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AKAs to Focus on Five National Target Areas

Newly installed International President, Dr. Glenda Glover, recently took the helm of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, during the sorority's 68th international conference in Houston, Texas. She reaffirmed her commitment to the service organization before a record crowd and unveiled an innovative and socially-conscience agenda that addresses global challenges while fulfilling Alpha Kappa Alpha's mission of Service to All Mankind.

Those target areas are:
Target I: HBCU for Life: A Call to ActionSM. Through this initiative, members will promote, market and financially support HBCUs. The sorority also will implement an endowment initiative (in partnership with the Educational Advancement Foundation) to endow a scholarship at each accredited four-year HBCU.

Under **Target II: Women's Healthcare and Wellness**, Alpha Kappa Alpha will continue to raise community awareness of critical health issues impacting African American women. The primary focuses will be Breast Cancer Awareness and Prevention, Heart Health, Nutrition and Wellness, and Care for the Caregivers. Alpha Kappa Alpha will introduce its own AKA Breast Cancer Mobile Screening Unit, which will provide access to mammograms in targeted communities. The sorority will underscore



The Ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Rho Chi Omega Chapter and their families, for their first Community Impact Day celebrated Alpha Kappa Alpha's International Day Of Prayer on Sunday August 26th. They had fasted and prayed the prior week for world peace, improved sisterly relations and Godly fellowship within the sisterhood and chapter, wisdom for their leaders and elected officials in government, along with successful implementation of the 5 AKA Target Programs over the next four years.

the importance of maintaining personal finances, asset accumulation, and wealth building with **Target III: Building Your Economic Legacy.** Members will be encouraged to support African-American businesses and entrepreneurs in addition to educating the community about the value of supporting African-American businesses through their Black Dollar 365 initiative. Alpha Kappa Alpha will expose students to arts enrichment and culture by focusing on visual and performing arts through **Target IV: The Arts!**, with an emphasis on the Harlem Renaissance and the Black Arts Movement. **Target V: Global Impact** will continue the sorority's focus on Global Assistance Activities. Chapters will make an international impact by

engaging in global projects that provide assistance to underserved international areas populated with people of color.

Another highlight of the Exemplifying Excellence Through Sustainable Service administration will be Community Impact Days, when chapters will implement initiatives annually on the same day worldwide, to demonstrate Alpha Kappa Alpha's collective impact.

The attendees expressed gratitude and thankfulness to Pastor Troy Garner and members of the Fellowship of Faith Church in Huntsville, Ala., for supporting their programs and allowing them to use their facilities to support their service to the local community.

- Dr. Dorothy W. Huston
 TVW Editor-in-Chief

FMBC Preparing for First Homecoming

Mark 5:19 – And he did not permit him but said to him, “Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.”

First Missionary Baptist Church (FMBC) in Huntsville, Alabama invites all of its present and past members and friends to celebrate the church's first-ever Homecoming Celebration.

The event will be held on Sunday, September 30, 2018. A joint worship service will begin at 9 a.m., and Pastor Julius R. Scruggs will deliver the message.

Following the service, there will be a special video documenting the church history as told by the pastor and other FMBC members. Additional activities that day will include tours of the church grounds, historical artifacts, and the Julius R. Scruggs Child Development Center and Academy. There will be food and fellowship for all ages.

The FMBC Homecoming Celebration will be a chance to rekindle old friendships, restore



relationships, bring in new members, and bring others to know Christ.

As always, all members are encouraged to be friendly inviters by reaching out to former and inactive members and others in

the community in order to make this homecoming a blessed one.

For more information, call (256)852-4318 or visit www.fmbc.org.

by Taynetta B. O'Neal



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Washington in One Minute



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

1. The House is in recess until September 4. The Senate is in session this week and will vote on 5 Trump Administration nominees and 12 federal judges. The body of Sen. John McCain (R-AZ), who passed away on Saturday 4 days before his 82nd birthday, will lie in state in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda on Friday, followed by a funeral at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Washington's National Cathedral – where former Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama have been invited to deliver remarks.

According to The Arizona Republic, Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey (R) will delay naming Sen. McCain's successor – who must by Arizona law be a member of the deceased Senator's party and will serve until an election in 2020 – until after Sen. McCain's burial ceremony on Sunday, September 2, at the U.S. Naval Academy.

2. On Monday, President and Mrs. Trump welcomed the President of Kenya, Uhuru Kenyatta, and Mrs. Kenyatta to the White House. That evening, the President hosted a dinner for evangelical leaders. According to last week's New York Times, the President is expected to hold at least 8 campaign rallies and 16 fundraisers over the next 6 weeks in ND, SD, MO, MT, NV, KY, and TN. According to The Washington Post, on Friday (Aug. 31), he will travel to Evansville, Ind., for a campaign rally.

3. Last Friday, all 10 Democrats on the Senate Judiciary Committee, led by Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), sent a letter to Committee Chair Chuck Grassley (R-IA) asking him to postpone next week's committee hearing on Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh in view of last week's conviction of Trump campaign manager Paul Manafort and guilty pleas by the President's private lawyer Michael Cohen and noting that Judge Kavanaugh has publicly expressed doubt that sitting presidents can be subject to investigation or indictment for criminal wrongdoing.

4. Last week, under threat of subpoena, Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey agreed to testify before the House Energy and Commerce Committee on September 5 to address GOP concerns of bias in social media against conservatives. This month, Twitter penalized far-right conspiracy theorist Alex Jones with a one-week time out, while other sites have banned his content.

5. According to the Axios website, a spreadsheet is being circulated by Republicans on Capitol Hill containing likely investigations which they think will be launched by Democrats if they take control of the House in the fall mid-term elections. The list includes the following topics: (1) President Trump's tax returns; (2) Trump family businesses and the Constitution's emoluments clause; (3) President Trump's meeting with Vladimir Putin; (4) hush

payment to Stormy Daniels; (5) Firing of FBI Director James Comey; (6) Treasury Secretary Mnuchin's business dealings; (7) personal email use by the White House staff; (8) Jared Kushner's ethics law compliance; (9) misuse of funds by Cabinet officials; (10) discussion of classified material at Mar-a-Lago; (11) family separation policy; (12) Puerto Rico hurricane response; (13) election security and hacking attempts; and (14) White House security clearances.

The document lists over 100 investigative requests by House Democrats this Congress, most of which have been blocked by the GOP. House Democrats need a pickup of 23 seats to retake control of the House. Last week, The Cook Political Report predicted a likely Democratic pickup of 25-35 seats in November.

6. Last Thursday, the Senate voted 85-7 to pass H.R. 6157, a minibus appropriations bill. The \$857 billion package included funding for the Department of Education, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Labor, and Department of Defense. The bill included a \$100 increase to the Pell Grant maximum award for the 2019-2020 academic year, bringing the overall maximum award level to \$6,195. Funding remained level for Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, Federal Work Study, and TRIO programs, and Public Service Loan Forgiveness is preserved to ensure more students qualify for loan forgiveness.

There are 70 days left until the mid-term elections on November 6, 2018.

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Champion Game Plan for Life

by Preston Brown

1 Samuel 17:45 says, David said to Goliath: *"You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defiled."*

It's been said that "perception is everything." So, the way we see things will affect the way that we react to them. For example, what do you do when you are faced with a situation that appears to be too much for you to handle? And, everything looks like a "giant." But, if we believe in the power of God, we should know that there is no problem too big for God. When we look at this scripture, we can read for

ourselves that Goliath was a Giant Problem that someone had to deal with. According to the text, Goliath had been defiling the entire Israelite Army for 40 days.

But the worst thing of all was that they put up with it. No one was willing to challenge Goliath until David came along. David didn't look at Goliath the same way that these soldiers looked at him. David had a different perspective of the situation, and he realized that the "battle" was in God's hands and not in the hands of a shepherd with a rock and a slingshot. This message is for all of us when we are facing difficult times. We need to know where our help comes from, because so



many times we allow the devil to expose our weaknesses in such a way that we are unaware of

the strength that we have.

I believe our strength comes from the wisdom that we get from God. I heard someone say that "everyone else looked at Goliath and said, 'He's too big to kill,'" but David looked at Goliath and said, "He's too big to miss." You see, perception is *everything*. Stay encouraged, my brothers and sisters. And, make sure you purchase a copy of my book, "A Champion Game Plan For Life," at amazon.com.

Spotlight on Our Elders ... Featuring

Laura B. Ford Clift

Mrs. Laura B. Ford Clift is the eldest of five children born to the union of Charlie Ed Ford and Ida B. Braggs. Born in Huntsville, Alabama, "Laura B," as she is so affectionately known by her family, was educated at West Huntsville Junior High School during her formative years in grades one through eight. Afterwards, she attended Council Training High School, Normal, Alabama, and graduated from William Hooper Council High School in Huntsville. It was at William Hooper Council High School that she met Gene Arnold Clift. Both graduated the same year and later enrolled at Alabama A&M College (now AAMU), and then married on July 16, 1958. Clift received the Bachelor of Science degree in biology and a minor in mathematics in spring 1964. She later pursued and completed requirements for the

Master of Science degree in guidance and counseling and psychology, as well as K-12 certification in administration from the Alma Mater, AAMU.

Mrs. Clift began her profession as a fourth-grade teacher at Council Training School (1964-66). She later transferred to a different position in the Madison County School System at Farmer's Capital Junior High in Meridianville, Alabama, where she taught science and math for 11 years. In 1975, Mrs. Clift transitioned to the Huntsville City School System and accepted her first assignment as guidance counselor at Davis Hills Middle School

in Huntsville, Alabama. Here, she became the first African-American female counselor

at this location following desegregation. After 15 years, she became the first African-American guidance counselor at Huntsville High School. Following four years there, she moved to the Annie C. Merts Center, the Huntsville City

Schools Administrative Office, as the system's drug education coordinator. Embracing her love for educating youth, Clift accepted a position as first female assistant principal at Ed White Middle School. She remained in that position until her retirement in 2004.



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“Good News for Tough Times”



From Guest Editor Danny Shepherd

GOOD NEWS

It doesn't take much to recognize we live in tough times. We have tough times economically, albeit unemployment numbers suggest things are well (unless you're in the 4% not employed). But even if you are employed, the stock market volatility, trade tariffs, not to mention rumors of trade wars, and financial uncertainty leaves most of us troubled economically. We have tough times politically. I'm not sure I can remember a time in my 56 years on the planet, except during the civil rights era, where we as Americans have been more divided than we are now. We've allowed politics to divide and conquer us as to lose our sense of compassion, generosity and common decency. We are proudly partisan, but poorly American! We have tough times culturally. Never in my life time have I ever felt more certain that we've lost our moral azimuth; it doesn't take much to see that we're not only losing the moral azimuth, it's questionable whether or not we even know how to use the compass. It seems more and more that the difference between right and wrong depends on what "feels" right instead of what "is" right. We'll make excuses to defend a certain point of review, because it fits our own personal agenda, and likes and dislikes.

Tough times, huh?

So, I guess you're probably wondering--*I know we live in tough times, where is the 'Good News'--right?* Well, let me share with you a couple of things that I hope will give us "Good News in Tough Times".

The Bible teaches that King David lived in tough times, especially while under constant persecution; his life was in peril and danger, a man sometime without a country. He was on the run and was doggedly chased, but even though times were tough, he took the opportunity to give some sound advice and as he penned Psalm 37, which says, 1 "Do not fret because of evildoers, be not envious toward wrongdoers. 2 For they will wither quickly like the grass and fade like the green herb. 3 Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness".

What David tells us is still true today; times are tough, but listen to what advice David gives. He said three things that if applied by us today, we can find goodness, even in tough times.

First, notice he said to *refrain* from fretting. The word fret comes from the Hebrew word for heat. Have you ever heard someone say, "That just burns me up"? Of course you have. You've probably used it yourself! But the reason David used that word is because there are three things that fretting does to us, none of which is good. Number one, fretfulness corrupts your spirit. Meaning, it brings down your countenance, robs you from having joy and creates a sense of hopelessness. It's a choice, but we seem to choose it every time adversity hits.

Another thing about fretfulness is that it is contagious to others. Have you ever been around a fretful person, winey, down in the mouth, a woe-is-me kind of person? I remember asking someone I know how they were doing, and that's the last word I got in the conversation and, after thirty minutes and an organ recital later, I felt so bad, I wanted to go home and throw the covers over my head. In thirty minutes, I went from wow to woe, just because I let a fretful person rub up against me. Honestly, if you're a fretful person, please stay home and watch Joel Osteen.

Lastly, fretfulness is confusing to others. If we Americans believe we are blessed and desire to uphold our principals of freedom, democracy and good will to others, then we need to stop fretting. Those without those rights and opportunities are watching us and I imagine that if we're fretful about what we have, what makes us any better than them, and what hope can we inspire to those that have not? Quit fretting!

Secondly, David tells us to remember that the future of wrongdoers is short. Meaning, that while people who live to be antagonistic, hateful and divisive seem to prosper, they will wither and fade over time. But like most folks, my level of patience usually doesn't take the time to let the true judge make the call and issue the justice I want. It's hard to watch America become what for so many of us have hoped it wouldn't, or prayed that it's not. That said, we're not to be envious toward them, nor did David tell us to fight with them. But to be sure, David didn't imply that we sit idle.

Lastly, David tells us to remain faithful to God and do "good"! You see, regardless of what others do, we still get to decide how we'll respond. David gives key insight here, he says, "trust in God", meaning learn to depend on God and don't put a lot of trust in yourself and others; we by nature will fail, but God never does. He, that knows when every sparrow falls to the ground and knows the number of hairs on our head, certainly is able to make things right. He'll do it, not because you, or I want it, but because He said He would! Finally, I'll quit preaching and close with this, no matter how tough things get, determine to live faithfully. David finished with this admonition, "Live in the land and cultivate faithfulness." Meaning, count on God, and live like you mean it by encouraging others, sharing the burdens of our fellow journeyers, demonstrate love in meaningful ways. That's the mission and that my friends, I hope is, "Good News" in tough times.....

2018 Alabama A&M University Bulldog Football

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		OPEN		
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



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Mastin Lake Road/University Drive)

Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

Omarosa vs. Trump: A 21st Century David vs. Goliath?

by tim allston

Approximately 3,000 years ago, music rockstar "little David" defeated Goliath and later became King David - only to be humbled by a much-younger five-foot single-named woman of color: Bathsheba.

Similarly since 2015, little reality TV star "the Donald" defeated six Goliaths - e.g., traditional Republican and Democratic Parties, Bush and Clinton dynasties, traditional media, and the Obama legacy - and became King (correction: President) Trump, only to face now an impending takedown from a 44-year old, 5'8" single-named woman of color: Omarosa.

Released officially on August 14th, Omarosa's 366-pp. *Unhinged: An Insider's Account of the Trump White House*, in which this thrice HBCU alum exposed Trump as racist and mentally incompetent, became an instant hardback bestseller in its first week, topping 33,000+ sales; outraged, the Tweeter-in-Chief president labeled this black female "a dog" (C'mon; do you really think that Trump called her "a dog" - or, did his wearied White House handlers sanitize his five-letter profanity?)

Q: What can you and I learn, take away from this modern-day David vs. Goliath showdown?

1. Sweat the small stuff. Immediately. Problems and slights un-resolved ultimately will become crises. "The person who could end up taking down the Presi-



dent of the United States is Omarosa," quipped comic Seth Meyers on his "Late Night" Aug. 15th broadcast. "It took her 14 years, but she is finally getting revenge for Trump firing her in season one (of "The Apprentice")!"

2. Leadership magnifies defects; what you don't get corrected now, as you rise professionally and personally, will certainly become exposed later, as the Bible's Numbers 32:23 advises, ". . . and be sure your sins will find you out." And

3. Stay 'woke. Always be God-prepared to speak truth to power. Just ask Omarosa.

Perhaps she learned such from her biblical studies training at HBCU's Daniel Payne Theological Seminary and from Matthew 10:18,19, when Jesus counseled: "On My account, you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them . . . But when they hand you over, do not worry about how to respond or what to say. In that hour you will

be given what to say . . ."

Or, maybe Omarosa remembered from her 1970's childhood - and later dedicated to her twice-firing boss-turned-president -- the theme song from arguably the first-ever reality TV show:

"When it's least expected, you're elected, you're the star today, Smile you're on Candid Camera!"

With a hocus-pocus, you're in focus, it's your lucky day,

Smile you're on Candid Camera!

It's fun to look at yourself, that's a tonic bright and true;

It's fun to laugh at yourself as other people do.

How's your sense of humor? There's a rumor: laughter's on its way,

Smile you're on Candid Camera!"

tim allston is the author of the free book, 7 Steps to Manage Ego Problems: The How-to Guide for "Someone Else," free and downloadable now at www.GetEgoHelpNow.org.

Valley Deaths

- Nelms Memorial Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MR. KENNICE DWAYNE SULLIVAN (b. 1967) was held Saturday, August 25, at Little Flock Primitive Baptist Church (Brownsboro, Ala.) with Elder Dennis L. Green, Sr. as eulogist.

Funeral service for MR. WESLEY G. POWERS (b. 1959) was held Saturday, August 25, at Nelms Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral service for MR. REGINALD M. OLIVER was held Friday, August 24, at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church (315 Winchester Road NE - Huntsville, AL) with Pastor O. Wendell Davis officiating.

Funeral service for ELDER ROBERT LEWIS ROGERS (b. 1948) was held on Saturday, August 18, at Saint Bartley Primitive Baptist Church.

- Royal Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MR. HORACE E. GREEN (b. 1958) was held Monday, August 27, at Progressive Union MB Church (1919 Brandontown Road, Huntsville, AL 35810).

Funeral service for MR. WILLIE "BILL" PATES (b. 1940) was held Monday, August 27, at Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Association Tabernacle (6378 Pulaski Pike, Huntsville, AL 35810) with Pastor Jerry Russell officiating.

Funeral service for MRS. MARY DRISKELL (b. 1936) was held Saturday, August 25, at Chelsea Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (3123 Johnson Road S.W., Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Terrence Haley officiating.

Funeral service for MR. CHARLES EDWARD "BUBBA" CARTWRIGHT (b. 1969) was held Wednesday, August 22, at the Syler Tabernacle P.B. Church (904 Oakwood Avenue, Huntsville, Ala.) with Pastor Gary Battles officiating.

Funeral service for Mr. MR. JAMES WILLIE SCALES (b. 1952) was held Saturday, August 18, at Antioch Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (923 Browns Ferry Street, Athens, Ala.).

Funeral service for MRS. CLARA SEAL CHATMAN (b. 1918) was held Saturday, August 18, at Draper Memorial COGIC (313 Beirne Avenue, Huntsville, Ala.) with Reverend Kelvin Jones, Sr., officiating.

- Serenity Funeral Home -

Funeral service for MS. TRACEY PITTS (b. 1982) will be announced.

The Valley Weekly Calendar of Events

September 1

Louis Crews Classic
Alabama A&M University
vs. Miles College
Louis Crews Stadium
6 p.m.

September 2

Annual Caribbean Day at
the Park Family Fun Day
www.CANAonline.com
(256) 606-6878
11 a.m.-7 p.m.

September 8

Bulldog Football
Alabama A&M vs. UNA
Louis Crews Stadium
6 p.m.

September 9

Stage Play
"The Walls Are Talking"
Huntsville High School
5:30 p.m.

September 16

Jazz in the Park
Featuring Adam Hawl
Big Spring Park
6-9 p.m.
(Free)

September 16

Jazz in the Park
Featuring Kim Scott and
T.A.D. of Jazz (Free)
Big Spring Park
6-9 p.m.

September 23

Jazz in the Park
Featuring Brian Simpson
and Norris Jones
Louis Crews Stadium
6 p.m.

Big Spring Park
6-9 p.m.
(Free)

September 30

Jazz in the Park
Featuring Theo Crocker
Big Spring Park
6-9 p.m.
(Free)

October 10

Fall Career Fair
Alabama A&M University
Student Wellness Center
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

October 12-14, 19-21

Fantasy Playhouse
"Lyle the Crocodile"
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Alabama A&M University
Homecoming
AAMU vs. Alcorn State
Host Hotel: Space & Rock-
et Center Marriott

October 21-January 13, 2019

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University
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2:30 p.m.

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

The Crime, the Criminal, the Cross and the Christ

Oft times the Bible will give spotlight specific-ity to objects, people and scenes that are meant to spur the imagination and interrogation and hope-fully inspiration. Such is the case at Calvary where we see inscribed on a sign, *Jesus of Naza-reth, the King of the Jews*. The crime was Jesus' claim of being a king; consid-ered treason in ancient Rome. The irony is that the criminal was indeed not only a king, but the King of kings, the Christ. It was only a crime and He was only considered a criminal because in the plan and purpose of God, He provi-dentially arranged for the Christ to be born and live and die in the time when Rome was in power. Cru-

Huntsville City Council Meetings

Hunts-ville City Council's regular meetings are held in the City Council Cham-bers 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 Mu-nicipal Building on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. For more informa-tion, call (256) 427-5011.



cifixion was Rome's way of punishing treason. Jesus, God's Son and ransom paid for redemption, is the only One who could make this scene be legit. The reason

being is, as Pilate noted, Jesus was not guilty of any crime that merited being labeled as a criminal and nailed to a cross. This is how the Apostle Peter explained it in the first sermon delivered at Pentecost: "People of Israel listen! God publicly en-dorsed Jesus the Nazarene



by doing pow-erful miracles, wonders, and signs through Him ... But God knew what would happen, and His prearranged plan was carried out when Jesus was betrayed. With the help of lawless Gentiles, you nailed him to a cross and killed Him (Acts 2:22-23 NLT)."

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Eta Phi Beta Convenes in Memphis, Elects New Slate of Officers

Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., recently celebrated its 33rd Biennial Grand Boulé in Memphis, Tenn., "Home of the Blues." Members arrived excited and ready for the National Convention at Memphis Hilton Hotel and Conference Center July 23-July 27.

Members from the Mid-Eastern Region and Delta Omega, the local chapter in Memphis, served as hosts and welcomed members from across the United States and the Virgin Islands for business and pleasure touring this historic city. The Convention opened to a powerful opening message from The Honorable Earnestine Hunt Dorse, municipal court judge for the City of Memphis, focusing on the

Sorority's National Theme, "Making a Difference in a Changing Society".

The Convention also welcomed the auxiliary groups of the sorority, namely the SHADs (husbands of members) and the Bee-Ettes, Senords and Eta Kids (youth group members) who attended their separate meetings.

Workshops, talent competition, scholarship fundraising event and acknowledgment of accomplishments of members were highlighted. The Signature Program of Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., is to help citizens with intellectual and developmental disabilities through the organization's volunteer work.

This mission is high-



lighted at each Boulé with the Gloria Chapmon Walkathon, which raises funds raised for a local charity that advocates for special needs citizens.

Newly elected officers for the sorority are **Colette A. McCurdy-Jackson** - 18th National President, who accepted the passing of the gavel from outgoing National President, Dr. Lillie A. Robinson.

Other elected officers are

Sonda Bradfield - National 1st Vice President, Kimberly Shoulders - National 2nd Vice President, Betty Collins - National Financial Secretary, Mary Braziel - National Treasurer, Gwendolyn B. Morris - National Chaplain, Tracy Holly - National Guard, Marcia Connors - National Keeper of Peace, Shirley Bobo - National Historian, Linda Dove McIntyre - National Journalist, Dr. Donna Kahl Wilkerson - National Director of Fine Arts, Ruth Addis - National Director of Education, appointed officers, Alicia Lancaster - National Corresponding Secretary and Brenda F. Bennett - National Parliamentarian.

The Convention concluded with a Masquerade

Ball and an invitation to the 34th Biennial Boulé which will be held in New Orleans, La., --- "Laissez Bon Temps Rollez - Let The Good Times Roll!"

Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated was founded in 1942 on the campus of Lewis Business College in Detroit, Michigan. The vision of eleven courageous and visionary women was to promote higher scholastic standards, personal growth and career awareness, and to provide opportunities for community service. Today the organization is visible, effective and meeting the needs of the community through a variety of programs. A major project of Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. is advocacy and programs for intel-

lectually and physically challenged citizens and has been a national initiative since the inception of the organization. For over 75 years, Chapters throughout the United States and the U. S. Virgin Islands have volunteered countless hours in their respective communities, implemented programs to promote breast cancer awareness, domestic violence prevention and provided scholarships and tutoring/mentoring services to children. The sorority lives by its motto: "Not for Ourselves, But For Others".

The Sorority's national office is located at 19983 Livernois, Suite B, Detroit MI 48221. For additional information, visit www.etaalphibetasorority.com.

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Sixth Annual Adult-Only Prom Set for Downtown

Time to dust off the old tux and dig that dress out of the closet. Adult P.R.O.M is back and "Dripping in Finesse." The sixth annual dance will be held at the Von Braun Center on Sept. 15.

P.R.O.M., an acronym for People Recreating Old Memories, was created to counter the sky-rocketing divorce rates in Alabama while giving attendees a second chance to relive "the best night" of their lives.

As the title implies, this is an adult-only function. Following the format of the high school mainstay, Adult P.R.O.M will have live music, dancing and, of course, a traditional crowning of prom King and Queen. Tony and Kira Parker, the husband and wife team behind The Parker Team, will be crowned this year's King and Queen.

A light dinner will be

provided and a cash bar will be onsite. Throughout the night, there will be several giveaways, poetry readings and games to keep attendees entertained.

While targeted toward the 21+ demographic, the event is meant to give people a chance to either relive one of the best nights of their lives or replace it with a better experience.

While the event is sure to be a night to remember, it is also deep-rooted in philanthropy. Every year, Day Capitol, Inc., partners with various charities in the Tennessee Valley. Partial proceeds will go to charity.



A red carpet will take place at 6 p.m., and the main festivities will start at 7 p.m. Dress code is formal attire.

For information on tickets, vending and sponsorship, call (256) 417-1710 or (818) 934-3530.

by Reggie Allen

Valley Scopes

by Melissa Wilson/Seloma

SEPTEMBER

Gemini

Fortune is in your house of truth, a sign that you'll enjoy an optimal contemplation while in nature.

Aquarius

The mathematical point of Lilith is in your sign now. This may irradiate an unrivaled sense of gambling luck that you may have sensed, shining down onto your choices.

Capricorn

The Mars quintile of Jupiter in your house of home signifies that you're taking action, which is leading to development and growth, even if you choose to work from home in some capacity.

Cancer

MC, in your houses of career and truth is drawing attention to an incompatible link that you have towards an ultimate goal.

Taurus

A trine between Uranus and the sun, within a house that relates to the taboo, as well as taxes, is drawing

attention to your vitality and modernism during this time.

Leo

A Mercury sextile, with Venus, is possibly, evoking visions that are filled with art and trade. There is an opportunity to become both amused and amazed by new encounters; as you yourself, remain unrigid and welcoming.

Aries

A Vertex within your house of relationships denotes an obstacle that is likely being overcome; during a fated encounter. Also, your helpfulness is certain to be appreciated in areas that deal with animals or forestry, now.

Scorpio

A Jupiter semisquare of Saturn in your house of wealth and finance, is illuminating your agile ability, to micromanage; as you opt to get rid of anything that is not veritable or doesn't have real potential.

Sagittarius

Vesta, in your sign, is

drawing attention, to your reliability, manners, and straight-forwardness.

Libra

The sun's semisquare of Venus, is in the backdrop, as you use your will power & charm, in order to accomplish something or draw attention, in areas that relate to art & possibly, trade.

Virgo

Ceres, in your sign, is calling attention to your hard working, intelligent nature, during this time. Also, your generous mood is certain to be appreciated by those who you are currently dealing with.

Pisces

A sextile between the moon and Neptune is revealing that at work you are at your best. The moon indicates that a strong emotional vibe is coming from you. Also, any moody, balefulness on your part; fortunately, will be scuppered, by those, with whom you've been recently dealing--so professionalism is likely to prevail.

BIRTHDAY - August 31 - ELDRIDGE CLEAVER - American civil rights leader, author and noted Black Panther, born in 1935 in Wabbaseka, Arkansas. Cleaver is the writer of the book "Soul on Ice." He died in 1998 in Pomona, Calif. - BlackinTime.info

Lowe's Chapel UM Church to Celebrate Men and Women's Day

The congregation of Lowe's Chapel United Methodist Church will celebrate joint Men and Women's Day on Sunday, September 23, at 3 p.m. The Guest Speaker for the occasion is Rev. Sonya Baker of the New Hope Outreach Ministries. The musical guests will be the Male Chorus of the Union Hill Presbyterian Church.

The public is invited to come celebrate with the men and women of Lowe's.

For more information see the church website at www.loweschapel.com or call the church at (256) 695-9104.

"I don't need a friend who changes when I change and who nods when I nod; my shadow does that much better."

- Plutarch