection and creative expression are built by helping children recognize their strengths and abilities, fostering positive relationships with peers and adults, and through imaginative crafts and play. It's a building-block concept. Each outcome is the first block in what will eventually grow into a fully developed and sturdy tower.

Parents today find it more important for children to learn practical life skills over traditional academics in the early childhood development years, according to the aforementioned survey. And it appears they're on to something. Focusing on the practical outcomes a child can learn in their early years can make all the difference in kickstarting a lifetime of learning.

Huntsville Announces 2023 Jazz in the Park Lineup

Some of the country's most revered jazz artists will participate in Hunts-ville's annual Jazz in the Park concert series scheduled for September.

Artists scheduled to perform at this year's festival were revealed on Wednesday, May 24, by Kenny Anderson, director of the City's Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (ODEI). As with previous years, free performances will be each Sunday in September at Big Spring Park East.

Jazz in the Park-Huntsville includes music education workshops with local students. The workshops expose young people to high caliber jazz recording artists and cover topics such as improvisation, section playing, tuning, intonation and more.

This year's festival will act as a kick-off event for Huntsville Music Month, observed each September. Music Officer Matt Mandrella said Jazz in the Park's enduring popularity is paramount to transforming Huntsville into a music city.

The schedule of performers is as follows:

Sunday, Sept. 3

5 p.m. – Erisa Nicole 6 p.m. – Tr3ple Threat 7:30 p.m. – Jessy J

Sunday, Sept 10

5 p.m. – Noelette Leader-Hutton 6 p.m. – Chandra Currelley 7:30 p.m. – Brian Simpson

Sunday, Sept. 17

5 p.m. – Calhoun Community College Show Band 6 p.m. – BK Jackson 7:30 p.m. – Alex Bugnon

Sunday, Sept. 24

5 p.m. – Angela Bryant Brown

6 p.m. – Marqueal Jordan 7:30 p.m. – Ben Tankard

Presented by Cynthia Joiner Real Estate, Jazz in the Park-Huntsville is a collaboration between the City's ODEI and Parks & Recreation Department.

For more information, visit the Jazz in the Park-Huntsville Facebook page.

