

SPEAKERS HIGHLIGHT THE THIRD ANNUAL AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

PART 1

San Diego, CA.- "Movin in the Spirit—Sisters Transforming the World"... the Third Annual African-American Women's Conference will be held on June 24-27, 1993 at the Mission Valley Marriott Hotel.

THE LIST OF THOSE SCHEDULED TO SPEAK INCLUDE:

Lenora B. Fulani is the Chairperson of the New Alliance Party, America's fourth largest electoral party. She is psycho-therapist in private practice in Harlem, New York and on the faculty East Side Institute for

Short Term Psychotherapy in New York. In 1988, Fulani became the first African American and first woman presidential candidate to be on the ballot in every state. She has been an activist for equality, for youth and economic justice. She hosts a talk show and authors "This Way for Black Empowerment," a weekly column in 140 newspapers.

Barbara Sizemore is the Dean, School of Education DePaul University in Chicago and serves as a consultant to hundreds of agencies, colleges, public school systems, organi-

zations and institutions nationwide. She has published 20 chapters in books and 19 journal articles. Her new book, "An Abashing Anomaly: High Achievement in Three Predominantly Black Elementary Schools," was funded by the National Institute of Education and will be released soon.

Iyanla Vanzant is a living tribute to the strength of African American women. At 21 years of age, she found herself married to a violent and abusive man, raising three children, and in constant struggle, when a voice inside cried out, "Don't give up

five minutes before the miracle!" She listened, took her children, three shopping bags of clothing and left. Now, six years and two University degrees later, she is committed to sharing her experiences and inspiring others to cope with survival, re-birth, and empowerment.

Eraka Rouzoronda is president of Ascension Productions and is one of the nation's youngest authorities on Afrocentricity. She will present a workshop, facilitate the writers reception, and lead us in spirit with a theatrical presentation of Egyptian and African American history and philosophy.

Queen Latifah at 22 years

old has made a name for herself as a solo rap artist and is the owner and founder of the widely successful Flavor Management Company which recently acquired it's own label in conjunction with Epic Records, Flavor Unit Records. Latifah states, "I've never been one to let somebody sit back and run my thing. I'm always involved in what goes on in my career. At the end of the day I make my decision." She is very serious about the company. The management company will develop and nurture new talent that she describes as "true rap artists. Rap is entertainment, but it also comes with a life story," states "Queen."

Rosalind Jefferies Ph.D. is a leading authority on African American art, history, Egyptian art, the African diaspora, black culture and identity, and more. She has been a teacher, a lecturer and an organizer for a number of institutions including; the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Center of African Art, and New York University. She is currently the assistant professor in the Art and African American Studies program at Jersey City State College, and serves on the instructional faculty of the Humanities Department of the School of Visual Arts in New York.

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FOR THE LADIES

— FOR MY MOTHER —

by Rosie Collins

If my spirit could be anything it would be a strong-hearted warrior that has survived through life's war zone. I could be a shooting star who has already come a long way but has not tired by the distance I have yet to conquer. A female human being who is standing steadfast in my beliefs, with dignity and strength in the face of an angry and destroying society.

I am Rosie Collins, who has had the rug snatched rudely from under my feet and had my foundation shook to it's core many times. I am eighteen-years of age and living below the poverty

level. Raised up by loving arms of a single parent, who has never finished the eighth grade, but has raised four boys and a college bound girl, me, to maturity with only her love and will to never give up.

They say you learn by example. If I learned anything, I learned my endurance for this human race from my mother. She has gone to work with a sickly heart and a broken body to get me the things I needed with no regard to herself. She taught me that being poor is not an excuse for letting the spirit to become poor.

I have walked through gang

turfs to get to school bus stops. I have watched drugs destroy whole chunks of my family with one blow. I have lived in low income housing in an undesirable neighborhood my whole life. I have come to school with no money to eat with because I helped with the bills this month. Wearing no more than second hand or my old clothes on my back because that's all she can afford right now. Discouraged I am not, because I have seen the bottom there is no place else for me to go but to the top.

For the gifts given to me out of love from my mother I have a need to pay her back, with a higher education. This higher education will give me the opportunity to get a good job and finally give my tired mother the rest she deserves. To prove to her that a poor background doesn't produce anything less than greatness if that person strives. I want to show her that I strive. To show this broken hearted woman that she has done a good job.

DELTA'S ATTEND SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE



Members of the Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Delta Kappa Chapter, are pictured here just before leaving for their Far West Regional Conference, held in San Francisco, California recently. Members pictured left to right included Sorors: Sarann Knight-Preddey, Ruby Amie-Pilot, Patricia Spencer, Kathy Fox-Miller, Charlene Thrower, Norvella Huey and Patricia Feaster. (Members not pictured include Sorors: Gladia Bell, Gloria Evans, Betty Henderson, Bonnie Juniel, Barbara Matthews and Regina Porter.

More than 300 participants attended the Conference, representing all of the Far Western States, including New Mexico. Soror Patricia Spencer was presented with the 1993-94 "Woman of the Year Achievement" AWARD. Ms. Spencer is involved in many activities geared to enhancing the life of the youth, elderly and economically disadvantaged. Ms. Spencer is a Certified Travel Consultant with Jockey Club Travel and was recently presented with the 1992 ARTA Leadership & Service Award. ARTA is the Association of Retail Travel Agents.

Locally, the Sorority is gearing up for its "This is Your Life" Scholarship Banquet, to be held June 19, 1993 at the Historic Moulin Rouge Hotel. This Year's Honorees are Dee Dee Jasmín, a Community Activist, and Assemblyman Wendell Williams. Proceeds from the Banquet are used to provide financial assistance to young ladies seeking a higher education in college, trade school or business school. Information regarding tickets may be obtained by calling 649-7070 or 649-1070 evenings.

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