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“... We’ve been taught that silence would save us, but it won’t.”

- Audre Lorde

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VICTORY! Quarterback Jalen Hurts took the reins from an injured Tua Tagovailoa and directed the No. 1 Alabama Crimson Tide to its 35-28 comeback win over the No. 4 Georgia Bulldogs on Saturday, December 1, in the SEC Championship Game at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta, Ga. The 20-year-old Houston native's touchdown pass helped tie the game with 5:19 remaining before he scored the game-winning touchdown with just 1:04 left on a 15-yard quarterback draw. (Photo Credit: Nola.com)

Calhoun Opens Nursing Simulation Lab

The Calhoun Community College Nursing Department hosted a ribbon-cutting event on Thursday, November 29, to

officially mark the opening of its new Nursing Simulation Lab, located in the Sparkman Building at the Calhoun Huntsville cam-

pus, 102 Wynn Drive.

The nursing lab is the result of a partnership between Calhoun and Huntsville Hospital and

represents the final piece necessary for the establishment of a new nursing program at Calhoun's Huntsville campus.

UCMBC to Host Free “Christmas in Oz”

The Worship Arts Ministry of Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, located at 315 Winchester Road N.E., will present a Musical Christmas Production entitled “CHRIST-

MAS IN OZ” on Saturday, December 15, at 3 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

Don't miss this Christian twist on an old family favorite, “The Wiz,” with lots of drama, music and

dance--presented in a manner that everyone, from the youngest to the oldest, will enjoy!

Come celebrate the true meaning of Christmas and witness “Dorothy's revela-

tion as she discovers that “Jesus is the Reason For The Season!”

The public is cordially invited to attend this free Christmas production.

“Maintain Don't Gain” Encouraged

Healthy Huntsville and Huntsville Hospital Corporate Wellness have partnered this holiday season to encourage people to maintain their current weight and not gain those extra holiday pounds.

Citizens were encouraged to weigh-in prior to Thanksgiving at any of the Huntsville Hospital Wellness Centers or at one of the City's four recreation centers. Weigh-out week is January 2-6, 2019, and participants must go to the same weigh-in location. All participants who complete weigh-in and weigh-out will receive a ‘Maintain Don't Gain’ t-shirt. Those that lose weight or maintain their weight are eligible for select prizes.

A&M MSW Program Listed Among Nation's Top 10

Graduateprograms.com has released its 2018 list of the 25 best schools in the nation to earn a Master of Social Work degree.

Alabama A&M University's MSW program maintains its Top 10 ranking, pulling in at No. 9 with a 2018 student score of 85.42, the only Top 10 entry from Alabama and one among two historically black colleges and universities (i.e., No. 8 Norfolk State University).

“The reviews of our students are very powerful,” commented Dr. Tonya Perry (r), professor and chairperson of the Department of Social Work, Psy-



chology and Counseling within AAMU's College of Education, Humanities and Behavioral Sciences.

Together with its internal recommend rate data, calculated based on tens of thousands of student reviews submitted to GraduatePrograms.com, the data used in the school listings were gathered in 2016-17 from the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES).

The University of Alabama MSW program was also represented in the listing at No. 14.

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Washington in One Minute



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

1. The House and Senate are in session this week. Their main concern will be to pass an omnibus appropriations bill containing the 7 remaining unenacted FY2019 appropriations bills before Friday's deadline – although many reports expect that there will be a 1-or 2-week extension of the deadline. The main disagreement between Congress and the White House is the \$5 billion for the Mexican border wall demanded by the Presi-

dent, for which the House has only provided \$1.6 billion. A compromise proposed by Senate Appropriations Chair Richard Shelby (R-AL) to appropriate \$2.5 billion per year for the next 2 years was rejected by Democrats; therefore, a veto of the bill by the President this week is possible, which would shut down part of the federal government starting on Saturday (Dec. 8), including the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Homeland Security, Interior, Justice, State, Transportation and HUD – and independent

agencies such as NASA and the EPA. The House and Senate may also take up the final conference report on the Farm Bill. The full House was scheduled to debate the Tax Extenders bill on Friday, but it was pulled from the calendar and has not been rescheduled.

2. On Monday, the body of President George H.W. Bush arrived at the U.S. Capitol for a bicameral ceremony in the Rotunda, where his body remained in state until Wednesday, when there was a funeral service at Washington National Cathedral. From there, President Bush's remains traveled to the Bush Presidential Library on the campus of Texas A&M University in College Station, TX, for the interment.

3. Last Saturday after a meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping in Argentina, President Trump announced that he was cancelling a

planned tariff increase from 10 to 25% on \$253 billion of Chinese goods due to take effect on January 1, 2019, and China agreed to buy more U.S. agricultural, energy, and industrial products, while the 2 sides continue negotiations – especially on the theft of intellectual property and coercive licensing practices against U.S. companies. Also on Monday, President Trump had lunch with Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV) at the White House. On Tuesday, the President met with Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) and House Speaker Presumptive Nancy Pelosi (D-CA). On Wednesday, the President and Mrs. Trump attended the funeral at National Cathedral for President George H.W. Bush, who passed away on Friday at the age of 94.

4. For the past week, Sen. Jeff Flake (R-AZ) has refused to vote for any Trump judicial nominees, until a vote is held on legislation to protect

Special Counsel Robert Mueller. This caused Senate Judiciary Committee Chair Chuck Grassley (R-IA) to cancel last Thursday's committee votes on 25 judicial and executive nominees and also derailed – with the additional “no” vote of Sen. Tim Scott (R-SC) – a planned full Senate vote on Thursday to approve the controversial nomination of Thomas Farr for a federal judgeship in North Carolina.

5. Former FBI Director James Comey tweeted on Sunday that he had reached an agreement with the House Judiciary Committee on a subpoena to appear at a deposition Tuesday (Dec. 4) on how federal law enforcement officials handled investigations of Secretary Clinton's emails and the Trump Campaign's ties to Russia. Mr. Comey had made a motion to quash the subpoena, a decision on which was expected today (former Attorney General Loretta Lynch was also subpoenaed).

6. According to The New York Times, House Democrats to date have picked up 39 seats for a total 234 Democrats to 199 Republicans, with 2 seats undecided (CA-21 and NC-9). In CA-21, Democrat challenger TJ Cox appears poised to eke out a narrow victory over incumbent Rep. David Valadao (R-CA) with some ballots still to be counted. In NC-9, the North Carolina State Board of Elections has refused to certify the 905-vote win of the GOP's Mark Harris over Democrat Dan McCready over absentee ballot irregularities. Senate Republicans have gained 2 seats for a total of 53 R's to 47 D's.

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Applications are being accepted for Cohort XI of the Diversity Leadership Colloquium until February 26.

Classes will begin March 5 and end April 23, running 6-9 p.m. every Tuesday evening. Graduation will be held on

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Deltas Preparing Holiday Meals for Seniors



Huntsville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.



Dr. Patricia Sims, Radio Personality Toni Terrell, HAC President Jackie Perry and Rosa Kilpatrick

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will celebrate its 106th Founders Day on January 13, 2019. Locally, the Huntsville Alumnae Chapter commemorating its theme, *Rise Up: Together We're Stronger, Strengthening and Sustaining Our Communities*, kicked off this occasion on Saturday, December 1, by raising funds for holiday meals for senior citizens at the Huntsville/Madison County Senior Center.

Rain nor wind stopped the sea of red and white from lining the streets of Ivy and Drake Avenue to collect funds from passing cars. Chapter President Jackie



Michelle Hankins, Huntsville Alumnae DST collecting funds

Perry; Founders Day Chair, Dr. Patricia Sims; and the event's coordinator, Rosa Kilpatrick, participated in a live radio broadcast with Toni Terrell of WHRP 94.1 radio station, challenging Greek letter organizations, clubs and community affiliates to help reach the \$6,000 goal for Meals on Wheels in honor of the sorority's 106th Founders Day.

The chapter delivered on its promise by exceeding its goal of \$6,000. The money collected will be donated to Meals on Wheels to ensure seniors who depend on the program will have a special meal during the holiday season. Because of their efforts, the chapter will be able to serve over 1,200 meals! Huntsville Alumnae Chapter will continue to accept donations until Saturday, December 8, 2018.

The Valley Weekly Calendar of Events

Thru January

Tinsel Trail
Big Spring Park
200 Church Street
Huntsville, Ala.

December 7

Fall Commencement
Alabama A&M University
Speaker: Dr. Perry W. Ward,
President
Lawson State Community
College
Birmingham, Ala.
Von Braun Center Propst
Arena, 1 p.m.

December 8

The First Annual Celebration
of Caretakers
Host: Jamal's Helping Hand
Valeria McConnell, Executive
Director
DoubleTree Suites by Hilton
6000 Memorial Parkway, S
Huntsville, Ala.

Couples Christmas Celebration
Host: Marriage More Abundantly
4705 Mastin Lake Road
Huntsville, Ala., 6:30 p.m.

December 9

Skating in the Park
Huntsville Museum of Art
12-8:30 p.m.

Poetry Slam Sundays
Flying Monkey Arts Center
6:30 p.m.

December 15

Art Huntsville Exhibit
Artist Caroline Wang

Von Braun Center
"Christmas in Oz"
Union Chapel Missionary

Baptist Church
315 Winchester Road, NE
Huntsville, Ala., 3 p.m.

UAH Grad Excels With Hat Business

by Reginald Allen

You could say Darius "PaPaRooster" Danner is a man who wears many hats, but that would be an under statement.

The Tuscaloosa native is the brains behind "P.A.P.A. Clothing", a diverse ensemble comprised of dad hats, windbreakers, t-shirts, and possibly socks in the Fall. His multi-colored apparel is easily recognizable for its signature feathered "P" logo.

P.A.P.A., which stands for Pushing Ancestors' Purposes Afar, is more than a brand. It's a message. As his website states, the clothing line was created to "encourage the creation of formation for new beginnings based on the past." Despite being an entrepreneur, selling his line was never about the money.

"...My biggest motto for the clothing line is that I care less about the purchase, it's more about the purpose," Danner said in phone interview. "If I can at least touch somebody and let them know what I'm doing, I actually made my goal that day. It's not about the money. I'm more concerned with fashion, clothes and actually touching someone to go out and do the same things people have done for me."

Ultimately, Danner said his goal is to have P.A.P.A products in every household, but he understands that his brand isn't for everyone. Select hats are available at the Shoe Clinic in Birmingham, but most of his sells are made online or in person. For the entrepreneur, all clients aren't the best clients. If they don't understand the message behind the gear, Danner said it's a wasted purchase.

"A lot of times, I get people that say 'I'll buy to support' and I really don't want that," the 25-year-old explained. "I've turned someone down that wanted to buy out of support, because I don't want them to sit there and have the clothing item sitting in their closet, collecting dust. I want them to actually wear it."

WHC Group Preparing Site for Reflection

The time has come to usher in a new season for The Historic William Hooper Councill High School that we know and love so well! Let's come together and break ground on the Councill High School Park, which will transform the old site to its new purpose of serving Councillians and the city of Huntsville as a place of reflection and restoration.

The public is invited to join Councillians on Friday, December 14, at 1 p.m. at 620 St. Clair Avenue, Huntsville, Ala., for this long awaited ground breaking.

Many have contributed to the effort to preserve the memory and history of the Councill High School in the Huntsville community.

Special thank you to the City of Huntsville for

designating \$2 million for the park, and all who helped bring this to fruition. There remains much to be done ahead as we contribute to the design and planning of the park and other special projects. Looking forward to celebrating with you all.

- Brenda Barley Chunn
- Cathering Madry Stewart

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Forever (x Former) First Lady Michelle Obama's "Becoming" = our Recovering

by tim allston

"Who can find a virtuous wife? . . . She opens her mouth with wisdom, and on her tongue is the law of kindness" Proverbs 31:1,26 (New King James Version).

Riddle: What's Black and White* and now Green all over?
A: According to the world's largest retail bookseller (Barnes & Noble) and the U.S.'s largest digital retailer (Amazon), it's Michelle Obama and her 426-page *Becoming* memoir, chronicling her life's journeys.

The fastest-selling adult book over the past three years, *Becoming* sold more copies in one week (1.4 million, including 725,000 on its November 13th debut date) than *Trump: the Art of the Deal* sold in 32 years (1.1 million).

Q: How did this fishbowl First Couple confront, resolve marital conflicts? Michelle's (and Barack's) answers, captured fully on pages 205-207, mirror the 10 steps for recovering from ego-holism - the addiction to self.

1. Target the Problem: "At home, our frustrations began to rear up often and intensely. Barack and I loved each other deeply, but it was as if at the center of our relationship there were suddenly a knot we couldn't loosen."

2. Own the Problem: "Barack was reluctant at first to try couples counseling. . . . Sitting down in front of a stranger struck him as uncomfortable, if not a tad dramatic. Couldn't he just run over to Border's and buy some relationship books?"

3. Now, Proceed to - "So I booked us an appointment . . ."

4. To Change Lanes Effectively, Glance Back before proceeding Forward: "I began to see how I'd been stoking the most negative parts of myself, caught up in the notion that everything was unfair and then assiduously, like a Harvard-trained lawyer, collecting evidence to feed that hypothesis."

5. Dig Deeply to un-earth your Buried Treasures: "I'd had close friends go through devastating breakups, brought on by small problems left unattended or lapses in communication that led eventually to irreparable rifts."

6. Listen Aggressively: "Slowly, over hours of talking, the knot began to loosen."

7. Re-start your Engine for Better Mileage: ". . . a new hypothesis: It was possible that I was more in charge of my happiness than I was allowing myself to be. I spent too much time stewing over whether or not he'd make it home for dinner; that dinners, with or without him, were no longer fun."

8. Convert your Lemons into Lemonade: "I was too busy resenting Barack for managing to fit workouts into his schedule, for example, to even begin figuring out how to exercise regularly myself."

9. Got Healing? Start Revealing. "For starters, I recommitted myself to being healthy. . . . This new regimen changed everything: Calmness and strength, two things I feared I was losing, were now back." And

10. Now that you Know, . . . Go, Elevate, and Grow! ". . . installed new boundaries: Dinner each night a 6:30. Baths were at 7:00, followed by books, cuddling, and lights out at 8:00 sharp. I didn't want them ever to believe that life began when the man of the house arrived home. We didn't wait for Dad. It was his job now to catch up with us."

Q: by now learning just these few Michelle snippets, in what ways can her *Becoming* help to jump-start your recovering?
* "White House"

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.GetEgoHelpNow.org.

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Valley Deaths

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Funeral service for MRS. VICTORIA ELAINE WHITE (b. 1964) was held Saturday, December 1, at Douglas Tabernacle Primitive Baptist Church with Reverend Marcus Moore officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. BERNICE JONES (b. 1931) was held Saturday, December 1, in the Chapel of Love at Valhalla Memory Gardens with Reverend Dr. Mitchell M. Walker, Sr. officiating.

Funeral service for MS. QUENELLE CHEMISE JORDAN (b. 1985) was held Wednesday, November 28, at Highlands Baptist Church with Pastor Jarman Leatherwood officiating.

- Royal Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MR. DA'RON MONTEAL "JUICE" PARKS (b. 1993) was held Tuesday, December 4, at Madkins Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church In America (2403 Oakwood Road Huntsville, AL 35810).

Funeral service for MRS. SHERRYL SNODGRASS CAFFEY, Esq. (b. 1949) was held Saturday, December 1, at Blackburn Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church In America (507 Plummer Road Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Tramaine D. Snodgrass officiating.

Funeral service for MS. BRENDA MILLER NEAL (b. 1961) was held Saturday, December 1, at the Royal Chapel of Memories (4315 Oakwood Avenue Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Thomas Miller officiating.

Funeral service for MS. NISHA CAMILLE HURTADO (b. 1962) was held Saturday, December 1, at the Royal Chapel of Memories with Bishop Dextor Elston officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. ROSEMARY BROWN (b. 1925) was held Wednesday, November 28, at the Royal Chapel of Memories (4315 Oakwood Avenue, N.W. Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Julius Scruggs officiating.

- Serenity Funeral Home -

Funeral service to be announced at a later date for MR. JEFFERY COLLIER (b. 1959).

- Carr Funeral Home, Guntersville, AL -

MRS. FLOSSIE MAE HENDERSON (b. 1920) - Mother of Dr. Barbara J. Anthony. Services were held Monday, Dec. 3, 2018, 11 a.m. at Fellowship Presbyterian Church. In her honor, contributions may be made to the FAITH Initiative, P.O. Box 3858, Huntsville, AL 35810 or to the Lakeview Community Civic Organization, P.O. Box 1172 Guntersville, AL 35976. Both organizations award scholarships to deserving graduating high school students in their respective communities.

Called 2 Preach

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

The Stages of Our Sanctification

Romans 5:3-5

The late Alexander MacLaren, 19th century expositor, once wrote: "Oh! how different life would look if we habitually took hold of all its incidents by that handle, and thought about them, not as we are accustomed to do, according to whether they tended to make us glad or sorry, to disappoint or fulfil our hopes and purposes, but looked upon them all as stages in our education, and as intended, if I might so say, to force us, when the tempests blow, close up against God; and when the sunshine came, to woo us to His side."

This is in essence what the Apostle Paul meant when he used the word, knowing, in verse 3 of this periscope. It was this knowing that Paul said

Huntsville City Council Meetings

Huntsville City Council's regular meetings are held in the

City Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. Council work sessions are also held in the Chambers of the Municipal Building on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m.

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made the difference in how tribulations are viewed. They are a part of the stages of our sanctification. Even though, as believers, we are justified (put right with God), the very moment that we put our

trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior, our sanctification (being conformed to the image of Christ), includes the entirety of our saved lives. There are no shortcuts to sanctification. We cannot morph into maturity. We cannot leap into legacy-



leaving living. There are stages, and knowing that, says Paul, is what enables us to glory in tribulations. This is not vain or vague glory. This is boasting that comes from knowing that tribulation is a stage not a stop; allowed, but not always.

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Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

Matthew 6:33 says, *But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you, as well.*

One of the things we need to realize is that God demands to be first in our lives. And, when we put Him first, it establishes His Lordship. Because if God is not Lord of all, then He is not Lord at all when it comes to our lives. For example, if watching football is first in your life, then football is Lord of your life. If playing golf is first in your life, then golf is Lord of your life. If going shopping is first in your life, then shopping is



Lord of your life. If your job and your money is first in your life, then your job and your money is Lord of your life. Now "Lord" is translated as Adonai, which is equivalent to ruler or master. So, if these things are ruling over your lives, then you have entered a dangerous place that is not God's will for your life. Anytime our will becomes greater than Gods will for our lives, it will only end in separation from God. That's why it is important that we seek Him first so things don't get out of hand.

Now, the definition of being first is "preceding all

others in time in order of importance.

That's why God demands to be first, because He has blessed us so much. Always remember that when we have total obedience it will produce total reward. So remember whatever we decide to seek first will determine the quality of our lives Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters.

I know something you can give at Christmas time that is both thoughtful and inexpensive ...

My book called "A Champion Game Plan For Life." It makes a great stocking stuffer, and you can get yours at amazon.com or Barnes and Noble or contact me at pbrown@jerrydamson.com.

Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring

Dr. Mary Sanford Brown

Although born in Kimo ("KI-mo"), Dr. Mary Sanford Brown grew up in the area of Decatur known as "West Town." She first attended what could have been called kindergarten at David's Temple Primitive Baptist Church in West Town, founded and built by her paternal great-grandfather Booker Bradford. She then began attending Decatur Negro High School, which housed grades 1-12.

In 1956, Brown graduated as valedictorian from Lakeside High School and continued her education at Alabama A&M College, graduating in 1960 with honors. As a student at Alabama A&M, she was a member of the Student Council and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Although she had been told that she had "a good voice" and had always sung in a choir, she was somewhat intimidated by A&M's choir and never auditioned. While matriculat-



ing at A&M, she continued her friendship with Rather G. Brown, a young man from Moulton who she met through her Moulton cousins when they were both in high school. They married in 1961 at First Missionary Baptist Church. They were blessed with one son, Rather Maurice Brown, a history teacher and musician. Her dear husband departed this life in December 2012. In 1962, she began her master's work at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical College in Greensboro and

received her degree in 1964. By 1971, Brown had begun studies for the Ed.D. degree at The American University in Washington, D. C., earning the degree in December 1975. Brown began her teaching career at Merritt High School in Midway in Bullock County. She later returned to North Alabama to teach at what is now R. A. Hubbard High in Courtland--founded by her mother's brother, Richard Alexander Hubbard. Following her first year there, she and her husband moved to Greensboro, North Carolina, and she began her master's studies.

In 1967, she launched nearly four decades of work at Alabama A&M. During her productive tenure at A&M, she served as Chair of the Department of History and Political Science and was the founding director of AAMU's Honors Program.

Valley Loses Its First Black Veterinarian ... Clarence Major Glenn, DVM

by Bonnie "Chirping Bird" Spencer

Huntsville lost its first black veterinarian on Monday, November 19, 2018. He was one of the best, most skillful, compassionate doctors in the field of veterinary medicine.

Clarence Major Glenn, DVM, was a trailblazer in his field. He became a Certified Master Herbalist and incorporated his knowledge in his practice.

His techniques and treatments brought about "miraculous" recoveries among animals, who would have otherwise died. He was a very sensitive and kind man. He had a heart of gold. He was a humanitarian.

With his knowledge and

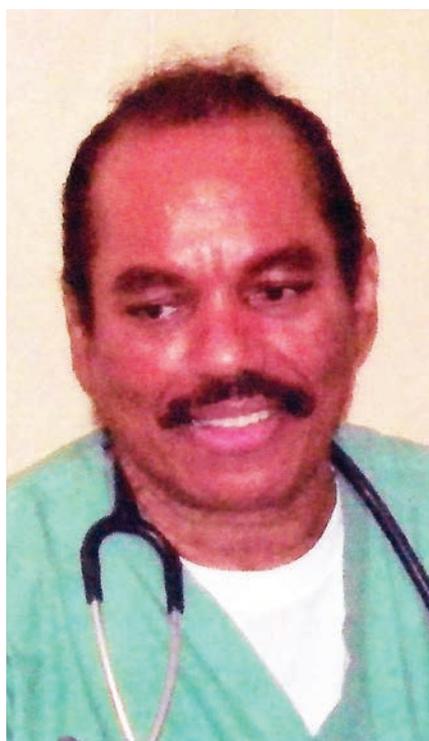
tender heart he lived to serve the welfare of others, the downtrodden, the lost and hurting people, the sick and dying people.

Those who couldn't afford to buy the herbs Dr. Glenn would "give" them what they needed, anyway, at no cost ... because he cared so deeply and wanted to make a difference in their lives.

His nurturing, loving nature was seen in how he cared beyond his own son and daughter to include his many siblings (12 in total), and his many nieces and nephews. He supplied their needs and wants to include houses and cars, paid for college tuitions, provided

unlimited herbs to heal his sick family members, and whatever else they needed ... as "dad" and "Uncle Clarence," he always provided without hesitation.

Dr. Glenn had many talents. He had a tremendous tenor voice he used in the choir at St. Bartley P.B. Church, and he loved to sew as a master "tailor". He made suits,



jackets, coats, shirts and ties. He loved to cook and whatever he prepared, it was healthy and superb.

He loved playing cards with a special group of friends. And he loved to dance, especially ballroom dancing. He believed in eating healthy and exercising to take care of his body.

Last, but not least, he loved the Lord. He was a man of deep faith. He experienced "mercy", which kept him humble, thankful, and tenderhearted. He was full of gratitude for what the Lord had given him.

He would tell me, "I am blessed and highly favored." He never bragged or boasted about himself.

Humility is the soil in which mercy for others grows. Gratitude for mercy given is what motivates mercy extended. Paul says, "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you" (Eph. 4:32).

He lived and died by those words. Dr. Glenn entered this life on November 27, 1945. He was 73 years old.

I was privileged to know him as "my friend" for 43 years and formed memories too numerous to share. His infectious smile and laughter shall ring in my ears until I receive my call to "go home".

Thirty-Four Beaux Presented by Fun-Set Social and Charity Club



Thirty-four young men were presented at the 35th annual Beautillion Ball on November 17. The festive event theme, "Men of Color: Seeking Equality and Justice in a Biased World" was held in the Von Braun Civic Center North Hall.

The Fun-Set Social and Charity Club sponsors the Beautillion program to enrich the lives of young men through participation in seminars focusing on educational, spiritual, social, and economic growth.

Club member Joyce Kimber offered the invocation. Greetings were provided by Phyllene Washington on behalf of Alabama State Representative Laura Hall for District 19; Will Culver, Huntsville City Councilman for District 5; and Michelle Watkins, Vice President Huntsville City School Board. Betty Lanier, Club President, offered words on the occasion.

Club members Edna Sheridan and Dana Wingate-Minor introduced the narrators for the evening, Dr. Claudette Owens, CEO Engineering Services, and Addison J. Walker, Senior Business Development Manager and 2005 Beau, who presented the beaux of 2018.

Kim Jones, Mayah Robinson, Kim Ford, and Dependable Music Group provided musical entertainment for the evening.

Cynthia Quintela choreographed the first dance between the beaux and their belles. The second dance was reserved for the beaux and their mothers.

Vice President Haley Bone introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Michael Fitts. He is the Associate Dean for Diversity at the University of Alabama in Birmingham.

Proceeds from the ball benefit charitable causes and organizations supported by the Club. Scholarships were awarded to Christopher Noah Jones, Zavee Jones, Adam Thomas, Augustus Tucker III, Keon Johnson, and Jaron Daniels. The Beulah Ballard Toney Foundation also awarded community service scholarships to Gabriel Van Dorn Henderson and Kendall McKinnon Wright.

Fun-Set Club members who chaired Beautillion committees were Haley Bone, program; Carla Lanier, educational seminars; Shellia Battles, scholarships; Glenda Fowler, invitations and seating; Edna Sheridan, parent-son brunch; Betty Lanier, souvenir book; Mary Ann Townsend, training; Jessica Caudle, publicity/media, Delores Hereford, service and charities, and Wilhemina Burwell, ushers and hostesses.

Following is a list of beaux, their schools and belle escorts: Porter Keevon Batts, Lee High

senior, belle Alyssa Jones; Denver Allen Betts III, Sparkman High senior, belle Gerah Watson; Darius Isaiah Conerly, James Clemens High senior, belle Logan Hereford; Kaleb Elisha Core, Jemison High senior, belle Keyona Clay; Jaron Ramsey Daniels, New Century High senior, belle Destiny Adams.

Dashaun Marquise Floyd, New Century High senior, belle Olivia Crutcher; Ryan Christian Foy, James Clemens High senior, belle Sydney Batts; Mariun Jah'niq Robinson Friend, Buckhorn High senior, belle Trinity Poplar; Kurantiya Lante' Garner, Jr., Buckhorn High senior, belle Madison Grant; Joshua Mekhi Green, Jemison High senior, belle Arianna White-Williams.

Josiah Myles Gullatte, Sparkman High senior, belle Carolyn Scruggs-Webster; William Alexander Hampton, Sparkman High senior, belle Tate Hampton; Gabriel Van Dorn Henderson, Sparkman High senior, belle Alexx Burnette; Casey Elijah Henry, Jemison High junior, belle Sarah Mitchell; Justin Shakobe' Hogan, Sparkman High junior, belle Desiri Foushee.

Xavier Derron Hopkins, Sparkman High senior, belle Heaven Gurley; Mac Arthur Howard III, Sparkman High senior, belle Kaleigh Lockett; Keon Myles Johnson, Sparkman High senior, belle Asineade Fuller; Christopher Lang Sledge-Joiner, Sparkman High senior, belle Keaira Baker; Christopher Noah Jones, Buckhorn High junior, belle Robinson Scruggs.

Zavee Xendre Jones, Huntsville High junior, belle Courtney Ward; Dallas Christian McDonald,

Sparkman High senior, belle Madison Milton; Austin Bryce McGhee, James Clemens High senior, belle Kennedy Davis; Tralynn Nathaniel

Meeks, Jemison High senior, belle Rhyan Eckert; Hosea Middlebrooks, Lee High senior, belle Lamonkia Dent.

Ja'Kobe Lee North, Sparkman High senior, belle Kristen Lewis; Adam Kai Thomas, Sparkman High senior, belle Evelyn Dickerson; Joshua LaFayette Townsend, Sparkman High junior, belle Ardria McDonald; Augustus Steven Tucker III, Faith Covenant Academy junior, belle Kahylin

Nesbitt; Zavion Cordell Vann, Sparkman High senior, belle Madison Kirk-Draper.

Christian Marcel Ward, Sparkman High senior, belle Kiana Jones; Eddie Whitehead, Jr., Columbia High junior, belle Ayana Byers; Paris Latrell Capri Williams, Lee High senior, belle Quanishia Scott; Kendall McKinnon Wright, Sparkman High senior, belle A'Mya Hughes.

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BIRTHDAY - December 7 - Reginald Lewis - Born in Baltimore, Md. He received his law degree from Harvard Law School in 1968. He was a partner in Murphy, Thorpe & Lewis, the first Black law firm on Wall Street. In 1987, Lewis bought Beatrice International Foods from Beatrice Companies for \$985 million.

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