

The Valley Weekly

"When it is a question of money,
everybody is of the same religion."
- Voltaire

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Huntsville Mother of Three Wheel of Fortune Contestant

Dorothy El-Amin of Huntsville, Ala. will be a contestant on "Wheel of Fortune" on Tuesday, March 5, 2019. El-Amin is a program analyst with three children. She just graduated in 2018 and is now working on her master's degree in career and technical education. She is also a member of Junior League of Huntsville. She currently serves as its placement advisor. In her spare time, El-Amin loves watching "Wheel" with her 12-year-old daughter. She began her journey to be a contestant on America's Game when she applied online and auditioned in Nashville, Tenn. **WHERE TO WATCH: Weeknights on WAFF 48 at 6:30 PM.**



She is appearing during Wheel of Fortune's "Wheel Across America" week. She will be spinning the Wheel, calling out consonants, and buying vowels to solve hangman-style puzzles and win once-in-a-lifetime vacations, new cars, and cash prizes! Wheel Watchers Club members will want to pay specific attention to the Mystery Round. If the \$10,000 Mystery Wedge is won by a contestant, then the SPIN ID of a loyal viewer at home will be revealed, giving them the chance to also win \$10,000.

Group Home Celebrates 40th

305 8th Street, a group home that serves cognitively challenged adults, celebrates 40 years of service in March.

Since 1979, the home has helped hundreds of adults in Madison County who are high functioning but fall through the cracks of state assistance.

To receive state aid, one must have an IQ of 70 or below, and many people who test higher than that still need assistance. Some have brain injuries, autism, cerebral palsy, intellectual disabilities and mental illness.

"We don't get any state or federal funding," says Executive Director Andrea Williams. "We serve a diverse population and for whatever reason, they fall through the cracks of getting state assistance and as an organization, we do



305 8th Street, Huntsville, AL 35805

too. We are the only group home in Alabama that provides 24-hour supportive care without federal or state reimbursements."

On March 7, 305 8th Street will host its annual "Love Grows Here" fundraiser from 5-8 p.m. at The Jackson Center, recognizing its 40-year anniversary with dinner and a silent auction.

All ticket information is available at www.3058thstreet.org. Interviews with family and residents are available by contacting (256) 348-8741.

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Lakeside Hosts Riveting BHM Program

Lakeside United Methodist Church hosted "Still Standing: The Fifth Little Girl of the 16th Street Baptist Church Bombing" on Monday, February 18, in their main sanctuary. Sarah Collins-Rudolph, survivor of the 16th Street Baptist Church Bombing, shared her often untold and often forgotten story.

Hosted by Lakeside Pastor, Dr. Tomasi Muhomba, and Chairperson Lucrecia Walker-Points, Mrs. Collins-Rudolph recounted the devastating September 15, 1963, explosion. Sarah's sister, Addie Mae Collins was one of the four little girls who perished in this egregious act of domestic terrorism. Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle, presented a proclamation on behalf of the City of Huntsville to Mrs. Sarah Collins-Rudolph.

A church of important significance in Huntsville, Mrs. Laura F. Clift presented a historical documentary about Lakeside Church and its members in establishing various parts of the Huntsville community.

In addition to the church, the program was sponsored by Attorney and Mrs. David C. Points, Jr., The Society of Professional Women, The Honorable Tommy Battle, The Rosetta James Foundation, Mr. & Mrs. Knute R. Walker, Mrs. Jacquelyn O. Ifill, and the Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

Harrison Center Event Rounds Out Black History Month

Everyone knows that February is Black History Month.

There one more opportunity for a final celebration. Come join the Robert "Bob" Harrison Senior Wellness & Advocacy Cen-

ter, located at 6156 Pulaski Pike NW, Huntsville, Ala., to help celebrate contributions of African Americans and people of African descent from throughout the Diaspora.

The event costs only

\$10, and it will be held Thursday, February 28, at 6 p.m.

Actors will perform a historical play and an "Invisible Church." Refreshments will be served.

If you have any ques-

tions about this Black History Month event and future activities at the Robert "Bob" Harrison Center, please call Wanda Foster, marketing coordinator, at 256-519-2040.

MOC Holds Valentine's Ball for Charities

On Saturday, 9 Feb 2019, the Members' Only Club (MOC) held the annual Valentine's Ball.

The festive event was held at the National Speleological Society facility with over 600 guests in attendance.

The theme of the ball was "Love is in the Air."

Ms. Toni Terrell, WHRP 94.1 Radio, served as the mistress of ceremony. Comedy was provided by the extremely funny comedian Ms Tresha "LOL" Rutledge.

Buffet-style food was

provided by Chef Jeff and photography was provided by Anthony Gibson. The audience also enjoyed dancing to music performed by the AZIZ band of Atlanta, Ga.

All profit from ticket sales are used to support charities in the Madison/Huntsville communities.

The MOC organization has supported over 50 charities and has provided several scholarships throughout the vicinity. The following organizations were the February 2019 recipients of the Val-

entine's donation of \$1,000 each:

Heals, Inc.

Wrestling Odds Foundation

Grateful Life Community Church.

The MOC membership is grateful to each of its supporters for making this another successful, fun-filled event.

Ronnie Hawkins serves as president of the Members' Only Club.

Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

"DON'T FALL FOR THAT"

Genesis 3: 6 says: "When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband and he ate it."

You know, sometimes in life there are things that are too good to be true. And, when we find ourselves in these kinds of situations, we need to realize whether or not it is consistent with the word of God. In this scripture, we see that Adam and Eve are being deceived by the greatest liar of all times. As a matter of fact, when it comes to lies, Satan is the G.O.A.T. In John 10:10, it says the thief only comes to kill, steal and destroy your life. So every lie that has ever been told has its origins from the devil. Now when he lies, we have to be careful because it won't sound like a lie.

In other words, it will be very logical, like we find in Genesis 3:4-5. Also, when he lies, it is about significant things, not just the little things. And, the most significant thing that he lies about is

God. You see, if he can get our minds twisted about the God that we serve, then he knows that we will fall for anything. The same methods that he used on Adam and Eve are the same ones that he uses on us today.

Today, people seem to be "going along with" many different things that are totally against the word of God. Matter of fact, they are just lies that are being spread like a cancer to unsuspecting people, like we find with Adam and Eve. Any time we begin to participate in the act of lying, then we are of the devil (John 8:44). However, there is a solution for us to

overcome the devil and his lies. First we need to become followers of Jesus Christ. Then we need to trust that the word of God is true. The only way that we can combat the lies of



Satan is to know the word of God. Because the word of God will expose the lies of Satan. Then, finally, we need to be committed. In other words, we have to decide, whose side we are own and stay committed. We don't need to be a "fair-weather" Christian. When we stay committed to the word of God, we won't fall for the devil's lies ...

Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters, and make sure you purchase a copy of my book, "A Champion Game Plan For Life," at amazon.com or prestonbrownministries.com

Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring

Mrs. Jacquelyn Ifill

Mrs. Jacquelyn Outlaw Ifill is the fourth of five children born to the late Bennie Taze Outlaw and Dolores Glover Outlaw of Decatur, Ala. She is affectionately known as "Benette" by those who have known her for many years, as it is a nickname given to her in memory of her father.

"Jackie" (as she is also called) was born in Gadsden, Ala., but at the age of six months, her parents returned to Decatur for employment opportunities. She grew up in Old Town Decatur and attended Lakeside Middle School and High School. Following in her father's and brother's steps, she attended Tuskegee University), where she obtained the B.S. degree in home economics and social studies. She pursued and completed further studies culminating in a M.S. degree in home eco-

nomics from Alabama A&M University, along with studies at the University at Alabama in Huntsville.

The 4-H Motto "To Make the Best Better" was taken to heart when Jackie began her Extension career. She soon became County Agent Coordinator, responsible for providing leadership and coordination of Madison County's entire programming efforts. Jackie's programming endeavors successfully increased the visibility of Extension activities. In August 1996, Jackie was appointed District Coordinator for the Tri-Cities District, which included eight counties. Beginning in October 1998, she was appointed Urban Program Educator for


the Urban Affairs and New Non-Traditional Programs with a major emphasis on urban centers in Madison

County at Alabama A&M University. She also received numerous Awards of Excellence for her work at the Auburn Extension Center throughout her 31-year tenure for her valuable

contributions to and service in responsible leadership positions in a wide variety of professional civic, community service and religious organizations.

In 1983, Jackie met and married the love of her life, Mr. Lloyd McArtney Ifill. They were married for 26 years before Lloyd made his heavenly transition in 2008.





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“Huntsville in the Early 1960s: Prelude to the Talk by the ‘Fifth Little Girl (and Only Survivor)’ of the 16th Street Baptist Church Bombing in Birmingham, Ala., in 1963”

Black History Month Program at Lakeside United Methodist Church

Monday, February 18, 2019

(Copyrighted by Dr. Michael David Smith)

Huntsville leaders have cultivated an image of this city as being different from the hate and violence that have long-scarred Birmingham and other parts of Alabama. Yet the image differs from the reality. The image was crafted after the fact in a self-congratulatory pat on their back. True, there were no bombs detonated; there were no snarling dogs assailing these fighters for equal-rights; there were no power-packed fire-hoses knocking them off their feet, spinning them around and throwing them back from whence they came. Yes ...

In January 1962, Huntsvillians began demonstrating for the right to public accommodations. Marching from their nearby Cumberland Presbyterian Church launching-site to the cafeterias and picture-shows in downtown, these protestors waged their battle for months before Huntsville officials and civic leaders conceded in July 1962 that African-Americans could enjoy themselves equally with other Huntsvillians.

In June 1963, Dave McGlathery quietly integrated the University of Alabama in Huntsville, while at the same time Alabama Governor George Wallace was theatrically blocking the door to two African-Americans seeking admissions to the main university-campus in Tuscaloosa.

In early September 1963, after security and legal delays, one African-American student was admitted to the “white” Rison Junior-High School and three others were admitted to three different elementary schools of Huntsville. These students were met by taunts, name-calling, crowding, shoving, spitting - but no firearms and no bombs.

Why the difference between the bombs of Birmingham and the spittle of Huntsville? For one, Huntsville was recently prospering as an outpost of the federal government. City leaders did not want to “ruin their good thang,”

as the folks used to say (though today, a majority of local citizens vote against the very federal government that pays their salaries). Two, John Kennedy and liberals controlled the national government.

Three, city leaders did not want a bad image. Four, white resistance to public accommodations was finally broken when police arrested a pregnant mother and another mother with a baby-in-arms. This broke the news-embargo waged by the Huntsville Times and other news media. (The embargo was so thorough that many white Huntsville residents did not even know that there were protests in downtown for over six months.)

But these instances of mild resistance were not the full reality of Huntsville Alabama in the early 1960s. In 1985, a seventh-cousin mentioned that his family could never understand why their uncle’s farm in southeast Huntsville had been claimed by a white man when the uncle died. The cousin asked me to tell them what happened. After combing the files at the county courthouse, I concluded that a white man had offered the uncle, Dan Elliott, \$10,000 for his farm in April 1964, with the agreement that the farm would go to the white man upon Mr. Elliott’s death. He died a couple of years later. Thus, you get the subdivisions on Todd Mill Road, between Weatherly and Mountain Gap Roads.

In April 1961, Huntsville leaders posted mimeographed flyers notifying residents of The Grove and nearby neighborhoods to come to the Scruggs Street Community Center to learn how city authorities were going to transform their homes into a medical district. The flyer had no city stamp or seal or logo or anything to indicate that it was an official city document. It was almost as if the Ku Klux Klan had posted it. It had the same motive and the same effect. The Grove, Georgia and Adams Avenue

neighborhoods were wiped off the map. The April 1961 flyer was the Indian Removal Act of 1835 redux.

A look at the intersection of Hammonds Avenue at Councill Street in the Magnolia Terrace neighborhood is instructive. (Councill Street is the only city monument to Huntsville’s most influential post-Civil War leader, William Hooper Councill.) The first house on the southeast corner belonged to Ma Billie, Billie Taylor, a member



of Lakeside Methodist, who moved it from Pulaski Pike to make way for the sprawling cloverleaf of Interstate 565. The next house belonged to tailor Jimmy Anderson who was pushed off Liberia Street in The Grove. Next, the Turner-Rice house - pushed off of Lowe Street in The Grove. Next the Robinson house - pushed off of Triana Road, later called Sibley Road, now called the north-side elevators of the lobby of Huntsville Hospital. Next Kate Smith’s house - Huntsville’s great singer and fortune-teller - pushed off Liberia Street in The Grove. A couple of houses later, the Brandon-Rice house - pushed off Pelham Street in The Grove. It was a large California-style bungalow that the family built with the insurance payments from the late 1920s death of husband-father Thomas Brandon. Next, the house of Joe D. and Harriett Rice, who were pushed off Adams Avenue. Next, the Langford-Turners, pushed off of West Holmes Street. Next, the Palmer-Rooks house - in which both families were separately pushed off West Holmes Street. Members of Lakeside Methodist Church, as were their across the street neighbors, the Bishop-Kellams - who had been pushed off Pearl Street, later called Scruggs Street, then called the Hilton Hotel, now called City Centre at Big Springs, the property of RCP Companies - in this American version of

“Aryan Ownership. “Behind them, the Young -Hendleys, also Lakeside Methodist members - pushed off of West Holmes Street, after the house of “Lawyer” Hendley’s mother (a Lakeside Methodist member) was bulldozed off Barnett Street in The Grove. (He was among those whose profession became part of the call of his city-name after he graduated in 1916 from Howard University School of Law. He was never allowed to practice law in the courtrooms of Madison County or Alabama, only to practice out-of-court lawyering. “Professor” Jamar and “Nurse” Dent were among others with city-names of that rarefied nomenclature. “Lawyer” Hendley’s mother’s house was a small-framed filigreed gem set in a glade, surrounded by trees and shrubs, a quiet oasis for a retiring lady on a quiet street.) Next to the Young-Hendley house is the Barnett-Pleasant, pushed off Barnett Street, which was named for their ancestor, a Presbyterian minister. As Hendleys and Barnetts had been across-the-street neighbors in The Grove, they became next-door neighbors in Magnolia Terrace. This too became a pattern, as many other evicted neighbors/relatives had relocated near each other. (Look for further examples at the back of Slaughter Subdivision.) Their small Barnett house there became their small house here, even though its builder was to inherit large land-holdings from her Limestone County father. Going around the curve, to the corner of Councill and Powers is the Pickens house -pushed off Franklin at Half Street. They occupied a corner there; they occupy a corner here. But no chickens in the backyard shed nor field enough to grow corn, as they had there. Across the street, behind the Pickens, sets the field of the never-built house for the Brandon-Cashins, who were pushed off Oak Avenue, later called Gallatin, now passing as Fountain Row and a paved parking-lot for a large “downtown” bank. Next, the Kibble-Smothers house, pushed off their ancestral home on Pulaski Pike. Across the street diagonally, on Powers Circle,

the Rice-McCall house, pushed off Oak Avenue, later called Gallatin Street. Next-door, the Turner-Tolbert, pushed off Pollard Street, north of West Holmes Street. Then, the Toney-Washingtons, pushed off Franklin Street, in front of Townsend Street. Next, the house of Miss Viola Guess, pushed off Darwin Street (pronounced “Dowwin”) in the mid-1950s to make way for Memorial Parkway. Around the corner and in the next block, the Reverend L. G. Fields house, pushed off Pelham Street. His elevated house in The Grove had twin stair-steps that met at a landing leading up to the front-porch (somewhat like the house of the President of the University of Alabama, as I vaguely remember it). A frame house with elements of art-and-crafts styles mixed with art deco clean lines, it set high enough to park a car inside its double wooden-door garage on its Dixie Place side. It was built around 1927 when they moved into The Grove from Athens Alabama, next -door to the shotgun house of my great-grand aunt Lucy Thompson Wilkerson.

If you think that this pattern of bulldozing blacks from their homes is a thing of the past, just go and find Orchard Street. Residents of that street were pushed out of their homes in the last decade to make more money for the rich. The Orchard Street removals were especially ironic because Mrs. Mattie Fisher Lacey had moved her house there from “Dowwin” to Orchard Street in the mid-1950s to accommodate the pathway of Memorial Parkway. Fifty years later, Huntsville officials and developers seemed almost to go looking for her house in order to plow through it again. City leaders continue to live off slavery, even into the 21st century.

With all due respects to our precious bombing survivor, Mrs. Sarah Collins-Rudolph, bombing is not the only way to remove black people.

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Making Black Marriages Great Again: Overlapping Black History and the Love Month

by tim allston

"When he heard God's warning about the future, Noah believed him even though there was then no sign of a flood, and wasting no time, he built the ark and saved his family" - Heb. 11:7, The Living Bible.

Re-routing Trump's GPS

Yes, Mr. President:

1. There's a national emergency, a humanitarian crisis;
2. At the borders; and,
3. Involving people of color.

But . . .

1. The crisis is at our personal borders;
2. Surrounding our African-American households, and
3. Reaching pandemic levels!

According to the US Census Report and www.Blackdemographics.com:

- Black households are less likely to have a married couple than any other ethnic group;
- Black children are three times more likely to be born out of wedlock than are white children;
- On average, a Black child spends six years in a married household, versus 14 and 13 years for white and Hispanic children, respectively;
- Black marriage rates are declining while the rates of divorce, separation, cohabitation, out-of-wedlock and female-headed households are increasing;
- In 1890 (25 years out of slavery), for example, 80% of Black households were two-parent homes; now, it's just 40-45%;
- Only 28% of Blacks with no formal education are married, compared to 55% of Blacks with a college education = the more educated Blacks are more likely to be married; and
- Black women divorce at twice the rate of white or Hispanic women.

Yes, President Trump, We Must Build the Wall, . . .

... But this wall must be erected around our families,

through marriage and husbandry - i.e., "the management and conservation of resources". In fact, think of the husband as the "band around the house" or "house-band." And there's no better month or example than -

February's Unlikely Role Model

In concluding this Love/Black History Month, February's best role model should not be Cupid, but Noah - history's first meteorologist, architect, and shipbuilder.

He was also a preacher, but with less success. Oh? Noah preached for 120 years,

but he was no Rev. Billy Graham or Bishop T. D. Jakes, as all hearers rejected his message.

Except for eight people. According to Hebrews 11:7, Noah "heard God's warning about the future, . . . and wasting no time, he built an ark and saved his family." Eight people.

Q: Are you so busy, preoccupied with saving the world, that you're not saving your family?

If "yes," then stop, and start now "building your ark." America needs it. Now.



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.GetEgoHelp-Now.org.

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2019



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Deacon Robert Jackson
Mrs. Elaine Plank
Mrs. Josephine Robinson
Mr. Eugene Dick Scruggs, Sr.



Save the Date!

Saturday, March 9, 2019

The Jackson Center

6001 Moquin Drive (Cummings Research Park)

Huntsville, Alabama

12 Noon

Tickets: \$50/Each

For additional information, call Linda Burruss at (256) 536-9717

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State Reps Hold Community Listening Session



LISTENING: Representatives Laura Hall and Anthony Daniels hold a listening session in the auditorium of the James I. Dawson Building on the Alabama A&M University campus.

Alabama State Representatives Anthony Daniels, District 53, and Laura Hall, District 19, held a joint listening session on Monday, February 18, at the James I. Dawson Building at Alabama A&M University in advance on the 2019 Legislative session.

Constituents were given the opportunity to address their concerns before Representatives Hall and Daniels.

Among the highlighted many topics were such items as public education funding, Medicaid expansion, and the state gasoline tax.

Before a nearly packed room, representing a cross section of religious, ethnic and socioeconomic diversity, House Minority Leader Daniels and seasoned legislator Rep. Hall listened in great detail as the topics of concern were presented.

- Gary T. Whitley, Jr.

The Valley Weekly Calendar of Events

February 28

Former Rep. John Knight
"Impact of Knight, Sims
Desegregation Case"
Sponsor: AAMU-AEA
Alabama A&M University
Dawson Building Auditorium, 12 p.m.

March 7

"Love Grows Here" Fund-raiser
Sponsor: 305 8th Street
The Jackson Center
5-8 p.m.

26th Annual NSBE Scholarship Awards Program
Speaker: Marc Lacy
Tickets \$35 available at
www.nsbe-northalabamae.com
Holiday Inn Research Park
6:30 p.m.

"Love Grows Here" Fund-raiser
Sponsor: 305 8th Street
The Jackson Center
5-8 p.m.

March 9

13th Annual Rosetta James

"Honoring Our Elders"

Celebration Luncheon
The Jackson Center
6001 Moquin Drive
(Cummings Research Park)
Huntsville, Ala., 12 noon

Huntsville Area Spelman Alumna

"An Evening of Jazz"

Featuring
The Joe Jennings and Howard Nicholson Quintet
Huntsville Botanical Garden Grand Hall

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Bicentennial Stamp Unveiling

by Gary T. Whitley, Jr.

As part of Alabama's forthcoming Bicentennial, the United States Postal Service has released a commemorative postage stamp. The first day of issue to mark Alabama's 1819 founding was held at the EarlyWorks Museum on Saturday, February 23, hosted by Madison County's Bicentennial Chairman Attorney Julian D. Butler and Executive Director Sally Warden. The stamp was unveiled before a packed crowd in the Great Hall of the Early Works Children's Museum.

Celebrating Alabama's 200th Birthday, the stamp features art taken at sunset at Cheaha State Park by Alabamian Joe Miller, who took the picture from the park's Pulpit Rock Trail. The U.S. postage stamp has Pulpit Rock in the foreground overlooking the Talladega National Forest, which surrounds the state park. The forever postage stamp includes the name of the state, Alabama, and the year of statehood, 1819.

Attended by approximately 80 members of the Alabama Legislature, both House and Senate, that were in Huntsville for the kick-off celebration of Alabama's state-wide Bicentennial activities. Madison County Commission Chairman Dale Strong, Madison County Commissioners Phil Riddick and JesHenry F. Malone, Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle and Madison City Mayor Paul Finley, served as the official event hosts.



On Feb 20, 2019, Dr. Taylor Byrd, President of PEYD Board (putting in the top right) asked me to participate in a Black History program. I was honored to do a golf demonstration and talk about Black players in golf for the entire study body, faculty and staff at Julian Harris Elementary School in Decatur, AL. I estimate over 200 attended, learned about golf and had fun.

For the students that participated in the putting contest, they had to answer math questions. I use math to teach golf. Very educational and lots of fun. Contact Howard @ peyd2016@gmail.com - 256/604/8172 for more info.



Three Honored by OUC

Oakwood University Church paid tribute to three at a recent program on the Oakwood campus.

Among the honored were Sen. Doug Jones; Karen Jones Smith, Royal Funeral Home (bottom); and Tuskegee Airman Elmer Ross (r). Ross was represented by his brother, Mr. L. Ross, who is a member of OUC.



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Valley Deaths

- Nelms Memorial Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MS. ROSIE RICE (b. 1957) will be Friday, March 1, at 11 a.m. at Douglas Tabernacle Primitive Baptist Church with the Reverend Dwight Clark as eulogist and the Reverend Timothy Rainey as officiant.

Funeral service for MR. WILLIAM L. MATTHEWS (b. 1977) was held Saturday, February 23, at the Consolidated Flint River & Running Water Primitive Baptist Memorial Tabernacle with Elder Dennis Green officiating.

- Royal Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MRS. ELMENIA BLAKENEY will be 11 a.m., Sunday, March 3, at the C.T. Richards Chapel in the Moseley Complex on the campus of Oakwood University with Dr. Carlton P. Byrd officiating.

Graveside service for MRS. JENNIE A. WATSON will be 10 a.m., Sunday, March 3, at the Oakwood Memorial Gardens. Memorial service will follow at 11 a.m., Sunday, March 3rd at the First Seventh-day Adventist Church with Pastor Debleaire Snell officiating.

Funeral service for MR. JOSIAH SANDERSON, JR., better known as "PHAT" will be 1 p.m., Saturday, March 2, at the Syler Tabernacle with Dr. Theodis Acklin officiating.

Funeral service for MR. LOUIS EDWARD COOPER, JR., (b. 1944) will be 12 noon, Friday, March 1, at the First Missionary Baptist Church with Dr. Julius R. Scruggs officiating.

Funeral service for MR. GLENN SHURNEY was held Sunday, February 24, at the Oakwood Seventh-day Adventist Church.

- Serenity Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MRS. SABRINA RICE "BIRD" HAWKINS (b. 1971) was held Monday, February 25, at Madkins Chapel CPCA, located at 2403 Oakwood Road, NW, Huntsville, Ala.

Called ² Preach

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

And the Manna Ceased

Joshua 5:12

It is crucial that as the people of God, we are always aware of what stage of development we are in. Although deliverance happens instantly, the moment one truly believes, development takes a lifetime. In theological language we call that justification and sanctification. The story of Joshua in chapter five gives us insight into how to live in the stage of promise and how to recognize when one has reached that stage. This indeed was a transitional episode with amazing insight and implications for the life of a believer. With-

out this understanding, it is very easy to become discouraged and disappointed (two of the most used weapons of the enemy of our souls), and either

cease to walk by faith, or walk in the wrong direction.

The ceasing of the manna was followed by the eating of the fruit of the land of Canaan; meaning that the people of God had made it to the land of promise. This required a new diet; a new everything; way of thinking, way of living, surroundings,

everything. The one constant in the story is God. He provided the manna when needed; He stopped it when needed, and the fruit that was present when they got there, was also His provision.

God is never absent, He's just creative. As James says, "every good and perfect gift comes from above." He owns the rights to how He



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Washington in One Minute



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

1. The House and Senate are back in session after a weeklong recess. The Senate will vote on an abortion bill, part of abortion opponents' latest push on Capitol Hill. The House were set to consider two democratic bills (H.R. 8 and H.R. 1112) on the floor (as early as Wednesday) that would expand federal background checks for firearm purchases. The bills stand little chance of passage in the GOP-controlled Senate, but they are notable because they represent an early push by House Democrats to combat access to guns.

2. On Monday, Governors from across the country were in Washington for the National Governors Association's annual winter meeting. President Donald Trump had breakfast with them before departing for Vietnam to summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

3. House Democrats are demanding that the White House provide a "serious diplomatic plan" ahead of the North Korean summit. "The message to the White House was signed by eight high-ranking Democratic senators, some with national security leadership posts in the chamber. The Democrats criticized the president's June 2018 sum-

mit in Singapore with Kim, arguing that the historic meeting granted 'legitimacy and acceptance on the global stage' to the 'leader of perhaps the world's most repressive regime. "The senators also requested from the White House 'a process for regular and substantive briefings, including classified briefings' on diplomatic operations regarding North Korea.

4. On Tuesday, House Democrats voted on a resolution to block President Donald Trump's emergency declaration to build a wall on the southern U.S. border. The measure would force Republicans to take a stand on whether the president exceeded his authority over federal spending. The resolution is assured of passing the Democratic-controlled House, and it could get enough GOP votes to pass the Senate with a simple majority. Trump on Friday repeated a threat to veto the resolution. It would be difficult to muster the two-thirds vote in both chambers for an override given the

reluctance of most congressional Republicans to defy Trump, who maintains solid support among GOP voters.

5. Congressional transportation leaders have several hearings and a major conference lined up this week as they return from recess. Action began Tuesday morning with a House Homeland Security Committee hearing, focusing on transportation cybersecurity. House Transportation also got together in the a.m. on Tuesday, to look at federal infrastructure policy and climate change. Later that afternoon, the Senate Commerce Committee holds a hearing on intermodal surface transportation. The American Association of State Highway and Transporta-

tion Officials held annual Washington Briefing this week.

6. On Monday, the House was expected to consider legislation (H.R. 425) that would encourage the National Science Foundation (NSF) to do more to promote veteran involvement in STEM careers and studies. The measure was a suspension vote and that was expected to pass. On Tuesday, the House Education and Labor Committee voted on the Democrats' \$100 billion school infrastructure plan (H.R. 865) and a hearing on Wednesday by the same committee on the use of seclusion and restraint in K-12 schools.

7. President Trump says he will extend a deadline to raise tariffs on Chinese

goods beyond this week, citing "substantial progress" in the latest round of trade talks between the two countries that wrapped up Sunday in Washington. The president said that if the sides continue to make further progress in negotiations, he and Chinese President Xi Jinping plan to meet at his Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida to finalize an agreement. He did not offer any details on the timing of the meeting or how long he expects the tariff extension to last.

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J.F. Drake State Community & Technical College Celebrates Black History Month with Commissioner JesHenry Malone

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Drake State Community & Technical College and President Patricia G. Sims celebrated Black History month with a program for their students and community on Tuesday, February 19. Madison County District 6 Commissioner JesHenry F. Malone served as the keynote speaker, using the 2019 Black History theme, "Black Migration," as selected by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, founded in 1915 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson. Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle attended the program with other community stakeholders attending to support J.F. Drake State. Soul-stirring music was provided by The Alpha Ensemble from the Delta Theta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated and accompanied Mrs. Mary Curry, local pianist.

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