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ELDER OF THE WEEK



Mrs. Rosa Walker

"The realization of ignorance is the first act of knowing." - Jean Toomer



**WIMS ADDRESSES TWG 2022:** Alabama A&M University President Daniel K. Wims addresses an audience of AAMU supporters and visitors to The World Games (TWG) in Birmingham, Ala., on Friday, July 15. An additional highlight of TWG was the HBCU Experience tent sponsored by Microsoft and which featured Alabama's historically black colleges and universities, each school receiving their own day. Other area HBCUs recognized during the contests were Drake State Community and Technical College and Oakwood University. AAMU highlighted its "metaversity" distinction; made engineering presentations on drones and autonomous driving technology; and arranged for performances by the University Choir and the AAMU drumline. (Please view a wide array of photographs by J. Saintjones on Page 5).

## Local Educator Named Einstein Fellow

Candyce A. Curry has been selected to serve as a 2022-2023 Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellow. The program provides an opportunity for accomplished K-12 Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Educators to apply their extensive classroom knowledge and experiences to their host offices to enhance federal STEM education efforts.

As one of only 15 K-12 STEM teachers selected from across the U.S., Candyce will spend 11 months engaged in the national STEM education arena, while serving in the U.S. Geological Survey of the

U.S. Department of the Interior.

Curry is currently employed by the Birmingham City Schools system at Putnam Middle School as a curriculum specialist. She holds

the distinct honor of being selected as "Teacher of the Year" for two consecutive years at Huffman High School, where she formerly served as a Life Sciences Educator. She is the daughter of the late Charles



Curry and Pamela Curry, and she is the sister of Kelli Curry.

Educated in the Huntsville City Schools system, Curry is an alumna of Lee High School, Stillman College and Alabama A&M University.

## Tennessee Valley Remembers Local Activist, RJF Elder

Huntsville and its surrounding areas are mourning the recent death of local activist Jacqueline Reed. Reed was also a Rosetta James Foundation Elder.

"Jackie" Reed devoted considerable time to ensuring that the political atmosphere of Huntsville

remained fair, balanced and void of "the good old boy club."

For years, she was a consistent contributor to "One Woman's Opinion," a regular column in Speakin' Out News, a popular African-American weekly.

For over 30 years, she dedicated time to attending

City Council and governmental meetings, monitoring budgets affecting all citizens. Since 1988, she ran for Mayor seven times. She ran City Council six times, and one legislative position. She felt pride from choosing others' needs over her own, and she earned utmost respect.



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

1. **ON THE FLOOR.** The House and Senate are in session this week. The House will take up the 1st package of 6 FY2023 appropriations bills (T/HUD, Ag, E&W, MilCon/VA, FinServ, and Interior) and will also vote on the 3rd of a trio of abortion-related bills, which would codify the right of people to obtain and use contraceptives, including all contraceptives approved by the Food and Drug Administration, including oral and emergency contraceptives, intrauterine devices and condoms (last week, the House passed 2 bills to legalize abortion services nationwide and to protect the rights of women to cross state lines to seek abortion services). The House may also take up a bill to provide \$52 billion to the semiconductor industry, although it has also been reported that the semiconductor funds may be added to a filibuster-proof Budget Reconciliation bill (see item #3 below), which the Senate and House leadership is trying to revive. The Senate starts off its week with debate on 2 federal judge nominees. According to Reuters, the Senate has confirmed 69 federal judges of the 123 nominated by President Biden since January 2021.

2. **THE WHITE HOUSE.** President Biden returned to the White House on Sunday morning from his trip to Israel, the West Bank and Saudi Arabia. Last Friday, the President issued an executive order creating a Presidential Emergency Board to avert a strike by 115,000 rail workers

for the next 60 days and to help negotiate new contracts between the 12 unions and the railroads. Also last week, the White House announced that public tours will resume a full schedule starting on Tuesday with tours Tuesday-Saturday from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

3. **RECONCILIATION BILL.** The Senate leadership will begin vetting a slimmed-down version of the filibuster-proof Budget Reconciliation bill with the Senate Parliamentarian this week as a prelude to possible Senate floor action. After having the climate provisions and new taxes on wealthy individuals and corporations in the bill vetoed by Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV) last week, the Senate, reportedly, will move forward on a bill focused on lowering prescription drug prices and extending Affordable Care Act subsidies.

4. **ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN.** On Wednesday, the House Judiciary Committee will markup a bill to ban assault weapons, which the House leadership intends to bring to the floor before the August recess. The previous assault weapons ban expired

in 2004, ten years after being signed into law by President Bill Clinton as part of 1994's Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act.

5. **JANUARY 6 COMMITTEE.** The House January 6 Committee held a primetime hearing Thursday (July 21) at 8:30 p.m., which focused on President Trump's actions as rioters breached the Capitol and forced lawmakers to flee their chambers. Last Friday, in its first such action to an Executive Branch agency (after learning that some records were deleted), the committee issued a subpoena to the U.S. Secret Service requesting text messages and any "after action" reports pertaining to the events of January 6, 2021.

6. **MILWAUKEE 2024.** Last Friday, the GOP's site selection committee picked Milwaukee as the host city for the 2024 Republican Convention. The full Republican National Committee will vote to seal the deal during its summer meeting in Chicago on August 2-5. The 2020 GOP convention was held in a scaled-down version due to Covid in Charlotte, NC.

7. **EDUCATION - TITLE IX.** On last Friday, A federal judge temporarily blocked the Education Department's Title IX guidance, which prohibits discrimination based on gender identity and sexual orientation. Eastern District of Tennessee Judge Charles Atchley stated in an order that the agency's guidance "directly interferes with and threatens Plaintiff States' ability to continue enforcing their state

laws" that restrict transgender people from playing on sports teams and using bathrooms that match their gender identity. The plaintiff is a coalition of 20 Republican attorneys general led by Tennessee Attorney General Herbert Slatery that have argued their states face a "credible threat" of losing significant federal funding due to their policies and laws. The defendants, which include the Education Department, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and Justice Department, urged the court to dismiss the lawsuit, which Atchley denied. The preliminary injunction essentially ties the department's hands when it comes to protecting transgen-

der students from discrimination in 20 states that have laws or are attempting to pass laws that restrict their access to facilities and sports. The department will have to finalize its Title IX rule to enforce its guidance.

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## City Aims to Expand Its Diverse Music Presence

The City of Huntsville is eyeing some positive developments on the music horizon, which has expanded even more with the addition of The Orion Amphitheater, and an ambitious listing of programs at the Von Braun Center, according to recent updates from [huntsvilleal.gov](http://huntsvilleal.gov).

Music tourism is considered large for Huntsville and filled with possibilities for the local economy. Notes Matt Mandrella via [huntsvilleal.gov](http://huntsvilleal.gov), "music is a primary pillar" of the City's workforce



development strategy and offers quality of life and more inclusive, cultural and creative offerings for current and future residents.

"Cultivating a successful music ecosystem plays a significant role in Huntsville's long-term strategy for smart growth," adds Mandrella. "In other words, Huntsville is taking music seriously."

To sign up for the Huntsville Music Office newsletter, click [HERE](#).

# CAFY Holds Giveaway Event at Calhoun Campus

Community Awareness for Youth (CAFY) is an annual program, managed by the Office of Multicultural Affairs, for students ages 12-18 in Huntsville, Madison and Madison County that seeks to provide youth with the necessary tools for success into adulthood. CAFY focuses on four pillars of success: Health, Education, Careers and Finances.

CAFY held a Back-to-School and grocery giveaway event on Saturday, July 16, in conjunction with Refuge Church at 102 Wynn Drive NW. The



activity aimed to provide local students and their families with free school supplies, back packs, prizes, goodies and more than a week's worth of groceries per car, first come-first served.

"I'm so humbled that the vision God gave me

and my wife Erica to create the annual CAFY event has grown to what we experienced with all of the community partners," said Dr. Harry Hobbs, CAFY founder.

"Thank you to CAFY Director Kenny Anderson, Refuge Church/Pastor

Jacon Parks, the City of Huntsville, Huntsville City Schools, Calhoun Community College, One Gen Away and all the many volunteers from several organizations in our community."

Hobbs also praised Dr. Jimmy Hodges and Site Director Mark Bran-non for allowing use of Calhoun Community College's Huntsville campus.

According to Hobbs, nearly 2,500 people received free food, fun and fellowship, thanks to the CAFY activity.

## THE VALLEY WEEKLY CHAMPION GAME PLAN

PRESTON BROWN

### "THINGS THAT REALLY MATTER"

Matthew 6:24 tells us that "No one can serve two masters." Either he will hate the one and love the other or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. He cannot serve both God and money.

You know, sometimes it's easy to have good intentions but bad motivation for doing something.

For example, we seem to live in a time when all the wrong things are emphasized. So often we worry more about material possessions instead of life itself. Jesus tells us in Luke

12:23 that life is more than food and the body more than clothes. Therefore, since life

is short in terms of eternity, Jesus is saying to all of us that we need to concentrate on what is truly important. Yet, so often we gravitate towards things that are meaningless.

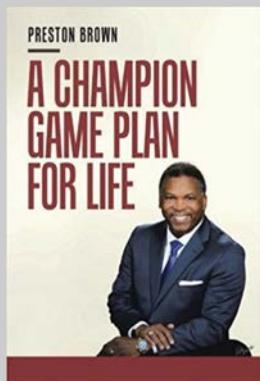
You know, there was a story of a father who lost his fortune. And because

of this he had to lay all of his employees off. He also had to get his parents to take care of his children. One evening when this father came home, filled

with the anxieties from work, his little girl climbed up on his lap and put her arms around his neck and said, "Daddy, I don't want you to be rich again. Because when you were rich, you didn't come

into our rooms and talk to us or read us a story or anything like that. But now we can come around you and hug your neck and kiss you and listen to your stories. So, daddy, don't get rich again."

When we read a story like this, it's easy to see how



someone can get caught up with the worries that wealth can bring, and end up sacrificing the things that we really need, which is a relationship with people that we love.

Because sometimes we can allow ourselves to get so busy trying to provide for our families that we miss what is truly important.

Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters!

## THE VALLEY WEEKLY VALLEY DEATHS



### NELMS MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME

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*Funeral service for MRS. IDA CORDELL (b. 1924) will be Friday, July 29, at 11 a.m. at First Seventh-day Adventist Church with Pastor Benjamin Jones officiating.*

*Funeral service for MR. CORNELL DRAKE (b. 1944) was held Monday, July 18, at First Missionary Baptist Church with The Reverend Dr. Don Darius Butler officiating.*

*Funeral service for MR. RODRECOUS D. ROGERS (b.1995) was held Friday, July 15, at the New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church with The Reverend Ricky Sykes officiating.*

*Graveside service for MISS SASHA JONES (b. 1992) was held Tuesday, July 12, at Triana Cemetery with Reverend Tremaine Davis officiating.*

### ROYAL FUNERAL HOME

4315 Oakwood Avenue  
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*Funeral service for MS. MARY BERTHA HARRIS (b. 1927) was held Monday, July 18, at the Union Hill Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (3126 Nevel Drive, NW Huntsville, Ala.) with Reverend Clint Scales, Sr., as the eulogist and Reverend Dr. Edward Anderson officiating.*

*Funeral service for MR. RAY ALVIN ROGER SAUNDERS (b. 1962) was held Sunday, July 17, at the C. T. Richards - Moseley Complex on the campus of Oakwood University (5500 Adventist Blvd NW, Huntsville, Ala.).*

*Graveside service for MR. MILTON THOMPSON (b. 1949) was held Sunday, July 17, at the Thatch-Mann cemetery (1801 W Hobbs Street, Athens, Ala.) with Pastor Willie M. Byrd officiating.*

*Funeral service for MRS. DARALA J. MILLSAP HARTWELL (b. 1949) was held Saturday, July 16, at the Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church (380 Indian Creek Rd NW, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Timothy Rainey officiating.*

### SERENITY FUNERAL HOME

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*Funeral service for MS. ASHLEY WILLIAMS will be held Saturday, July 23, at Serenity Funeral Home, at 2 p.m.*

*Funeral service for MS. MIA STRINGER (b. 1967) was held Friday, July 15, at Westview Church of Christ, 8006 Old Madison Pike, Madison, Ala.*

THE VALLEY WEEKLY

# VALLEY EVENTS

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"Your Life, Your Huntsville" - Monthly Forum

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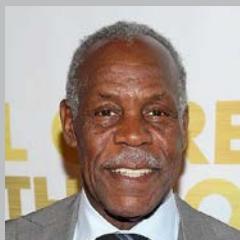
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Bulldog Football vs. Bethune-Cookman University

Louis Crews Stadium  
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2 p.m.**October 4**Concert  
Earth, Wind & Fire  
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[www.axs.com](http://www.axs.com)**October 8**Bulldog Football vs. Grambling State University  
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1 p.m.**November 12**Gulf Coast Challenge  
AAMU vs. Jackson State University  
Ladd-Peebles Stadium  
Mobile, Ala.**November 19**Bulldog Football vs. Texas Southern University  
Louis Crews Stadium  
Alabama A&M University  
1 p.m.**JULY 22 - DANNY**

**GLOVER** - an American actor, film director, and political activist. He is known for his lead role as Roger Murtaugh in the Lethal Weapon film series. He also has leading roles in the films *The Color Purple* (1985), *To Sleep with Anger* (1990), *Predator 2* (1990), *Angels in the Outfield* (1994) and *Operation Dumbo Drop* (1995).

- *BlackCelebrityBirthdays.com***PowerShot**

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J. T. Moore



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God Views  
+  
Current News

by tim allston

## June 30 - July 7: Early Signs of “#BlackGirlMagic 2.0”?

*“Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand” - Isaiah 41:10*

With these words, Isaiah assured Israel that God destined them to be victorious; therefore, He would protect and strengthen that nation through setbacks and trials that seemed unending.

The current epidemic of mass shootings, character and political assassinations, and Supreme Court reversals of longstanding human and environmental protections makes it seem as though life overall is spiraling downward nationally. But don't despair; instead, be encouraged by some Black female trailblazers here in late June and early July.

If June 30 and the first full week of July forecast 2022's remaining six months, then America should embrace #BlackGirlMagic 2.0! Women's activist and author Beverly Bond is credited with creating the phrase “BlackGirlMagic” for denoting Black women triumphing against “structural oppressions” - discrimination by race, gender, age, religious or cultural beliefs, and practices. Such BlackGirlMagic was illustrated when:

- June 30, with Ketanji Brown Jackson's Supreme Court swearing-in; then on
- July 6, Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis not only subpoenaed top Trump officials but did not rule out subpoenaing Trump himself; also on
- On July 6, NY Attorney General Letitia James won a court victory in a civil investigation against Trump and his organization; and
- On July 7, President Biden awarded the Presidential Medal of Honor to gymnast GOAT Simone Biles and Sandra Lindsay, the first U.S. Covid-19 vaccinee,

CAUTION: however celebratory these milestones, each by their very reporting a past accomplishment. Now a part of immutable history. Therefore, are you or your own Black girls preparing now for an upcoming “#BlackGirlMagic 2.0”?

- No? Then follow the example of these five celebrated Black female trailblazers:
- Swear to uphold all that's true (Justice Jackson);
- Be unflappable in the face of political pressures (Attorneys Willis and James);
- “Take (the first) one for the team, the United States” (Nurse Lindsay); and
- Be ready to mount the unparallel bars of racial and sexual discrimination, yet dismount from them successfully like Simone Biles, . . .

Why? Your #BlackGirlMagic 2.0 awaits you.

- tim allston

## Scenes from Alabama A&M University Day at The World Games

Microsoft - HBCU Tent - Birmingham, Alabama

Friday, July 15, 2022







Rosetta James Foundation "Spotlight on Our Elders" ... Featuring

## Mrs. Rosa Walker



Malcolm X] College in Chicago, Ill., a bachelor's degree in elementary education at Alabama A&M University, a master's degree in counseling at Troy University, and a master's degree in elementary education at Alabama A&M University. Additionally, she attended Hampton University in Virginia for certification in school administration.

Rosa conducted system-wide in-service training, as well as specialized training for individual schools, both public and private, and she has written several mini-grants for reading and science instruction. She also volunteers time to mentor/tutor local high school and college students.

Her current and past board affiliations include: AAMU-UAH Regional In-Service Education Center,

Huntsville Education Association, Regional Hands-On Science Center (Tullahoma, Tenn.), Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), and South Jackson Civic Center (Tullahoma, Tenn.).

Rosa's community involvement includes Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Huntsville Human Relations Council, Huntsville Depot Museum Curriculum Group, Junior Achievement Classroom Presenter, Madison County Retired Teachers Association, Red Cross Teen Baby Sitter Skills Instruction program, Searcy Homes Tutorial Program, United Negro College Fund Planning Committee-Oakwood University, United Way Speaker On-Loan Program, Village of Promise and Weeden House Docent. She has been nominated for the Alabama State Board and Department of Education Teacher of the Year Program, representing East Clinton Elementary School. Rosa is a member of St. John AME Church, where she has taught both Sunday and Bible School, served on the newsletter staff and is currently a stewardess and member of the church's Caregivers Ministry.

She and her husband, Dr. Arthur Walker, have one adult daughter, Angela.

"Spotlight on Our Elders" is a weekly feature sponsored by the Rosetta James Foundation to promote volunteerism and activism in our community among those who are 70-plus. The Foundation also provides scholarships. Learn more about us at [www.rosettajamesfoundation.org](http://www.rosettajamesfoundation.org). Know an outstanding elder (70+) that you would like to see featured? Send us a photo and 250-word write-up to [info@valley-weeklyllc.com](mailto:info@valley-weeklyllc.com).



## TVW Editor-Publisher's FOREWORD Kicks Off Columnist's New 4-in-1 Book, as COVID Cases Spike Again

"Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in February 2020, more than 79 million Americans have tested positive for this virus.

"Unfortunately, some 966,000 of us have died, and the rest have been survivors.

"But fortunately, we at The Valley Weekly are pleased to know and work with one who became more than a COVID-19

victim-turned-survivor: he became COVID-19-Victorious and now tells you his story in *The US COVID-19 Crisis*:

What Experienced 2020... What Learned 2021... What Now 2022?

"tim allston has been a weekly columnist for us since 2018 here at The Valley Weekly which serves Huntsville, Madison County, and North Alabama. Our now-digital publication focuses on coverage that must be Positive, Informative, and Educational.

"Each week with his column, "Perspectives



on God's Views + Current News," tim creatively presents current events and newsmakers in the light of Biblical best practices.

"In fact, tim rounds out our trio of columnists who are also authors: Preston Brown and Reverend Michael Rice

the authors of *A Champion Game Plan for Life* and *5 Days in 745: Musings From the Mind of a Preacher*, respectively.

From our perspective, these three check all our TVW boxes successfully.

This latest book *The US COVID-19 Crisis: What Experienced 2020... What Learned 2021... What Now 2022?*, has expanded upon many of tim's weekly

columns related to COVID-19; now he offers them to you in print, digital, and audiobooks - and will also present it to you in a video-book format!

"The Valley Weekly is pleased to have columnists-authors and we encourage

you to also read their books. They further exemplify TVW's continuing commitment to being positive, informative, and educational.

"I'm inviting you now to not only READ, HEAR and SEE tim's book in these four formats - but then tell

others of your experience! P.S. \*Want your free "sneak preview" audiobook in order to write an Amazon

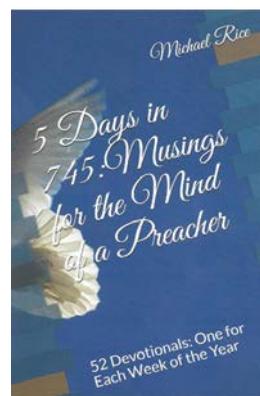
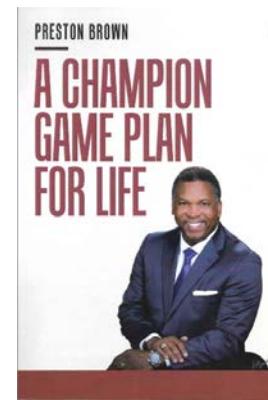
book review? For more information, visit [info@timallston.com](mailto:info@timallston.com)."

Until next time ....

*Dorothy*

**"We face neither East nor West: we face forward."**

- Kwame Nkrumah





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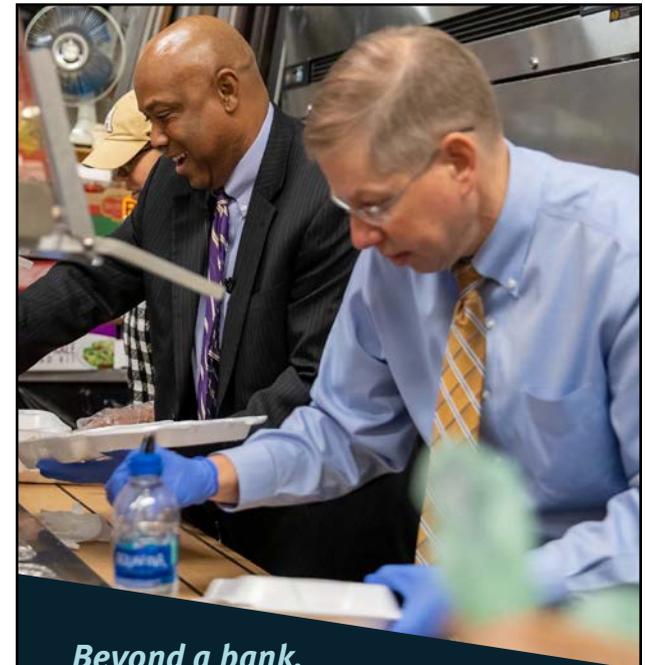
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- Jean Toomer

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