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"Failure is the condiment that gives success its flavor." - Truman Capote

Rosa Parks Committee Makes Formal DOJ Request

One year ago, concerned citizens engaged in peaceful protest in downtown Huntsville to display their concerns about the murder of George Floyd and the policing of Black people and other People of Color. The unfortunate treatment of some of the protestors by police officers and other law enforcement agents ignited a local movement that raised concerns and questions about some of the tactics and protocols used by the

Huntsville Police Department (HPD).

Since those initial concerns were raised, other incidents have occurred – including the very recent stomping of Kemontae Hobbs by a HPD officer. Because Hobbs has been identified by his mother as having a mental disability, the use of force by the officer is particularly disturbing.

In light of these and other incidents, the Rosa Parks Committee of Huntsville

has followed through with its pledge to make a formal request for the Department of Justice to investigate the HPD. Concerns include the policing of citizens experiencing mental health crises, those engaged in lawful assemblies and protests, and those who are racial minorities.

For more information about the Rosa Parks Committee, please contact David Person, the Committee's media liaison, at 256.701.2594.

Concert in the Park Resumes Mondays Thru August 9

Arts Huntsville and the City of Huntsville Department of Parks and Recreation's 2021 Concerts in the Park season returned on Monday, June 7. A Huntsville summer tradition, the concerts will be held over 10 weeks every Monday evening through August 9. The series showcases local musical talent in a mix of genres from rock, folk, and country to Latin, dance, R&B and today's hits. The Concerts will take place in downtown Huntsville on the Huntsville Museum of Art outdoor stage in Big Spring International Park from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

The series is FREE to the public; concertgoers should bring their own seating and leashed pets are welcome.

Picnics are encouraged at the Concerts, and local food trucks and vendors will be on-site offering a diverse array of local tastes. Food trucks will be along Williams Avenue and Church Street with additional offerings in the park. The menus include plant-based Southern comfort foods from Hippea Camper, all-beef hot-dogs and treats from Golden Years Ice Cream Parlor & Diner, yummy beignets from Happi Pappi, gourmet popcorn and lemonade from Yum Yum's Gourmet Popcorn & Lemonade Stand, BBQ from O Taste & See BBQ, gourmet macaroni and cheese from Mac & Snacks, mega-burgers from The Piled High Grill,

flavorful shaved ice from Ice-works, specialty iced teas from Piper & Leaf Tea Company and handmade fruit popsicles from Suzy's Pops.

Concerts in the Park is a co-production of the City of Huntsville Parks and Recreation Department and Arts Huntsville. This year's concerts are presented with the support of Progress Bank, Randolph School and Thrive Alabama.

The June 14 concert will feature Victoria Jones and Jordan Moore, and JED Eye.

For more information on the 2021 Concerts in the Park series, visit www.artshuntsville.org or <http://www.huntsvilleal.gov>.

District 6 Commissioner Violet Edwards:

'Bob' Harrison Center Reopens

After much anticipation, the Robert "Bob" Harrison Senior Wellness and Advocacy Center will reopen to members and guests this month.

"We can't wait to welcome everyone back," says District 6 Commissioner Violet Edwards, who oversees the center. "We have taken several safety precautions and feel we can open a safe space for seniors to be able to socialize and workout."

The center, located at 6156 Pulaski Pike, has been closed for the past 15 months due to COVID-19.

It will open with abbreviated times and programs on Monday, June 14, 2021, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Normal hours will be phased in as the center re-establishes its membership. Hand sanitizer stations and disinfectants will be readily available for members to use, and the facility will get a deep cleaning daily.

The wearing of face masks will be strongly encouraged and social distancing will be mandatory.



"Perhaps the biggest addition we have made is the hiring of lifeguards. This was by far the biggest request made by members as we sought ways to enhance their experience," says Edwards.

To get a jump on updating information, members

were invited to the Welcome Back Bash on Thursday, June 10, 2021, on the Harrison Center grounds from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

There bash included free food, games, and the chance to catch up with old friends.

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Biden-Harris Administration Announce Plans to Build Black Wealth

On the centennial of the Tulsa Race Massacre, the Biden-Harris Administration announced new steps to help narrow the racial wealth gap and reinvest in communities that have been left behind by failed policies. Specifically, the Administration is expanding access to two key wealth-creators – homeownership and small business ownership – in communities of color and disadvantaged communities. The Administration will:

- Take action to address racial discrimination in the housing market ...
- Use the federal government's purchasing power to grow federal contracting with small disadvantaged businesses by 50 percent ...

The Administration is also releasing new information regarding President Biden's American Jobs Plan proposals to create jobs and build wealth in communities of color:

- A new \$10 billion Community Revitalization Fund to support community-led civic infrastructure projects that create innovative

shared amenities, spark new local economic activity, provide services, build community wealth, and strengthen social cohesion.

- \$15 billion for new grants and technical assistance to support the planning, removal, or retrofitting of existing transportation infrastructure that creates a barrier to community connectivity, including barriers to mobility, access, or economic development.

- A new Neighborhood Homes Tax Credit to attract private investment in the development and rehabilitation of affordable homes for low- and moderate-income homebuyers and homeowners.

- \$5 billion for the Unlocking Possibilities Program, an innovative new grant program that awards flexible and attractive funding to jurisdictions that take steps to reduce need-less barriers to producing affordable housing and expand housing choices for people with low or moderate incomes.

- \$31 billion in small business programs that will

increase access to capital for small businesses and provide mentoring, networking, and other forms of technical assistance to socially and economically disadvantaged businesses seeking to access federal contracts and participate in federal research and development investments ...

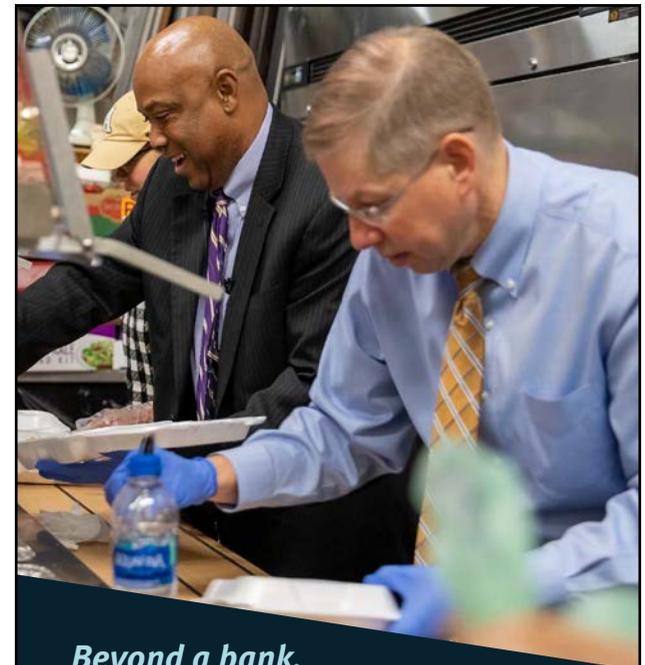
President Biden is charging Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Marcia Fudge with leading a first-of-its-kind interagency initiative to address inequity in home appraisals. The effort will seek to utilize, quickly, the many levers at the federal government's disposal, including potential enforcement under fair housing laws, regulatory action, and development of standards and guidance in close partnership with industry and state and local governments, to root out discrimination in the appraisal and homebuying process. These are the kinds of policies and practices that keep Black families in Greenwood and across the nation from building generational wealth through homeownership ...

The Biden-Harris Ad-

ministration is launching an all-of-government effort to expand contracting opportunities for underserved small businesses across the country. At its center is a new goal: increasing the share of contracts going to small disadvantaged businesses by 50 percent by 2026—translating to an additional \$100 billion to SDBs over the 5-year period. To achieve this goal, agencies will assess every available tool to lower barriers to entry and increase

opportunities for small businesses and traditionally-underserved entrepreneurs to compete for federal contracts. The impact could be historic: all told, attainment of the new goal will represent the biggest increase in SDB contracting since data was first collected more than 30 years ago.

For additional information, or to read the Black Wealth Program in its entirety, please visit whitehouse.gov and click "Briefing Room".



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Graveside service for MR. VICTOR CHARLES FLETCHER (b. 1961) was held Saturday, June 5, at Indian Creek Cemetery with the Reverend Dr. Jerry Crutcher officiating.

Funeral service for MS. VALARIE J. JACKSON (b. 1956) was held Sunday, May 30, at the House of Hope and Restoration (2525 Aspen Avenue - Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Jarman Leatherwood officiating.

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Funeral service for MR. THOMAS ANTHONY DUNCAN (b. 1960) was held Saturday, June 5, at the Royal Chapel of Memories with Bishop Aaron Jones officiating.

Graveside service for MS. DORIS LOUISE LOVE ROBINSON (b. 1948) was held Saturday, June 5, at the Meadowlawn Garden of Peace (450 Mount Lebanon Road Toney, Ala.) with Pastor Jaymes R. Mooney officiating.

Graveside service for MRS. LILLIE JANE ODEN BROWN (b. 1936) was held Saturday, June 5, at the Meadowlawn Garden of Peace (450 Mount Lebanon Road, Toney, Ala.) with Reverend Joe Stevenson officiating.

Graveside service for MR. RANDALL "Baby Ran" STRONG, JR., was held Saturday, June 5, at Meadowlawn Garden of Peace (450 Mount Lebanon Road, Toney, Ala.) with Reverend Donald Williams officiating.

Graveside service for MR. MARK ANTHONY NANCE (b. 1961) was held Saturday, June 5, at the Baltimore Hill Cemetery (476 Baltimore Hill Road Huntsville, Ala.) with Reverend Cornell Martin officiating.

Graveside service for MRS. SIN CHA PAK WILLIAMS (b. 1942) was held Saturday, May 29, at the Valhalla Memory Gardens (698 Winchester Road NE, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Maurice Wright officiating.

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Funeral Service for MR. HERMAN COSTOS CANCEL (b. 1928), MR. ALEX WEST (b. 1990), and MR. MACK GRIZZARD, JR., will be announced at a later date.

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CHAMPION GAME PLAN

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"DON'T EVER GIVE UP"

Hebrews 10:35 tells us: "So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded."

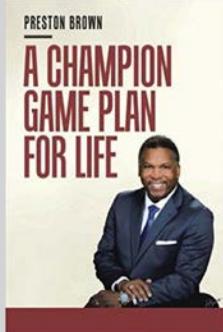
You know, I believe that anytime we face a crisis situation in our lives, it's not unusual for us to lose our confidence. And, when we lose our confidence, we lose our

capability of doing what God has called us to do.

In this scripture, the writer of Hebrews is telling us, "Do not throw away our confidence." In other words, don't focus on the crisis, but focus on Christ. Don't focus on your circumstances, but focus on the one

who can save you from your circumstances.

You see, one of the things that we all need to realize is that you can lose a lot of things in this life, but



don't lose your confidence.

I remember losing my mother while I was in training camp for the New England Patriots. But I kept my confidence and still made the team that year. I lost my wife Linda of thirty years, but I kept my confidence and went back to work, and began to preach God's word at our praise

and worship service at Lakeside United Methodist Church.

I also wrote a daily devotional, "A Champion Game Plan For Life."

You see, you may lose a lot of things in life but if you keep your confidence, God will show you a new day, a new life, and a new direction.

Galatians 6:9 says, "Let us not grow weary in well doing, for in due time we will reap a harvest if we don't give up."

So, don't "throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded" ... Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters.

And, make sure that you purchase a copy of my book, "A Champion Game Plan for Life," at www.amazon.com.

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AAMU Receives Fulbright Distinction for 2nd Year

Alabama A&M University has been named a Fulbright Historically Black College and University Institutional Leader by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA). The Fulbright HBCU Institutional Leader designation recognizes AAMU's noteworthy engagement with the Fulbright Program.

ECA created the Fulbright HBCU Institutional Leaders initiative in recognition of the special role the nation's 105 HBCUs play in making sure students, faculty, and administrators are able to participate in and benefit from the Fulbright Program.

This year marks the second time that AAMU achieved this recognition. The campuses highlighted this year demonstrated engagement with Fulbright exchange participants and promoted Fulbright Program opportunities on their campuses during the 2019-2020 academic year.

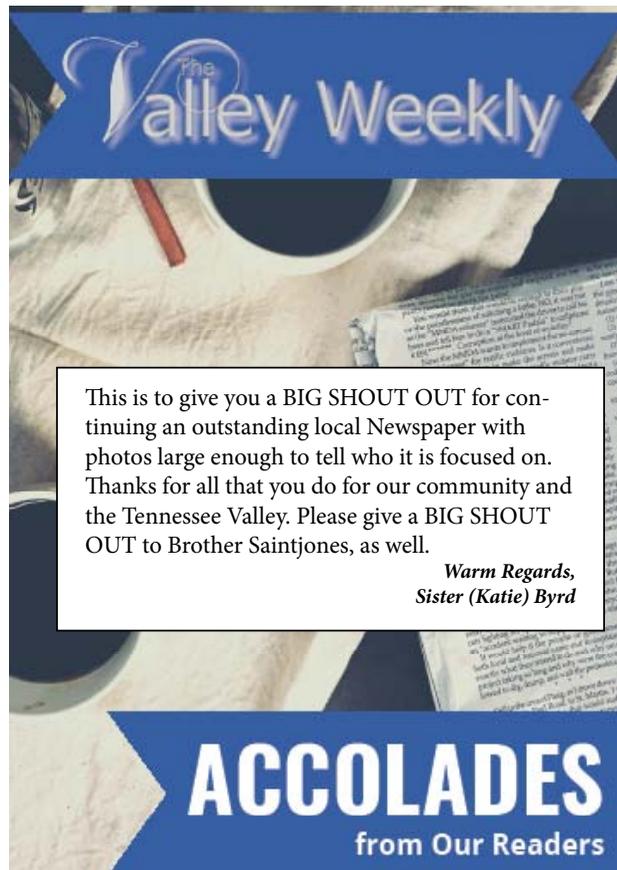
In December 2019, AAMU was part of the inaugural group of 19 institutions that received the designation for the 2018-19 academic year.

Commented AAMU

President Andrew Hugine, Jr.: "This distinction further serves to broaden our international profile and the global engagement of our entire University family."

Fulbright-affiliated faculty members abound on the AAMU campus. Dr. Zachary N. Senwo, a professor of soil microbial biochemistry, environmental science and toxicology,

wrote an interesting piece last year on microbes for the publication Scientia. AAMU chemist Adnan Elkhaldy has served on international boards and has conducted extensive synthetic chemistry research, while former business college dean and economist Amin U. Sarkar has presented at lectures throughout the world.



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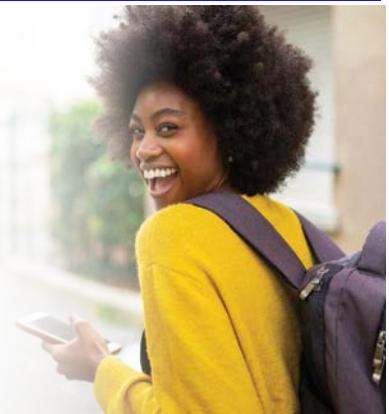


"An envious heart makes a treacherous ear."

- Zora Neale Hurston

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Revisiting Voter Suppression: A Political “Thorn in the Flesh” and a Left-Handed Compliment

“... so I wouldn't get a big head, I was given the gift of a handicap to keep me in constant touch with my limitations. . . . At first I didn't think of it as a gift, and begged God to remove it. . . .” - 2 Corinthians 12:7,8

Here, the Apostle Paul felt that in order to keep him from over-celebrating his victories, God permitted an unnamed thorn to pierce his flesh and humble him.

Paul's response to his “thorn in the flesh” actually strengthened him into expanding his evangelistic outreach throughout Asia Minor, and not suppress it.

Efforts of states at voter suppression (thorns in the flesh) can be just what's needed to keep young people and people of color aware, agitated and active in retaining and even expanding their recent political victories.

Recent national election victories have elevated the significance and voting power of young voters and people of color. The historic 2020-2021 elections of Vice President Kamala Harris and Georgia U.S. Senators Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock are being met aggressively with 400+ voter suppression bills in 47 of our 50 state legislatures.

But as Paul noted 2000 years ago, those weakening thorns can be used to make ones stronger.

White House victories often cause their supporters to fall asleep politically. Historically, they lost their subsequent midterm and presidential election years.

Conversely, such outcomes can mobilize the losers. Due to current voter suppressionists' efforts, however, these next few years could reverse those trends.

Voter Suppression Campaigns: The New “Pandemic”

This current voter suppression “pandemic” might just keep Democrats and their supporters awake, agitated, and politically active, forecasts former Republican National Committee Chair Michael Steele.

Steele chided Republicans, “How do you think this ends? Do you think black folks will just sit by and let you get away with this?” He reminded them that GOPs would be remembered as voting against their right to vote.

“Enjoy your time in office. Because you will see the power of the vote come back like a hammer,” <https://www.rawstory.com/georgia-voter-suppression/>.

We need to use their voter suppression “thorns” to prick us into greater voter registration and even greater voter turnout!

tim allston is the author of *U.S. Politics The Rise of Silver-Mettle Leaders* (now on Amazon), and the author-narrator of *The U.S. Coronavirus Crisis and the Rise of the “Silver-Mettle” Leaders* audiobook, with a free sample chapter, when you click on <https://bit.ly/3xiZhP9>.



Top Trends for U.S. Travelers This Season

(BPT) - After a devastating pandemic kept us in our homes for over a year, wanderlust is at an all-time high and more Americans are starting to get back out there. In fact, one-third of us plan to travel out of town this spring, while a little over another third plan to do so this summer.¹ With that in mind, Priceline looked at how travel has changed and what trends are emerging as we enter the spring and summer peak travel season.

Escapism is top of mind

When it comes to air travel, hotel stays and car rentals, Americans are prioritizing warm, tropical and entertainment-focused destinations, such as Hawaii, Las Vegas, Mexico and Orlando. Florida, in particular, is a traveler favorite right now. The Sunshine State dominates the top 10 destinations across all three categories with at least four cities on each list.²

Local exploration matters more than ever

When the pandemic took hold, flights came to an almost screeching halt. According to round-trip flight bookings on Priceline, travelers flew four billion miles fewer in 2020 than they did in 2019. Not only did people fly less often, but they also did not travel as far: The average distance dropped by 20% in 2020 (1,307 miles), compared to the same period in 2019 (1,654 miles).³ Instead, Americans are opting to explore locally, with 70% of car rentals used for



road trips within their own state, and driving an average of 184 miles.⁴ Likewise, today's travelers are booking hotel stays within their own states 10% more than prior years.⁵

Wallet-friendly visits abound in the South and West

Travel deals are more important than ever. This year, the average hotel stay costs under \$125 a night in Las Vegas, The Black Hills, South Dakota, Denver and Orlando, which means you can enjoy a great getaway without blowing your budget.⁶ Explore the outdoors at South Dakota's majestic Black Hills, home to Mount Rushmore, and Pigeon Forge, only a 25-minute drive from Tennessee's Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Package deals enable workcations

The blurring of work-life boundaries gave rise to the “bleisure” trip or workcation, a hybrid of business and leisure travel, last year. As flexible work schedules become a long-term possibility for many, these extended leisure-first trips, which incorporate remote work as part of the

experience, will continue to drive unique booking preferences. Because of this, Priceline is seeing increased interest in bundled or package trips, which are conveniently booked together and offer great savings.

As domestic tourism ramps up, we will see continued preference for beach getaways and entertainment, alongside an ongoing appreciation for our local surroundings and an increased willingness to blend our vacations with work. And as consumers resume regular travel in search of connection and new experiences, Priceline is here to help them do just that by making unforgettable trips - at great values - available at their fingertips.

Methodology

¹ Harris Report survey: “Springing Back to Normal? Planned Spending Signals Cautious Optimism Amid Vaccine Rollout” (2021).

² Based on all hotel, car rental and round-trip domestic flight bookings for travel anytime from Apr. 1 to June 30, 2021.

³ Based on all flight bookings made by U.S.-based consumers for travel anytime between Jan. 1 to Dec. 7, 2020, compared to Jan. 1 to Dec. 7, 2019.

⁴ Based on car rental bookings for all car types made by U.S.-based consumers between Jan. 1 to Feb. 24, 2021, for travel anytime between Apr. 1 and June 30, 2021. Intrastate travel and average mileage traveled is based on car rental bookings for travel anytime during 2020.

⁵ Based on hotel bookings for all stars made by U.S.-based consumers for travel anytime between Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2021, compared to 2020 (Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2020) and 2019 (Jan. 1, 2019, to Dec. 31, 2019).

⁶ Based on the average daily rates across all stars for hotel booking for travel anytime between Apr. 1 and June 30, 2021.

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REV. MICHAEL RICE

Hearing Aid

Romans 10:17

in the King James Version (KJV) rendering has always been a kind of enigma to me until just recently.

It is a strange rendering. I get that faith comes

“Faith comes by *hearing* and *hearing* by the *word of God*.”

I confess that this verse

by *hearing*, but there is another part to that state-

ment that also includes the preposition *by*. It informs us that *the word of God* is the believer's *hearing aid*.

In other words, the word of God helps the believer to *hear*. As a result of *hearing*, *faith comes*, and since the Bible says that without it we cannot please God,

it behooves us as believers to make use of our *hearing aid*, that is, *the word of God*.

The more we allow God's word, through study, meditation, and heeding, to be in our spirits, the better we can hear God's voice.

As a result of *faith coming*, it will *calm us* amid storms. It will not only calm us, but it will also *conform us* to the will of God by informing us of His will. Not only will it calm us and conform us, but it will also *convict us* in those areas where we need it.

When we lack calmness and conformity to God's will and conviction about



sin in our lives or areas of immaturity, that is a sign that we need to put God's divine hearing aid in our spiritual and physical ears.

Hearing comes by the word of God.

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June 10

Black Restaurant Week at Drake State Community & Technical College Cafeteria (Building 300)
A Community Conversation about the Food Service Industry

Moderator: Kenny Anderson, City of Huntsville Multicultural Affairs Officer
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June 10-12

Comedian Anjelah Johnson

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June 10-15

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July 9

Reba McEntire
Propst Arena
Von Braun Center
8 p.m.

September 30

Kenny G
Concert Hall
Von Braun Center

JUNE 11 - MAYA APRIL MOORE is an American professional basketball player for the Minnesota Lynx of the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA). Naming her their inaugural Performer of the Year in 2017, Sports Illustrated called Moore the greatest player in the history of women's basketball.
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Dr. Marvin P. Carroll

Dr. Marvin P. Carroll, president and Chief Executive Officer of Tec-Masters, Inc., is a Servant Leader who embodies humility, service and generosity. An electrical engineering graduate of Howard University, he went on to earn a master's and the Ph.D. degree in public administration.

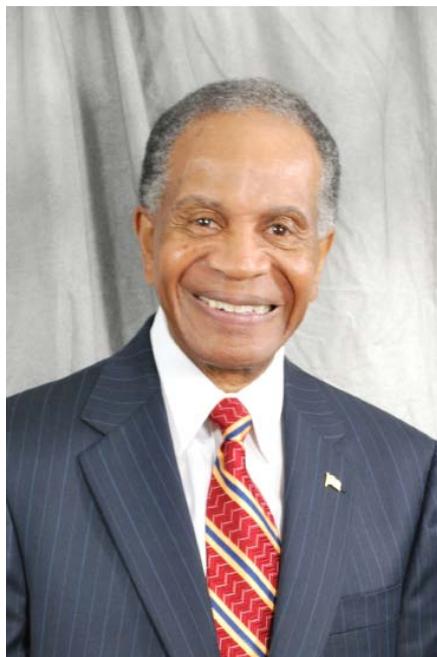
After retiring from the U.S. Army Missile Command, Dr. Carroll founded Tec-Masters in 1988 to provide technical support to the Department of Defense and commercial customers. The company provides a wide range of services, including: Training Systems Technology; Modeling & Simulation Technology; Multimedia Design Technology; Training and Doctrine Development; Weapons Systems Technology; Automotive Systems Technologies; Navigation and Telematics; Commercial/Manufacturing Technology; Aerospace Technology; Information Systems Technology; E-Teaching; and much more. He also had the unique experience of serving as a Legislative Fellow for three years for a U.S. Senator, advising him on Weapon System Acquisition policy.

Dr. Carroll has served diligently throughout the community, and he has

previously been actively involved or is currently serving as a member of various industry organizations, such as the board of Huntsville Botanical Gardens, Huntsville-Madison County Department of Health and Human Services, Board of Directors of Tuskegee University School of Engineering, the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA), Huntsville-Madison County Space and Rocket Center, and many others.

Dr. Carroll has a keen interest in working with and involving youth in various aspects of business. He has committed himself to lending his personal expertise to college interns who are interested in learning business start-up and operations. As a Visiting Executive-in-Residence at Auburn University, he exhorted students to spend time understanding the market, customers, and their requirements.

He is especially committed causes that nurture



community growth and youth development. Some of these endeavors include: Youth Friendship Foundation, Young Business Leaders, AAMU Black-Tie Scholarship Fund, Coats-4-Kids Program (Eagles' Nest Ministries Church), American Heart Association, Army Emergency Relief Fund, Bob Jones High School Robotics Team, Union Chapel Christian Academy Scholarship Program, Harris Home for Children, HEALS of Huntsville, Morehouse College Technical Innovations Entrepreneurship Program, Alabama Shop-With-A Cop Program for Children and many others.

"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. Know an outstanding elder (70+) that you would like to see featured? Send us a photo and 250-word write-up to info@valleyweeklyllc.com.



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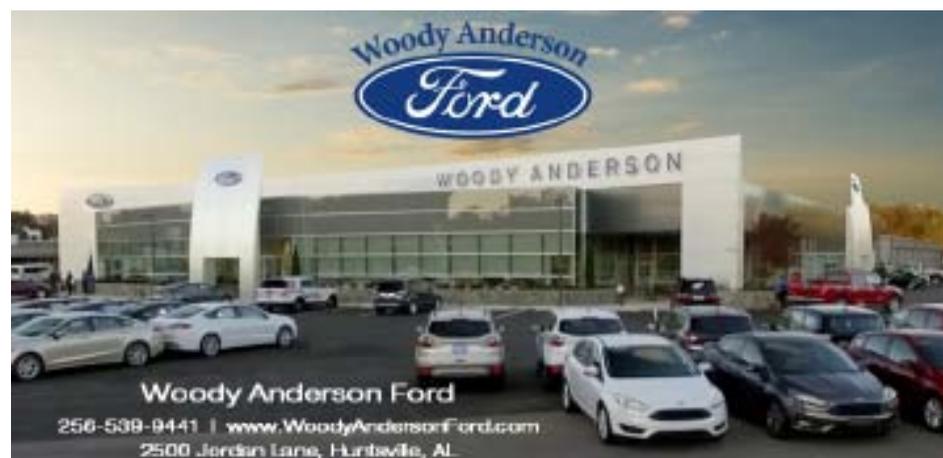
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