

# The Valley Weekly

"Wealth is not the fruit of labor but the result of organized protected robbery."

- Frantz Fanon

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## BIG 'Sells Out' Firearm Safety Workshop

The Huntsville-Madison County Chapter of Blacks In Government (BIG) sold out its two training sessions on "Firearm Safety and Self Defense for You and Your Family" held July 14 and July 21.

Each session was divided into two four-hour segments, including classroom and range instruction.

The four-hour classroom segment covered gun safety, gun fundamentals and ammo familiarity.

The range live-fire shooting segment furnished guns, ammo, targets and hearing protection, along

with quality training by NRA-certified instructors. Participants received a certificate upon completion.

The Chapter was officially chartered by national BIG in February 1990 and included employees representing several components at Redstone Arsenal.

On August 10, the Huntsville Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., will hold its annual 10th Annual "Taste of Kappa" event at the Huntsville Museum of Art from 7-10 p.m.

## Omegas Holding Long-Awaited 'Vegas Night'

The Xi Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., have scheduled "Vegas Night" on Friday, August 3.

Held to benefit the fraternity's Scholarship Foundation and the Harris Home for Children, Vegas Night will take place in



the East Hall of the Von Braun Center, Huntsville, Ala., from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets are \$30 in advance and

\$40 at the door.

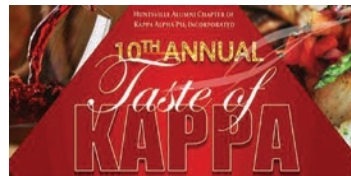
For more information, contact George Ball at (256) 520-6429 or Cory Smith at (256) 682-6406.

## 'Taste of Kappa' Slated for HMA

On August 10, the Huntsville Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., will hold its annual 10th Annual "Taste of Kappa" event at the Huntsville Museum of Art from 7-10 p.m.

Tickets (\$40) can be purchased online at HuntsvilleNupes.com.

Proceeds from the activity will benefit the Huntsville Alumni Chapter's



Guide Right program.

For additional ticket information, contact Michael Miller at (256) 656-7719; Matthew Frost at (256) 651-9322; Jason Jones at (256) 541-5332; or Roderick Mack at (256) 527-5951.

## ACS Plans 'Belles & Beaus' Ball August 18

The American Cancer Society will hold its Belles & Beaus Ball in the Von Braun Center North Hall on Saturday, August 18, at 5:30 p.m.

Valley residents and beyond are asked to help the American Cancer Society lead the fight for a world without cancer.

The American Cancer Society's Belles & Beaus Ball is billed as a one-of-a-kind evening featuring great food, dancing, a spectacular auction, and much more.

Through loyal supporters, ACS saves lives by funding groundbreaking cancer research, provid-



ing free information, as well as critical services for people with cancer who need them, and by helping people reduce their risk for cancer or to find it early (when it is most treatable).

The American Cancer Society is working to fight against every cancer in every community.

It is the largest private, not-for-profit funder of cancer research in the United States, investing

more than \$4.5 billion since 1946.

Thanks in large part to contributions, more than 2.1 million lives have been saved in the United States in the past two decades.

For more information, contact local ACS offices at 2745 Bob Wallace Avenue, Suite A, Huntsville, AL 35805, e-mail [kaki.morrow@cancer.org](mailto:kaki.morrow@cancer.org), or call (256) 535-1088.

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# Washington in One Minute



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

1. The House and Senate are in session this week. The House has a large list of bills to consider on the floor this week, including the FY2019 Interior Appropriations bill. The Senate continued to vote

on Trump Administration nominees throughout the week.

2. President Trump was in Helsinki, Finland, Monday for a meeting, lunch, and press conference with Russian President Vladimir Putin. He and Mrs. Trump returned to Washington that

night.

3. China filed a World Trade Organization challenge to the additional \$200 billion worth of proposed tariffs on Chinese goods announced last week by the Trump Administration, which would take effect in September.

4. Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell testified before the Senate Banking Committee Tuesday and House Financial Services Committee Wednesday to discuss monetary policy in view of the nation's rising inflation. Last Thursday, the Labor Department reported that the consumer price index rose 2.9% over the last year – caused by increased costs for gas, housing, transportation and medical care.

5. On Tuesday, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee held a hearing to discuss recently-introduced legislation by Committee Chair John Barrasso (R-WY) to overhaul the 44-year-old Endangered Species Act – which has not been reauthorized since 1992. Chairman Barrasso's bill would increase the role of state and local govern-

ments in the listing and oversight process, which is a change sought by some Western governors.

6. On Sunday, the Department of Health and Human Services, under pressure from U.S. District Judge Dana Sabraw, announced a new expedited process, which will not require time-consuming DNA testing, to reunite 2,551 children aged 5-17 - who were separated from their parents at the U.S. border and are currently in federal custody – by the July 26 deadline.

7. The American Federation of Teachers released a new report that shows that 41 states spend less money per higher education student today than they did before the 2008 recession. The report, titled "A Decade of Neglect: Public Education Funding in the Aftermath

of the Great Recession," details the effects of austerity measures taken in the last 10 years. The report states while state support has declined, the overall average cost of attending college has risen. Tuition costs for two-year colleges are up by an average 36 percent, and for four-year colleges, they are up by an average 40 percent, even after adjusting for inflation.

8. President Obama is in Kenya and South Africa this week. Tomorrow he will deliver a lecture at the Nelson Mandela Foundation in Johannesburg.

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## Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring

### Mr. Allie Swann

A native Mississippian, Allie Swann was born in rural Macon, Miss., on a farm owned by his grandfather and father. He earned his bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University in 1958 in accounting and economics. A retired financial officer at NASA-Marshall Space Flight Center, Swann followed up his 35-year stint with the agency with productive community involvement.

He proudly served in the United States Army for two years and later earned the Master of Administrative Science degree from the University of Alabama in Huntsville. While in the Army, he played a trom-



bone in the prestigious Army Band.

He came to Huntsville to conduct an audit of Redstone Federal Credit Union as an auditor for the Bureau of Federal Credit Unions. Some of his fraternity brothers from Mississippi State's Lambda Chi Alpha encouraged him to consider a move

to Huntsville, which he did. He has served as a volunteer in numerous community organizations and agencies through the years. He has been a board member and treasurer of Interfaith Mission Services; an adjunct professor of accounting at the University of Alabama in Huntsville; and a volunteer at Trinity United Methodist Church, First Stop, and the Burritt Museum.

Allie and his lovely wife, Linda, have five grown children, two sons and three daughters, all Huntsville residents except one daughter in Nashville. In addition, the Swanns have been blessed with 12 beautiful grandchildren.

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# From the Editor

## Ahhh, Midsummer Sites and Scenes!

We are hardly halfway through the summer, and yet there are so many events that we have covered within these limited pages. There were several happenings that we could not capture due to limited resources and other reasons. Other events were, in fact, covered, but perhaps only partially--also due to a number of factors. Regardless of the circumstances, we want to ensure readers of The Valley Weekly that we greatly appreciate their timely submissions. We could not do it without your support!

Pictured throughout this page are but a sampling of the hundreds of events that happen around the Valley each and every day. Continue to enjoy your hot summer in the comfort of your home, favorite eatery, or wherever you find conducive to relaxation and reflection.



*Dorothy*

### Royal Wedding Affair

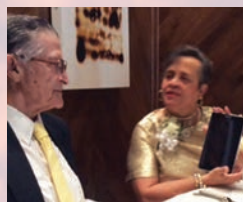
Until next week ...



### Dr. Elnora Clay Lanier Awards Breakfast

### Under Secretary of Defense Michael Griffin

### FIT Commencement



### Honoring Mothers

### Diversity Leadership Colloquium Cohort IX

## Local Theatre Company Tackles Disney Classic

by Reginald Allen

“The Hunchback of Notre Dame,” the newest production from Lyrique Musical Production, opened Friday, July 20, and will run throughout the 29th at the Lee High School Main Stage.

LMP Co-founder Luz Landrillono was an original cast member who starred in Walt Disney Theatrical Production’s 1999 World premiere in Germany. As director, it’s a return down memory lane.

“Being part of the show originally and being able to direct it gave me that excitement to kind of mesh both productions and the film to one,” Landrillono said in an interview with WLRH.

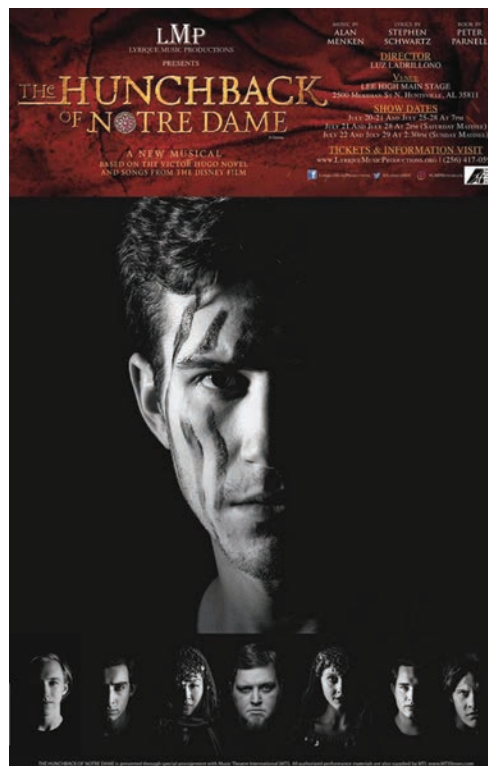
Based on the Disney adaption of Victor Hugo’s timeless literary classic, the production follows Quasimodo, the titular Hunchback who spends most of his life ostracized from the world as a cathedral tower bell ringer. With the aid of his gargoyle friends and the enchanting gypsy Esmerelda, he finds the courage to leave his prison to discover the world.

Landrillono promises a unique performance, complete with amazing choreography, song and an impressive Parisian set design that perfectly encompasses Hugo’s magnum opus.

Keeping in touch with its animated roots, the mu-

sical features songs from the 1990’s film. However, patrons shouldn’t expect the same show twice. The director was so impressed during auditions that she decided to implement double castings for several main characters. Esmerelda will be played by Abby Tucker and Brittany Quach with Ford Beshirs and Andrew Pharo sharing the role as Phoebus.

LHS choir director Tyler Henderson is tapped to play Frollo, the villainous caretaker



of Quasimodo (dually played by Peter Gandy and Willem Butler).

Additional cast members include Ben Davis, Gizelle Ysalgue, JJ Haight, Connor Siniard and Ademola Ayo-kambi.

Released in 1996, “The Hunchback of Notre Dame” was part of the Disney Renaissance, the studios pantheon of animated features that paid homage to literary classics, mythology and historical characters. Starting in the late 1980s, the move-

ment included noted films “Aladdin”, “Mulan”, “The Little Mermaid”, “Hercules”, “Beauty and the Beast” and “Tarzan.”

Previous LMP shows include “13 the Musical”, “Big”, “Legally Blonde”, and most recently Lin Manuel’s “In the Heights.”

Performances on July 20-21 and 25-28 will begin at 7 p.m. Special matinee shows on the 21st and 27th will begin at 2 p.m., except for the 22nd and 29th performances, which will begin at 2:30 P.M.

Lee High School is located on 2500 Meridian St.

For additional information, please visit Lyrique-MusicProduction.org

## A Proposed Military Parade and a Tale of Two Senators

by tim allston

CBN News.com, 7-10-18, reported: “The date for President Donald Trump’s parade to honor America’s military is set for Saturday, Nov. 10, the Pentagon confirmed Monday.”



**Profiles  
IN  
Courage**  
ESSAYS IN HONOR OF  
THE SPIRIT OF AMERICAN  
LEADERSHIP  
John F. Kennedy

book, written primarily by U.S. Senator John Kennedy (D-MA). It chronicled eight of his fellow senators who portrayed bravery and courage, even at the risk of popular criticisms and political party defiance.

In 2018, 60 years later, a different Sen. John Kennedy (R-LA) profiled his own courage by defying his party’s leader, President Donald Trump, in criticizing aloud the President’s wish for the United States, the world’s premier military power, to host a military parade (held traditionally to celebrate a war-ending victory, <http://www.nola.com/>

[national\\_politics/2018/02/military\\_parade\\_trump\\_kennedy.html](http://national_politics/2018/02/military_parade_trump_kennedy.html)).

A military official from the once-confidential planning session cited, anonymously, “The marching orders were: ‘I want a parade like the one in France.’”

This Trump parade idea illustrates vividly little ego-holism. Ego-holism, the addiction to self, displays itself in attributes like arrogance, conceit and vanity (or big ego-holism) as well as in low-esteem and insecurity (little ego-holism); both ego-holism aspects drain equally the vitality of persons and organizations. And, its roots are transparent:

• “I don’t think anyone believes this would be about trying to honor men

and women who serve our country,” said Washington DC city councilman Charles Allen. “This would only be about feeding one man’s ego.”

• Additionally, Allen tweeted, “Military parade down the streets of DC to feed an insecure man’s fragile ego?” And  
• “People will wonder, ‘Well, what are they afraid of now? What are they trying to prove?’ cited DC congressional delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton. “We don’t have to show off to make a point.”

Democratic and Republican senators also joined Kennedy in criticizing the parade idea, according to wire reports, which cited Trump “wants an elaborate

parade this year to rival the Bastille Day celebration in Paris, which made a distinct impression on him in July.”

• Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC): “kind of cheesy and a sign of weakness”; and  
• Dick Durbin (D-IL): a “fantastic waste of money.”

Q: in what ways are you wasting time, talent and monies to mask your insecurities and low-esteem (little ego-holism)?



“And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted” (Matt. 23:12, NKJV).

tim allston is the author of the free downloadable book, 7 Steps to Manage Ego Problems: The How-to Guide for “Somebody Else,” available now at [www.GetEgoHelpNow.org](http://www.GetEgoHelpNow.org).

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# Tips for Financing the Next Improvement Project at Your Valley Home

(BPT) - Whether it's transforming a fixer-upper into your dream home in North-west Huntsville or just giving a makeover to your kitchen or bathroom in Madison, home improvement projects are on the minds of many new homeowners across the country, and the Tennessee Valley is no exception.

While many things about renovating your home are flexible, your budget might not be. In general, not a single floor board is laid, or a new countertop installed without money, which is why every home renovation project should begin with careful financial planning.

To help homeowners with their renovation projects, Marcus by Goldman Sachs(R) is sharing budget-friendly home renovation tips.

There are several ways to finance larger projects and it's important to explore your options to find the one that's right for you. Below are five important tips to keep in mind when deciding how to

fund your next home project.

1. **Shop around.** The better you plan, the better chance you'll save money. Before anything gets torn out or installed, you should spend time consulting with contractors and getting estimates. Look at the work they've done to see if they would be a good fit. Most importantly, don't be afraid to ask a lot of questions to make sure you're working with the right people and paying the right price.

2. **Consider financing options.** There are several options when financing a home improvement project and it is important to choose the right fit for you. Home equity loans and home equity lines of credit (HELOC) require you to borrow against the value of your home, with home equity loans offering a lump sum while home equity lines of credit provide you with a credit line you can borrow against. An unsecured home improvement loan can be used based on your creditworthiness and ability to pay, not

tied to a piece of collateral.

3. **Create a budget.** Because of the nature of remodels, things often end up costing more than you might think. No matter how big or how small the project, you need to have a solid sense of what your "all in" budget number is. This should not only account for hard and soft costs for things like labor, materials and designers, it should also account for contingency costs. Experts typically recommend budgeting an additional 15 to 20 percent for unexpected scenarios that might arise. A thoughtful budget will help keep your priorities in front of you and prevent you from spending more than you want.

4. **Remember, this is an investment!** Not all home renovations will pay off in the long term. It's important to consider cost vs. value before you start making changes, especially for homeowners looking to sell in the near future. If you plan on putting your house on the market sooner rather than later, be



sure to keep track of the top home features to get the best return on your investment.

5. **Work with a designer.** This might sound like a luxury or an added expense, but in many cases, a designer could actually help save money by finding deals or providing suggestions for less expensive alternatives, such as using quartz or white concrete instead of marble. Above all, their expertise can help avoid costly mistakes that can often arise when people try to cut corners on their own.

With these tips, you should be better prepared to finance your home improvement project. When you're ready to start, you shouldn't have to wait weeks for a home appraisal to get your renovation project underway. You could see your home improvement loan options from Marcus by Goldman Sachs in as little as five minutes and once approved, most people see the funds in their bank accounts in as little as four days. With Marcus you could be one step closer to your dream home.

## Valley Weekly Calendar of Events

### July 20

NSBE Golf Tournament  
The Links at Redstone Arsenal  
anthonyclancaster@gmail.com  
7 a.m.

'Artsy Tots: Artful Koi Fish'  
Huntsville Museum of Art  
Class fee is \$5 members/\$7 non-members (up to 2 adults/2 children).

Fees are non-refundable. However, registration is transferable to another session.

July 21  
Blacks in Government  
Firearm Safety-Self Defense  
(SOLD OUT)  
www.hsvBIG.com

3rd Annual Alumni High School Basketball Charity Game Classic

Butler Alum v. Johnson Alum  
Bob Jones Alum v. Sparkman Alum  
Jemison High School Gym

### July 26

Boys & Girls Club Leaders and Legends  
Featuring Charles Barkley  
Von Braun Center North Hall  
www.bgcna.com/lld  
5-8 p.m.

### July 27-28

Eagles' Nest Ministries  
Church Uncommon Worship  
"Mask Off: Uncut: Revealed"  
2nd Annual Dance Conference  
7 p.m.

### July 27-29

Stand Up Live Huntsville  
Featuring

"Earthquake"  
7 p.m.

### July 28

8th Annual CAFY Event  
Calhoun Community College  
Huntsville Campus  
Wynn Drive - 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Friends of the Bradfords 2nd Annual Bradford Scholarship Gala  
Featuring the Nell Lane Bradford Legacy Choir in Concert  
Von Braun Center North Hall  
6 p.m.

### August 10

10th Annual Taste of Kappa  
Huntsville Museum of Art  
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## Valley Deaths

- Nelms Memorial Funeral Home -

Funeral service for REVEREND JACQUES "JOCK" EARL TAYLOR (b. 1939) was held Wednesday, July 18, at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Huntsville, Ala., with Dr. O. Wendell Davis officiating.

Funeral service for MR. DONALD W. TOWNSEND (b. 1957) was held Saturday, July 14, at Saint James Primitive Baptist Church in Huntsville, Ala., with Pastor Billy Jones officiating.

Funeral service for MR. PLENTY MORGAN GERMA-NY, JR., (b. 1953) was held Friday, July 13, at Mount Calvary Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Huntsville, Ala., with Elder T. Marshall Kelley officiating.

Funeral service for MR. NEAL BASSETT TAYLOR, JR., (b. 1935) was held Wednesday, July 11, at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Huntsville, Ala., with the Reverend Walter Kelly officiating.

Funeral service for MR. ANTONIO JONES (b. 1975) was held Friday, July 6, at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Huntsville, Ala., with Pastor O. Wendell Davis officiating.

- Royal Funeral Home -

Memorial service for MR. THEODORE RONALD JEFFERSON (b. 1935) will be 10 a.m. Sunday, July 29, at the Oakwood Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Huntsville, Ala., with Dr. Carlton P. Byrd officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. CARLA YVONNE "RED" MARTIN ROBINSON (b. 1969) was held Monday, July 16, at the New Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church in Tanner, Ala., with Pastor Larry Lockett officiating.

Public viewing for Mr. RANDY CARL WADE (b. 1965) was held from 5-8 p.m. Monday, July 16, at the Royal Funeral Home.

Funeral service for DEACON ALEXANDER BENFORD (b. July 8, 1944) was held Saturday July 14, at the New Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church in Tanner, Ala., with Pastor Larry Lockett officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. LAURA VERA DAVID MIXON (b. 1933) was held Saturday, July 14, at the Greater Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Athens, Ala., with Pastor Anthony Stewart officiating.

Funeral service was held for MRS. LaGAYLE D. MILLER (b. 1974) Saturday, July 14, at Progressive Union Church, Huntsville, Ala., with Dr. Wayne P. Snodgrass officiating.

## Called 2 Preach

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

### An Audible Availability

One of the most amazing stories of faith is found in Genesis 22 in the story of the willingness of Abraham to sacrifice his son in obedience to God. The opening verse of this chapter tells us that this was a test given to Abraham by God. The test resulted in the naming of the place of the test, Jehovah-jireh, the LORD will provide.

However, in the context of this story, there exists a trilogy of responses from Abraham when his name is called.

At the beginning of the test, the LORD calls him and Abraham says, "Here I am." When he gets on the mountain and ties his son to the altar to slay him, Isaac addresses him and again he says, "Here I am." Then the angel of

the LORD called him as he raised the knife to kill his son and again he responds with, "Here I am."

Each time, Abraham was available. It was not just a physical availability, it was

an audible availability. It was audible and not actuarial.

In other words, Abraham was one-hundred percent available to those he loved; to God and to his son. It was this

audible availability that became visible and verifiable on that mountain and



now serves as an eternal example of how love for God and family cannot be proven unless there is not only an audible availability but also an actual availability that is always willing

to be tested in order to be proven.

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## 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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# Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown



for our good, to bring out a good purpose for our lives. Jeremiah 29:11 says, *For I know the plans that I have for you,*

*plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.* You see, God's discipline is directed to "benefit" the believer and, because He is so good, He would not discipline us if it would not going to produce something good out of it. Let us not lose heart when God is disciplining us, but let us celebrate the fact that God loves us and cares enough about us to see that we do well in all that we do

Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters ... and, remember, you can purchase my book, "A Champion Game Plan For Life," at amazon.com. Thank you for your support!

Discipline means the practice of training people to obey rules using punishment to correct disobedience. We as Christians not only need to understand the "nature" of God's discipline, but we also need to know how to respond properly to it. And, the first thing we need is a good attitude, so we don't say things like 'God is mad at me' or 'God doesn't like me.'

I can remember as a father, when I disciplined my own kids. I was never "mad" at them. I just wanted them to do well in life--just like God. Our heavenly Father wants all of us to "produce a harvest of righteousness and peace."

The next thing we need is a submissive spirit, which means ready to conform to God's authority. When God disciplines us, we need to realize that it is

Hebrews 12:11 says, *"No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it."*

Have you ever felt God's discipline in your life and tried to understand why? Why am I enduring these hard times in my life and why do I need discipline from God? These were some of the questions that I thought about while studying this scripture. So, I thought back to my own life and remembered the times that my father disciplined me. It wasn't always because I did something wrong, but it was because he loved me enough and cared about me in such a way that I wouldn't do anything to harm myself or anyone else.

Today, I believe that we live in a time that lacks parental discipline.



**BIRTHDAY - July 20 - FRANTZ FANON - A psychiatrist, philosopher, revolutionary and writer on post-colonial studies born in Martinique. He is most well known for his classic "Wretched of the Earth." He died in the U.S. at age 36. -BlackinTime.info**



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## AAMU Softball Coach Resigns, Joins Grambling

Alabama A&M University has accepted the resignation of head softball coach and 2018 SWAC Coach of the Year Nakeya Hall.

Hall was the Lady Bulldogs softball coach for five seasons, according to Janay Roberson, AAMU sports information director.

"I want to thank Coach Hall for her commitment and service to Alabama A&M University, and we wish her the best in her future endeavors," Director of Athletics Bryan Hicks said.

A search for a new head



softball coach will begin immediately.

The Monroe News Star (La.) reported on July 12 that Grambling State University was "reeling in reigning top SWAC coach"

to take over its softball program.

Hall is the reigning top coach in the SWAC after leading Alabama A&M to its first 20-win season in 10 years in 2017 at 21 and a share of the East Division title.

Due to APR issues, Grambling State will not be able to compete in the postseason during Hall's first season at GSU. Despite those lingering problems, she still wanted to come, noted GSU athletics director Paul Bryant. At A&M, the Lady Bulldogs earned a perfect 1,000 APR score.

## Brophy Plays in 2018 Southeast Showcase

University of Alabama in Huntsville pitcher Brooks Brophy was selected as a member of the Florida League Showcase Team which competed July 16-17 at Wingate University in Charlotte, N.C., at the 2018 Southeast Collegiate Prospect Showcase.

Brophy – a rising sophomore – is having a strong summer for the Winter Park Diamond Dawgs, posting a 3.38 ERA so far on the season. He ranks in a tie for second in

the league in strikeouts with 26 in 29.1 innings pitched, and he has issued just three walks on the year.

In six games, Brophy has earned one win, and his Diamond Dawgs squad has picked up victories in four of his six starts. Twice he has struck out a summer-best six batters in an outing, and he has not walked more than one batter in any appearance.



At UAH in his freshman season, Brophy recorded a 2.97 ERA with a 5-2 record, striking out 27 in 30.1 innings of work.

The Florida League's team competed with other showcase teams from the Valley Baseball League, Southern Collegiate League, Sunbelt League, and the Cal Ripken League, specifically taking on the VBL before playing the Ripken League.

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Date	Opponent	Site	Venue	Time
Sept. 1	Miles College	HOME	Louis Crews Stadium (Crews Classic)	TBA
Sept. 8	University of North Alabama	HOME	Louis Crews Stadium	TBA
Sept. 15	U. of Cincinnati	AWAY	Cincinnati, Ohio	TBA
Sept. 22	Southern University	Neutral	Mobile, Ala. (Gulf Coast Challenge)	TBA
Sept. 29	Jackson State University	AWAY	Jackson, Miss.	TBA
Oct. 6	Texas Southern University	AWAY	Houston, Tex.	TBA
Oct. 13	Alcorn State University	HOME	Louis Crews Stadium (HOMECOMING)	TBA
Oct. 20		<b>OPEN</b>		
Oct. 27	Alabama State University	Neutral	Birmingham, Ala. (Magic City Classic)	TBA
Nov. 3	U. of Ark. Pine Bluff	AWAY	Pine Bluff, Ark.	TBA
Nov. 10	Grambling State University	HOME	Louis Crews Stadium	TBA
Nov. 17	Mississippi Valley St. U.	AWAY	Itta Bena, Miss.	TBA