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*"Art must discover and reveal the beauty which prejudice and caricature have overlaid."*

*- Alain Leroy Locke*

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*Drake State President Patricia Sims addresses media about recent Toyota Alabama gift.*

## Toyota Alabama Boosts Manufacturing at Drake

Toyota Alabama boosts advanced manufacturing program at J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College. Two Corolla vehicles and 12 engines, valued at approximately \$200,000, were recently donated to support workforce development and training efforts in the community.

The donated Corollas

and engines were originally used to provide onsite training for team members at Toyota. Now, these products will serve a new training purpose as it supports hands-on learning at Drake State.

"We believe it's our responsibility to partner with educators to support career readiness programs that

help develop our future workforce," said Kim Ogle, Toyota Alabama Corporate Communications. "By donating these vehicles and engines, we are helping ensure students are trained on up-to-date equipment and receiving the highly technical skills needed for the thousands of manufacturing jobs in our area."

"This investment in the development of our workforce by Toyota is a great example of how we--business and education--should and must work together to ensure that when potential employees arrive at the doorsteps of industry, they are ready to work," said Patricia Sims, president of J.F. Drake State (pictured above). "We encourage other companies to directly engage with local schools and community colleges to help strengthen overall workforce readiness efforts.

## Estée Lauder Appoints VP and General Counsel

The Estée Lauder Companies Inc. (NYSE: EL) has announced that Deirdre Stanley has been appointed Executive Vice President and General Counsel, effective October 28, 2019.

Stanley will jointly report to William P. Lauder, Executive Chairman, and Fabrizio Freda, President and Chief Executive Officer. She will join the company's Executive Leadership Team.

As Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Stanley will be responsible for The Estée Lauder Companies' (ELC) Legal organization globally. She will act as a strategic advisor to the organization and to

ELC's Board of Directors on complex global legal issues and the company's business interests going forward.

"Deirdre is a highly talented, proven General Counsel and seasoned executive whose global business acumen and legal expertise are matched only by her leadership capabilities and sound judgment," said William P. Lauder.

Prior to joining ELC, Ms. Stanley served as General Counsel for The Thomson Reuters Corporation and its predecessor company for 17 years.

Ms. Stanley is a daughter of Huntsville's Thornton Stanley, Sr., founder of Stan-



*Stanley*

ley Construction Company, and Dr. Mary E. Stanley, retired Alabama A&M University English professor.

## Huntsville Working on Road Restoration

Huntsville, projected to be the largest city in Alabama in the next decade, has been booming with population growth and industry, acquiring the nation's most sought-after job-creating projects, such as the Mazda-Toyota Manufacturing Plant, Polaris, and GE Aviation just--to name a few.

To prepare Huntsville for continued success, Huntsville's leaders continue to look toward innovative infrastructure

approaches to keep ahead of this economic growth. Restore our Roads, Mayor Battle's \$250 million cost-sharing initiative established in 2014 between the City of Huntsville and the State of Alabama, aimed to do just that -- speed up and fund critical road projects in North Alabama. Nine priority road projects -- from the upcoming Northern Bypass extension to the now completed South Memorial Parkway Overpasses -- were identi-

fied by the City and State as the first regional road priorities to benefit from the one of its kind collaboration to improve roadway infrastructure. The effort has succeeded in its goal to raise necessary funds, and now produces around \$25 million per year for critical infrastructure projects. Much of the roadwork on those nine major Restore our Roads projects are now in full swing.

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# Washington in One Minute



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

1. The House and Senate returned to session Monday after being in recess for more than a month. The House will vote, among other items, on a trio of bills to stop the Trump Administration's plan to allow oil and gas drilling along the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico, and in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (which was greenlighted in the 2017 GOP comprehensive tax bill). The House went out of session Thursday afternoon to allow GOP congressmen to travel to Baltimore for a Thursday-Saturday retreat at the Marriott Waterfront Hotel. The big news in the Senate this week is, with 13 business days left in the current fiscal year, the GOP-controlled Senate Appropriations Committee finally started work on 4 of the 12 FY2020 appropriations bills: Defense, Labor/HHS/Education, Energy & Water and State/Foreign Operations.

It has been reported that the Senate adhered to "regular order" and was set to approve 4 appropriations bills each week before the start of the new fiscal year on October 1, while the House, which has passed 10 of the 12 bills, now focused on keeping the federal government open with a continuing resolution that runs through Nov. 22, 2019.

2. Education issues will be highlighted in Congress this week with hearings by the House Financial Services Committee on holding student loan servicers accountable and the House Education and Labor Subcommittee on Early Education, Elementary and Secondary Education on "trauma-Informed practices in education" to help students affected by gun violence.

3. President Trump travelled to Fayetteville, N.C., on Monday for a 7 p.m. campaign rally at the Crown Expo Center to support GOP House candidate Dan Bishop on the eve of Tuesday's special election for North Carolina's

9th congressional district seat. The seat had been vacant since the opening of the 116th Congress, following the refusal of the North Carolina State Board of Elections to certify the results of the November 2018 election in the district due to allegations of electoral fraud. Bishop is running against Democrat Dan McCready and current

polling indicates that the election is a toss-up in a district that stretches from Charlottesville to Fayetteville and has been held by the GOP since 1963. On Tuesday, the President addressed the National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Conference at the Renaissance Washington Hotel and then held a ceremony to swear in new U.N. Ambassador Kelly Craft. On Wednesday, he participated in ceremonies for the 18th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. On Thursday, the President travelled to Baltimore to speak to House GOP congressmen at their retreat.

4. On Thursday night from 8-11 pm EDT, the top 10 Democratic candidates participated in the 3rd Democratic presidential primary debate at Texas Southern University in Houston, Texas. ABC News and Univision hosted the debate. Each candidate had one minute and 15 seconds to directly respond to questions from moderators and 45 seconds to respond to follow-up questions and rebut-

tals. Candidates gave opening statements, but no closing statements. The 10 candidates were: Biden, Booker, Buttigieg, Castro, Harris, Klobuchar, O'Rourke, Sanders, Warren, and Yang.

5. This Wednesday to Sunday, the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation is holding its 49th Annual Legislative Conference at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. This year's theme is "400 Years: Our Legacy, Our

Possibilities," which commemorates the arrival of the first enslaved Africans at the Colony of Virginia in 1619. On Saturday night, the Phoenix Awards Gala will honor the Central Park Five and the Rev. Al Sharpton.

6. The Wall Street Journal predicted last week that the Federal Reserve will cut interest rates by another quarter point when it holds its next meeting on September 17-18. The Federal Open Market

Committee cut rates by a quarter point for the first time in more than a decade at its last meeting, but President Trump continues to pressure the Fed to cut rates by at least 1%.

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## From the Editor

**Good New, Good! Ah, Good News!!**

Congratulations to Deirdre Stanley, who is featured this week as a new senior executive with Estee Lauder. She is the new Executive Vice President and General Counsel. What an amazing accomplishment for a 'local girl' who had the good fortune of being

born into one of Huntsville's most wholesome families. Deacon Thornton Stanley, Sr., and Dr. Mary Stanley are godly parents, grandparents and some of the most supportive and caring people I have ever met. I met them as an undergraduate student at Alabama A&M University. We enjoyed many good times at "the Farm" and various family events.

Mr. Stanley is a positive and inspiring gentleman. Every time I see him, he has a loving spirit and caring demeanor. Even as he is challenged with life experiences of being blessed with longevity as an elder, he still tries to whisper a kind word and offer a smile. Similarly, Dr. Mary is serious about her family, service to the church and community, the future of our youth and was an uncompromising English professor. Her reputation was clear about the expectations for students who took her classes. This will shock most of you, but I was a bit timid as a young student during the front end of my career at A&M. Thus, I was able to escape her classes by working with my advisors to select other English teachers, including Mrs. LaRue Williams, Dr. Homer McCall, and the late Mr. Edward Jones. After a few years, my confidence was strong, and I had completed my English requirements. So, I bypassed Dr. Stanley in the classroom. Still, I had the great fortune of knowing her outside the classroom.

I love the Stanley Family and all they represent. They were already pillars in Progressive Union Missionary Baptist Church back in the early 1970s. From time to time, I would skip First Baptist and go over there to worship with them. The young, gifted preacher, Rev. Herbert Cartwright, was their pastor. He had a way with scripture and words that was unusually refreshing. He could belt out long strings of scripture from memory in an inspiring and classic manner. It was clear to me then that the Stanleys were respected and revered in that congregation. Still, when we visit there today, the contributions they have made and continue to make are evident, including the many expressions of support and continuity of worship and service through their children and grandchildren.

Congratulations to Lady Deirdre Stanley on such a remarkable accomplishment! Your parents, Karen, Thornton, Jr., and Al, their spouses and children, along with your entire Huntsville "Village" always expected and knew that each Stanley offspring would aim and reach high. That's the nature of your upbringing by caring, loving and nurturing parents. If each generation is to do better than the next, Lady Deirdre, you are a testament to good, ole fashioned home training. All of us are so very proud of you!

Until next week ...



*Thornton and Mary E. Stanley*

*Dorothy*

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## Raphael's Dream for Style Becomes Black Male Showcase

*Raphael Tilley is a hard-working husband, father, and engineer who simply had a dream to create a brand of custom suiting, shoes, and accessories for men of all ages.*

Raphael set out on a mission to curate more than just another clothing line, he wanted to create a lifestyle brand ... an experience. He believes everyone should feel confident and successful before leaving home every day.

Thus, Motif Stylez was founded on the belief that a custom-tailored wardrobe or exclusive concierge services should be available to everyone; no matter what their occupation.

Raphael's educational and professional training centers on engineering, but his passion lies in creating elegant, sophisticated

suiting for the well-dressed gentleman. He is one of the rare people who can actually craft and design custom men's suiting. His creativity allows him to visualize every detail of the attire. His analytical training assures him of accurate measurements, that result in the perfect suit designed specifically for each individual client.

By taking this made-to-measure experience directly to the consumer; Raphael created a superior alternative to off-the-rack clothing, while preserving two of his clients' most valuable resources ... time and comfort.

This approach has enabled Motif Stylez to become one of Huntsville's and the DC area's most successful and sought-after custom clothiers.

by Vicki Morris

## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC CITY OF HUNTSVILLE

The City of Huntsville's Community Development Department has completed its Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for FY18. A Draft Copy of this report may be viewed on line at [www.huntsvilleal.gov/residents/neighborhoods/housing/fair-housing/](http://www.huntsvilleal.gov/residents/neighborhoods/housing/fair-housing/) and at the Community Development Department Office located in the Yarbrough Office Center, 120 E. Holmes Avenue, and the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, located at 915 Monroe Street. Written comments concerning this document should be received in the office no later than 3:00 p.m. on September 25, 2019. Mail your comments to: Turkessa C. Lacey - Community Development Department, P.O. Box 308, Huntsville, Alabama 35804. For further information call 256-427-5400; TTY: 256-427-7092.

## AVISO A LA CIUDAD PÚBLICA DE HUNTSVILLE

La ciudad del departamento del desarrollo de la comunidad de Huntsville ha terminado su informe anual consolidado del funcionamiento y de la evaluación (ALCAPARRA) para FY18. Un copy de bosquejo de este informe se puede repasar por el público en línea en [www.huntsvilleal.gov/residents/neighborhoods/housing/fair-housing/](http://www.huntsvilleal.gov/residents/neighborhoods/housing/fair-housing/) y en la oficina del departamento del desarrollo de la comunidad situada en el centro de la oficina de Yarbrough, 120 E. Avenida de Holmes, y la biblioteca pública del condado de Huntsville-Madison, situada en la calle de 915 Monroe. Los comentarios escritos referentes a este documento se deben recibir en la oficina no más adelante que 3:00 P.M. September 25, 2019. Envíe sus comentarios: Turkessa C. De encaje - departamento del desarrollo de la comunidad, P.O. Caja 308, Huntsville, Alabama 35804. Para la llamada adicional 256-427-5400; TTY: 256-427-7092 de la información.





## Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

### “IF YOU SAY SO“

Luke 5:5-6, Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.” When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.

If you have ever been a parent trying to discipline your child, there will come a time when you will say “do it, because I said so.” This is usually followed by frustration on the child’s part and a bad attitude, but hopefully they will obey you. Now whether or not you had a good reason for saying this, doesn’t matter. What really matters is that you just want your child to be obedient and trust that it is the best thing for them. They may not understand right now, but later it will all make sense.

Jesus makes a similar request to Simon (Peter), when he asked him to

cast his net once again, but this time into “deep water”. Now when you cast out into the deeper part of the water, it will require more effort. Also they had already started cleaning their nets and getting them ready for the next day.

So Peter realizes this and perhaps reluctantly says, “because you say so I will do it”. You know, God can bless obedience even with a bad attitude. And sometimes your next blessing will come from the place of your greatest frustration. As we see here in this scripture, Jesus gave Peter and the other fisherman a blessing that they could not achieve from their own efforts.

So many people today are about to give up on some things because they are frustrated and tired of getting the same results --whether it be a relationship that’s not working or a wayward child that con-

tinues to be disobedient or continues to hang out with the wrong crowd.

But God is asking you to take another step of faith. But stop trying to do things in your own strength. It’s time to put Jesus in it. Even if you

have a bad attitude and say things like “I’ve already tried that.” It’s time to say to Jesus, “If you say so, I will try again.” Remember, out of all your frustrations, hardships, difficulties, suffering and pain, there may be a blessing just waiting for you if you continue to be obedient and follow the plan that God has for your life...Stay encouraged my brothers and sisters

*Remember, you can purchase a copy of my book “A Champion Game Plan For Life” at amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com*



## Can “AI” Help You Become a Better Investor?

Artificial intelligence, or AI, is now part of all our lives. It’s used in social media, our navigation systems, and many other applications. But can it help you become a better investor?

Many large financial services firms do use AI to select investments for specific funds. And as an individual, you could invest with an AI-powered “robo-advisor.” But investing is highly personal, so you may do better by working with a human financial professional.

For example, a robo-advisor probably can’t help you talk through tradeoffs as you prioritize your goals or provide you guidance on the options for a 401(k) when you change jobs. And it takes another person to know you well enough to understand how you might react to events such as sudden market drops – and help you keep your portfolio objectives in mind.

A financial advisor also can help you align your investment activities with your taxes and estate plans, and possibly connect you with other professionals in these areas.

Artificial intelligence will support many of your activities. But when it comes to investing, a personal touch may never become obsolete.

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### Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring

## Eugene H. Scott, Jr.

Dr. Eugene H. Scott, Jr., is a well-known and accomplished dentist in the Huntsville-Madison County community. He received his undergraduate degree (Bachelor of Science) in geology in 1958 from Howard University.

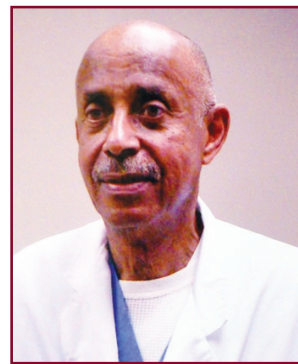
He pursued additional studies at American University in organic chemistry and physics, 1958-59; and Howard University, Doctor of Dental Surgery, 1963. He completed his General Dentistry Residency in Oral Surgery at Bird S. Coler Memorial Hospital, 1964, and 5th Avenue/Columbia University Hospital in General Dentistry Residency in Oral Surgery, 1964. He held state licensure in New York, Washington, D.C., Maryland, Virginia and Alabama.

He has been an active

volunteer who has conducted free HIV/AIDS prevention work shops entitled “Lifestyle Revolution,” focusing on changing behavior in the Black community for more than a decade.

As a humanitarian, Dr. Scott has gone beyond the call of duty to help others. He provided free dental services to local homeless citizens and international students at Alabama A&M University for more than two decades, and he conducted for more than 35 years free Stop Smoking Seminars in the local community.

In recognition of his many contributions in his profession and to society, he has received scores of honors, awards, citations and plaques. His civic and professional affiliations include: member, Madison



County Dental Society; member, Academy of General Dentistry; member, American Academy of Implant Dentistry; and many others, as well as the NAACP and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Dr. Scott married Eunice Betts Scott, and they were the proud parents of three children, Kenneth, Gena Lynn and Jody.

## The Valley Weekly Calendar of Events

**September 13**  
256 Day Celebration

City Lights & Stars Concert Season  
“Flashbacks Show Band”  
Burritt on the Mountain

**September 17**  
Retirement Life Style Expo  
Von Braun Center  
Huntsville, Ala.

**September 22**  
Theresa Caputo  
TV Personality/Medium  
TLC’s “Long Island Medium”  
Von Braun Center  
3 p.m.

**September 28**  
19th Annual North Alabama Health & Wellness Fair

Calhoun Community College/Huntsville Campus  
8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.  
(Free)

**October 6**  
Asha Kiran  
“Human Chain”  
Against Domestic Violence  
Legacy Lake  
Alabama A&M University  
2-4 p.m.



## Notable Quotables

Read Proverbs 21:11

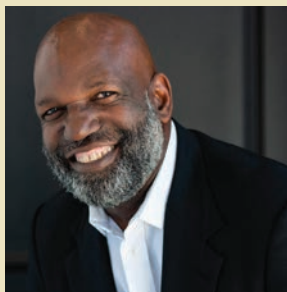
Thank you, TVW readers!

Your affirming responses to last week's Toni Morrison tribute made me ponder: What other such notables have dropped on me one-on-one "sound bites," as my life's guard-rails?

Here are a few, . . .

- (October 1970) ex-Seventh-day Adventist, future Basketball Hall of Famer Bob Lanier: "Stay in the church, and do the will of God";
  - (September 1973) Poet Haki Madhubuti (nee Don L. Lee): "Brotha: if she has nothing on her body, she has nothing on her mind";
  - (June '74) Dad/namesake Thomas Allston: "Timmy, there are two kinds of people in this world: one who has to say something, and one who has something to say; think thrice before you speak once";
  - (April '75) Essence Magazine Editor-in-Chief Emerita Susan L. Taylor: "Don't be so busy that when Love comes you won't recognize it";
  - (April 76) Minister Louis Farrakhan: "My brother: study hard, stay focused; God/Allah has plans for you, . . .";
  - (September 78) Hampton Institute (now University) president, Dr. William R. Harvey: "My mother taught me, 'if you have \$1, you can't buy \$1.52 worth of groceries";
  - (April '81) Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.: "The reason I get more media coverage than other Black leaders is that I understand the science of the media: I talk in 90-second 'sound bites,' and not like I'm preaching in a pulpit";
  - (March '91) Illinois State 1991 Young Entrepreneur of the Year Nolan W. McCants: "A big shot is simply a little shot who just kept on shooting!";
  - (March '97) Motivational speaking legend Zig Ziglar: "Are you practicing, and are you studying? If you are, Tim, then I'll see you OVER THE TOP";
  - (May '97) Speak & Grow Rich author Ms. Lily Walters: "Want to become an expert? Start right where you are, and never stop learning, growing!";
  - (April '98) UCLA basketball coaching legend John Wooden, best advice (scribbled instead on giving his autograph): "1st Corinthians 13";
  - (December '98) Grammy Awards-winning Take 6-er David Thomas: "You can have the world's best product, but if you don't have distribution, it's like having a Picasso sitting in your garage"; and
  - (Forever) Jesus Christ, to me toward ministry: "Don't be afraid; from now on, you will catch men" (Luke 5:10).
- Q: Who/what are your "notable quotables"?

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*tim allston is the author of the free book, 7 Steps to Manage Ego Problems: The How-to Guide for "Someone Else," free and downloadable now at [www.GetEgoHelpNow.org](http://www.GetEgoHelpNow.org).*



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## NAAACC Monthly Meetings

The North Alabama African American Chamber of Commerce (Huntsville) meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 12 noon.

The meeting location varies.

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## Huntsville City Council Meetings

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. 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. People can sign up for notices of Council meetings and special sessions online at <https://signup.e2ma.net/signup/1825550/1780821/>

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## City Lights & Stars

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June 21<sup>st</sup> - Huntsville's In the Mood

July 5<sup>th</sup> - Kaleidoscope

July 26<sup>th</sup> - Henri's Notions

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# Called Preach

by Pastor/Founder Michael D. Rice  
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## Sipper or Servant

John 2:9-11

This was billed as the beginning of miracles. The details are quite telling when viewed with Spirit-led illumination. One of the details includes the fact that it was the ruler of the feast or the wedding planner, as we may call it, who first tasted (sipped) the wine that had been transformed from the water in

the jugs, but he did not know where it came from. The other interesting detail is parenthetically positioned into the narrative (verse 9), and that is that the servants who drew the water did know. Sippers are those who benefit from ministry but are clueless as to where it comes from. They are satisfied with simply enjoying the church or worship experi-

ence without investing in it. Servants, on the other hand, are those who do know the origin and Orchestrator of the miracles of ministry. There are the preacher/pastors and teachers who do the hard work of preparation and prayer and fasting. They know where the power of their proclamation comes from. Therefore, while appreciating the compliments that come from those who they minister to, they are not saturated with self-aggrandizement. Rather they are thankful for the opportunity to serve God with the gifts they have been given. This


is true with every spiritual gift that is used for God's glory and the edification and equipping of the saints. The bottom line is that the choice belongs to every individual believer to be either a sipper or a servant.

**NEXT WEEK:**  
"When Your Favor Causes Fervor"



Talk about it only enough to do it.  
Dream about it only enough to feel it. Think about it only enough to understand it. Contemplate it only enough to be it.

- Jean Toomer




**BIRTHDAY - SEPTEMBER 13 - ALAINE LOCKE** - Picture Writer, philosopher and the first African American Rhodes Scholar, Alain Locke born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Considered the "Dean" and "architect" of the Harlem Renaissance.  
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## Four Valley Home Fixes for Fall

(BPT) - With cooler days and temperate weather, fall is a good time to get outdoors and tackle some larger home projects, as well as prep your home for winter. "Cold weather can wreak havoc on your house, leaving you with a long list of repairs," said Cathy McHugh, director, brand management at DAP. Don't know where to start? Here are the top five "must-do" repairs from the experts at DAP.

**Refresh around windows and doors.** Temperature fluctuations and weather extremes can cause cracks and crumbling in sealants around windows and doors.

**Repair imperfections and surface damage.** It's important to take a walk around your property and inspect your home and outdoor living areas for surface damage.

**Inspect your roof.** Start by making a simple visual inspection of your roof. Before hauling out the ladder, use binoculars or zoom in with a smartphone camera to spot obvious damage.

**Prepare your furnace for fall.** Now is the time to prepare your furnace for fall. Change the filter, clean vents and remove any dirt or dust that has settled on the unit and connections. If you suspect problems, schedule a professional to check it out now - rather than wait until temperatures drop.

For more information to help tackle your to-do list, visit DAP.com.

## Valley Deaths

- Nelms Memorial Funeral Home -

2501 Carmichael Avenue NW - Huntsville, AL 35816  
(256) 539-8189

Funeral service for MRS. VIOLET ALICE ELIZABETH WILSON (b. 1929) will be held Sunday, September 15, in Bermuda. A memorial service will be held later at the Oakwood University Church (Huntsville, Ala.).

Funeral service for MS. RAE-MICHELE SPRINGER (b. 1971) was held Sunday, September 8, at the Consolidated Flint River and Running Water Primitive Baptist Memorial Tabernacle with Reverend Bobby Battle officiating.

Funeral service for MS. ANNIE MAE THOMAS (b. 1948) was held Sunday, September 1, at First Church of God In Christ (COGIC), 3804 Oakwood Avenue, Huntsville, Ala., with Elder Charles Brown officiating.

- Royal Funeral Home -

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

Funeral service for MRS. MARY ELLA THOMPSON BLANKENSHIP (b. 1944) will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, September 14, at Union Hill CP Church in America (3126 Nevel Drive NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Dr. Edward Anderson officiating.

Funeral service for MR. FRED ALLEN GOINS, JR., (b. 1961) will be 1 p.m., Saturday, September 14, at First Missionary Baptist Church (3509 Blue Spring Road NW, Huntsville, Ala.).

Funeral service for MR. OTHA OWENS, SR. (b. 1938) will be 11 a.m., Friday, September 13, at the St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church (229 Church Street, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Maurice Wright officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. HELENA BRANTLEY TATE (b. 1931) will be 1 p.m., Friday, September 13, at C.T. Richards Chapel, Moseley Complex, Oakwood University.

Funeral service for MS. KAREN LYNNE DAVIS (b. 1965) will be 12 noon, Friday, September 13, at the Northwest Church of Christ (5008 Pulaski Pike NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Brother Timmy T. Smith officiating.

- Serenity Funeral Home -

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

Funeral service for MR. JAMES CROWDER (b. 1968) was held on Saturday, September 7, at Little Flock Primitive Baptist Church located at 599 Brock Road Brownsboro, Ala., with Pastor Brandon Nance officiating.

Funeral service for MR. DWAYNE "DADDY WAYNE" ROSS (b. 1969) will be held on Saturday, September 14, 2019 at 12:00p.m. at Serenity Funeral Home located at 2505 University Drive NW Huntsville, AL with Pastor C. Jermaine Turner officiating.

MR. JIMMIE EARL BRACKS (b. 1954) passed away on Monday, September 2, in Madison, Ala. A private memorial service will be held by the family at a later date.

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