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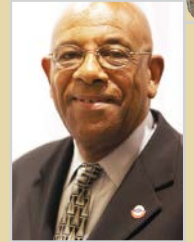
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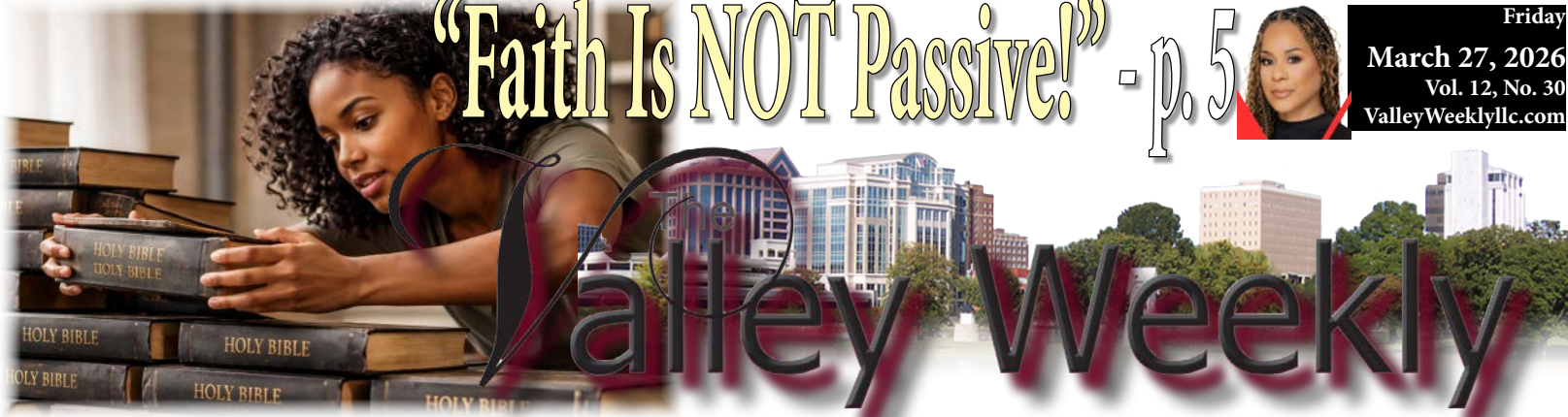


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"The beginning of wisdom is the definition of terms." — Socrates

AAMU Partners with 'Flowers of the Future' for Community Event

Alabama A&M University will host the third annual Flourish: Mental Health Symposium on Saturday, March 28, at noon in the Dawson Building Auditorium. The free event will bring together students, athletes, community members and leaders for a day of open conversation focused on mental wellness, leadership and personal growth.

The symposium is presented in partnership with the Flowers of the Future Foundation, founded by two-time Super Bowl champion **Trey Flowers** in collaboration with the Players Coalition. The initiative was created to foster honest dialogue, shared experiences and meaningful

connections while empowering the next generation through sport, service and community engagement.

Headlining this year's symposium is former NFL first-round draft pick **Marcus Smith II**, who has transformed his professional sports career into a platform for mental health advocacy and leadership development. Smith is a life coach, entrepreneur and television correspondent who serves as CEO of The Circle of M, Inc. and director of athlete wellness at Refine Recovery. Through his non-profit work, podcast and partnerships with organizations such as the National Alliance on Mental Illness, Smith focuses on breaking stigma surrounding



mental health and helping individuals pursue lasting wellness.

Joining Smith on the panel will be several leaders in athletics, mental health and student wellness, including Georgia State assistant professor Lauren Beasley, former NFL athlete Allen Ervin, clinical psychologist Rae' Nicole Lundy.

The symposium's community partnership is led by Huntsville native Trey Flowers, who founded the Flowers of the Future Foundation to support at-risk youth through educa-

tion, scholarships and community outreach. Flowers has played defensive end and linebacker in the NFL for the New England Patriots, Detroit Lions and Miami Dolphins. During his career, he earned two Super Bowl championships with New England while recording 31.5 career sacks and more than 260 tackles. In 2020, he was nominated by the Detroit Lions for the Walter Payton Man of the Year Award in recognition of his philanthropic work. Visit Flowers of the Future on Instagram.



RJF Awards Nearly \$40K in Scholarships at Gala

During its 20th anniversary and the 19th annual "Honoring Our Elders" event, the Rosetta James Foundation awarded nearly \$40,000 in scholarships.

Named in honor of the voting rights advocate and avid community volunteer, the Foundation pays tribute to active volunteers at least 70 years of age and offers scholarships to college students with verified volunteer paths.

Among the 26 scholarship

recipients were: Antonio D. Moultry II, Brianna D. Kelly, Cameron T. Rice, Jordan A. Morrison, Carmin T. Rice, Chosen D. Cooley, Diamond Gooden, J'Marcus A Dobbins, Jada M.

McElroy, Jamiyah Dozier, Jhori D. Lester, Camiah Christian Slay, Joshua F. Macri, Kayden L. Beverly, Krayton A. Jones, Layla Chestnut, Alise Chestnut, Nyon Lee Khol Cathey, Madison

Brown, Rosalyn Smith, Ty'Riana D. Cartwright, Tyson S. Prince, Paige A. Quarles, Kimora L. Jennings, Emmanuel J. Armstrong, Elaire R. Moore, and Victoria C. Ware.

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

1. CONGRESS. The House and Senate are in session this week. The Senate stayed in session over the weekend, continuing the debate on the House-passed “SAVE America Act,” which would require a birth certificate or passport to prove U.S. citizenship when registering to vote and require a picture ID when voting in federal elections. On Sunday, the Senate voted 54-37 (with Democratic Sens. Fetterman and Heinrich crossing the aisle to vote “yes”) to end the filibuster on Sen. Markwayne Mullin (R-OK) to be Homeland Security Secretary. According to Punchbowl News,

Senate GOP Leader John Thune (R-SD) offered the President a plan to end the Homeland Security shutdown (now at Day 38), which would have opened the department except for ICE — funded later in a reconciliation bill — but the President said “no.” The House will vote this week on a bill to fully fund DHS and provide retroactive pay to employees.

2. EXECUTIVE BRANCH. The President ordered ICE agents to be deployed at airports starting Monday to help reduce long wait times at TSA checkpoints. As the Iran War enters its fourth week, last Friday the President lifted sanctions on 140 million barrels of Iranian crude oil already

loaded onto vessels, part of an effort to lower gas prices. This effort has also included releasing oil from the U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve, lifting sanctions on Russian oil already at sea, and granting a 60-day waiver of the Jones Act. Despite these measures, gas prices continue to rise sharply, with AAA reporting the average U.S. price of a gallon of regular gas at \$3.942 on Sunday. On Saturday, The Washington Post reported that the White House has temporarily shelved an executive order that would have required all existing U.S. bank customers to provide records verifying their citizenship status, due to pressure from Wall Street and smaller community banks claiming the order

would be too burdensome to implement. Last week, the President announced he was canceling his planned trip to China from March 31 to April 2 to meet with Chinese President Xi Jinping because of the Iran War, and may reschedule it later this year. The President attended the House GOP’s large fundraising dinner at the National Building Museum on Wednesday night.

3. SUPREME COURT. The Court will hear arguments in *Watson v. Republican National Committee* to decide whether federal law requires ballots to be not only cast by voters but also received by election officials by Election Day in a GOP challenge to a Mississippi law (as well as similar laws in 30 other

states and the District of Columbia) that allow mail-in ballots to be counted as long as they are received within 5 business days after Election Day.

4. HIGHER EDUCATION. The National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI) met on Tuesday and Wednesday to review renewal applications for six accrediting agencies—organizations that determine whether universities qualify for federal financial aid. The meeting follows Education Undersecretary Nicholas Kent’s recent letters to the Middle States Commission on Higher Education and the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education, warning both to remove DEI-related con-

tent from their websites; despite the warnings, the Department renewed both agencies’ federal recognition. Both accreditors say they have suspended their DEI standards, though Kent contends neither has formally rescinded policies he considers in violation of federal law. DEI and viewpoint diversity are expected to dominate the sessions, with NACIQI appointee Bob Shireman already calling for viewpoint diversity to be on the agenda.

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Dr. Dorothy Downing: Building a Legacy of Unselfish Service

In every community, there are individuals whose lives speak louder than any headline ever could. Dr. Dorothy Downing is one of those rare individuals—someone whose legacy is not built on recognition, but on relentless, consistent, and unselfish service to others.

A proud graduate of Alabama A&M University, Dr. Downing represents the very best of what it means to give back to the institution that helped shape you. But her story doesn't stop at alumni pride—it expands into a lifelong commitment to people. Whether supporting scholarships, uplifting her alma mater, or staying actively engaged through alumni leadership, she has poured into generations of students who will follow her.



Yet, what truly defines Dr. Downing cannot be captured in degrees, titles, or even her distinguished career. It is found in the miles she travels, the gas she burns, the money she spends—without recognition—to care for the sick and shut-in. It is seen in the quiet sacrifices she makes, placing the needs of her family, friends, and community before her own. She gives not out of abundance, but out of compassion—using her own resources to ensure others are cared for, supported, and not forgotten.

Her life mirrors the essence of the “Proverbs woman” described in Book of Proverbs—a woman of strength, dignity, and unwavering generosity. A woman who extends her hands to those in need and whose works speak for her long after she has left the room. Dr. Downing doesn't simply read those scriptures—she lives them daily.

Her faith is not confined to Sunday mornings. As a dedicated member of True Light Church of God in Christ, she actively supports her church family and mission. Her service extends beyond the sanctuary into the heart of the community—supporting local nonprofits, uplifting her sorority, and investing in young people through scholarships and mentorship.

In a world often driven by self-promotion, Dr. Dorothy Downing reminds us of a different path—one rooted in humility, sacrifice, and love for others. She is not only a giver, but a caregiver, and a servant-leader in the truest sense.

Her legacy is not just what she has accomplished, but how she has chosen to live: putting others first, time and time again.

And, in doing so, she will leave behind something far greater than success—she leaves a blueprint for what it truly means to build a life of impact. Until next week ...

Dorothy

MARCH 27 - MARIAH CAREY - Mariah Carey is an American singer, songwriter, actress, record producer, and entrepreneur. Referred to as the “Songbird Supreme” by the Guinness World Records, she is noted for her five-octave vocal range, power, melismatic style, and signature use of the whistle register. She rose to fame in 1990 after signing to Columbia Records and releasing her eponymous debut album, which topped the US Billboard 200 for eleven consecutive weeks. Soon after, Carey became the first and only artist to have their first five singles reach number one on the US Billboard Hot 100 chart, from “Vision of Love” to “Emotions”. Throughout her career, Carey has sold more than 200 million records worldwide, making her one of the best-selling music artists of all time.

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Spiritual Game Plan

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Today's Spiritual Game Plan:
"No Fear!"

John 14:1 says, "Let not your hearts be troubled, believe in God, also believe in me."

Anytime we are in a "crisis" situation, we have to learn to control our emotions. This verse tells us that we can control our emotions. God would not give us a command that we could not follow. Therefore, if you really believe in the power of God, you will not panic. When we experience times of trouble, we have to use our faith. Now our faith can overcome all the fears that this world has to offer.

But how do you know when you are in faith? I believe that you're in faith when you are facing a crisis and still have peace. Remember—the enemy doesn't want our stuff; he wants our peace. You see, when we panic, we release the power of fear, and fear is not from God. But when we have faith, we release the power of

God into our lives. God will give us what we need to deal with any crisis in our lives.

Now it's important to realize that the way you respond to a crisis will determine the outcome of your crisis. Remember when Jesus calmed the storm by saying "peace be still" (Mark 4:39) and all was calm. He can do the same in our lives if we put our trust and our faith in the one who controls the winds and the rains. Any time that we partner with Jesus we can rest assured that the outcome will be positive.

So, there is no need to fear when Jesus is near.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, give us the peace

that we need so that we can handle the challenges of life without being afraid.

Question: Has there ever been a time in your life when you were afraid of the unknown?

Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters,

and make sure you purchase a copy of my books, *Spiritual Game Plans For A Successful Life* and *A Champion Game Plan for Life*, at amazon.com.

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"Why Prayer Matters"



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Funeral service for MRS. ANTWIONETTE MATTHEWS (b. 1981) is incomplete and will be announced later.

Funeral service for MRS. RUTH ANN BARLEY THOMPSON (b. 1943) of Chicago, Illinois, formerly of Huntsville, Alabama, was Saturday, March 21, at Center Grove United Methodist Church, Huntsville, Ala.

Funeral service for MR. WILLIE WILLIAMS (b. 1943) was Saturday, March 14, at Hurricane Chapel Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Gary Battles officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. TERESA F. MURPHY (b. 1967) was Saturday, March 14, at The Fellowship of Faith Church, Huntsville, Ala., with Pastor Troy Garner officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. JUDY ANN WILLIAMS-MCCARVER (b. 1950) was Thursday, March 5, at Rudder Funeral Home—Scottsboro, Ala., with Reverend George Clay officiating. [Mrs. McCarver is the cousin of Ms. Brenda Friend, staff member at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home, and a member of the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church Woodville, Ala.]

Funeral service for MR. FREDDIE N. SCOTT (b. 1954) was Saturday, February 21, at Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor C. Jermaine Turner officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. KATHERINE SUE HAMLETT FITCHERD (b. 1955) was Saturday, February 21, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral service for MR. GLEN GARY FARRIS (b. 1949) was Saturday, February 21, at The Fellowship of Faith Church with Pastor Troy Garner officiating.

Funeral service for MS. SHERIKA B. THOMPSON (b. 1992) was Friday, February 13, at St. Rebecca Primitive Baptist Church with Pastor Perry Clark officiating.

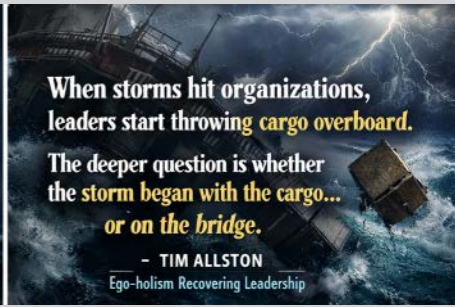
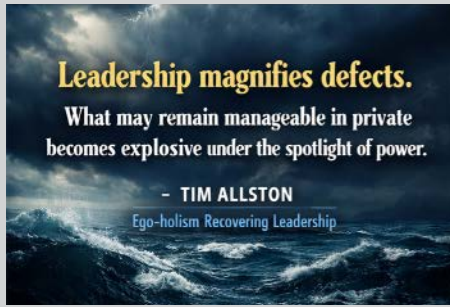
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Emerging Leaders Begin as Active Listeners



One of the clearest lessons in leadership appears early in the life of young Samuel in 1 Samuel 3. Before Samuel became known as a prophet, he first learned to listen.

When God called him in the night, Samuel did not yet recognize the voice. Twice he assumed it was Eli, his mentor, calling him. Only after Eli discerned what was happening did Samuel learn how to position himself to hear from God.

That is a leadership lesson in itself: emerging leaders begin not by speaking first, but by listening first.

John Maxwell notes that Samuel heard from God through three conditions: proper practice, because he was already obeying what he knew; proper position, because he was quiet, still, and undistracted; and proper proximity, because he was near the presence of God.

That passage reminded me of an early lesson from my own career at Hampton University. As a young public relations professional, I often heard what people were saying about the institution and its new president, Dr. William R. Harvey. Because he was my mentor, I sometimes hesitated to share negative feedback. But he wisely told me not to filter information just because I thought he might not want to hear it. He needed the full truth in order to lead well.

That is exactly what Samuel had to learn. The message God gave him about Eli's household was painful, but he still had to speak it truthfully.

One of my favorite observations is that the same letters in the word listen also appear in the word silent. Listening begins with silence. We learn little by talking, but much by listening.

In a noisy age, that is a word for all of us, especially emerging leaders. Before leadership becomes visible, it is often quiet. Before God uses our mouths, He often trains our ears.

Those who listen best, lead best.

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Millennial Moment

by Gloria B. Caldwell

"Faith Is Not Passive ..."

People love to talk about faith as if it means sitting still and waiting for life to happen. As if faith means folding your hands, closing your eyes, and hoping something magically falls into place. That has never been my understanding of faith.

Faith is not passive.

Faith is movement. Faith is action. Faith is getting up when your mind tells you to stay down. Faith is taking the step even when you cannot see the entire staircase in front of you.

Too often people misunderstand what it means to trust God. Trusting God does not mean you stop working. It does not mean you stop preparing. It does not mean you stop trying when things get hard. In fact, it means the opposite.

Faith means you keep showing up. You keep knocking on doors.



You keep building.

You keep believing that the gifts God placed inside of you were not placed there by accident.

There will be seasons when things do not move as quickly as you hoped. There will be days when the doors you believed would open stay closed. In those moments, it is easy to question everything. Your decisions. Your path. Even your purpose.

But faith is not proven when life is easy.

Faith is proven in motion.

It is proven when you wake up, lace up, and go

back to work on the vision that was placed on your heart. It is proven when you keep walking forward even when the road is uncertain.

God does not ask us to sit still. He asks us to trust Him while we move.

So pray. Believe. Work. Build. Keep going.

And when doubt tries to creep in, remind yourself that faith was never meant to be passive.

Faith was meant to move.

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- March 29**

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April 17-19
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April 18
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Rosetta James Foundation "Spotlight on Our Elders" ... Featuring

Mr. Robert Wilson

Robert Wilson was born January 23, 1939, in Gastonia, N.C. He received his education at Pleasant Ridge Elementary School and Highland High School. In 1954, he earned the Boy Scouts of America Eagle Rank, and in 1956 he was mayor of student government. Wilson went on to receive a Bachelor of Science degree (1960) in mechanical engineering from North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro, N.C. He continued his studies in professional management at Florida Institute of Technology (1975-77).

His work assignments in engineering and management were in the states of New Jersey, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky and Alabama. His winning management style led to numerous honorary and other awards. In 1968, Wilson became a movie star for his role in movie titled "Maintainability of Nuclear Warhead Sections," which won an award in an industrial competition. Wilson retired in 1994.

Wilson was raised a Christian at Pleasant Ridge AME Zion Church. As a teenager, he was appointed Assistant Superintendent,

Sunday School, and President, Men's Organization. He became a Presbyterian in 1963, was ordained an elder in 1964 and was ordained a deacon in 1972. As an inactive elder at Fellowship Presbyterian Church in Huntsville, Ala., he chaired the Christian Education Committee; served as past president of the Presbyterian Men; assisted the staff of the Fellowship After-School Study and Tutorial (FASST) Program; and worked as a member of the Rev. Dr. John Herndon's Moderator Candidacy Team.

Additionally, Wilson volunteered his time and talent as Secretary/Treasurer, Vice President and President of North Alabama Presbytery, Presbytery Men, where he earned the "Church Man of the Year Award." Wilson was the Logistics Committee Chair for the National Council of Presbyterian Men (NCPM) Assembly in Louisville, Ky., in 1991, where 2,000 men from the United States and South Korea participated. He also volunteered his time and talent as President of NCPM in 2001-2003. At Fellowship, Wilson claimed the infrequently bestowed distinction of "Honorary Presbyterian Woman."

Wilson was confirmed as Vice Moderator of the



217th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in June 2006 and served for two years with the Rev. Joan Gray of the Greater Atlanta Presbytery. The Huntsville community continues to benefit from Wilson's generosity of time and talents. Wilson was active in the community with the Boy Scouts of America; the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UAHuntsville; and AARP's Driver Safety Program. He was inducted into the Alabama Senior Citizens Hall of Fame as an Honorary Member in 2004.

Wilson counted among his diverse interests traveling, reading, tennis, golf and spoiling his grandchildren. He married Dr. Patricia Isles Wilson, retired professor of Alabama A&M University. They had one son and four grandchildren. The Wilsons resided in Madison, Ala.



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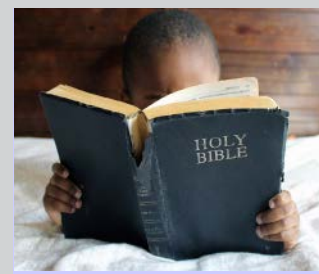
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Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Second Lesson:
Philippians 2:5-11
GOSPEL:
Matthew 26:14-27:66



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NEWS YOU CAN USE: How You Can Avoid A.I. Scams

(BPT) - You've probably heard about the amazing things artificial intelligence (AI) can do, from quickly creating written content and images to making videos that appear real, even when they're fake. Unfortunately, this easily accessible technology is also used by fraudsters to fool people into sharing personal information, investing in fake schemes, or giving scammers their money.

When AI technology is so good at faking - and personalizing - scams, what can consumers do to protect themselves?

"From AI-generated emails and texts to cloned voice messages, calls, and deepfake videos, today's scammers have many tools at their disposal," said Chief Postal Inspector Gary Barksdale. "But if you're alert and understand fraudsters' typical methods, you can stay one step ahead of them."

The U.S. Postal Inspection Service is sharing some red flags that can help you avoid AI-generat-

ed traps and what you or a loved one can do if you are a victim of fraud.

How to Spot a Scam that Uses AI

AI is being used in many different types of fraudulent schemes including quick phishing attempts in the form of emails or texts supposedly from a reputable company, "long cons" like romance, investment, or cryptocurrency scams, and even scams claiming to be "tech support." If you get a text, email, call, or voice message requesting or demanding your response, watch for these things:

- * Skimpy social media. The "person" contacting you has an inconsistent or thin social media footprint - few friends, recent account creation, comments that don't seem natural, or images that don't match name/profile details.

- * Odd website/email address. Tiny misspellings, weird fonts, non-secure websites asking for login information, or a return

email address that doesn't match the website domain asking for information (Example: john.doe@USPSUS.com when USPS.com is the actual domain name).

- * Requests to communicate off-platform. Does the message sender insist on speaking via WhatsApp, Telegram, or a separate, private email address? If so, platform security protections won't apply.

- * Audio/video inconsistencies. Lip-sync timing seems off, weird lighting/jerky motion, or a voice that doesn't quite match the person you know.

- * Too-good-to-be-true offers. Does the sender promise guaranteed high financial returns or "exclusive" private opportunities? They likely won't pay out.

How to Protect Yourself

Even if you think the person or company contacting you is legitimate at first, always double check by going straight to the source.

Go directly to the company website, or contact the person the way you normally contact them, rather than clicking a provided link or responding to the text, email, or call.

Follow These Tips to Avoid Falling Prey to Scams:

- * Never send money to someone you know online only, especially via cryptocurrency, wire transfer, gift cards, or prepaid reload methods.

- * Beware of financial requests. Requests to "loan me money to buy a ticket" or "invest via this private wallet" are warnings to STOP and verify.

- * Enable multi-factor authentication (MFA). Protect your email, social, and financial accounts.

- * Use payment methods with buyer protection. Credit cards and escrow services are safest when transacting with unknown parties.

- * Avoid sharing personally identifiable information. Providing your full date of birth, Social Security number, photos of IDs, or home address can enable identity theft.

- * Keep devices and software updated. Also use antivirus software plus a password manager for strong, unique passwords.

- * Be cautious with "too helpful" strangers. If someone offers to set up an investment account or "help

you sign up, slow down and verify.

- * Inform your contacts. Warn friends and family if you see a suspicious contact pretending to be you.

Actions to take if you're the victim of a scam

If you or a loved one falls victim to a fraudster, take immediate action:

- * Stop communication with the scammer. Preserve all messages and transaction records.

- * Contact your bank/payment provider immediately. Ask them to help you stop or trace transfers.

- * Change passwords and enable multi-factor authentication (MFA), especially if you shared login information.

- * Place fraud alerts and a credit freeze with the three main credit bureaus. Also place alerts with your bank and credit cards if you shared sensitive financial data.

- * Contact local police. If

you lost significant sums of money or were threatened, the police need to be notified.

- * If you used cryptocurrency, contact law enforcement immediately. Tracing is difficult, but reported early, there may be a chance of recovering your funds.

Most importantly, report fraud. You can report it to the Postal Inspection Service, the Federal Trade Commission, or the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3). You should also report the profile and messages to the platform where the contact occurred.

Finally, seek support! Scams also cause emotional harm, so talk to trusted friends, family members, or a counselor.

If you believe you've been the victim of any scam connected to the U.S. Mail, contact postal inspectors at 877-876-2455 or www.USPIS.gov/report. For more information on fraud prevention, visit www.USPIS.gov/ncpw-2026.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC CITY OF HUNTSVILLE CLOSEOUT PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Huntsville's **Community Development Department** will hold a **Public Hearing on Friday, March 27, 2026, at 12:30 P.M.** to receive input and discuss the **closeout of the City of Huntsville's CDBG Project**. The meeting will be held online via Microsoft Teams Meeting at: **CDBG Public Facilities - BGC Roof Rehab Closeout Public Hearing**. Meeting ID: 299 775 267 249 27, Passcode: 5QM2RR9Q.

The City of Huntsville is interested in obtaining all citizens' input on the performance of local officials, City of Huntsville staff, consultants and administrators, engineers, contractors, and the use of CDBG funds throughout the implementation of the Project. The City of Huntsville does not discriminate based on disability for the admission or access to its programs or activities. If you have any questions, or will need special accommodations, please contact Community Development Department prior to the Public Hearing at 256-427-5400 or comdev@huntsvilleal.gov.

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF COMPLETION

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given that **Apex Architectural Metal, LLC.**, Contractor, has completed the **Contract for the Reroofing and Repairs** for the **James A. Lane Boys and Girls Club**, a Stephen Ward and Associates, Inc. Project, at 103 Abingdon Ave. N.W., Huntsville, AL 35801 for the Boys and Girls Club of North Alabama (Owner), and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify Stephen Ward and Associates, Inc. PO Box 6815, Huntsville, AL 35813.

The Hill, Wims Award Over \$26 Million in Scholarships During President's Tour

Alabama A&M University awarded more than \$26 million in scholarships during its annual President's Scholarship Tour, reaching prospective students and families across Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, and Mississippi.

The multi-state tour, led by President Daniel K. Wims, celebrated academic achievement while extending financial support to a new generation of Bulldogs. University officials say the tour helped deliver a record number of scholarship offers as Alabama A&M anticipates another historic incoming class.

During the tour, President Wims personally presented several levels of

awards valued from \$6,000 to \$125,000. Admissions leaders say the strong response across the region reflects growing momentum for the university.

"More students than ever are expressing interest in Alabama A&M University," said Dwayne Green, Director of Admissions. "Families are looking for institutions that combine academic excellence, opportunity, and affordability. We understand that scholarships are often the deciding factor that makes higher education possible, and this tour allows us to meet students where they are and help make their college dreams a reality."

University officials

say the scholarship tour continues to play a key role in connecting with high-achieving students while reinforcing Alabama A&M's commitment to access, excellence, and opportunity.

"We are always excited about opportunities to remove barriers for talented students who are ready to pursue their dreams," said Dr. Braque Talley, Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management at Alabama A&M University. "When we invest in students this way, we are not only supporting their success, we are strengthening the future of our university and the communities they will go on to serve."



ON THIS DAY

Alabama Congressman shoots Black man for swearing in the presence of a white woman. On **March 27, 1908**, Alabama Representative James Thomas Heflin shot Louis Lundy, a Black man, after he allegedly cursed in front of a white woman while riding on a Washington, D.C., streetcar.

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“The Doctor Is In”

by Brenda Barley Chunn

What does Huntsville, Alabama, have in common with New York, New York?

They share **Dr. Carolyn Barley Britton**. The first of three children born to the union of Earl and Ruth Barley, she was one of six children raised by Fletcher E. and Ruth Seldon during their second marriages. With several honors, Carolyn graduated valedictorian of her 1961 class from Historic William Hooper Councill High School. She then went on to graduate from Oberlin College and to receive the M.D. and M.S. degrees from New York University and New York University School of Arts and Sciences, respectively in 1975.

Dr. Carolyn Barley Britton is the only woman

medical doctor produced in one hundred years of the operational history of Councill High School.

Dr. Carolyn Barley Britton was featured in the March 2008, Aetna African American History Calendar, when she was president-elect of the National Medical Association. As part of Women's History month, this March, we proudly spotlight the historic and legendary accomplishment of this native Huntsvillian.

Dr. Britton is professor of neurology at Columbia University Irving Medical Center and attending physician at New York Presbyterian Hospital, chief diversity officer of the Department of Neurology and an elected member of the Academy of Clinical Excellence of CUIMC. She was the 109th president of the National Medical Association.

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After residency in internal medicine at Harlem Hospital and in neurology at Columbia University, she completed a fellowship in neuro-virology. She is double boarded in internal medicine and neurology. She is among the first to describe the neurological complications of AIDS and a rare complication, Progressive Multifocal Leukoencephalopathy.

For more than three decades, Dr. Britton worked as a tireless advocate for funding of AIDs clinical trials, the training of minorities and women in medicine and clinical research, the inclusion of minorities and women in clinical trials, the elimination of health disparities through equity and for universal access to health insurance for all Americans. For her work as a leader, mentor,



and advocate, she is the recipient of numerous awards and is recognized for her clinical skills by

inclusion in the Castle Connolly Best Doctors in New York Metro area and Best Doctors in America.

She is an elected member of Alpha Omega Alpha, the medical honor society.

Photo: Columbia University

Governors Drive Transportation Study Aims for Safety

Improving safety and accessibility in the city's medical corridor and one of its busiest roadways is the focus of a new contract between the City of Huntsville and Alta Planning + Design for the Governors Drive Corridor Study & Medical District Safety Action Plan.

The project is part of the federal “Safe Streets for All” (SS4A) Planning grant. The City has been awarded similar grants for the Pedestrian Access &

Redevelopment Corridor (PARC) project as well as for multimodal improvements on Holmes Avenue.

The SS4A grant is for \$640,000 with the City providing \$160,000 in matching funds.

The study area is an 8.85-mile stretch along Governors Drive from 14th Street on the west end to Caldwell Lane in the Big Cove area with an emphasis on a one-square-mile area in the Medical District that includes the Huntsville

Hospital campus.

The project goals are to improve safety and accessibility of the city's medical corridor and prevention of fatal and serious injuries in automobile crashes as part of the City's Vision Zero initiative. Keeping traffic moving effectively and safely for all modes of transportation is another objective.

The study will begin later in the spring.

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