

**King's Papers--Back To Atlanta**



Dr. Martin L. King, Jr.

Atlanta/GA...The City of Atlanta has announced that a deal has been struck to bring the coveted Martin Luther King Jr.'s collection of handwritten documents and books back to Atlanta. The items valued at \$15 million to \$30 million were scheduled to be sold at Sotheby's auction house in New York.

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**AT&T To Unite Low Income Families**



Chicago/IL...AT&T Chairman and CEO Ed Whitacre, right, met KeMarius Lee, a 17-year-old Chicago student, along with Reverend Jesse Jackson, left, in Chicago on Wednesday, June 14, prior to Whitacre's announcement of a new program, 'AccessAll,' a \$100-million, three-year initiative to provide computers, Internet access and technology training to 50,000 low-income families across the United States. Lee and his family were part of the 'AccessAll' pilot program.

*(PRNewsFoto/AT&T Inc., Todd Rosenberg)*

**Iguodala Returns To His Roots**



Springfield/IL...Andre Iguodala with family members (L-R) Terrence Lawson, first cousin; Frank Iguodala, brother; (Andre); Linda and Leonard Shanklin - parents.

Springfield native Andre Iguodala came home

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**Statewide "Keep Cool" Campaign**



Carol Adams

Chicago/IL...Secretary of the Illinois Department of Human Services Dr. Carol D. Adams joined state and city officials at the Lakewood Engineering and Manufacturing Company in Chicago to launch Governor Rod Blagojevich's Keep Cool Illinois campaign. The Department of Human Services will make 130 statewide cooling centers available all summer to give vulnerable seniors and families a place to stay cool and healthy during hot summer temperatures.

**A Man's lifelong Search For Love**



James Helm

Springfield/IL...Three women and the roles they play in a man's lifelong search for love are fondly remembered in the first book by James R. Helm.

"The Bittersweet Cycle of Loves Past" is an autobiographical trilogy of love stories with a common theme - that outside forces can make or break a relationship.

Spanning several decades of Helm's life, from an idealistic 17-year-old to a seasoned man in his forties, the book offers readers a glimpse into the heart of a romantic man's encounters as he searches for true love. One by one, Helm introduces readers to three women he dearly loved: Robin, his first love as a teenager; Julia, a British beauty queen he met while stationed overseas in the U.S. Air Force; and Marie, a nurse who is his last hope for love and a lasting relationship.

Helm, a professional photographer raised in Springfield, Illinois, graduated with honors from Greenville College. He has three children and two grandchildren. *(Copies of The Bittersweet Cycle of Loves Past will be available soon at amazon.com and booksurge.com.)*

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**Lincoln Museum Is Hot Spot!**



Sojourner Truth Frederick Douglass Elizabeth Keckley

Since its opening in April 2005 the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and Library, a \$150 million project in downtown Springfield, Illinois has drawn over 600,000 visitors.

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**Jobs For Youth**



Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich, joined by U.S. Congressman Bobby L. Rush and State Senator Mattie Hunter, announcing a \$1.9 million summer jobs program for young people from low-income families throughout Illinois.

Chicago/IL...Governor Rod R. Blagojevich recently announced a \$1.9 million summer jobs program for young people from low-income families throughout Illinois. The new program will provide summer jobs for 1,160 high school and college students. The Illinois Department of Human

Services (IDHS) and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (DNR) are coordinating the program. The Governor made the announcement alongside U.S. Congressman Bobby L. Rush (D-Chicago), whose Hope and Healing job program targeting young people in Chicago's Englewood

neighborhood will benefit from 250 jobs through the Governor's initiative. "Summer jobs mean earning money. And it means learning how to work. In some ways, the jobs that really taught me how to work were the jobs I had as a boy and as a teenager - jobs like delivering pizzas and shining shoes.

Programs like this mean a lot for communities like Englewood - communities that need our help," said Blagojevich. "For high school and college kids, summer jobs can be a big part of preparing for future success. These jobs will teach kids to

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**The Springfield Black Expo Is Back!**



DJ Captain

Springfield/IL...The 4th Annual Springfield Black Expo will be back in Springfield on Saturday, July 22, from 9:00am to 7:00pm at the Warehouse located on 2548 S. 1st Street in Springfield, Illinois.

According to its founders, Tammy Lackland, Jonathan Lackland, and DJ Captain at 99.7 Kiss-FM Radio, the pri-

mary purpose of the Expo is to celebrate the accomplishments of the Springfield community.

"Expo goers will have access to over 100 vendors and entertained by various recording artists including Springfield's own AZ One; 3-Piece; Men @Large; and Wendell B., said DJ Captain. "The day will be full of fun

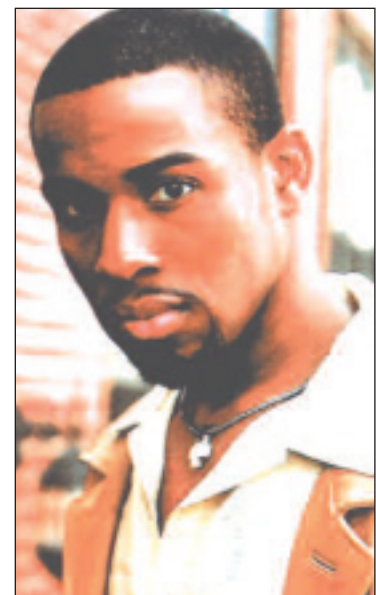
and excitement including gospel choirs, fashion show segments and a local artist spotlight...the entire family will have fun," said Captain.

This year's Springfield Black Expo is being sponsored by State Farm Insurance, Springfield Urban League, Regions Bank, Hanson Information Systems, and Wing Zone.

**Meeting At The Elder's Circle**



Kimberly Moore



Joel P. E. King

Springfield/IL... "There's a 'Meeting at the Elder's Circle' and it's happening at the Hoogland Center for the Arts located in downtown Springfield, Illinois," said Kimberly Moore, producer for the upcoming play. "A fresh, classic comedy with stellar performers will grace the stage with grace, prayer

and supplication as they set it off in the world premiere of 'Meeting at the Elder's Circle' written by young playwright as well as director and performer, Joel P. E. King of East Saint Louis, Illinois," said Moore. "You will laugh, shout, rejoice and

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**Stevie Wonder Honored**



Stevie Wonder

Washington/DC...Multi-Grammy award winning musician and Motown legend Stevie Wonder will be presented on Tuesday, July 4, with the National Artistic Achievement Award by acclaimed actor Cuba Gooding, Jr., live on "PBS' A Capitol Fourth 2006."

Check your local listings! *(Photo courtesy of Capital Concerts)*