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"Education is all a matter of
building bridges."

- Ralph Ellison

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EXPANDING: On Oct. 17, Bryant Bank celebrated its ten-year anniversary with the grand opening of a brand new building located at 320 Pelham Avenue SW, Huntsville, Ala. The festivities, which were complete with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and proclamation, featured remarks from Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle and an open house. www.BryantBank.com (Photo by Reggie D. Allen)

Bryant Bank Celebrates Anniversary, Grand Opening

Officials at Bryant Bank observed the institution's tenth anniversary and the grand opening of the newly constructed office in Downtown Huntsville at 320 Pelham Avenues, SW.

Tuesday, October 17, was the landmark day when staff and officials celebrated 10 years of "Unbeatable Service" and "Legendary Results" devoted to

the people of Huntsville, Madison County, and the entire Tennessee Valley area.

Following the nearly three-hour celebration, customers were invited to visit the bank's social media pages for special offers and promotions continuing for several weeks.

"I think it's important to have a bank that has rela-

tionships with small businesses in the community. We live in this community, we are here to help the customers," says Melissa Jones, relationship banker.

Bryant Bank was founded on the belief that Alabama needs a bank that is focused on the needs of Alabamians and that is in the business of helping Alabamians get ahead.

Councilman Keith to Address DLC Ceremony



Huntsville City Councilman Devyn Keith will address graduates of the Tennessee Valley Diversity Leadership Colloquium on October 31, 2017.

The graduation ceremony will be held at 6 p.m. in the J. F. Drake Community and Technical College Cafetorium.

DLC alumni and Subject Matter Experts who are interested in attending should contact Mrs. Georgia S. Valrie at gvalrie71@gmail.com.

AKAs Launch U.N.-Inspired Program

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated established October 24, 1917, as the first Global Impact Community Day.

The theme, "Promoting Justice Through the UN's Sustainable Development Goals," reflects AKA's strong commitment to the principals and ideals of the United Nations.

Thus, Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter hosted a UN Day Community Forum on October 24 in

the auditorium of the Huntsville Madison Public Library.

The forum was free and open to the general public. All 17 of the Sustainable Development Goals were reviewed during an informative, educational and entertaining program.

Hon. Martha "Lynn" Sherrod of the Epsilon Gamma Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., serves as global impact lead chair.

Symphony to Perform at OUC

The Valley Conservatory Lyceum Series presents the Valley Conservatory Symphony Orchestra in concert Sunday, October 29, at 4 p.m. at the Oakwood University Church, located at 555 Adventist Blvd in Huntsville.

The orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Renee

Collins-Williams, will be performing works by Bach, Beethoven and Strauss.

The free public concert encourages dialog between artist and the audience.

For additional information, call (256) 534-3131 or visit valleyconservatory.com.

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Washington in a Minute



Here are the top issues in Washington, D.C., for the week of October 16:

1. The House and Senate are in session this week. All eyes will be on the House to see if it will accept the Senate's version of the FY 2018 Concurrent Budget Resolution, which the Senate passed last Thursday night by a vote of 51-49, with only Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY)

crossing party lines to vote with all the Democrats voting no. The Senate's version of the budget would increase the national debt by \$1.5 trillion over 10 years to pay for the cost of President's Trump's tax cuts, but does not have the \$203 billion in mandatory spending cuts to Medicaid, Medicare, and the Social Security disability benefit contained in

the House version that was approved on October 5, nor the extra \$70 billion in funding for the Pentagon. Due to language attached to the budget resolution on Thursday night by Senate Budget Committee Chair Michael Enzi (R-WY) that gets rid of the \$203 billion in cuts in the House version and allows the \$70 billion defense-spending increase

without separate legislation to bust the 2011 budget caps, Congress may be able to avoid a House/Senate conference to reconcile the differences in the 2 bills – thereby allowing it to move forward on tax reform more expeditiously. OMB Director Mick Mulvaney said on Sunday it could save 10 or 12 legislative days if the House accepts the Senate language). This week, the Senate will take up the \$36.5 billion hurricane/wildfire relief bill--a voice vote on which was blocked at the end of last week by a few senators concerned that there was not enough money for Texas in the bill and that it amounted to a partial bailout of the National Flood Insurance Program (to the tune of \$16 billion).

2. According to Politico, President Trump participated in a conference call Sunday with the GOP Members of the House to urge them to accept the Senate version of the FY 2018 Budget Resolution, so that Congress can quickly turn to the tax reform plan. Monday, he hosted a meeting with Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong and, on Tuesday, he travelled to Capitol Hill to attend the weekly GOP Senators' policy lunch, his first appearance at the lunch, to urge them to quickly pass tax reform legislation by December. On Wednesday, he was in Dallas, Tex., for a fundraising event. Meanwhile, Vice President Pence appeared at a ceremony at the Marine Corps' 8th and I Barracks on Capitol Hill to mark the 34th anniversary of the Hezbollah bombing of the 1st Battalion 8th Marine barracks in Beirut that killed 220 U.S. Marines, 18 sailors and 3 soldiers.

3. Department of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos took on a pair of regulatory

moves this week designed to thwart the "borrower defense to repayment" regulations finalized by the Obama administration while the Trump administration works on its own version of the rules during the next couple of years. The regulations aimed to make it simpler for defrauded students to have their student loan debt wiped clean, and took other steps as well, such as giving the Education Department new powers to go after schools it deemed financially risky.

4. The House Energy and Commerce's Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee held a hearing on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' preparation and response to the 2017 hurricane season, including the reports of deaths in Texas and Puerto Rico caused by bacterial infections such as leptospirosis.

5. On Sunday, 17 female members of the Congressional Black Caucus signed a statement demanding an apology by White House Chief of Staff John Kelly for his "reckless and false statements" about Rep. Frederica Wilson (D-FL) in connection with the dispute about President Trump's telephone call to the widow of Army Sgt. La David Johnson, one of four service members killed in Niger. General Kelly said last week in the

White House Press Room that Rep. Wilson had inappropriately listened in on the President's call and had also wrongly claimed that she was responsible for getting a Miami FBI building funded (a charge largely refuted by video of the building's dedication ceremony).

6. Last Monday, Federal Judge William Walls rejected a motion by Sen. Robert Menendez (D-NJ) to dismiss his bribery case based on the Supreme Court's dismissal of ex-VA Gov. Robert McDonnell's bribery conviction in 2016, in which the high court had narrowed the definition of "official acts" that might constitute bribery, for example, finding that only making telephone calls or setting up meetings on someone's behalf no longer counted. Sen. Menendez is accused of providing favors to wealthy Florida eye doctor Salomon Melgen in exchange for political contributions and gifts.

7. According to the American Greetings card company blog, this Friday (October 27) is "Cranky Co-Worker Day," on which you are supposed to do something nice for your curmudgeonly office mates. *Gosh, they have a card for everything now, don't they?*

For more information, contact Ron Hamm at (202) 596-8384 or rhamm@hammconsulting.com.

Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

Matthew 4:1 it reads: "Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil." But Jesus overcame the devil's temptations because He was committed to completing the task that God had called Him to do. His mind was set, and there were no options. Today, I believe that we need to be committed, as well, with no options as it pertains to our spiritual, emotional and social development. This means no giv-

ing up, no backing down, no changing your mind, no wavering back and forth, no options. Too many times we give ourselves too many options that create too many distractions that make us change our mind from what God has called us to do. Jesus was committed. To commit means to bind or obligate oneself to a promise or a course of action that you are intended to take. When you are committed, you are dedicated and loyal to a cause or activity or a job whole-

heartedly. So, when we enter into a relationship with someone, we need to be committed. When we get that job that we've been hoping for, we need to be committed. When we have decided to make changes in our lives to better ourselves, we need to be committed, and our commitment needs to be influenced by God.

Because when your commitment is influenced by God, you will have a better chance at staying committed.

Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters.





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Last Services in Historic Structure (The 8 AM Worship) Church Street Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America

Dr. Mitchell M. Walker, Sr., Pastor-Teacher

Sunday, October 22, 2017 - Downtown Huntsville

(Photos by J. Saintjones)



St. Luke Christian Center Hosts Diversity Leadership Colloquium Cohort VIII Tuesday, October 10, 2017



ACTION! Several local charities participated in Thrivent Financial's Action Team Fair on Saturday, October 21, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church. The invited charities were allowed to exhibit and present short 'talks' about their work in the community. Local financial leaders from Thrivent Financial shared ideas on how Thrivent members can use their Action Team grants to support charities. The idea of Action Teams is Thrivent's way to perform community outreach. The Rosetta James Foundation shared ideas about the Foundation and how like-minded organizations might use Action Teams to assist with fundraising goals. Tim Sieja and Craig Satterfeal are the local financial associates with the South Region of Thrivent Financial, located here in Huntsville. Their office sponsored the event.



OU FORUM: President Leslie Pollard and the members of the Administration recently met with students in "The Dialogue" to discuss and listen to students' concerns and future plans for making Oakwood University a better community environment. A wide range of items were discussed at the meeting, held in the Leroy & Lois Peters Media Center, including housing improvements, more online engagement with students through the use of surveys, dining hall selections, and more.



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RIBBON CUTTING: Calvary Hill Branch Library (above) opened its doors on October 18 at its 2800 Poplar Avenue NW location in Huntsville. The new branch will cater to North Huntsville residents, especially those in the Northwood area. Previously, the nearest library was the downtown location, which served as an inconvenience for those lacking reliable transportation. Unlike other branches, Calvary Hill will have an on-site Notary Public. While many donors aided in the Library's construction, the Junior League of Huntsville (below) attended the official ribbon cutting to present the facility a donation for \$60,000. (Photos by Reggie D. Allen)



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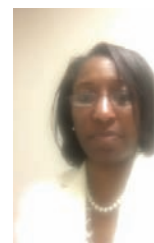
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Valley Deaths

- Nelms Memorial Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MRS. DORIS J. COLE HIGGINS (b. 1945) was Saturday, October 21, at New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church (2562 Bob Wade Lane - Huntsville, AL) with Pastor Ricky Sykes officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. MAE FRANCIS PRATER ROBINS was held Saturday, October 21, at Thankful Missionary Baptist Church in Piedmont, AL.

Funeral service for MR. LEONARD ("LENNY") MOORE was held Sunday, October 15, at the Consolidated Flint River and Running Water Memorial Tabernacle with Elder Dennis Green officiating.

Funeral service for MR. GLENN HAMLET was Saturday, October 14, at the Saint Mark Baptist Church (6475 Moore's Mill Road - Huntsville, AL 35811) with The Reverend Jeremiah Chester officiating.

- Royal Funeral Home -

Funeral service was Sunday, October 22, for MR. DEMARIUS ROGER SMITH at the Royal Chapel of Memories with Pastor Harold Goodloe officiating.

Funeral service was held Saturday, October 21, for MS. BERTHA M. JONES (b. 1947) at Potters Hand Church (983 Indian Creek Road NW, Huntsville, AL 35806) with Elder Eric Peebles officiating.

Funeral service was held for MRS. JULIA STEPHEN BETHEA (b. 1907) Friday, October 20, at the First Seventh-day Adventist Church with Elder Debleaire K. Snell officiating.

Funeral service was held for MRS. ARMATHA KING (b. 1936) Friday, October 20, at the Mt. Calvary Seventh-day Adventist Church with Dr. Rupert Bushner officiating.

Funeral service for MS. RAQUEL LESHUN BARNES (b. 1971) was Tuesday, October 17, at the Union Hill Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (3126 Nevel Drive, Huntsville, AL 35810).

Memorial service was held for MR. GERALD LEBRON NEWSOM, SR., (b. 1954) on Monday, October 16, at the First Seventh-day Adventist Church (1303 Evangel Drive, Huntsville, AL 35816) with Pastor Alexander Lampkin officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. VIVIAN LOUISE BRIDGE-FORTH SMITH (B. 1916) was held Saturday, October 14, at the Lakeview United Methodist Church (9130 Lucas Ferry Road, Tanner, AL 35761) with Pastor Dennis Jones officiating.

United Way, Pharmacies Prepare for Flu Season

FamilyWise Community Service Partnership, together with Walgreens, the Department of Health and Human Services, and United Way, are providing a series of community health clinic events at no-cost to make flu vaccination more accessible in underserved communities throughout the country.

From 9 a.m.-12 p.m. on October 28 at Morris Elementary School, 4801 Bob Wallace Avenue, Huntsville, Ala., Walgreens, in partnership with United Way of Madison County and Familywise, will be administering no-cost flu shots for all those who qualify for a flu shot voucher.

The vouchers are available on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last and are provided by Walgreens as part of a nationwide program that helps to make flu shots available to those without health insurance coverage or are unable to afford a flu shot.

In addition to getting your flu shot, FamilyWise offers the following tips to help prevent the flu:

1. Clean Your Hands: Wash your hands as often and thoroughly as possible with soap and water. If soap is not available use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

2. Stay Home: Avoid leaving your home for school, work, and errands when you are sick. Experts recommend you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone.

3. Avoid Close Contact:

Do your best to avoid close contact with people who are sick. You should also avoid close contact with others when you are sick.

4. Avoid Touching Your Eyes, Nose, or Mouth: Viruses often spread when a person touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth after exposure to the virus. Cover your mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing.

5. Keep Your Surroundings Clean: Clean and disinfect anything that may be contaminated with germs.

These organizations are working together to help deliver flu shots for uninsured and underinsured residents, and encourage preventive measures heading into the winter months and the peak of flu season.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends a yearly flu vaccine for anyone six months of age or older to help protect against the seasonal flu epidemic.

The Valley Weekly Calendar of Events

October 26
Huntsville Symphony Orchestra Guild Deb Ball
Von Braun Center
8 a.m.

October 28
Magic City Classic
Legion Field
Birmingham, Ala.
2:30 p.m.

Concert
"Kansas"
Von Braun Center
Mark C. Smith Concert Hall
8-10 p.m.

October 29
Valley Conservatory Symphony Orchestra Concert
Oakwood University Church
555 Adventist Boulevard
Huntsville, Ala.
4 p.m.

October 30
UNCF Golf Classic
Oakwood University
Robert Trent Jones Golf Course
Owens Cross Roads, Ala.
Registration: 10 a.m.
Shotgun Start:
12 noon

November 4
Alabama A&M vs. Alcorn State
Louis Crews Stadium
2 p.m.

November 9
State of the City Address
Mayor Tommy Battle
Von Braun Center
North Hall
12 noon

November 11
Alabama A&M Football vs. Jackson State
Louis Crews Stadium
1 p.m.

November 18
Alabama A&M Football vs. Kentucky State
Louis Crews Stadium
1 p.m.

December 1
"Laughing All the Way: A White Christmas in Hawaii"
Featuring: Joy the Queen of Clean
Sponsor: Huntsville Bible College
Trinity United Methodist Church
607 Airport Road
Huntsville, Ala.
7 p.m.



October 27 - RUBY DEE - Born in Cleveland, Ohio, she appeared in several memorable films, including "A Raisin in the Sun" and "Edge of the City," both played opposite Sidney Poitier. More recent films include "Do the Right Thing" and "American Gangster".
- BlackinTime.info

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- Regency Retirement Village
- Rocket City Barber Shop
- Sam and Greg's Pizza
- Sav-A-Lot
- Sneed's Cleaners
- Starbucks (Governors Drive, N. Parkway at
Mastin Lake Road/University Drive)
- Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

HIA Announces Diwali 2017

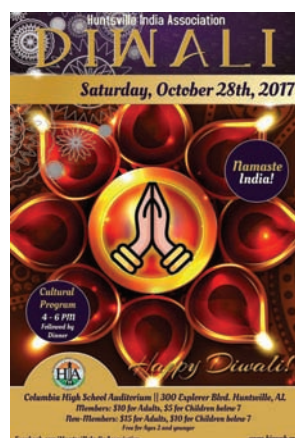
Huntsville India Association (HIA) is pleased to announce the biggest and most exciting event of the year - Diwali 2017, on Saturday, October 28, in the auditorium of Columbia High School in Huntsville from 4-8 p.m.

This year's theme is "Namaste India!"

HIA has formed "a wonderful blend of performances, ranging from dances, skits to musical performances and more," according to organizers.

The cultural event will start at 4 p.m. followed by dinner.

Tickets: HIA Members: Adults - \$10, Children



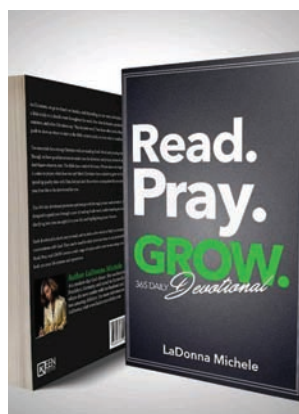
(Ages 7 and below) - \$5;
non-members: Adults -
\$15, Children (Ages 7 and
below) - \$10; Children 2
and under: Free.

For more information,
visit Facebook.com/Hunts-
villeIndiaAssociation

Book Launch and Signing Set

Author LaDonna Michele McCann has penned "Read. Pray. Grow: 365 Daily Devotional."

McCann, an environmental scientist, will hold a book launch and sign-



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"Bob" Harrison Senior
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Aquarius

With Uranus in opposi-
tion to Vesta, you're likely
to feel secured in whatever
work-related assignments
you've undertaken. Addi-
tionally, Jupiter, which is in
opposition to Pallas, is en-
couraging "just warfare" as
you decipher and unravel
views of opposing forces--
then take measured steps
forward.

Gemini

Mercurys' trine with
Chiron suggests that things
will connect into place the
way they should as healing
occurs, in some respect.

Virgo

Mercurys' square with the
north node means that
you're likely experienc-
ing power struggles and
tension on your life path;
however, setting stress-
exposure time limits for
yourself can mitigate
strain. Walking away from
any overwhelming or ex-
plosive arguments could be
the best call now.

Cancer

The moons' trine with
Mercury is apt to find you
in an extremely pensive
mood as you accomplish a
few of the most important
tasks of your agenda.

Taurus

Venus' sextile with Saturn
means that you are apt to
receive cooperation and
understanding in the mon-
etary and love departments
during this time.

Scorpio

The sun's conjunction with

Jupiter is accentuating
the fact that energies are
united toward aiding you
to reach a major goal that
you have.

Capricorn

Pluto's conjunction with
Juno means that something
that you've either seen,
experienced, or otherwise
become informed about
has likely become a part of
transforming your current
view.

Libra

Venus' square of Pluto sug-
gests that things are likely
to become better for you
once a conflict of either
money or romance, arising
from your subconscious, is
resolved.

Sagittarius

The Uranus trine of Pholus
means that there's likely to
be a shift in the issues that
you're facing--as well as a
mental turning point--a
decision that you've real-
ized you need to make for
yourself in regards to the
stability that you desire for
yourself, in the future.

Aries

Your life force energy is
thriving and Uranus' trine
with the north node is
highlighting your graceful
ability to survive while at a
crossroads.

Leo

With the sun's square of
Ceres, conflicts could
emerge due to someone's
perceptions of you. Being
abundant, in some way,

however, this won't drain
you much, as you'll be too
busy nurturing somebody
else's personal effort and
self confidence.

Pisces

Jupiter's square with Ceres
is reflecting the use of your
imagination, to help foster
the self-esteem, of some-
one with whom you have
contact.

A Good Read

by Jerome Saintjones



**Timothy Keller's
"The Prodigal God"**

This easy
read provides a
transformative
explanation and
examination of
the Prodigal Son parable,
beginning with the true
meaning of the word
prodigal.



Father and two sons
are analyzed in the
context of just why Jesus
found it necessary to tell
the story in the first place.
The sons are symbolic of
two groups of people of-
ten around Jesus--the lost
and the self-righteous.

Are you following the
rules and doing all of the
right things for the *right*
reason? Do you believe
you are owed something
for doing the right thing?
Could your own approach
to God and to religion
be the reason others are
missing out on their own
personal relationship with
God?

Do you feel that God's
work would not get done
if you didn't make things
happen and stand in
as the voice of reason?
Which son was lost?

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC CITY OF HUNTSVILLE

The City of Huntsville's Community Development Department will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, November 13, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. to receive input for the **2018 Action Plan Program Year** (7/1/18 to 6/30/19). The meeting will be held at the Richard Showers Center at 4600 Blue Spring Rd. NW, Huntsville, AL 35810. The City of Huntsville does not discriminate on the basis of disability for the admission or access to its programs or activities. If you have any questions, or will need special accommodations, please call Turkessa C. Lacey - Community Development Department prior to the Public Hearing at 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 llevará a cabo una audiencia pública el lunes 13 de noviembre de 2017, en 6:00 P.M. para recibir la entrada para el **plan 2018 de acción programe el año** (7/1/18 a 6/30/19). La reunión será celebrada en el Richard duchas centro 4600 azul primavera Rd NW, Huntsville, AL 35810. La ciudad de Huntsville no discrimina en base de la inhabilidad para la admisión ni tiene acceso a sus programas o actividades. Si usted tiene cualesquiera preguntas, o necesita comodidades especiales, llame por favor Turkessa C. De encaje - departamento del desarrollo de la comunidad antes de la audiencia pública en 256-427-5400; TTY: 256-427-7092.



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