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"Life is accepting what is and working from that."

- Gloria Naylor

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Drake State Names Advisory Board

A nine-member advisory board has been named to oversee Drake State Community & Technical College's new Frontiers Research Program (FRP). FRP was established after Drake State was selected by NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center as a partner to develop 3D printing technologies to support the Artemis mission.

The Frontiers Advisory Board, made up of technical experts, NASA officials and community leaders, will provide guidance to the research team throughout the year-long project.

"NASA is calling on us to help develop construction techniques suitable for use on the moon," said Dr. Pat Sims, president of Drake. "Our advisory board has the expertise to help guide our efforts as we complete this significant

work."

In addition to the advisory board, the Frontiers Research team will be supported by representatives from NASA Marshall Space Flight Center and ICON, a construction technologies company leading the 3D space construction research efforts for NASA.

Drake State is the first community college and only historically black community college to receive a cooperative agreement award from Marshall's CAN opportunity since its inception in 2013. The FRP team, which consists of students, instructors and administrators from the college's Engineering Design program, will test 3D-printed concrete structures to help develop construction techniques suitable for building landing pads, roads, and other large

structures on the Moon.

The new board includes the following members: **Joe Fitzgerald**, civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army (CASA) for Alabama (North); **Jeff Haars**, vice president and deputy program manager, Jacobs Space Exploration; **Laura Hall**, state representative (D), District 19; **Larry Lewis**, co-founder and president, PROJECTXYZ, Inc.; **John Mankins**, president, Artemis Innovation Management Systems; **John Meredith**, president pro tem, District 5, Huntsville City Council; **Raymond Pierce**, president and CEO, Southern Education Foundation; **Ritchie Whorton**, State Rep. (R) District 22; and **Lisa Williams**, co-founder and president, 3D Research Corp.

District 1 Town Hall Set for JLC

A District 1 Town Hall with Huntsville City Council Member Devyn Keith will be held Tuesday, December 1, at 6 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the Johnson Legacy Center, 6000 Cecil Fain Drive, Huntsville. The public is invited.



Huntsville Finalist in Space Command HQ Bid

The Department of the Air Force recently announced that Huntsville has been designated as a candidate location for consideration to host the headquarters of the United States Space Command (USSPACECOM).

Huntsville is one of six locations to participate in the next phase of the process.

"The Redstone region provides an unparalleled workforce for the U.S. Space Command with capabilities that include missile defense, aerospace, and intelligence," said Mayor Tommy Battle. "We have the infrastructure ca-

capacity, community support, low cost of doing business and high-quality expertise to serve as the headquarters for USSPACECOM. When you analyze all

the variables, Huntsville is the clear choice for this vitally important unified combatant command."

The Air Force anticipates making a public announcement on its decision in early 2021.

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Columnist's Book Climbs into Amazon Top 50

Local author and Valley Weekly columnist Tim Allston's new book, *The U.S. Coronavirus Crisis and the Rise of the "Silver-Mettle" Leaders: 11 Steps up a Silverpath*, has



crossed into the Top 50 in the category of One-Hour Politics & Social Sciences Short Reads.

Allston's piece is an interesting read on the importance and fortitude of

those assigned to No. 2 positions, who show their top-notch merit in trying situations.

For more, visit available now at <https://amzn.to/3cx1koV>.



Happy Thanksgiving!

Called 2 Preach

by Pastor/Founder Michael D. Rice
Grace Gethsemane Mission Church

"Be at Rest Once More ..."

Psalms 116:7

The hymnwriter was correct in saying that "time is filled with swift transitions." The swiftness of them can cause a temporary state of despondency.

The word of God is replete with reports that are very familiar to our real-time experiences. This is most evident in many of

the Psalms that have been left on record to remind, restore, and replenish our souls when they get caught in the eye of the storms that are common to life.

Sometimes we have to do what this Psalmist did in 116:7. He had a talk with his own soul. He told his soul to *be at rest once more*. This obviously meant two things: he was not currently



at rest but had been before. He knew that being at rest was better than being in a state of panic. He knew that trusting was better than tripping. He even gave

his soul the *reason* for the exhortation; *for the LORD has been good to you.*

The review and reflections of his past dealings with God had given him this marvelous and matchless reason. That trip down memory lane had revealed times when God had heard his prayers and turned His ears to him; when death was close and God shooed



it away; when distress and sorrow had hovered over him like a bad storm cloud, but God lifted it.

Time is filled with swift transitions, but it does not diminish the power of God.

Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring

Mrs. Frances Jones Harris

Born in Helena, Ala., Frances Jones was the second oldest of 4 children. She and her husband, the late Judge Harris, are the proud parents of three children; one son (DeLonzo of Huntsville) and two daughters (Kimberly Johnson of Austin, Tex., and Judise Lanier of Madison, Ala.). She is a blessed and doting grandmother, with two granddaughters and one grandson. Harris was born to a locomotive engineer and a homemaker.

She is a retired educator who taught mathematics at levels ranging from middle school to college for over 31 years. Reared and educated in Birmingham, Ala., Harris graduated from Western-Olin High School. She



also served as an associate reference librarian, Upward Bound math and science teacher and adjunct faculty member in mathematics at her alma mater, Alabama A&M University. She has volunteered and presented in-service educational and cultural workshops with the community and at the collegiate level for many years.

From 1967 to 1969, Har-

ris supervised students in the personnel department of the SHARP program at the U S Army Corps of Engineers. She has also served as an advisor counselor in mathematics at Calhoun Community College in Decatur.

An ordained Elder and Church Treasurer at Fellowship Presbyterian Church under the pastoral leadership of Rev. Gregory Bentley, she is a dedicated Christian and has served in various capacities in the church all of her adult life. Harris has been affiliated with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; the Board of Directors of the North Alabama Sickle Cell Foundation; and Fellowship Presbyterian Church.

NOVEMBER 27 - JIMI HENDRIX - Rock guitarist Jimi Hendrix born in Seattle, Wash., and is considered one of the greatest and most influential guitarists in rock music history. He is most often remembered for his psychedelic rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner" at the Woodstock Festival.
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HUNTSVILLE AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Public Meeting Notice

The Citizens Advisory Committee of the Huntsville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization will meet **Monday, November 30, 2020** at 5:00 pm. The Metropolitan Planning Organization Board meets on Wednesday, **December 2, 2020** at 4:00 pm. ALL meetings will be held on the 1st floor of Huntsville City Hall located at 308 Fountain Circle. To read the plans up for review at this meeting, visit:

<http://www.huntsvillempo.org/plans-and-reports/>

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How to Manage **Holiday Stress** During COVID-19

(BPT) - Feeling stressed? You're not alone. Stress levels are rising due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the numerous disruptions in our daily lives.

The American Psychological Association recently reported that "we are facing a national mental health crisis that could yield serious health and social consequences for years to come." And it's not just adults who are feeling it. The report reveals that our children are "facing unprecedented uncertainty, are experiencing elevated stress, and are already reporting symptoms of depression."

Although a modest amount of stress is normal, high levels of stress can be dangerous to your health and may contribute to serious health problems such as high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, anxiety and depression. Therefore, make sure to keep a close eye on your well-being and the well-being of your loved ones during the holidays.

It's true, there is no magic bullet to make stress disappear forever, but we can take steps to reduce

stress. Ann Marie O'Brien, R.N., national director of health engagement strategies at UnitedHealthcare, shares the following tips that may reduce your stress and lead to a more enjoyable holiday season.

* Learn to recognize your holiday stress triggers and relievers. Financial pressures and personal demands are two common triggers. Also, beware of unhealthy stress relievers. Holiday stress may cause some people to fall into bad habits such as smoking, drinking or eating too much.

* Give yourself a break. While doing things for others, it's easy to forget to take care of ourselves. If you feel stress building up, take a break for a few minutes. Listening to calming music, taking time to watch a movie, or just getting away to take a brief walk can give you time to unwind and recharge.

* Make time for your health. In the holiday rush, don't let your well-being fall by the wayside. Try to stay on your normal sleep

schedule, incorporate healthy foods and get regular exercise. If you can't find a 30-minute chunk of time for exercise, break it up into three 10-minute sessions spread throughout the day.

* Check your health plan benefits. Some insurers, such as UnitedHealthcare, offer behavioral health care programs that can range from caring for your mental health to treatment for substance abuse, with a goal of helping improve your overall well-being. For example, Sanvello® offers clinically validated techniques and tools to reduce stress, anxiety and depression within a single app. Sanvello is free to download from the app stores and you can do an instant eligibility check in the app.

* Enjoy, even if it's virtually. In the flurry of holiday activities, we sometimes forget what we're celebrating, so remember to savor the time with people you love. If you or others you know are unable to meet in person, use a phone or set up a Zoom call to celebrate



and spend time together. It's important to minimize any feelings of isolation.

* Talk to your doctor. If it feels like you're not able

to get a handle on your stress, talk to your doctor. She or he may recommend a counselor who could help you find other ways to help

reduce or manage the unhealthy stress in your life.

For more health and wellness information, visit UHC.com.

Champion Game Plan for Life

"WORRY DOESN'T WORK"

by Preston Brown

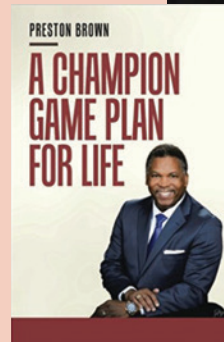
Matthew 6:26

says, *Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?*

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus deals with worry from a different perspective. He says, "Look at the birds." God is always trying to get us to look at something other than ourselves. Remember, he told Abraham to "come out of your

tent and look up at the sky and count the stars if indeed you can count them." And, He is saying to all of us, *look at something other than your current circumstance.* He

is saying, I am greater than all of these things that we tend to worry about. Jesus goes on to say, "Can any of you add anything to your life by worrying?" You see, we can work on our problem and we can work on our situation, but we don't need to worry about it, because worry doesn't



work.

Always remember, God wants us to consider Him as the solution to any problem that we have.

So, instead of praying to God about how big

our problem is, we need to pray about how big our God is, for He is very capable and can handle any problem that we have ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters.

Make sure you purchase a copy of my book "A CHAMPION GAME PLAN FOR LIFE" at amazon.com.

OSHA Announces \$3.1M in Coronavirus Violations

If you believe your employer has OSHA violations, please take action. Since the start of the coronavirus pandemic through Nov. 12, 2020, the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has issued 232 citations arising from inspections for violations relating to coronavirus, resulting in proposed penalties totaling \$3,148,452.

OSHA inspections have resulted in the agency citing employers for violations, including failures to:

- Implement a written respiratory protection program;
- Provide a medical evaluation, respirator fit test, training on the proper use of a respirator and personal protective equipment;
- Report an injury, illness or fatality;
- Record an injury or illness on OSHA recordkeeping forms; and
- Comply with the General Duty Clause of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970

Meals on Wheels Virtual Drive for Senior Citizens Set

The Huntsville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is hosting a virtual fundraiser on Saturday December 5, 2020 supporting the Huntsville/Madison County Senior Citizen Center located at 2200 Drake Avenue in Huntsville, Ala.

The fundraiser will be

featured during a live broadcast 10 a.m. –12 noon by Toni Terrell of 94.1 FM WHRP.

To strengthen efforts to eliminate food insecurities, the chapter's President Ovetta Hobson and the event's coordinators, Rosa Kilpatrick, Remika

Garrett and Alicia Nunez are challenging all Greek letter organizations, clubs, churches, and community affiliates to help exceed its goal to raise \$10,000.

The money collected will be donated to Meals on Wheels to ensure that the seniors who depend on the

program will have festive and nutritious meals this holiday season.

The primary food provider for the Senior Center closes during the Christmas season. With your support, more than 1,500 meals will fill the gap.

For more information

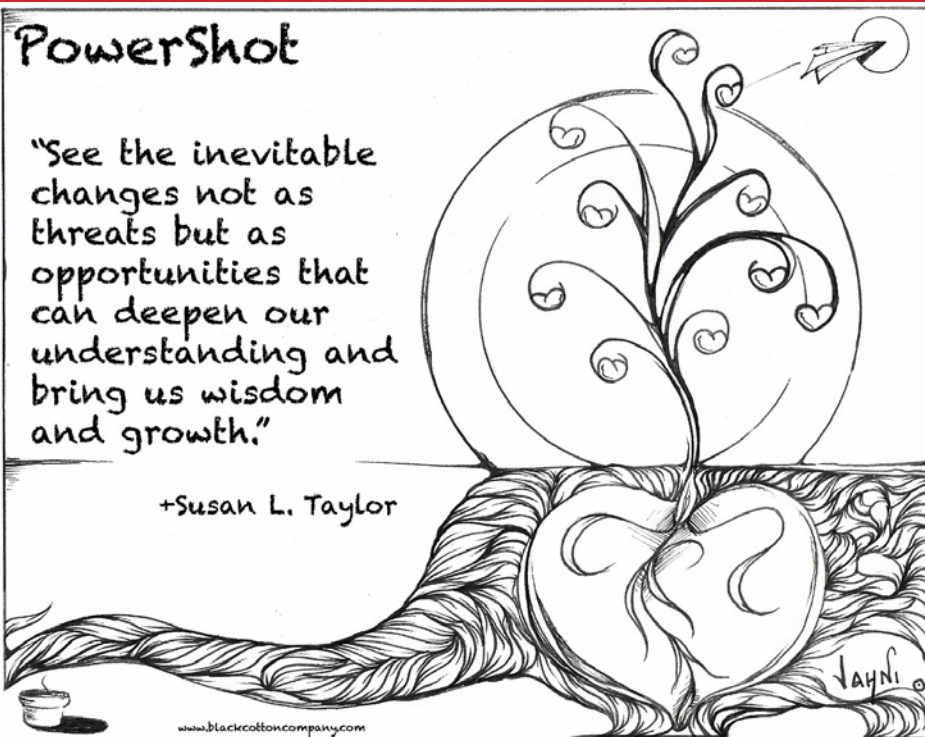
and to donate to this worthy cause, visit the Huntsville Alumnae website <https://www.dsthuntsville.org/events/>

To learn more about Huntsville Alumnae Chapter, visit the chapter's website at <http://www.dsthuntsville.org>. Visit the

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, national website at <http://www.deltasigmatheta.com>. For more information, contact Ovetta Hobson at president@dsthuntsville.org or icc@dsthuntsville.org.

Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters.

- Abraham Lincoln



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Tennessee Valley Calendar of Events

November 26 Thanksgiving Day	7 p.m.	Burritt on the Mountain \$40-\$50 per Car Load 5-9 p.m.
November 27 Skating in the Park Opening Day Huntsville Museum of Art 4-10 p.m.	December 1 City of Huntsville Bid Opening - Ditto Landing Dock Repair and Stabilization Plan, Project No. 71-21-SP10 10 a.m.	December 9 Zoning Committee Meeting 7:30 a.m.
Galaxy of Lights Huntsville Botanical Garden 5-8:30 p.m.	City of Huntsville Bid Opening - Greenbrier Parkway Phase IV-B, Part III, Project No. 71-18-RD01 10:30 p.m.	December 10 Idea Competition for High School Students www.be-entrepreneurial.org 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Online
A Christmas Carol (Online Event) Fantasy Playhouse 7-9 p.m.	District 1 Town Hall 6-8 p.m.	December 12 Marlon Wayans Stand Up Live 6:30-10 p.m.
November 28 Blues Legend Lil' Jimmy Reed FREE at Stovehouse 7 p.m.	December 3 Huntsville City Council Meeting 5:30-8 p.m.	December 18 Totally 80s Christmas Party SideTracks Music Hall 9-11:55 p.m.
Holiday Light Show Bridge Street Town Center	December 4 Candlelight Christmas 2020	



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Valley Deaths

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Graveside service for MRS. MARGARET S. TAYLOR (b. 1934) was held Saturday, November 21, at the Berkley Community Cemetery with the Reverend Joe Kelly officiating.

Funeral service for MR. WILLIAM LEE TONEY (b. 1969) was held Wednesday, November 18, at the Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

Graveside service for MRS. ELIZA K. STONE (b. 1927) was held Tuesday, November 17, at Maple Hill Cemetery with Brother John Branch officiating.

ROYAL FUNERAL HOME - 4315 Oakwood Avenue -
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Funeral service for CHAPLAIN COLONEL JAMES HENRY MELANCON (b. 1926) was held Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at the Royal Chapel of Memories (4315 Oakwood Avenue NW Huntsville, AL 35810). Interment will be in Oakwood Memorial Gardens.

Funeral service for MR. RODERICK "ROD" CRISCO HUMPHREY (b. 1956) was held Sunday, November 22, at the Royal Chapel of Memories (4315 Oakwood Avenue, NW, Huntsville, Ala.).

Graveside service for MR. T. DAVID FREEMAN (b. 1930) was held Sunday, November 22, at Clay Cemetery in Gurley, Ala., with Reverend Henry Brown officiating.

Graveside service for MRS.DOROTHY DOBBINS (b. 1958) was held Saturday, November 21, at Meadowlawn Garden of Peace (450 Mount Lebanon Road, Toney, Ala.) with Pastor Mylon Burwell officiating.

Graveside service for MS. STARR-CLICHE V. DAVIS (b. 1983) was held Saturday, November 21, at Valhalla Memory Gardens (698 Winchester Road, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Sam Garth officiating.

Funeral service for MINISTER RICHARD BRUCE TOWNSEND (b. 1948) was held Friday, November 20, at the Royal Chapel of Memories with Pastor Tarvares Henderson officiating.

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Funeral services for MS. BETTYE MCGINNIS-DRAKE, MR. JOHN HENRY SMITH, JR., MS. FLORENCE KIRKLAND, and MR. ANTHONY GEORGE will be announced at a later date.



Remember the Titanic . . . and its Object Lesson

But the Lord said unto Samuel, "Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart" - 1 Samuel 16:7

God dispatched Samuel to find Israel's next king. The prophet was directed to Jesse, who paraded before him his older, handsome and army-conscripted sons.

Samuel, based upon their outward "resumes," was ready to anoint one of them. God stopped and warned Samuel with the above text.

Finally, Jesse summoned from shepherding his youngest David, and God directed Samuel to anoint him.

Recently, OceanGate Expeditions announced Titanic tours - for \$125,000, <https://bloom.bg/2IWpkas>! The Titanic's sinking should remind all of the tragedy that can happen when we only look at what's seen on top and not what's below the surface.

Even as silver-mettle leaders are untapped leaders who lie often below their organization's surface, so too are under-the-surface conditions that can hinder or doom, as the Titanic captain showed us.

The Edward John Smith Model

On April 15, 1912, this Titanic captain was warned of an upcoming iceberg. Like Jesse's older sons, it was towering and impressive. Smith steered his ocean liner to avoid what he saw of the iceberg - only 10% of the frozen mass.

Smith failed to account for the iceberg's lower-lying 90% mass, which buttressed the upper visible ice tower. Therefore, the Titanic struck unknowingly that below-the-radar ice mass and sank, killing 1,496 passengers including himself. Don't let that fate be yours; watch closely what's below the radar.

Below the radar of all organizations are the silver-mettle leaders. They (actually, you and I) are so branded because we:

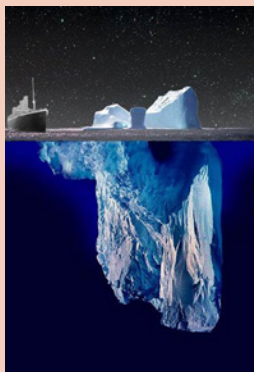
1. Report to someone in our organizations (silver);
2. Perform our tasks with character, fortitude and courage (mettle); and
3. Add value through our influence and relationships (leaders).

Going forward, no organization can thrive or even survive without us below-the-surface leaders.

Top leaders: from now on, no longer make Samuel's initial or Captain Smith's final mistake: look up but, more importantly, look below.

Most treasures lie beneath the surface.

tim allston is the author of the printed/digital/audiobook, *The U.S. Coronavirus Crisis and the Rise of the "Silver-Mettle" Leaders*, available now at <https://amzn.to/3cx1koV>.



AKAs Remember A&M International Students

The Target V: Global Impact Committee of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Rho Chi Omega Chapter, recently provided 78 care packages to international students at Alabama A&M University.

On Tuesday, November 17, chapter members Sandra Williams, who chairs the Target V Global Impact Committee, and Norma Reeves, chair of the Pillow Cases, Dresses and Shirts for the Children of Haiti Global Initiative, visited AAMU's Community College Relations and Global Initiatives (CCRG).

According to Tonnesha M. Lewis, chapter president, the care packages were provided "to make their travels back to their respective countries for the holiday break a safe



and comfortable experience." Each care package contained a cap, gloves, a Speakin' Out newspaper, inspirational reading material (Word of Day), a stylus, hand sanitizer and a reusable mask.

The Target V initiative is designed to expand the sorority's international footprint through collaboration, spon-

sorship, service projects.

CAPTION: Pictured (l-r) are: Dr. Pamela Little, executive director, CCRGI; Sandra Williams, Rho Chi Omega Chapter; Rachael Dike, queen, International Student Association (ISA); Rebekah Dike, vice president of ISA; Norma Reeves, Rho Chi Omega Chapter; and Oouwasubomi Olawepo, ISA president. (Not shown: Tonnesha M. Lewis, Rho Chi Omega chapter president)

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Washington in One Minute



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

1. **ON THE FLOOR.** The House and Senate are in recess this week. There is not yet a deal on the FY21 defense authorization bill, the FY21 appropriations package, or a COVID-19 relief bill, but congressional staff representing Speaker Nancy Pelosi, House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer met last Thursday to discuss legislation in the lame duck session.

2. **LATEST ELECTION RESULTS.** The makeup of the Senate in next year's 117th Congress is currently 50 Republicans to 48 Democrats (a net gain of 1 for the Democrats) with the 2 Georgia seats not to be decided until the January 5th runoff elections. To date, House Democrats have lost a net of 7 seats to the GOP and the House currently stands at 222 Ds to 205 Rs with 8 seats undecided, according to The Washington Post.

3. **NEW BIDEN STAFF.** On Tuesday, President-elect Biden announced his first cabinet secretary nominees. Last week, he announced his top White House staffers, including: Chief of Staff: Ron Klain Senior Adviser: Mike Donilon Counselor to the President:

Steve Richetti
Deputy Chief of Staff:
Jen O'Malley Dillon
White House Counsel:

Dana Remus
Director of Public Engagement: Rep. Cedric Richmond (D-LA)
Director of Intergovernmental Affairs: Julie Rodriguez
Director of Legislative Affairs: Louisa Terrell
Director of Oval Office Operations: Annie Tomasini

4. **PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION.** Last Thursday (Nov. 19), key congressional committee chairs demanded a briefing no later than today (Nov. 23) from General Services Administrator Emily Murphy on her

ongoing refusal to grant the Biden-Harris Transition Team access to critical services and facilities specified in the Presidential Transition Act and the millions of dollars in funding that Congress appropriated on October 1, 2020, for transition activities under the Act. The letter to Murphy warned that the House may call her up to the Hill for a hearing on the matter.

5. **BIDEN INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN OUTLOOK.** Advocates are hopeful that President-elect Joe Biden and his former Senate colleague Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) will work together for possible action next year on a major infrastructure package. Under his \$2 trillion Build Back Better proposal for reviving the U.S. economy, Biden envisions investing in schools, water systems, municipal transit, universal broadband and affordable housing. Moving the proposal through

Congress, though, would require extensive cooperation with Republicans, especially Majority Leader McConnell -- who since May has spurned a comparably sized pandemic relief package pushed by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA). President-elect Biden highlighted infrastructure in an economic summit November 16. Most Americans favor additional investment in public works. A February 2020 poll conducted by The Pew Charitable Trusts showed that 68% of U.S. residents support an increase in federal infrastructure spending. The poll was conducted before the coronavirus pandemic damaged the U.S. economy, however.

6. **TREASURY ENDS CARES ACT LENDING PROGRAMS.** In a surprise move last week, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin announced that several coronavirus-related lending programs will end on December 31, including the primary and secondary market corporate credit facilities, under which the Federal Reserve purchased corporate bonds, as well as the Municipal Liquidity Facility for state and local governments, the Main Street Lending program and Term Asset-Backed Loan Facility, aimed at keeping the market for those securities liquid. In addition, Mnuchin requested that the Federal Reserve return \$455 billion in unused funds. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce decried the move as prematurely and unnecessarily tying the hands of the incoming Biden Administration and closing the door on important liquidity options for businesses at a time when they need them most.

7. **HOUSE LEADERSHIP ELECTIONS.** The House chose its party leadership positions for the 117th Congress last week with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy and their top team members winning reelection in their respective party caucuses. Newcomers on the Democratic Leadership team include Rep. Katherine Clark (D-MA) who defeated Rep. David Cicilline (D-RI) for Assistant Speaker and Rep. Pete Aguilar (D-CA) who beat Rep. Robin Kelly (D-IL) for Caucus Vice Chair. Speaker Pelosi will still need to win a majority of votes from the full House to remain Speaker when the 117th Congress begins in January.

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Faith Initiative Scholarship Announced

FAITH Initiative, Incorporated, a 501c3 nonprofit established by Fellowship Presbyterian Church USA, announces the annual scholarships to be awarded *Spring 2021*. The scholarships are open to deserving students from the Tennessee Valley who have been accepted to an accredited university or technical school and who demonstrate the potential to become a productive member of the community. Recipients are not required to be enrolled or accepted in an institution of higher learning in Alabama to receive the scholarships. Applications and requirements have been mailed to area high school counselors and local churches. However, your assistance is requested in getting this announcement to high school seniors. Students selected from the Tennessee Valley will be informed by letter, and the formal announcement will be made at the Annual Fundraising Event of the organization scheduled for *Spring 2021*. Due to the current COVID 19, this event may be virtual. Successful applicants are expected to participate.

Scholarship applications may be obtained from FAITH Initiative organization at faithinitiativenonprofit@gmail.com or call 256-714-9399. Applications must be received not later than *March 19, 2021*.



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