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Photo by Todd Luck

Denise Hendricks speaks to a group of young girls last week in Greensboro.

“Oprah” producer to young girls: Dream big

BY TODD LUCK THE CHRONICLE

GREENSBORO – The Power Girls Global Summer Leadership Institute gave its young participants a look at jobs in the media with a very special guest, Denise Hendricks, an assistant producer on “The Oprah Winfrey Show.”

Power Girls is a two week summer camp held on-campus at Bennett College that’s designed to help young minority girls prepare themselves for educational and professional opportunities. It’s regularly attended by girls from all over the nation and the world.

Hendricks told the Power Girls her path to the top was a long one and getting there was no accident.

She said she wanted to be a journalist since she was 12-years-old and pursued that passion at Florida A&M University, where she worked in radio, print and television. After graduation, she didn’t get a job in journalism immediately, but took one as an insurance underwriter. She told her young audience persistence is important.

“I think no matter what happens in your life, no matter what obstacles may come your way, you all should continue to press on,” said Hendricks.

Hendricks didn’t stop sending out her resume until she got a job at a television station. After she landed a producer’s slot at a CBS station in Tallahassee, she never had to work in another

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Simply Marvtastic!

Black & Purple Ball honors NBTF contributors

BY DR. FELECIA FIGGOTT-LONG THE CHRONICLE

Dozens of local men and women who have opened their wallets and dug deep to help the National Black Theatre Festival were feted Sunday during a gathering that was part glamour, part glitz and wholly “Marvtastic.”

The Third Purple and Black Ball took place in an elegantly-decorated banquet hall at the downtown Marriott, which, two weeks, from now will be the main hub of the 2007 National Black Theatre Festival. The ball was conceived by the late Larry Leon Hamlin, founder of the theatre festival, to show his appreciation to those who shell out \$1,000 for membership in the Marvtastic Society.



This special cheesecake dessert honored the late Larry Leon Hamlin.

Members of the exclusive club get perks during the NBTF, such as discounted tickets, but more importantly, their membership helps stage the biennial festival by pumping thousands of dollars into the festival’s coffers.

With the baron of the ball, Hamlin, looking down from the heavens above, the duties of entertaining and thanking members of the society fell to his widow, Sylvia Sprinkle Hamlin, who has earned even greater respect from local residents by forging ahead to carry on her husband’s immense legacy. “Mrs. Marvtastic,” as she has been dubbed, walked to the podium to a standing ovation from society members. Sprinkle-Hamlin expressed her gratitude to members of the society, more than 100 in all, and guaranteed that the upcoming festival will be the best yet.

“The National Black Theatre Festival this year is going to be off the hook!,” she proclaimed. “We have something for everyone.”

Hamlin would have been proud. The ball was fit for royalty. Trumpeter Joe Robinson, accompanied by a band, provided live music as the crowd mingled, dined and took to the dance floor. The Marriott catering staff paid homage to Hamlin with a signature cheesecake that featured a purple-colored wafer in the shape of the sunglasses that Hamlin often wore. Master of Ceremonies

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Photos by Felecia Long

Annie Hamlin Johnson, the mother of NBTF Founder Larry Leon Hamlin, shares a dance with festival media liaison Brian McLaughlin.

Grieving mom plans march for dead kids

BY TODD LUCK THE CHRONICLE



Photo by Kevin Walker

Willette Mosby-Reynolds holds a photo of her deceased daughter, Ronnetta Monique Mosby.

A Walk to Remember will take place this Saturday in Miller Park to memorialize children of all ages who died too soon.

As of Monday, more than 240 people have registered for the walk, which is for the parents, siblings, relatives and friends of the deceased. Onsite registration will be held at 8:15 a.m. At 8:30, walkers will gather for the trek, which will begin at 9 that morning. The walk itself is two miles, but participants aren’t required to finish it. Walkers will wear a running bib with their lost loved one’s name on it. After the walk, there will be light refreshments, a memorial service and a balloon release.

The walk coincides with the Compassionate Friends 30th National Conference and Walk in Oklahoma City, Okla. Compassionate Friends is an organization that offers support to grieving families. Many chapters of the organization will be holding walks all over the country this week-end.

The local walk is organized by Willette Mosby-Reynolds who heard

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UP, UP & AWAY

Photo by Kevin Walker

A group of youngsters at Saturday’s Happy Hill Reunion watch a helium balloon as it makes its way up toward the sky. To read more about the annual reunion, see page B14.



Cancer patients get pampered

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

The second floor of the Comprehensive Cancer Center at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center took on a decidedly festive look Tuesday morning, as patients, staff and loved ones gathered for the center’s “Just for You” event, which honors patients’ courage and strength and gives them hope for the future.

“We wanted to do a little something for our patients.”

said Outreach Patient Assistant Nancy Mehaffey, who helped organize Just for You. “It started out very small; we decided to maybe put something together every three months. We started calling local businesses and asking for donations and it just sort of grew from there.”



Nancy Mehaffey and Lisa Hamlin

Lisa Hamlin is also a co-founder of the event.

The free event is the fourth the center has held thus far and features food and music, as well as an array of services



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