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Another Month. Hope most had their first shot or are on a list waiting...

Luncheon. Join us if you want to [this Tuesday Feb. 9, 11:40](#) Red Lobster. I think 6 last time I forgot. Are zombies emerging from homes I see eyes blinded by daylight? Lettuce hope this awful time passes soon.

Supplies. I heard from several out of state that their state hasn't enough supply. This was not true when I checked online, some local authorities apparently aren't distributing what they have or providing to that county. Keep trying - millions are now inoculated in the US and in every nation - look online at the data. Many members report they are now

awaiting their second dose. → □

♀ Age 65+ are now being served. Please don't catch this. I learned in the LearningQUEST genome online class one strain that is here actually prevents immune reactions (symptoms) and becomes known when it is too late. We know someone to whom this happened locally and passed away. Bad stuff. Get the shots.

Huntsville in Morgan County. I looked this up, Huntsville's third county entry is a very small annexation but pretty, located directly across the Tennessee River from Ditto Landing Marina. A planning department is working on its usage with its nice view. You can drive there now I have, somebody's property but fisherpersons use it and it's a beauty spot. I think I saw Tom Sawyer and Huck float by.

Boom Town. More hotels galore, near the Space and Rock Center remember Landry's Sea Food? Alas a sunken ship now, in its place I count *three* new hotels under construction. Just west of Russell Erskine apartments downtown, a tall new hotel with rounded corner front is attractive. The parking garage across from the Von Braun Center was razed (there is went!) and now appears— a much taller parking garage to the north and a person building attached adjacent to the Big Spring Park. Marriott residences and other stuff being attached to the newish AC Hotel at Big Spring Park.

A new much needed larger city hall will be built of about 7 stores with a semi-traditional façade across the side street from the very old (190 years?) historic bank itself on the square – this will blend with the traditional and antebellum Huntsville buildings. This will also extend across the street from the current white marble city hall, on the area currently a parking garage goodbye it. This will cost about \$70 million dollars and open about 2022 with more convenient frequent-visitor service destinations on one floor than at the current outdated city hall tower must be 70 years old. I believe every school in Huntsville was replaced.

Madison County Courthouse business other than adjudication biz will shortly move to the all-new and large Madison County service center at the corner of North Memorial Parkway and Oakwood Avenue, this appears ready to open maybe now painting parking lines and moving files.

The new Hays projects replacing the old Haysland shopping center now demolished will include new homes now rising across from Grissom High School starting about \$400K plus a small HOA. Weatherly Road extends west of the Parkway and becomes Haysland Road, this is now extended curving south passing lakes and swamps with a walking park, a very pretty drive that ends at Hobbs Island Road. Turning east on that (Redstone Arsenal is west) you cross at Parkway just south of Wal Mart South Parkway and many other businesses. It's a pretty drive and recommended. New homes will eventually appear along Haysland Road.

A new tavern, abuilding at the former downtown private club, and next to Humphries' will have a very long oak look bar and I counted 60. (sixty) (LX) (Soixante) beer taps almost ready to pull and pour. If you fancy flights of microbeer variations this is not unique but looks like an interesting larger place coming soon.

Recent HSV photos are posted online search for TRA Huntsville.

Big Win. The armed forces decided to add another armed force, U. S. Space Force. The action is because much effort is spent on specific space defense -and- my original job in Huntsville in 1971 then such efforts continued to expand such as Gary Abercrombie's EV88 historic program also known by the press as "Star Wars." I assume there are related

projects; Well known, North Korea currently works on little else than nuclear missiles and training thousands of engineers for this technology quite openly, at tragic expense to other sectors.

These efforts are really neither NASA, nor Air Force nor Army and they involve a core of special technologies not related to air flight and coordination at the highest level.

Last summer I observed preparations for a special visit by the Vice President, and military leaders for private meetings at the Space and Rocket Center. Huntsville was for a time on a list of potential Space Force headquarters for such a branch, then taken off, then more recently added back.

Last month Huntsville was chosen as the U S Space Force national headquarters.

The Air Force led initial Space Force details from Colorado Springs and will continue as I understand it as a support team mentor but I believe the government wants and needs this to be a separate branch, not a branch of the Air Force for total DOD coordination of tactics and processes. There will be uniformed Space Force enlisted men and officers (now designed) using at first transfer volunteers from other branches, no academy or even basic training at first - I'd guess specialized advanced training however. Redstone Arsenal has a long history of training soldiers and officers not only from the USA but from other nations. All this is almost-final as protests emerge from Mobile to Pyongyang.

This is indeed another great historic event for Huntsville. .

Please LET ME KNOW your current situation, what you've been doing, to share with us shut-ins. Good luck your Super Bowl choice KC or TB? I predict one of them will win – we're about exactly mid-way in between. Maybe KC.