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The Clinton Campaign announced the endorsement of former New York Mayor David N. Dinkins.

"Hillary Clinton has devoted her life to helping others," Dinkins said. "From healthcare to education to caring for our veterans, she has been a champion for the millions of Americans who have been invisible to this administration. Her depth of experience and her strength of character make her uniquely suited to be President.

Dinkins, New York City's first African-American Mayor, served as the 106th Mayor of the City of New York from 1990 to 1994. Among his many accomplishments was the institution of the widely praised "Safe Streets, Safe City" program, which hired thousands of new police officers and began the decline of crime rates in New York City. He established a system of after-school youth centers, Beacon Schools, and opened several Community Health Centers. Dinkins also led the fight to divert the City's $500 million dollars in pension funds invested in companies that did business with apartheid South Africa and worked to create an all-civilian Police Oversight Board to review misconduct complaints.

Mayor Dinkins graduated from Howard University and began his public service career as a New York State Assemblyman. He served as President of the N.Y.C. Board of Education and served as City Clerk before winning election as a Manhattan Borough President. Dinkins currently teaches at Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs, hosts a radio show, practices law and serves on boards as an advocate for children and compassionate urban policy.

"Mayor Dinkins has been a leading voice for social justice in New York and across the country, and I'm honored to have his support," Clinton said.

City Manager Richard Clark

Recommends Major Judy Bradshaw for DSM Police Chief

After an exhaustive recruitment and interview process Des Moines City Manager Richard Clark has selected Police Major Judy Bradshaw as the next Des Moines Police Chief. Bradshaw succeeds Chief William McCarthy who retired in February. Clark’s selection of Major Bradshaw was submitted to the City Council on July 9 for their approval.

Bradshaw’s career in law enforcement began with her employment at a Des Moines Police cadet in 1980 and she has held every rank in the state’s largest department in her 27-year career. Major Bradshaw has prepared herself for this role having attained a Master of Public Administration Degree and Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration from Drake University. In addition, she has attended numerous conferences and special training courses as a police officer for the City including the Police Executive Research Forum - Senior Management Institute for Police at the Harvard School of Government and the FBI National Academy.

Bradshaw’s selection concludes a comprehensive nationwide search that yielded several eminently qualified candidates. A final group of five candidates underwent a full day of interviews by four panels. The panels were comprised of representatives from Des Moines Neighbors, NAACP, the Status of Iowans of Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Division, Latinos Unidos, employee representatives and city management staff. The objective of this process was to include the valuable input from the community, which the police serve. The interviewing panels questioned each candidate and concluded they were well qualified for the position and shared their views with the City Manager. Clark stated, "I wanted to find the best person to hold this critical position and I did. The candidates presented to me were all well qualified and any of them could have done the job. However, after an exhaustive interview and testing process, Major Bradshaw emerged as the best candidate for the City."

Iowa law requires the City Manager to submit his recommendation to the Council for their approval. Clark will present his recommendation to the City Council on July 9. If the Council votes to approve the appointment, Bradshaw will begin her duties as Des Moines Police Chief on July 16 with an annual base salary of $125,000.

A brief history of Independence Day

The most important American national holiday commemorates the birthday of the United States of America. It is celebrated on July 4 each year in states and possessions of the United States. On July 2, 1776, the Continental Congress declared the American Colonies free and independent from England and its King, George Ill. But it took the delegates two days to agree on a formal document written by Thomas Jefferson, announcing their action. On July 4, the Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence. However, it was not signed on this day. Only Continental Congress President John Hancock and Secretary Charles Thompson signed the rough draft that day. The 55 other delegates had to wait almost a month for the final document to be carefully engrossed on parchment, which they then signed on August 2, 1776.
Leverage your economic power

At the state and federal level there is a way to improve our political power. We should start to organize Political Action Committees (P.A.C.’s) but do it in a different way; by creating these P.A.C.s in platoons, or departments such as housing, economic development, education and health just to name a few. With these departments we then can set strategies to improve that segment of our community, all of us need to be involved with whichever department we see our strength to be in. We then can start to sit down with our elected officials to convey our needs and expectations for our communities. Going to the statehouse or to Washington D.C. is easier than we might think and it’s our right to talk to the people that represent us in office.

Now at some point we can set up visits from our elected officials to hear our concerns, and receive our requests. All of those elected officials we have voted for must remember how they got into office, and that we surely remember. Let’s start now building our political power.

The Iowa caucuses are coming up early next year and we need to participate heavily to make our voice very relevant. Remember we the people call the shots. Some people think that Black folk don’t caucus, but we can change the perception. By attending caucus trainings when they happen and learning how to position yourself to become a potential delegate will lead to a more respected power position.

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--- Mary McLeod Bethune

"We have a powerful potential in our youth, and we must have the courage to change old ideas and practices so that we may direct their power toward good ends."

--- Mary McLeod Bethune
RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) - For the first time ever in the South, blacks are as well represented on college campuses as they are in the region’s population as a whole - something not yet true of the country overall.

The milestone is noted in a new fact book to be released Monday by the Southern Regional Education Board, a nonprofit organization that promotes education.

In the 16 states measured, the number of blacks enrolled in colleges has risen by more than half over the last decade. They now make 21 percent of college students and 19 percent of the overall population.

The number represents progress but it also has to be seen in context. A major contributing factor is the South’s rapidly growing Hispanic population, which has reduced the proportion of the population that is black, and thereby made the milestone easier to reach mathematically.

And educators also stressed that the number should not obscure the persistent achievements gaps affecting blacks both in the South and nationally. Particularly, black enrollment rates for college-age students, while improving, still lag well behind those of whites, as do the graduation rates of black college students.

With a college degree now almost a prerequisite for high-paying jobs, those achievement gaps pose an economic threat - and the South will be on the cutting edge of that. In 2005 about 61 percent of public high school graduates in the South were white, the education board said, but by 2018 that figure is expected to be 45 percent.

“We’ve made tremendous progress, don’t get me wrong,” board President Dave Spence said. “But, added, unless achievement gaps narrow, “we’re going to be in trouble. We already made the milestone easier to reach mathematically.”

Individuals should submit a letter of interest and resume by 4 pm on July 8 to:

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Letters and resumes received by 4 pm, July 11, 2007, will be considered.
DSM Art Center presents

Art on the Big Screen III

The Art Center will present Art on the Big Screen III—a series of films for art and film enthusiasts alike in the Art Center’s Levitt Auditorium. Presented on consecutive Sunday afternoons beginning on July 8, all films are free of charge and feature films relating to art on many levels ranging from the heiress of priceless works of art, to Munch’s The Scream (1893), and ending with a film that documents the life and work of the great architect, Frank Gehry.

Sunday, July 8, 1 pm
Stolen, 2005
Rebecca Dreyfus, director; 85 minutes, not rated but intended for PG audiences.
The shocking 1990 theft of 13 masterworks from Boston’s Isabella Stewart Gardner museum brings together historical figures, curators, authors, investigative reporters, and organized crime in this fascinating documentary. Art detective Harold Smith stands in the center of all this, working tirelessly to solve what many believe is the largest art heist in modern history.

Sunday, July 15, 1 pm
Edvard Munch, 1974
Peter Watkins, director; 174 minutes, not rated, but intended for adult audiences. English and Norwegian with English subtitles.
Munch’s The Scream (1893) is one of the most recognizable images in art. This stylized biopic tells the story of the tortured man who created it. Featuring unusual documentary-style techniques and narration from the artist’s diaries, this film frankly explores tragedy, neuroses, and the transcendence of the creative process.

Sunday, July 22, 1 pm
Sketches of Frank Gehry, 2005
Sydney Pollack, director; 83 minutes, Rated PG-13.
Gehry’s dramatic, free-form buildings have made him one of the biggest stars in contemporary architecture. Directed by his close friend Sydney Pollack, this documentary presents a portrait of a master builder at work, from toy-size cardboard models to soaring metal structures. Actors, musicians, artists, and Gehry’s fellow architects offer insight and comment along the way.

Des Moines Art Center
Recognized by international art critics as a world-class museum in the heart of the Midwest, the Des Moines Art Center has amassed an important collection with a major emphasis on contemporary art. The collection’s overriding principle is a representation of artists from the nineteenth century to the present, each through a seminal work. This accounts for an impressive collection that ranges from Edward Hopper’s Automat to Jasper Johns’ Tennyson, Henri Matisse’s Woman in White, Georgia O’Keeffe’s From the Lake No. 1, and Francis Bacon’s Study after Velázquez’s Portrait of Pope Innocent X.

The Art Center’s physical complex marries with the collection for a totally integrated experience. The collection is housed in three major buildings; each designed by a world-renowned architect – Eliel Saarinen, I. M. Pei, and Richard Meier. With the exception of special events, admission to the museum is free. Hours are Tuesday - Friday 11 am – 4 pm; every Thursday 11 am - 9 pm; Saturday 10 am – 4 pm; Sunday Noon - 4 pm; closed Monday.
The Des Moines Art Center opened a branch museum in 2003 at 800 Walnut Street. The Des Moines Art Center Downtown exhibition space features three or four exciting and fresh exhibitions each year. General admission to the branch location is also free. Hours are 11 am – 4 pm, Monday – Friday and second Saturdays during exhibitions.

Jim Rouse named interim director of Iowa Crop Improvement Association
Jim Rouse has been named the interim director of the Iowa Crop Improvement Association.

The nonprofit Iowa Crop Improvement Association is the official seed certifying agency for the state of Iowa, with headquarters in the Department of Agronomy at Iowa State University.

This month, Rouse will assume the responsibilities of Del Koch, who is retiring from the position after four years. Koch will continue to serve as the executive director of the Committee for Agricultural Development, a nonprofit affiliate organization of Iowa State.

Rouse, a native of Ayrshire, Iowa, has been project leader for a study of Iowa’s Crop Performance Tests since 2005. Each year the tests measure yields of hundreds of varieties of corn and soybeans in multiple locations around Iowa to help growers identify high-performance lines. Tests also are conducted on alfalfa and small grain crops.

Rouse was a graduate research assistant in Iowa State University’s corn breeding program from 2001 to 2004. From 1995 to 2001, he worked in the commercial seed industry. He earned a Ph.D. in plant breeding and a master’s degree in entomology, both at ISU.

The Iowa Crop Improvement Association’s mission is to provide an unbiased source of service and education in production and quality assurance for Iowa agricultural crops. Founded in 1902, the association has provided seed production and crop performance testing services for 87 years. The association’s membership is composed of farmers, seed producers and others interested in crop improvement. Lee Huey of Ames currently is president of the nine-member board of directors.

The Iowa Crop Improvement Association supports the Iowa State University Crops Team, sponsors the Iowa FFA Agronomy Career Development event, offers a summer internship program and awards five annual scholarships to ISU undergraduates.

Weekly Meditation

“Stop Now and Bless His Name”

Psalm 103
Verse of Concentration

“I bless the Holy Name of God with all my heart. Yes, I will bless the Lord and not forget the glorious things He does for me.” Psalm 103:1-2 NIV

David’s praise focused on God’s glorious acts. It is so easy for us to get side tracked and complain about life, but David’s list in Psalm 103 gives us plenty for which to praise God; His love, forgiveness, salvation, kindness, mercy, justice, patience, tenderness, all of this we receive, without deserving any of them. No matter how difficult our life’s journey, we can always count our blessings: past, present and future. When in doubt, remember David’s list in Psalm 103. Whatever you may be doing right now as you’re reading your weekly Bystander, stop, give God the Glory and recite this prayer:

“Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within me. I will not forget your benefits towards me. You have forgiven all of my sins and you have healed all my diseases. You have redeemed my life from destruction, and you have grounded me with loving kindness and tender mercies. You have satisfied my mouth with good things and you have renewed me like an eagle (Psalm 103:1-5).

Because you, O Lord, have done so much for me, I will sing praises to you with understanding (Psalm 47:7) and I will exalt your Name at all times (Psalm 34:1). I will brag on you and cause others to magnify your Name with me (Psalm 34:1-2). I have tasted and seen that you are good and that you are a rewarder of them that diligently seek you (Psalm 34:8; Hebrews 11:6). Lord, for the rest of my life, I will give you the fruit of my lips, and the melodies of my heart, always giving you thanks (Hebrews 13:15; Ephesians 5:19). Lord I adore you and I sing of your love forever. I will never get tired of giving you praise, glory and adoration for all that you’ve done. There is none like you in all the earth and I delight in the privilege of loving you, and you loving me. I clap my hands and applaud you as I shout unto you with the voice of triumph (Psalm 47:1-2)! God, you reign and I honor your awesomeness in my praise, worship and in my song unto you. You deserve the honor and the glory and I lift my hands and bless your Holy Name (Psalm 47:8)!

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~ Joseph Pulitzer
Department of Labor awards Iowa Comprehensive Human Services

The U.S. Department of Labor announced that Iowa Comprehensive Human Services (ICHS) in Des Moines will share in $3.8 million in grants being awarded to 73 faith-based and community organizations involved in workforce development. The Iowa organization was selected as among the best of competing applicants and will receive $50,000 to carry out its proposed activities.

“Faith-based and community organizations play vital roles in helping those in greatest need to find jobs and build better lives for themselves and their families,” said Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao. “The $3.8 million in grants will go to 73 faith-based and community organizations to provide supportive services as individuals seek to reintegrate into the workforce.”

ICHS will provide counseling in employment and training opportunities in Des Moines and Polk County through their involvement with the One-Stop Career Center. Services include job-search guidance, resume building, job-retention, career exploration and labor-market information. ICHS will refer youth to an appropriate array of employment and training services and will establish a pilot project beginning July 1 to station a professional youth worker at the One-Stop Center.

For additional information on the grant, contact James Underwood at (515) 245-7800.

“Faith-based and community organizations have proven their ability to reach into communities and connect individuals facing barriers to employment to local career resources,” said Assistant Secretary of Employment and Training Emily Stoever DeRocco. “These groups are one of the primary links between individuals struggling to gain employment and needed assistance.”

The grants are part of the Labor Department’s ongoing effort to partner existing programs with effective faith-based and community organizations to better serve the needy. Today’s awards will allow recipients to expand their services to more neighborhoods than ever before.

“Working with every willing partner allows us to better serve those in need,” said Rhett Butler, director of the Department of Labor’s Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. “The organizations receiving funding today are skilled at making connections with those in need, at providing services with a personal touch, and at helping individuals break their cycle of recurring struggles that have kept them from better economic opportunities.”

The U.S. Department of Labor also announced that the South Central Iowa Independent Living Center (SCICIL) in Oskaloosa will receive $60,000 to carry out its proposed activities.

Partnering with the One-Stop Career Center, SCICIL will provide employment services to people in Mahaska, Appanoose, and Monroe Counties with disabilities. Based on assessments, they will offer information and referral services, pre-and post-job mentoring, service coordination/case management, job-retention support, life and employability skills training, job-placement services, employer site visits and information and education.

For more information on the department’s employment and training programs, visit www.doleta.gov.

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**Library Search Committee**
c/o Human Resources Director
City Hall – 400 Washington St.
Burlington, IA 52601

on or by Monday, July 30, 2007. Letters of recommendation must be sent by US Mail to the same address.

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Minister calls for Black Baptist group to help families

ST. LOUIS (AP) - A black Baptist leader is urging black churches to set goals for reducing by 25 percent the rate of black divorce, teen pregnancy, illiteracy, murder and HIV infection by 2012, and increasing the adoption of black foster children.

The goals are part of the ambitious Save the Family Now initiative that the Rev. R.B. Holmes Jr. rolled out this week as more than 45,000 delegates of the National Baptist Convention USA attended the group’s annual Congress of Christian Education.

Holmes said it was time for black clergy to lead a movement, not unlike the fight for civil rights 40 years ago. Ministers must challenge the culture and forces that have hurt the black family and community, including those who “debase, degrade and belittle our mothers and daughters,” he said.

“We have to be prophetic, positive, persistent,” said Holmes, who is congress president for the several million-member Baptist convention.

Over the last 20 years, the Bethel Missionary Baptist church he pastors in Tallahassee, Fla., has partnered with others to provide senior citizen housing, charter schools, mental health clinics, opportunities for first-time homebuyers, even a restaurant to train people for work.

He wants to identify 25 cities that could duplicate the model for their churches. “That,” he said, “is a church ministry.”

On Friday, panels of black clergy, mayors and educators from historically black colleges and universities discussed strategies for bolstering the black family.

Holmes said it wasn’t enough that critics throttled talk-show host Don Imus for referring to the Rutgers University women’s basketball team as “nappy-headed hos.”

“We won’t tolerate the N-word, the B-word or the H-word from anybody,” Holmes said.

“We can’t give Nelly, 50 Cent and Snoop Dogg a pass. We’ll take it as far as it needs to go to challenge the music, the lyrics and videos that bring about total devastation of the black family.”

Fitzgerald Hill, president of Arkansas Baptist College in Little Rock, said he is appalled by the disproportionate number of black men in prison, who suffered from a lack of good role models.

“Until black men recapture leadership responsibility in their families, this generational curse will be passed down,” he said.

He said his college started sports and music programs in high schools to recruit kids to a better future. The college teaches students to assume leadership and understand “why God put you here. It’s not just making money,” he said.

Stanley Hillard of Houston, who heads the National Baptist Married Couples Conference, said drugs, AIDS, incarceration and military service have taken fathers out of the home.

“No matter how it’s lost, it’s lost,” he said. “We have to address all the areas.”

The church has a couples and singles ministry, and teaches youth about abstinence and safe sex.

A workshop this week preached safe behaviors to 3,000 teenagers to prevent HIV infection. “That wouldn’t have happened five years ago,” health organizer Evelyn Mason said.

Pryor urges Bush to nominate black judge to federal bench

President Bush should nominate a black person to fill the federal judgeship in Arkansas left vacant by the death of U.S. District Judge George Howard Jr., Sen. Mark Pryor says.

Not only was Howard the first black federal judge in Arkansas, Pryor said Wednesday, but the Eastern District of Arkansas where Howard was a judge also has a large minority population.

Pryor, D-Ark., said in his weekly conference call with reporters that he was not opposed to any of the six people recommended last week to the White House for the post by U.S. Rep. John Boozman. He also said that Boozman, who made the recommendations as the only Republican in the Arkansas delegation, did a good job of coming up with a diverse list.

Boozman recommended five lawyers and a state appeals court judge to replace Howard, who died in April at age 82. Three of the candidates are black; the others are white.
ATLANTA (AP) - Immigrants, American Indians and refugees from the Katrina-ravaged Gulf Coast gathered in Atlanta to kick off a five-day forum covering a host of issues from racial justice to globalization.

"Welcome to Atlanta in the spirit of nonviolence and justice," the Rev. Joseph Lowery, president emeritus of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (pictured), told participants assembled outside the state Capitol.

In a fiery speech, Lowery accused the U.S. of "shacking up with the prostitute of materialism and greed."

"We continue as a nation putting corporate greed above social need," he said.

The participants marched through downtown Atlanta, chanting and stopping traffic along the way for nearly two hours.

The forum agenda spans a wide-range list of causes, from a panel on Gulf Coast reconstruction to another on immigrant and migrant rights.

Jennifer Pae handed out signs for the group "Jobs for Justice" to marchers as they lined up. The 24-year-old, who is president of the U.S. Student Association, came from Washington, D.C.

"This is an amazing opportunity for leaders from across the country to make change for the better," she said, praising the coalition of social justice organizations.

Earlier in the day, Lowery led some organizers in a wreath-laying at the tomb of The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

"It was beautiful," Lowery said of the brief ceremony. "It was the recognition of the role of the civil rights movement in creating change in this country."

Organizers said they expected thousands of participants from more than 50 organizations.

Cultural events were planned at various locations throughout the city.

Atlanta poet and activist Alice Lovelace said Atlanta was chosen to host the forum because of its historic place in the civil rights struggle.

"That was a shining example of a bottom-up struggle by oppressed people of color to create a better world," Lovelace said. "That's what the social forum is all about."

World Social Forums have been held annually since 2001. Organizers of this week's event in Atlanta said its is the first one to focus on the United States.
LR offers plenty tied to 50th anniversary of desegregation

Elizabeth Eckford, from left, Carlotta Walls LaNier and Ernest Green, three of the Little Rock Nine who helped desegregate Little Rock Central High School in 1957, walk the halls of Little Rock Central before the unveiling of a central high commemorative coin, Saturday, May 19, 2007, in Little Rock, Ark. (AP Photo/Mike Wintroath)

LITTLE ROCK (AP) - National Park Service Ranger Spirit Trickey feels a special connection when directing tourists down the sidewalk to Little Rock Central High School. Her mother made the same journey 50 years ago as one of nine black students integrating the previously all-white school.

“I always want people to realize that this is their history too. It’s not just black history. It’s American history and world history,” said Trickey, the daughter of Minniejean Brown-Trickey, one of the Little Rock Nine. The Central High School National Historic Site offers tours related to the 1957 crisis, and visitors to Little Rock will find a variety of things to see and do this summer and early fall to mark the 50th anniversary of the events.

After a showdown between Gov. Orval Faubus and President Eisenhower, the Little Rock Nine entered Central High School on Sept. 25, 1957 - escorted by members of the 101st Airborne. The U.S. Supreme Court had ruled against “separate but equal” schools in 1954 but Faubus ignored a local federal court order to integrate Central.

“(Central) was the first important test after the Brown vs. Board of Education case to break down segregation and education. So Brown happened on the court level, but this was on the ground level,” Trickey said.

The imposing Central High building still evokes memories of black and white newswreel footage of National Guardsmen, bayonets in hand, shielding the school. Angry crowds filled the streets, jeering the Little Rock Nine.

One of the most famous photos of the era shows a white girl yelling at Elizabeth Eckford, one of the original nine, as she walked near the school.

Visitors can walk the same sidewalk today with Central High students, black and white. “When people actually walk down that street that she walked when the mob was following her ... I’ve had visitors tell me that it’s surreal, eerie,” Trickey said. “I mean that they were stopped in their tracks - that kind of thing. It’s very touching to walk those same steps.”

To mark the 50th anniversary, Little Rock has planned a number of events.

At the national historic site, rangers offer tours from the visitor center to Human Rights: Celebrating Our Diversity.” The World is Watching Us! From Civil Rights to Human Rights: Celebrating Our Diversity.”

At the visitor center, a Commemorative Garden has winding stone walkways that lead past a different set of nine benches, along with nine trees, through large arches with photos of Little Rock Central students. A 10,000-square-foot visitor center that is more than five times the size of the current center is under construction. It will open in time for closing the schools in the wake of the integration crisis. Dunbar was originally a segregated school for black students.

“The Last Struggle,” showing how presidential decisions influenced the Civil Rights movement.

Jordan Johnson, spokesman for the library, said the library will begin taking reservations to see the proclamation on Aug. 1. “It would be a very popular attraction even if it weren’t the (Central) anniversary,” Johnson said. “But it’s going to magnify it and help children and adults see it in a different context and real world application here.”

Additionally, the Arkansas Repertory Theatre will perform an original play called “It Happened in Little Rock,” which grew out of 100 interviews with people closely linked to the desegregation effort. Theatre Director Bob Hupp said the three acts will focus on 1957, 2007 and Central’s legacy during its run Sept. 14-30. “We felt this was a story that hadn’t been told on the stage and that it would be an important story to tell,” he said.

An art show presented by The Central High School Visual Arts Department Sept. 14-Oct. 27, titled “Looking Back - Looking Ahead: Commemorating 50 Years of Integration,” will be on display at the city’s Cox Creative Center. Additionally, the annual Worldfest will focus of civil rights and human rights. The two-day event, Sept. 21-22 at MacArthur Park near downtown Little Rock, is a multicultural festival. This year’s theme is “The World is Watching Us! From Civil Rights to Human Rights: Celebrating Our Diversity.”

The Terry Mansion was the home of Adolphine L.C. and Daisy Bates Home National Historic Landmark, the Governor’s Mansion, and the state Capitol.

To help crystalize the images, the center displays photographs, including the famous shot of Eckford. Others show the National Guardsmen, and signs outside the school that read, “This school is closed by order of the federal government.”

A reflecting pool on campus, once covered over, shows how peaceful the campus is now. Ten marble benches - one for each of the Little Rock Nine and one in honor of the school’s past, present and future students - were unveiled on the 49th anniversary in 2006 and show that the school hasn’t forgotten its past.

Across from the visitor center a walking tour of the building and grounds.

The Bike with a Ranger program leads groups of up to 30 on an approximately 7/2-mile bike tour of various sites related to the 1957 crisis. The tour starts at the visitor center, travels to the L.C. and Daisy Bates Home National Historic Landmark, the Terry Mansion, Dunbar Middle School, continues to the Governor’s Mansion, and the state Capitol.

Daisy Bates was a local civil rights leader and a mentor to the Little Rock Nine. The Terry Mansion was the home of Adolphine Terry, who founded a women’s organization to condemn Faubus for closing the schools in the wake of the integration crisis. Dunbar was originally a segregated school for black students.

The nearby Clinton Presidential Library will exhibit the Emancipation Proclamation - on loan from the National Archives - for four days, Sept. 22-25. The document will be the centerpiece of an exhibit called “The Last Struggle,” showing how presidential decisions influenced the Civil Rights movement.

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Continuing the celebration of the “Hidden Heroes” banquet

In 1996, a community youth group “Youth Working for Positive Change” (YWPC), an affiliate of Des Moines Citizens for Community Improvement (CCI), decided that young people were often recognized for their wrong doings or what their not doing, and not often enough for their accomplishments. When positive recognition was given, it was always to the valedictorians or athletes, but never to the youth who have overcome adversity. Therefore YWPC and CCI created a venue for these individuals to be recognized and celebrated through “The Hidden Heroes Banquet”.

This event was hosted annually from 1996 until 2005. Throughout those years the popularity of the event continued to grow and YWPC recognized over 225 youth in Des Moines and surrounding cities. In 2005, the funding for YWPC became limited; as a result, the Hidden Heroes Banquet sadly came to an end.

“Our youth today are just tolerated and not celebrated” stated Elpis employee Shundrea Trotty. So both CCI and Elpis want to see the tradition of recognizing youth who have beaten the odds continue, therefore CCI decided to gift the Hidden Heroes Banquet to Elpis Ministries, Inc. Elpis Ministries, Inc. is a community based non-profit organization dedicated to help underprivileged community members succeed. We work with individuals and families by eradicating barriers that stop them from becoming self sufficient by providing programming, resources, counseling and supportive services, creating a personalized action plan for participants to follow that will ensure success.

It was the community who helped make this event successful and we still need your support. We would like you to join us in identifying “the unheard, unseen, unsung…Hidden Heroes” in this community, from the ages of 6 to 19, who have overcome great obstacles and through hard work and determination, have persevered. This event sponsored by Elpis Ministries, along with Bankers Trust, will be held September 22, 2007. We need your help in identifying and nominating youth who you believe need to be recognized for great achievements or accomplishments. For more information about the event and nomination forms, please contact Shundrea Trotty at (515) 237-8000; or by email at strotty_elpis@qwest.net. We solicit your help in continuing this great effort of building and restoring hope in the futures of our children.

Des Moines Library News

Forest Avenue Library Temporarily Closed for Renovation

The Forest Avenue Library will be closed from Monday, July 2 through Sunday, August 5 for extensive remodeling. The library’s book drop will remain open so patrons may continue to return their books there. Because of the renovation, all of this summer’s reading programs and storytimes will be held at King Elementary School, 1849 Forest Avenue.

Franklin Avenue Library Connects Reading Partners

Teens can join in the magic of a child first learning how to read, thanks to a new program at the Franklin Avenue Library called Reading Partners. Designed for children who have finished first or second grade, this program gives teens a wonderful volunteer opportunity to share books and listen as beginning readers practice reading aloud. Both age groups must preregister at the information desk and teens are still needed. The program will continue every Friday from 2:00 to 3:00 PM through July 20.

Books will be available for purchase from The Book Store and a book signing will follow the program.

Check Out these Hours!

Library customers will want to make note of several upcoming changes in hours for the Des Moines Public Library.

New Hours Begin July 2: The Central Library will be open from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM Mondays through Thursdays, from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM on Fridays, from 9:00 to 5:00 PM on Saturdays, and open Sundays (year-round) from 1:00 to 5:00 PM. Branch hours will remain the same.

All six locations of the library will be closed on Wednesday, July 4 in honor of Independence Day. The library will resume regular hours on Thursday, July 5.

Adult Book Discussions

Whether you are looking for a great book to read at the beach, a little romance or cozy mystery, or just some inspiration, the library’s adult book discussion groups are a great place to discover new books and to recommend your favorite reads.

Monday, July 2, 2:00 PM, North Side Library: The Camel Bookmobile, by Masha Hamilton.
Thursday, July 5, 1:00 PM, Franklin Avenue Library: The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid: A Memoir, by Bill Bryson. Ask at the information desk to borrow a copy of the book.
Thursday, July 5, 2:00PM: South Side Library: Splendid Solution: Jonas Salk and the Conquest of Polio, by Jeffrey Kluger.

Cool Off with Summer Movies

Enjoy the air conditioning along with a cool movie—it’s free at your library!
Monday, July 2, 2:00 – 4:00 PM, East Side Library presents Monday Movie Madness: Everybody’s Hero. Rated G. Bring your popcorn and a pillow.

People pay for what they do, and still more for what they have allowed themselves to become. And they pay for it very simply: by the lives they lead. ~James Baldwin (1924-1987)
KBBG keeps Black Iowa informed!

Tune into “Black Iowa Today,” “Black Iowa Imperative,” and “KBBG’s Legislative Wrap.” “Black Iowa Today” airs the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 2:00 p.m., “Black Iowa Imperative” airs the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, and “KBBG’s Legislative Wrap” airs every Sunday at 5:00 p.m. on radio station KBBG 88.1 FM, Waterloo, Iowa or on the world wide web at www.kbbgfm.org.

The programs are hosted by Jonathan Narcisse, president of the State of Black Iowa Initiative.

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Church Listings & Weekly Schedules

Burns United Methodist Church
Rev. Dr. Curtis DeVance, JD, MDiv, Pastor
811 Crocker Street
Des Moines, IA 50309
Phone: Church 515-244-5883

Church Schedule:
Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Philadelphia Seventh-day Adventist Church
Rev. Marlon T. Perkins, Sr., Pastor
1639 Garfield Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50316
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 258

Des Moines, Iowa 50301
Phone: 515-262-3802
Email: sdaphiladelphia@msn.com

Church Schedule:
Sabbath (Saturday) Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.
Sabbath School at 9:30 a.m.
“Showers of Blessing” Fellowship & Prayer Service 15 9:00 a.m. (Saturday)
Wednesday Prayer Service at 6:30 p.m.

St. Paul A.M.E.
Rev. Derek E. Bastian, Pastor
St. Paul A.M.E Church
1201 Day Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50314
Ministry Days & Times
Sundays 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School
Praise & Worship
New Membership Class
Training or Minister/Evangelist
Nursery Available

Sundays 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship
Children’s Church
Nursery Available

Tuesdays
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Computer Classes for seniors
12:00 p.m. Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting
6:00 p.m. Aerobics & Tai-Bo
7:00 p.m. Bible Study
Good Samaritan Youth Outreach
Nursery Available

Wednesdays
5:30 p.m. Women’s Ministry
6:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays
6:00 p.m. Aerobics
6:00-7:00 p.m. Praise Team
7:00 p.m. Unity Choir Rehearsal

Saturday
Men’s Ministry - 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month at 8:00 a.m.
4:00 p.m. Traditional Service
For information please call 515-288-4199.

Union Missionary Baptist Church
Rev. Henry Isaiah Thomas, Pastor
E. University & McCormick Street
Des Moines, IA 50316
Phone: 515-262-1785
Transportation to Sunday School and Morning Worship Service
Bro. Donnie Williams: 244-4833 or Bro. Larry Welch: 771-4441
Mission Statement: Our mission is to win the lost, build the believers and equip the worker so as to make disciples who can make disciples who can make disciples.

Church Schedule:
Sundays - Worship at 8:00 a.m. & at 10:40 a.m.
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Tues. & Wed. - Reading Program at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesdays - Mid-Day Prayer Meeting at 12:00 p.m. and Prayer Meeting & Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.
J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) Youth Service 1st & 3rd Sunday 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

...how are they to hear without a preacher? Romans 10:14

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Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church
Address: 814 School Street • DSM, IA 50309
Phone: 515-243-4073
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Lee Zachary Maxey
Sunday Morning Worship: 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Church School: 9:15 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
Website: www.corinthianbaptism.org

New Friendship Church of God In Christ
Address: 1317 Forest Avenue • DSM, IA 50314
Phone: 515-243-7097
Pastor: Rev. R.L. Daye
Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday: Bible Study at 7:30 p.m.
Thursday: Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m.
Thursday: Pastoral Teaching at 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study Led By Pastor: 7:00 p.m.

King of Kings Missionary Baptist Church
Address: 619 S.E. 15th Street • DSM, IA
Phone: 515-283-3425
Pastor: Rev. Irvin Lewis, Sr.
Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Wednesday: Prayer and Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Maple Street Missionary Baptist Church
Address: 1552 E. Maple Street • DSM, IA 50316
Phone: 515-262-1931
Pastor: Rev. Keith A. Ratliff, Sr.
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

Mount Hebron Missionary Baptist Church
Address: 1338-9th Street • DSM, IA 50314
Phone: 515-280-9163
Pastor: Rev. Bobby Young
Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Church School: 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Philadelphia SDA Church
Address: 1639 Garfield Avenue • DSM, IA 50316
Phone: 515-262-7467
Pastor: Rev. Marlon T. Perkins, Sr.
Sabbath (Saturday) Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Sabbath (Saturday) Church School: 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting Service: 6:30 p.m.
Sunday Radio Ministry: 9:00 a.m., Praise 940 AM
Email Address: sdaphiladelphia@msn.com

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...how shall they preach, except they be sent? Romans 10:15
New federal survey documents U.S. sex behavior, illegal drug use

NEW YORK (AP) - A new federal study has found that men are more likely to have more sexual partners than women.

The nationwide survey, using high-tech methods to solicit candid answers on sexual activity and illegal drug use, finds that 29 percent of American men report having 15 or more female sexual partners in a lifetime, while only 9 percent of women report having sex with 15 or more men.

The median number of lifetime female sexual partners for men was seven; the median number of male partners for women was four.

The survey, released Friday, is based on data collected from 1999 to 2002 for the National Center for Health Statistics, a branch of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In previous versions of this survey, participants were asked questions in face-to-face interviews. The CDC believes that caused underreporting of behaviors which might be viewed negatively, although the new survey did not provide any comparative results from earlier reports.

This time, data was gathered from 6,237 adults, aged 20 to 59, in what are called computer-assisted self-interviews - a method designed to provide complete privacy and produce more honest answers.

"This is the first time we’ve used this technique," said Dr. Kathryn Porter, who served as medical officer for the survey. "The participants have a headset on, they hear questions, they touch the screen with responses. There’s no one else in the room and they can talk as long as they want."

Porter said the findings would provide grist for further studies, notably on the prevalence and patterns of sexually transmitted diseases.

Though the survey results were presented by the CDC without subjective comment, they will likely provide ammunition to various parties in the ongoing national debate over sex education, cohabitation and access to birth control.

Many of the conservative groups aligned with the Bush administration on social issues promote the goal of sexual abstinence until marriage. The survey found only about 11 percent of never-married adults had remained chaste.

Among the other findings:

- About 96 percent of U.S. adults have had sex.
- Sixteen percent of adults first had sex before age 15, while 15 percent abstained from sex until at least age 21.
- The proportion of adults who first had sex before age 15 was highest for non-Hispanic blacks (28 percent) compared to 14 percent for both Mexican-Americans and non-Hispanic whites.
- Six percent of blacks abstained from sex until age 21 or older, fewer than Mexican-Americans (17 percent) or non-Hispanic whites (15 percent).
- Black men and women were more likely to report having 15 or more partners in a lifetime (46 percent and 13 percent, respectively) than other racial or ethnic groups.
- Seventeen percent of men and 10 percent of women reported having two or more sexual partners in the past year.
- Twenty-five percent of women and 17 percent of men reporting having no more than one partner of the other sex in their lifetime.
- Twenty-six percent of men and 20 percent of women have tried cocaine or other street drugs (not including marijuana) at some time in their life. Seven percent of men and 4 percent of women had done so within the past 12 months.
- Non-Hispanic whites had a higher percentage of ever using cocaine or street drugs (23.5 percent) than blacks (18 percent) or Mexican-Americans (16 percent).
- Adults who were married or had more than a high school education were less likely to use street drugs than others.

The survey, formally titled the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, did not include the homeless, prisons inmates or other institutionalized adults.

The questions about numbers of sexual partners specified heterosexual relationships, and thus the survey did not measure the extent of gay or lesbian sexual partnerships. However, Porter said there was no such specificity in the questions about ever having had sex or about the age of first sexual activity, so answers to those could have referred to straight or gay sex.

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