

# The Valley Weekly

*"Be wary of feeling as though there is not enough room at the table."*

- ZZ Packer

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## Actress Gives Praises Church for 'Rare Courage and Character'

Phillips Christian Methodist Episcopal Church hosted a black tie gala on Friday, August 21, at The Jackson Center as part of a series of events aimed at observing the church's 150th anniversary. Rev. Keith E. Ellison serves as pastor.

Actress, producer and director Robin Givens was the occasion's keynote speaker.

"It's clear the Lord has built Phillips, and he stands over it," Givens said. "You have grown stronger, with rare courage and character."



She added that she and the members of the church "are people of courage, hope and change, without fear of transformation."

It is out of their broken-

ness, she added, that develop authenticity and their greater strength.

Givens said broken marriages and the loss of a sister have caused her to rely more heavily on God. "When God strips us bare," she said, "something beautiful is born."

Givens stated that the human experience is "very much the same" and that "to be human is to know heartbreak; faith is my inheritance."

## NC Governor Appoints Former AAMU Administrator to Board

North Carolina Governor Pat McCrory has appointed a former Alabama A&M University administrator and physicist to serve on important STEM board.

Dr. Daryush Ila is associate vice chancellor for research, CRO and chief tech-transfer officer at Fayetteville State University in North Carolina. Ila previously served as a professor of physics and executive director of the AAMU Research Institute.

Governor McCrory appointed Ila to the Board of Science, Technology & Innovation. In 1963, the North Carolina General Assembly established the North Carolina Board of Science & Technology to encourage, promote, and support scientific, engineering, and industrial research applications in North Carolina.

As a board member, Ila will help identify, support and foster important research needs of both public and private agencies, institutions and organizations in North Carolina that relate to the State's economic growth and development. He will also make recommendations concerning policies, procedures, organizational structures and financial requirements that will promote effective use of scientific and technological resources in fulfilling the research needs identified and that will promote the economic growth and development



of North Carolina.

Further, the board allocates funds to support research projects, to purchase research equipment and supplies, to construct or modify research facilities, to employ consultants, and for other purposes necessary or appropriate in discharging the duties of the board.

In the 2014 legislative session, the General Assembly changed the Board's name to Board of Science, Technology & Innovation. To meet these goals, the Board works to investigate new areas of emerging science and technology and conducts studies on the competitiveness of state industry and research institutions in these fields. The Board also works with the General Assembly and the Governor to put into place the infrastructure that keeps North Carolina on the cutting edge of science and technology.



**ON TARGET!** Student athlete is shown a split second before a pitch lands on target, sending him plunging into a giant bucket of water. The setup was among the fun and games at Alabama A&M University's annual Fan Day held Saturday, August 22, at Louis Crews Stadium.



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# College Football 2015



## ALABAMA A&M BULLDOGS 2015 Schedule

Sept. 5 - at U. of Cincinnati  
Sept. 19 - at Prairie View A&M  
**Sept. 26 - UAPB**

Oct. 3 - at Coastal Carolina  
Oct. 10 - at Grambling  
Oct. 17 - Jackson State  
Oct. 31 - vs. Alabama State

Nov. 7 - Mississippi Valley  
Nov. 14 - at Southern  
Nov. 21 - at Alcorn State  
Nov. 28 - Texas Southern



## ALABAMA CRIMSON TIDE 2015 Schedule

Sept. 5 - vs. Wisconsin  
Sept. 12 - Middle Tennessee  
Sept. 19 - Ole Miss  
Sept. 26 - Louisiana-Monroe

Oct. 3 - at Georgia  
Oct. 10 - Arkansas  
Oct. 17 - at Texas A&M  
Oct. 24 - Tennessee

Nov. 7 - LSU  
Nov. 14 - at Mississippi State  
Nov. 21 - Charleston Southern  
Nov. 28 - at Auburn



## AUBURN TIGERS 2015 Schedule

Sept. 5 - vs. Louisville  
Sept. 12 - Jacksonville State  
Sept. 19 - at LSU  
Sept. 26 - Mississippi State

Oct. 3 - San Jose State  
Oct. 10 - at Kentucky  
Oct. 24 - at Arkansas  
Oct. 31 - Ole Miss

Nov. 7 - at Texas A&M  
Nov. 14 - Georgia  
Nov. 21 - Idaho  
Nov. 28 - Alabama



## MISSISSIPPI STATE BULLDOGS 2015 Schedule

Sept. 5 - at Southern Miss  
Sept. 12 - LSU  
Sept. 19 - Northwestern State  
Sept. 26 - at Auburn

Oct. 3 - at Texas A&M  
Oct. 10 - Troy  
Oct. 17 - Louisiana Tech  
Oct. 24 - Kentucky

Nov. 5 - at Missouri  
Nov. 14 - Alabama  
Nov. 21 - at Arkansas  
Nov. 28 - Ole Miss



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# From the Editor

*Ah, football!*

Football to many adults in Alabama is like peanut butter and jelly used to be to me as a child. I remember the days when peanut butter and jelly was one of my favorite things to eat. We would work our way through the hinges on the kitchen pantry to make peanut butter sandwiches when my mother was not home. That's how much we liked it.

Later, Bill and I would buy an awful lot of peanut butter and jelly when our three children were growing up. Our middle child, James, liked it so much that he would take only peanut butter and jelly in his lunch box for most of elementary and middle school. Bill even had a book he read to the children entitled "Peanut Butter and Jelly is My Favorite Thing to Eat," a classic written by JoAnne Nelson. Today, James would probably throw up at the smell of peanut butter. Not sure if I should even offer it at home any longer.

This week, TVW is sharing football schedules for AAMU, Alabama, Auburn and Mississippi State. That means football is one of our favorite things to do. Many of us go to some of the games, some of us go to all of the games, and still others catch what we can on TV and listen in on radio. One of the great benefits of being a football fan in this region is that the SEC has some great teams. People don't mind following the team if they are competitive and play with grit and enthusiasm. Good effort produces and warrants solid support. So, get your team apparel out and get ready for the upcoming season. And, while I am at it, don't get caught up in the tailgating so much that you miss the game. Tailgating has become so big that we are making huge investments in RVs, mobile homes, and vans, with all the trimmings. I think it's going to be around for a while, somewhat like peanut butter and jelly.



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How would my mother have raised 12 children without peanut butter and jelly? Or, a more intriguing question might be, what would the state of Alabama be like without football? We look forward to seeing you at the stadium.

Until next week ...



*Dorothy*

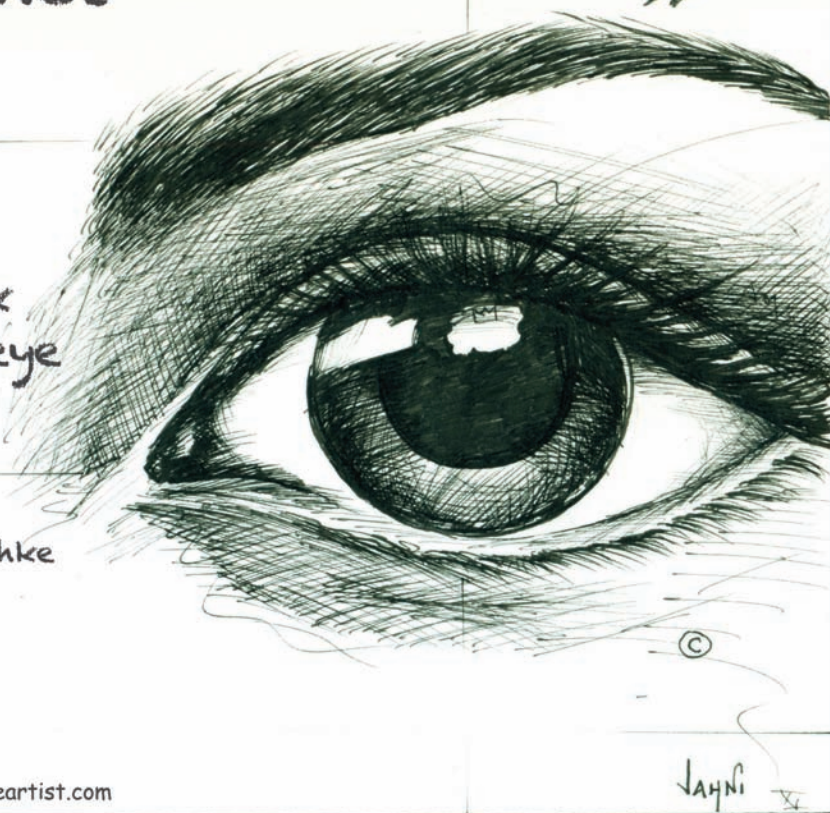


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"In a dark  
time, the eye  
begins to  
see."

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## City Council Meetings

The Huntsville City Council will hold a regular meeting on August 27. The Huntsville City Council's regular meetings are held in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 6 p.m.

Also, City Council work sessions are held in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 5 p.m.

For more information, call (256) 427-5011.

### Huntsville City Council Meetings

August 27 - Regular Meeting  
September 3 - Work Session  
September 10 - Regular Meeting  
September 17 - Work Session  
September 24 - Regular Meeting  
October 1 - Work Session  
October 8 - Regular Meeting  
October 15 - Work Session  
October 22 - Regular Meeting  
November 5 - Work Session  
November 12 - Regular Meeting  
November 19 - Work Session  
December 3 - Work Session  
December 10 - Regular Meeting  
December 17 - Work Session

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## Washington in 60 Seconds

Here are your top issues in Washington, D.C., leading into the final week of August:

1. Congress is in recess until September 8.
2. President Obama was on vacation at Martha's Vineyard until August 23.
3. Time has elapsed to weigh in on how the U.S. Department of Education should counsel student loan borrowers seeking a federal discharge because they may have been defrauded by educational institutions. Officials are particularly interested in "website language that will provide minimum information that requests need to include for consideration." Only a few comments had been submitted [<http://1.usa.gov/1MsJZwy>], including one from the Ameri-

can Federation of Teachers President Randi Weingarten. She has pushed for a simple, easily accessible process. The key belief is that in cases where fraud is pervasive, students should not have to make the case for loan forgiveness on an individual basis. Instead, the department should facilitate loan forgiveness for these students."

4. Former Senate Foreign Relations Committee ranking Democrat Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ) was slated to give a speech in New Jersey, where he is expected to announce that he will vote against President Obama's Iran nuclear deal. If he announces he is a "no" as predicted, he will join Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY) as the only Democrats officially against the deal. Senator Jeff Flake (R-AZ) came out against the Iran nuclear agreement, putting a damper on the administration's hope to get the support of at least one Republican in Congress. The Senator had remained on the fence for weeks, and his cooperation with White House officials on thawing relations with Cuba had given supporters of the Iran deal hope he might break with his party. Assuming all Republicans vote against the deal, they will need 13 Democrats to join them in the Senate to override a presidential veto on the measure of disapproval. So far, 19 Senate

Democrats and the 2 Independents who caucus with them (out of a total of 46) have said they are in favor of the deal. The House would also need to muster a two-thirds majority to override a veto. President Obama picked up two (2) more House Democrats when Rep. Rubén Hinojosa (D-TX) and Rep. Jackie Speier (D-CA) announced they would support the deal. The votes on the deal will come in September.

5. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) released its proposed rule to establish a Public Transportation Safety Program under FTA's new safety oversight authority established by the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). The proposed rule would create an overall framework for FTA to monitor, oversee and enforce safety in all public transit systems across the country. Prior to this rule, direct oversight of transit safety was the responsibility of local governments and states, but the June 2009 Washington Metro train collision, in which eight were killed and 80 injured, em-

boldened lawmakers to vest new safety powers in the FTA. Public comments on the rule are due by Oct. 13, 2015.

6. Julian Bond, a charismatic figure of the 1960s civil rights movement, a lightning rod of the anti-Vietnam War campaign and a lifelong champion of equal rights, notably as chairman of the N.A.A.C.P., died in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., at age 75.

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# Phillips CME Church Celebrates 150th Anniversary



Actress Robin Givens (2nd, l), keynote speaker for the 150th anniversary celebration of Phillips CME Church, is shown with (l-r) First Lady Bengy Ellison, Dr. Mattie Thomas and event chair Malcolm Thomas.



Emcee David Brazelton



Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and Givens



Givens speaking from the heart.



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## Jazz in the Park

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Big Spring Park East  
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## September 3-6

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## September 4

Concerts on the Dock  
Fall Series (Free)  
Lowe Mill, 6-9 p.m.

## September 5-6

Teague VIP Express Bus to  
AAMU-Cincinnati Foot-  
ball Game  
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## September 11

Concerts on the Dock  
Fall Series (Free)  
Lowe Mill  
6-9 p.m.

## September 12

5K STEM Power Run  
Through "The Hill"  
Elmore Building  
Adults, \$20; Students, \$10  
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Registration: 7 a.m.

## Alumni Stepshow

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dent ID, \$10)  
Alabama A&M University  
Elmore Building  
7 p.m.

## September 13

TEDxHuntsville  
"Dream Makers & Risk  
Takers"  
Thurber Arts Center  
1 p.m.

## 2nd Annual Benefit Luncheon of the RiahRose Home for Children, Inc. (Grandparents Day Celebration)

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Mrs. Newell (Mary) With-  
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## September 14 - November 6

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## September 18

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Fall Series (Free)  
Lowe Mill  
6-9 p.m.

## September 18-19

Alabama Women in Jazz  
Festival  
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## September 25

Concerts on the Dock  
Fall Series (Free)  
Lowe Mill, 6-9 p.m.

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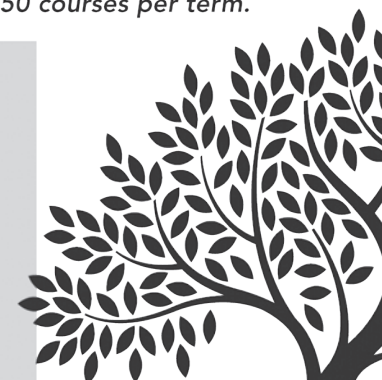
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## New Exhibit to Open at Space Center

The U.S. Space and Rocket Center lists "Science Fiction, Science Future" among its featured exhibitions, beginning September 23 and remaining on display through March 6, 2016. Move objects with your mind, become invisible, play games with a robot and experience augmented reality!

"Science Fiction, Science Future" will bring the science of the future into the present, sending visitors on a unique journey filled with science exploration, curiosity and discovery.

Created by the renowned Scitech Discovery Centre in Perth, Australia, "Science Fiction, Science Future" is a visually compelling exhibition that enables guests to develop a deeper understanding of how science fiction ideas and concepts of today could become the science reality of tomorrow.

"Science Fiction, Science Future" engages visitors with exciting hands-on and full-body experiences incorporating robots, invisibility, mind control, holograms and augmented reality. In addition, science fiction films and pop-culture references for all ages are featured throughout the exhibition on high impact graphic panels.

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