

Fire guts hotel on Berry's property



Chuck Berry

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WENTZVILLE, Mo. — A blaze destroyed a motel located on an estate owned by legendary musician Chuck Berry Saturday evening, fire officials said.

The assistant chief of the Wentzville fire district, Austin Worcester, said no one was injured. The cause of the fire is still being investigated.

"The fire is suspicious. Our fire unit is investigating," Worcester said.

He said Berry was out of the state at the time of the fire.

The building, known as the old Chuck Berry lodge, was

located in unincorporated St. Charles County. It had eight suites and used to house Berry's visitors, Worcester said, but had been used for storage in recent years. It's located on property about 40 miles outside of St. Louis, near Wentzville.

The two-alarm fire started around 6:30 p.m. Other buildings on the property were not damaged.

Berry pioneered a musical revolution in rock music with hits like "Maybellene" and "No Particular Place To Go."

He is a member of both the Rock and Roll and Songwriters halls of fame.

Documentary looks at legacy of blues music

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WTVI-produced promos featuring Sign of the Times' Tyrone Jefferson and Toni Tuppen will air around the broadcasts. Jefferson and Tuppen will talk about their personal blues experiences and how they started in the genre.

"The Blues' is much more than a television series," said Bev Dorn-Steele, WTVI's director of education and out-

reach. "Beginning with a congressional proclamation declaring 2003 to be Year of the Blues, 'The Blues' project is a year-long initiative to reintroduce this uniquely American art form to music lovers, students and public television viewers everywhere."

Teachers' guides of "The Blues" are also available. For a copy, call Dorn-Steele at (704) 371-8840.



Chuck D (left and Bobby Rush (right) are featured in a segment of "The Blues," which airs next week on WTVI (channel 42.)



Art & Soul adds fashion show to mix

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Lawrence.

Tammy Smith, one of the organizers of Art and Soul, said this is the first time fashion has been incorporated in the three-year-old event.

"The fashion shows will be on the main stage during the half hour sets between the bands," Smith said.

Art and Soul is a festival

that draws attention to the emerging art district in the historic south end, Smith said. This year's festival will play host to an urban flea market, unique gift items vintage trolley rides and an exhibit where people can pan for gold.

The music will be provided by local bands and up and coming musicians, said Smith.

The festival will be held in the 1500 block of Camden Road, between South Tryon and Park Avenue from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. The fashion shows will run from noon until 12:30 p.m., 3 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. on the main stage. Admission to the festival is free.

Stars come out for Harlem tribute to Gregory Hines

By Jennifer Friedlin
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Maurice Hines

NEW YORK — Stars from the worlds of theater, film and dance came out to pay tribute to the late tap-dancing actor

Gregory Hines at a festive memorial celebration at Harlem's Apollo Theater.

Fellow actress and dancer Debbie Allen said Hines' love of dance infused his entire body of work, from the stage to the screen.

He took tap to a whole other level," Allen said before the Sunday night tribute. "It was a part of everything he did — his movies, his Broadway shows, his music."

Hines, a Tony Award winner who died of cancer in August at 57, starred on Broadway and in movies including "White Nights" and "Running Scared."

Colleagues said they'd miss his generous spirit as much as his contributions as an artist.

"He was a wonderful, funny man, humorous and warm," said Isabella Rossellini, who played Hines' wife in the 1985 film "White Nights." "He didn't change on the set and off the set. There was an authenticity about him."

Hines also starred in a TV comedy series, "The Gregory Hines Show," in 1997, and

had a recurring role on NBC's "Will & Grace."

Actress Phylicia Rashad and Hines' older brother, Maurice Hines, co-hosted the tribute, which included performances by tap dancers and singers as well as video clips of Gregory Hines' performances.

A range of artists from Mikhail Baryshnikov to Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee came out for the tribute as did politicians such as U.S. Rep. Charles Rangel.

Gregory Oliver Hines was

born in New York City in 1946. When Gregory was a toddler, Maurice would come home from tap dancing classes and teach him steps.

The brothers began performing together when Gregory Hines was 5. A year later, they performed at the Apollo with their dad in a family dance trio billed as Hines, Hines and Dad.

"I brought him home," Maurice Hines told the Apollo crowd on Sunday, "because this is where we began."

NOTICE OF A CITIZENS INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR THE PROPOSED GASTON EAST-WEST CONNECTOR

WBS No. 34922.1.1 U-3321 Gaston/Mecklenburg Counties

The North Carolina Department of Transportation will hold the above Citizens Informational Workshop on Tuesday, September 30, 2003 between the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. at Ashbrook High School, 222 S. New Hope Rd., Gastonia, North Carolina.

Interested individuals may attend this informal workshop at their convenience during the above stated hours. Department of Transportation representatives will be present to answer questions and receive comments relative to the proposed project.

The purpose of this workshop is to present information, answer questions, and receive comments regarding this project. This project proposes to construct a 20 mile new location multi-lane roadway to improve east-west travel between I-85 west of Gastonia in Gaston County and I-485/NC 160 in Mecklenburg County. The proposed study boundary will be I-85 to the north, the South Carolina State line to the south, the Charlotte-Douglas International Airport to the east, and the I-85 and US 29-74 junction to the west.

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Kristina Solberg, P.E. Project Development and Environmental Analysis Branch at 1548 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1548, phone 919-733-7844 ext. 310, or email ksolberg@dot.state.nc.us.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services for disabled persons who wish to participate in this workshop to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. To receive special services, please contact Kristina Solberg at the above address or phone number or fax 919-733-9794 as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.



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