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Mr. LaVern Spearman



"The unexamined life is not worth living." - Socrates

New Retail Development: North Village Town Center

The Huntsville City Council recently approved a retail development project, which will feature a Home Depot, a Target Supercenter, and several retail and restaurant establishments to be announced in the coming months in District 1. The new project will be located at the Northern Bypass and North Memorial Parkway, across from the new Food City.

Additionally,



Huntsville Hospital will provide health-care services to the district. This overall project represents a total investment of \$240 million.

"District 1, we deserve this and there is so much more to come!" commented Council member Michelle Watkins. "I am excited about

this new development and I want to thank the administration and my Council colleagues for their support."

Council's Watkins, Arts Huntsville Announce Art Series

Council Member Michelle Watkins and Arts Huntsville announce "Quarterly at Cavalry," a new free quarterly arts and entertainment series designed to activate the Cavalry Hill Community Center Theatre and provide dynamic, accessible arts programming in the heart of the Northwoods community.

The series is free and open to the public, with the inaugural event, "Jazzgiving with Friends," kicking off the program just before the Thanksgiving holiday on Friday, November 21, 5:30 p.m., at Calvary Hill Community Center, 2800 Poplar Avenue in Huntsville.

"Northwoods Community at Cavalry Hills

School is a vital asset to this district, and my goal is to ensure it is activated and embraced by the community," said Council Member Michelle Watkins. "We are opening its doors to host these free arts events to celebrate local talent and bring people together.

For more info, call (256) 427-5011 (District 1) or (256) 519-ARTS.

Huntsvillian Gets Prestigious Stillman Honor

Dr. Sheena J. Collier, a Huntsville, Ala., native, was officially inducted into the 2025-2026 Class of the Stillman College Alumni Hall of Fame during the Dinner in Blue Gala held at Hotel Capstone on November 1, hosted by Stillman President, Dr. Yolanda W. Page and First Gentleman Page. The prestigious event marked the commencement of Stillman College's Sesquicentennial Celebration, honoring 150 years of academic excellence, leadership, and faith-based service.

Collier is a 2006 magna cum laude graduate of Stillman College, where she earned her Bachelor of Science in business administration (management concentration). A recipient of both

academic and music scholarships, she maintained a stellar GPA throughout her collegiate career, a testament to her commitment to scholarship and excellence.

During her years at Stillman, Collier distinguished herself as a student leader, serving in various leadership capacities across multiple campus organizations, including the Student Government Association (SGA) and choir.

She was initiated into Delta Sigma



Theta Sorority, Incorporated, through the Epsilon Eta Chapter at Stillman and continues her legacy of service, sisterhood, and scholarship as a member of the Huntsville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

Collier is the Founder and CEO

of Provision Realty Group and executive director of education at Provision Real Estate Academy, both headquartered in Huntsville. She is also a Senior Logistics Manager, bringing more than two decades of professional expertise to both military and civilian leadership.

"I am honored and forever grateful to be part of Stillman College's enduring legacy of excellence, leadership, and achievement," said Dr. Collier.

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Washington One Minute

by Ron Hamm

Here are the latest top issues and events in Washington, D.C.:

1. CONGRESS. The Senate voted 60-40 late Sunday to move forward with a stopgap funding bill to reopen the government through Jan. 30, 2026, combined with a 3-bill minibus covering FY2026 funding for MilCon-VA, Agriculture, and the Legislative Branch. Eight (8) Democrats joined Republicans on the vote - Sens. Shaheen (NH), King (ME), Hassan (NH), Kaine (VA), Fetterman (PA), Cortez Masto (NV), Durbin (IL) and Rosen (NV). Sen. Paul (R-KY) was the lone GOP "nay" vote on the bill.

The package includes language reversing the mass firing of federal workers during the shutdown and barring future layoffs through January

30, but does not contain language to extend the Covid-era Obamacare subsidies (although the deal includes a commitment from Senate Majority Leader John Thune (R-SD) to hold a vote by mid-December on the expiring subsidies).

The Senate attempted to finish the bill before Tuesday's Veterans Day Holiday. The House would then come back into session later this week - for its first vote since Sept. 19 - to vote on the bill and to swear-in Rep.-elect Adelita Grijalva (D-AZ) that would create a House ratio of 219 Rs to 214 Ds.

2. EXECUTIVE

BRANCH. The Federal Aviation Administration ordered 40 high-traffic airports across the country to reduce their flight operations by 4% on Friday, due to air traffic controller

staffing shortages, and the FAA warned the flight reductions would increase to 10% by Friday (14 November) if the government shutdown continues.

Last Friday, the President called on the Justice Department to investigate the meatpacking industry due to skyrocketing costs for beef (e.g., the price of ground chuck has increased 15% from \$5.50 per pound in January to \$6.33 in September) and, also on Friday, announced that the U.S. would boycott the Group of 20 World Leaders Summit in Johannesburg, South Africa, on November 22-23 because of claims that White South Africans are being murdered and oppressed. On Monday, the President met with Syrian President Ahmed al-Sharaa at the White House.

3. SUPREME COURT. A federal judge on November 6 ordered the Trump administration to make full SNAP benefit payments to states by Friday, rejecting the administration's plan to provide partial payments without

tapping additional funds. However, Supreme Court Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson on November 7 temporarily halted the order, while the administration appeals the November 6 SNAP order (Note: the new stopgap bill pending in the Senate contains the FY2026 Agriculture Appropriations bill that would restore SNAP funding).

4. HIGHER EDUCATION. On Thursday, the U.S. Education Department (ED) finished its second negotiated-rulemaking meeting on student loan programs under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, with negotiators reaching consensus on all 17 proposals despite

significant debate over key issues such as professional student loan limit definitions. The agreed-upon provisions include new institutional authority for colleges to lower loan maximums by program and a new provision linking loan limits to enrollment intensity, with ED clarifying that loan proration will follow a specific formula allowing unequal disbursements across semesters for affected students.

The department will now draft a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) expected early next year, which must closely follow the consensus proposals.

Meanwhile, a second negotiated-rulemaking panel will meet next month to address remaining higher education changes, including Workforce Pell and the new earnings-based accountability system.

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Sunday, November 16, 2025
Twenty-Third Sunday
after Pentecost



(Track 2, Year C)

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Malachi 4:1-2a
Psalm 98

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Honoring Our Veterans: A Legacy of Courage and Diversity

November 11, 2025, was **Veterans Day**—a day that all Americans paused and honored the men and women who have worn our Nation’s uniform. It was a day to remember their service, their sacrifice, and the incredible diversity that has strengthened our armed forces throughout history.

From the **Red Tails of Tuskegee University**—the legendary Tuskegee Airmen who broke barriers in the skies of World War II—to the countless soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, and Guardians of every background who continue to defend our freedom today, America’s story of service is one of unity through diversity.

These heroes didn’t just fight enemies abroad; they fought prejudice and discrimination at home. The Tuskegee Airmen proved that excellence knows no color when they soared through the clouds, protecting bombers and paving the way for a more inclusive military. Their courage helped change the course of history—not only for African Americans, but for an entire nation learning to live up to its own ideals.

Since then, generations of men and women from every race, culture, faith, and walk of life have stepped forward to serve. They remind us that America’s strength lies in our differences working together for a common purpose. Our military has long been a reflection of our nation’s highest aspirations: courage, equality, and unity.

Today, veterans from all backgrounds continue to lead and serve in our communities—as educators, public servants, business leaders, faith workers, and mentors. They carry forward the same spirit that guided them in uniform: duty, honor, and service before self.



As we celebrated this Veterans Day, I honored my brother, Roosevelt Williams, who served in Vietnam. Today, he and his family live in Boston, MA. I also honored the families—the mothers and fathers, husbands and wives, sons and daughters—who have supported their loved ones in uniform. We owe a special debt of gratitude to those who fought for a country that didn’t always fight for them, yet did so with dignity and pride.

Freedom is never free. It is earned and defended by people of every color, creed, and background who believe in the promise of this nation. Again, we say thank you—to the Tuskegee Airmen and to every veteran who followed in their footsteps. Your courage continues to lift us higher.

Gotta love them!

Until next week ...

Dorothy

Caption: (Sept. 2023) Bill and Dorothy Huston; Mary W. Hurt; Betty and Roosevelt Williams; and Suzette and Pilot Williams.

NOVEMBER 14 - REVEREND RUN - Joseph Ward Simmons aka Run, Rev. Run or DJ Run, is a musician, rapper and actor. Simmons is one of the founding members of the influential hip hop group Run–D.M.C. He is also a practicing minister, known as Reverend Run. He found new popularity in 2005 with his family’s MTV reality show Run’s House. Simmons the younger brother of artists Danny Simmons and Russell Simmons, the co-founder of Def Jam Records. Before Run–D.M.C., Simmons was the lead vocalist in the hip-hop group named “The Force.” He founded Run-D.M.C. as a lead vocalist along with friend Darryl “D.M.C.” McDaniels and the late DJ Jason “Jam-Master Jay” Mizell. Run began using the stage name of “Rev. Run” after he was ordained as a Pentecostal minister by E. Bernard Jordan, Simmons’s spiritual mentor. Jordan also named him “Protege of the Year Award” in 2004.

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Funeral services are incomplete and will be announced at a later date for **MRS. POLLY CLAY** (b. 1939); **MRS. SANDRA NEWTENIA SANDERS HARRIS** (b. 1953); **MR. MICHAEL HUMPHREY** (b. 1955); and **MR. TIMMY STEVENS** (b. 1968).

Funeral service for **MR. WALTER CLIFFORD SOBRYAN** (b. 1944) was held Sunday, November 9, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Herbert Cartwright officiating.

Funeral service for **MRS. ROXANN TIBBS BATTLE** (b. 1938) was Saturday, November 8, at First Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Carlos D. Williams officiating and Reverend Earla Lockhart as eulogist.

Funeral service for **MRS. QUENTIN MITCHELL TAYLOR** (b. 1973) was Saturday, November 8, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Elder Gilbert Mitchell officiating.

Funeral service for **MR. EMANTE GABRIEL COFIELD, SR.** (b. 1998) was Monday, November 3, at Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Dr. Larry Davidson officiating.

Celebration of Life for **MR. XAVIER CHAMBERS** (b. 1994) was Sunday, November 2, from the Moseley Chapel, Oakwood University Seventh-Day Adventist Church, with Pastor Debleaire Snell officiating.

Funeral service for **MRS. LILLIE G. ("SWEETIE") BONE WALKER** (b. 1931) was Saturday, November 1, at New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Ricky L. Sykes officiating.

Funeral service for **MRS. VINDA MENDENHALL** (b. 1963) was Saturday, November 1, at Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Association Tabernacle, 6378 Pulaski Pike, Huntsville, Ala., with Elder Dr. Thomas Beavers officiating.

Funeral service for **MS. LIZA MAE LOFTON** (b. 1934) will be announced later by Williams, Farr, and Purnell Funeral Home of Sikeston, Missouri. Ms. Liza Mae Lofton is the mother of Nelms Memorial Funeral Home staff member Ms. Liza Lofton.

Spiritual Game Plan

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Today's Spiritual Game Plan:
"Faith in the Right Place"

hands. We have to say to ourselves, "I believe that God is working in

Second Timothy 1:7 says, "For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity but of power, love, and self-discipline."

We've all come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord. But sometimes our faith is tied to the way that we want things to happen, not the way that God allows them to happen. For example, some people never finish school because their circumstances change. This might be due to an unexpected pregnancy, the death of a loved one, or financial problems. So many things can get us off track and lead us off the path that God wants us to walk. But if we put our trust in God's plan and don't give up on His promises, we will make it. And the way that we make it is to put our faith in the right place, which is in God's capable



my life right now." So, no matter what circumstances you may find yourselves in, don't let your faith depend on the way that you want things to happen.

Prayer: Most gra-

cious and loving Father, continue to lead us and guide us in the way you would like us to go.

Question: Have you ever been afraid of what will happen next, when your circumstances change?

What did you do?

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Millennial Moment

by Gloria B. Caldwell

Dude, Hush ...

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Unsolicited advice can be incredibly frustrating. Often, people share their opinions based on their own fears and desires, forgetting that we are all unique individuals with different paths, purposes, and divine destinies. We are not meant to think, move, or act in the same way, especially when it comes to taking risks.

Someone's cautious mindset can unintentionally seep into your own daring spirit, stifling your curiosity and faith. It's imperative to be selective about who you allow to weigh in on your decisions. Too often, we seek validation



for the dreams and goals that God has placed on our hearts. Just because someone else hasn't had the courage to pursue a similar path doesn't mean it's not right for you. Their hesitation can lead them to label your aspirations as imprudent or unrealistic.

So, when the naysayers chime in, remember: "Dude, hush!" Their two cents is not currency you need in the areas of faith, fearlessness, and focus. Your dreams are yours alone, supported by divine guidance.

Step out boldly. If God has instilled a calling in you, pursue it! Trust in His guidance, listen to His still, small voice, and take action. You don't need a co-signer for your journey; this is your path, and it wasn't a three-way call. Embrace it!

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Lessons from June 24th, November 4th NYC Mayoral Shake-Up:

"David v. 3 Goliaths"?

(REVISED/UPDATED from The Valley Weekly July 11, 2025 Column)

"... the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, . . . but time and chance happeneth to them all." - Ecclesiastes 9:11

Q: What do a teenage shepherd boy with a slingshot, and a 33-year-old social democrat have in common?

Both defeated "giants":

- June 24: 33-year-old NY State Assemblyman **Zohran Mamdani** stunned the political establishment—by besting not just one, but two Goliaths in the NYC Democratic mayoral primary: three-time Governor **Andrew Cuomo** and sitting mayor **Eric Adams**; and
- November 4: Mamdani defeated Cuomo's dynasty, Trump's Cuomo endorsement, and Elon Musk millions =

David vs. **3 Goliaths 2.0**

This underscores a Biblical best practice, from Malcolm Gladwell's 2013 book, **David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants**.

Gladwell wrote: "Giants are not what we think they are. The same qualities that appear to give them strength are often the source of great weakness... Being an underdog can open doors, create opportunities, educate and enlighten—and make possible what might otherwise have seemed unthinkable."

Instead of Goliath's armor— Mamdani had TikTok;

No Cuomo/Trump/Musk war chest—he had 20,000 grassroots donors;

By comparison, last June, Cuomo had raised over \$4 million from big donors. Mamdani? only \$1.7 million... but from little people.

Mamdani ran on boldness: rent freezes, fare-free transit, economic dignity. He listened, knocked on doors, and fought in the alleys, not in the ivory towers.

Gladwell: "Why do we automatically assume that the battle belongs to the giant? Underdogs win all the time. Why do we assume being smaller or poorer is a disadvantage?"

Another Case Study in Ego-holism

Ego-holism shows up two ways: **Inflated egos** that assume they can't lose, and **deflated egos** that believe they can't win.

And Mamdani rejected both, by using the T-O-P model:

- **Targeted** the problem—an establishment that was deaf to the people.
- **Owned the problem**—he had less money, less media, less clout.
- **Proceeded to action**—grassroots, humility, truth telling.

So if you're a leader today:

1. **Don't assume armor wins battles.**
2. **Don't overlook the Davids around you.**
3. **And don't miss your slingshot moment.**

Are you ready to defeat the Goliaths in your life? Then, contact me at info@timallston.com.



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November 14AAMU Alumni Hall of
Fame Induction Ceremony*Honorees:*

Minister Jonell Calloway

Dr. Samuel McAlpine

Pamela McDonald

Hon. Jameria Johnson

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Louis Crews Stadium

Alabama A&M University

Huntsville, Ala.

2 p.m.

Katt Williams

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Von Braun Center

Huntsville, Ala.

8 p.m.

November 21

TARCOG

Caregiver College 2025

Huntsville Marriott

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7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

"Jazzgiving with Friends"

December 7

Christmas with C.S. Lewis

Mars Music Hall

Von Braun Center

1 p.m.

December 9

Alabama A&M University

150th Anniversary Closing

Ceremony

Huntsville, Ala.

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December 11

"Wheel of Fortune"

Mars Music Hall

Von Braun Center

Huntsville, Ala.

7:30 p.m.

December 13

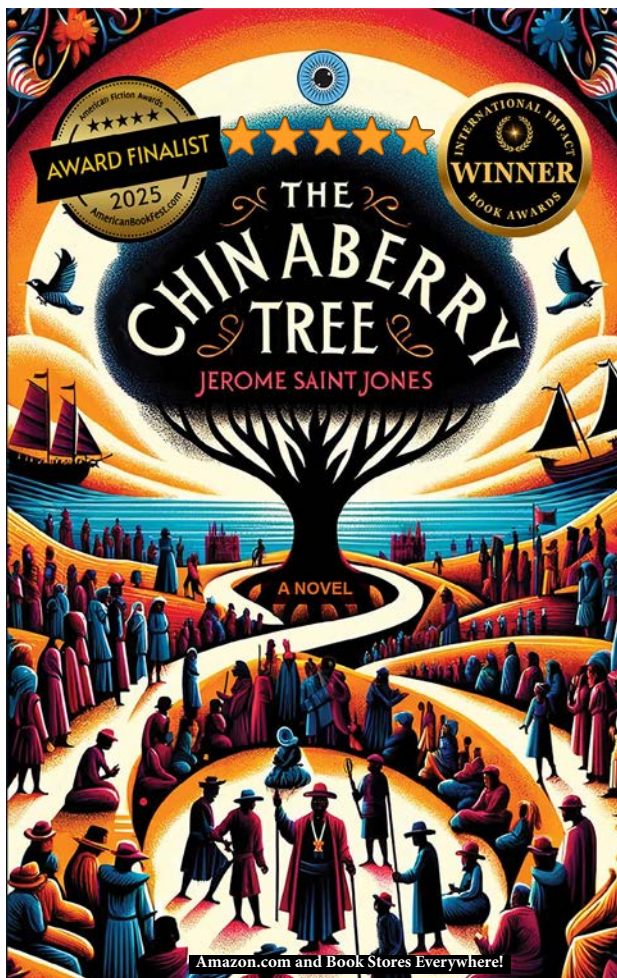
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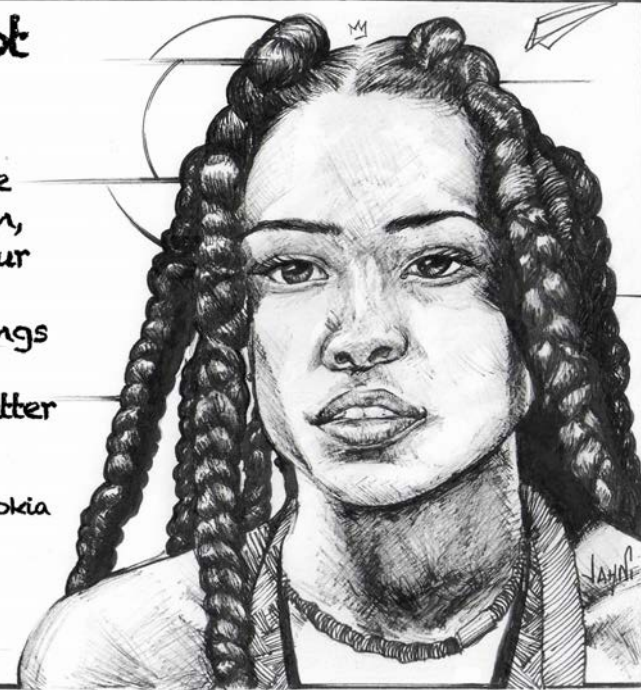
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"We are more
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more than our
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the moments that take our breath away."

- Maya Angelou



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Mr. LaVern Spearman

Minister LaVern Spearman has served the scouting community in various capacities for more than 30 years. For three decades, he has served as Scoutmaster (SM) of Troop 102, sponsored by First Missionary Baptist Church, Blue Springs Road, Huntsville, Ala.

Over 75 Scouts have earned Boy Scouts of America's highest achievement award, the rank of Eagle Scout, under his tenure. Over the years and along with other scout leaders, SM Spearman has seen over 6,000 scouts across Madison County and the surrounding Huntsville area become physically strong, morally straight and mentally awake.

He has served in various roles in the church as Deacon, Minister of Church School Education, and as teacher of various Church school classes. He is the president and founder of Body of Christ Ministries, which is a ministry designed to encourage men and women to take their rightful and God-given places in the church, family and workplace. This ministry orchestrates trips to various Christian

retreats, conferences and spiritual outreaches. He teaches an inner-city Monday Night Bible Study to men and women across social, racial and denominational lines. He works with the Neaves-Davis Youth Detention Center to deter all youth from becoming a statistic in the criminal justice system and to show them that "you cannot walk with God and run with the Devil."

Before his retirement in 2012, he taught and shared in a weekly mid-day lunch Bible class with men and women at Redstone Arsenal for over 15 years. In addition, he works extensively with the Kairos Prison Ministry International in strengthening the spiritual lives of prisoners in Limestone and other surrounding counties. He also serves with the Alabama Walk to Emmaus Community to inspire, challenge, and equip leaders for Christian action in their homes, places of work, and in their local churches and communities and has served as Lay Director of the Huntsville Emmaus Cluster.

Minister Spearman is a Board member of



Marketplace Leadership Luncheon ministry with a primary mission of empowering the business community to recognize and fulfill their calling in the workplace, building God's Kingdom, impacting lives, and transforming communities through biblical principles in understanding the divine purpose for their lives.

Mr. Spearman was employed with the United States Army Aviation and Missile Command at Redstone Arsenal, Ala., as a senior physicist in the US Army Test, Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity, Engineering Division. He is an honor graduate of Alabama A&M University in the physics field and has studied theology with the Liberty Bible Institute of Lynchburg, Va.

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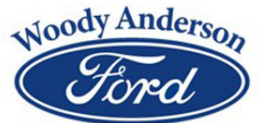
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AUNT IRMA MAKES IT PLAIN...

Eugenics and the Folly of Black Intellectuals

• In the early 1900s, eugenics was not yet seen as the moral horror it would become. It was presented as a modern, scientific way to uplift humanity.

For Black thinkers trying to combat racist stereotypes of inferiority, the movement's promise of "improvement through intelligence, education, and morality" seemed—at first glance—compatible with the racial-uplift ideology of the time.

For instance, W. E. B. Du Bois wrote in 1903 that "the Negro race, like all races, is going to be saved by its exceptional men." Early on, he echoed ideas of cultivating a "Talented Tenth"—language that paralleled selective-improvement rhetoric.

Also, Kelly Miller, a sociologist at Howard University, and Thomas Wyatt Turner, a biologist and NAACP co-founder, also entertained the idea that moral and educational "fitness" could counteract racist pseudoscience.

Even Black physicians such as Dr. John A. Kenney Sr. and Dr. T. K. Lawless emphasized better prenatal care, hygiene, and maternal health within a eugenic vocabulary that promised "racial health."

In short, early Black engagement with eugenics stemmed from:

- Desire for legitimacy in white-dominated scientific circles.

• Moral reform rhetoric common in Black churches and schools.

• Hope that showing Black "fitness" could dismantle racist myths.

The Turning Point: Realizing Who the Target Was

By the 1920s–1930s, it became clear that eugenics wasn't about self-improvement—it was about racial hierarchy and control.

Key Realizations:

• Eugenicians explicitly ranked races, describing African Americans, immigrants, and the poor as biologically "inferior."

• Eugenic sterilization laws disproportionately targeted Black, Indigenous, and poor Southern women.

• Social "reform" rhetoric turned into state coercion—not uplift, but elimination.

• When the supposed science turned visibly racist, many early sympathizers broke away.

Du Bois's Shift:

By the 1930s, Du Bois had rethought his earlier views. In his later works (*Black Reconstruction in America*, 1935; *Dusk of Dawn*, 1940), he condemned eugenics as a racist weapon masquerading as science, and he reframed racial inequality as structural, not biological.

He now argued that social conditions—poverty, segregation, disenfranchisement—produced the

very problems eugenicians blamed on "inferior stock."

Influence of New Science and Civil-Rights Activism

Three developments helped solidify this reversal: (a) Advances in Genetics - By the 1930s–40s, genuine genetics research (e.g., the work of Thomas Hunt Morgan and others) discredited simplistic hereditarian claims. Black intellectuals realized eugenics was pseudoscience, not biology; (b) The Great Depression Economic collapse exposed poverty as a social, not genetic, phenomenon. When mass unemployment hit all races, eugenic talk of "unfit classes" lost credibility; and (c) Rise of the Civil Rights and Pan-African Movements

As NAACP and Pan-Africanist activism expanded, leaders connected eugenics to colonialism, segregation, and white supremacy. Figures like Mary McLeod Bethune, A. Philip Randolph, and Marcus Garvey's critics condemned population-control rhetoric as a new form of oppression.

World War II and the Moral Collapse of Eugenics

The discovery of Nazi sterilization and extermination programs—explicitly inspired by U.S. eugenics—was the final break.

When American soldiers liberated concentration camps, the ideology that had justified "racial hy-

giene" abroad was impossible to separate from U.S. sterilization laws at home.

Black leaders publicly linked Jim Crow and Nazi racial science as twin evils. After 1945:

The NAACP denounced sterilization and race-based family-planning efforts.

Black newspapers (e.g., *The Chicago Defender*, *Pittsburgh Courier*) ran exposés equating "Negro sterilization" proposals with genocide.

Ministers reframed "race improvement" around education, economic opportunity, and faith—not

heredity.

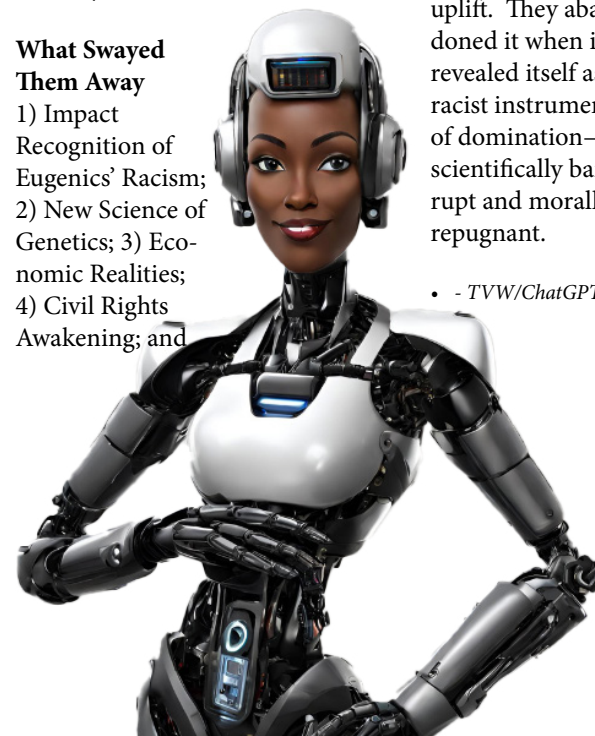
What Swayed Them Away

- 1) Impact Recognition of Eugenics' Racism;
- 2) New Science of Genetics;
- 3) Economic Realities;
- 4) Civil Rights Awakening; and

Nazi Atrocities

Early Black intellectuals briefly saw eugenics as a scientific ally for uplift. They abandoned it when it revealed itself as a racist instrument of domination—scientifically bankrupt and morally repugnant.

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AAMU NSBE, St. John AME Join Forces for Holiday Toy Drive

For many children in Huntsville and Madison County, a new toy can be a rare gift. This holiday season, students at Alabama A&M University are working to change that. The Bulldog Chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) is partnering with St. John AME Church to host its first-ever “Stuff-a-Bus” Holiday Toy Drive, collecting new, unwrapped toys for children ages 2–18. All donations will benefit Christmas Charities Year Round, a local nonprofit supporting families in need.

The community is invited to join students Friday, Nov. 14, at 6:30 p.m. at St. John AME Church, 229



Church Street NW, for an evening of fellowship, holiday giving, and community engagement. Attendees can help fill the bus with toys and bring joy to children during the holiday season.

“The goal of the Stuff-a-Bus Toy Drive isn’t just to fill a bus with toys – it’s to fill hearts with hope,” said Bryson Hannah, president of the AAMU NSBE Bulldog Chapter and

a mechanical engineering major from Atlanta. “It’s about showing what happens when a community comes together to make a difference.”

Anthony DeVaughn II,

conference planning chair and a construction management major from Los Angeles, said the event is a chance for students to connect with the community in a meaningful way.

“This is our first year doing this,” he said. “I wanted to plan a community engagement event that is outside the box. A way for us to step off campus and engage with the local community, especially during these trying times.”

Students, faculty, alumni, and members of the Huntsville community are encouraged to participate and help make the inaugural Stuff-a-Bus Toy Drive a success.

Cole Cooper, vice

president of the chapter and an electrical engineering major from Cincinnati, reflected on the broader meaning of the initiative. “Holiday toy drives remind us that the true spirit of the season is in giving – bringing joy, hope, and a sense of belonging to families who need it most.”

Caption:
(Photo, l-r): Camryn Cooper, Anthony DeVaughn II, Christian Clark, Miles Jones, Raymond Greene, Walter Bowers, Cole Cooper, Raymond Wilson III, Danaylah Branch, Bryson Hannah, Jaden Caldwell, Chase Pringle and Kirsten Williams

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Parks & Rec to Offer Winter Break Camps

The holiday rush is on its way and Huntsville Parks & Recreation has the perfect way for Huntsville City School students to chill out and have fun during winter break.



The cost for winter break camps is \$15 for the first child and \$10 for up to three additional siblings. Camps are reserved for Huntsville City School students in grades 1-6.

“Winter break camps are something we look forward to offering each year,” said Huntsville Parks and Recreation Director James Gossett. “We understand

that the holidays are a busy time for parents. We are happy to provide a safe place for their children while they are away from school.”

Online registration for winter break camps will open at 8 a.m. on Nov. 17 through Parks & Recreation’s online registration platform.

Parks & Recreation will offer winter break camps at Cavalry Hill Community Center and Mark Russell Recreation Center from Dec. 22-24. Camps will run from 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 22-23 and from 8 a.m. until noon on Dec. 24.

Each location will offer engaging activities to keep campers active and entertained. Activities may include arts and crafts, recreational games, movie time, snacks and more.

Four Will Join AAMU’s 2025 Distinguished 2025 Alumni Hall of Fame Nov. 14

As Alabama A&M University continues its 150th Anniversary celebration, four outstanding alumni will be honored during the 2025 Alumni Hall of Fame Induction on Friday, November 14, at 7 p.m., in the Elmore Building. Hosted by the Office of Alumni Affairs, the ceremony will recognize graduates whose lives and careers embody the University’s core values of service, leadership, and excellence. The list includes the following:

Minister Jonell Yarbrough Calloway – Business: Calloway broke multiple barriers in a 40-year federal career, becoming the first African American in several key roles within the U.S. Army civilian workforce.

Dr. Samuel McAlpine – Medicine: McAlpine earned his medical degree from Meharry Medical College and has served over 40 years as a board-certified physician.

Mrs. Pamela McDonald – Com-



munity Service: McDonald served 38 years as a Department of Defense software engineer, earning the Department of Defense Commander’s Award and recognition as a Modern Day Technology Leader by BEYA.

Judge Jameria Johnson Moore – Government & Law: A 1990 civil engineering and mathematics graduate, Moore is a trailblazer in both engineering and law.

For tickets and more information, visit <https://www.aamu.edu/alumni/alumni-hall-of-fame/>.

TARCOG Sponsoring Caregiver College

TARCOG will host the free Caregiver College 2025 on Friday, November 21, at the

Huntsville Marriott, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The keynote speaker will be Dr.

Herb Caldwell, founder of The Mama Joe Project, which focuses on essential support

for both elders and their caregivers. Register at www.tarcog.us or call (256) 830-0818.

Church St. CPCA Hosts A&M Christmas Musicale

The 94th Annual Christmas Musicale featuring the Alabama A&M University Choir and the Alabama A&M Brass Ensemble will be held Sunday, December 7, at Church Street Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Downtown Huntsville, at 5:30 p.m.

The Choir is

directed by Dr. Horace Carney (Eric Wilson, pianist), and the brass ensemble will be conducted by Carlton Wright. The choir and ensemble appear under the auspices of the Department of Visual, Performing and Communication Arts of the College of

Education, Humanities and Behavioral Sciences, along with the Office of Student Affairs.

Dr. Mitchell M. Walker, Sr., is pastor of Church Street CPCA, which was established in 1874 as the first Black Cum-

berland Presbyterian Church in the nation and one of the first established churches in Huntsville, Ala. The public is invited.

People’s Patch ‘Ready to Harvest’

BIG FIELD: Okra

LOVE FIELD – Gated Area - Open Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - Kale and collard, mustard, and turnip greens

FIELD 2: Green beans and collard greens

FIELD 3: (Behind apartments) Okra and turnip greens

The People’s Patch is located at 3701 Meridian Street in Huntsville, Ala. It is a u-pick farm that provides fresh produce to Madison County residents at no cost from dawn to dusk. So, bring your bag and harvesting tools, and pick enough for you and your family to enjoy! Questions: Call the District 6 Madison County Commissioner’s Office at (256) 532-1505.

Council Meetings

Huntsville City Council’s regular meetings are held on the 1st floor of the Municipal Building.

The meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m.



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