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Leroy Maxwell started as a co-op at Savannah Electric which led to a 30 year career at Savannah Electric and Power Company (SEPCO), now Georgia Power. He started in the engineering department, utilizing his degree from Savannah Technical Institute in Construction Engineering, and ended his career in the Results Lab Department. During Maxwell's career at Georgia Power, he saw the industry



Leroy Maxwell

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Chatham-Savannah Youth Futures Authority to host Community Summit

Summit VIII featuring Keith Brown as Keynote Speaker

The Chatham-Savannah Youth Futures Authority is convening the Eighth Annual Community Summit. The theme of this year's summit is "Building Community Results through Collaboration." The objective of the Community Summit is to strengthen and expand partnership efforts in developing and executing action plans that address the issues facing our children, youth and their families. The summit will take place on September 25-26, 2008, at the Savannah Civic Center Ballroom.

The keynote speaker for the opening session at 6:00pm on Thursday, September 25th, is Mr. Keith L. Brown—known as the "Motivator of the Millennium". Mr. Brown is a native of Savannah and



Keith "Preacher" Brown

has a gift of relating to and inspiring
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The First City Classic is a two-day cultural festival in which musicians, restaurants, government offices, corporations, healthcare professionals, entrepreneurs and educators will welcome an estimated 70,000 visitors to showcase the best of what Savannah has to offer. The event is dedicated to presenting the tools for building strong communities and will bring together communities throughout the Coastal Empire for a variety of engaging educational opportunities and family-oriented entertainment.

The First City Classic will kick off Friday, September 12, 11 a.m. with the First City Taste, a gathering of dozens of local restaurants offering a broad selection of local cuisine, and concerts in the Park, a diverse schedule of performers including jazz, pop, gospel and R&B. The Concerts in the Park will culminate Friday evening with a performance by an internationally known surprise guest. Tickets for the First City Taste are available from several local non-profits including the local Red Cross, All Walks of Life (AWOL), A Working Woman In Need (AWWIN), CASA, the

Greenbriar Children's Center, Habitat for Humanity, Boy Scouts, Hope House, the Wesley Community Center, the Savannah Association for the Blind, the May St. YMCA and others. A portion of ticket sales will benefit each non-profit.

During the afternoon, the First City Classic will offer a Business Showcase while the Concerts in the Park continue through the evening. The Business Showcase will include dozens of exhibitors ranging from businesses to governmental agencies and non-profit organizations offering citizens and consumers a way to learn more about their community.

Included in the Business Showcase will be the Healthy Living Fair highlighting fun and easy ways to lead a healthier lifestyle such as the benefits of good nutrition and regular exercise. The Healthy Living Fair will offer free screenings for high blood pressure and several other health indicators as well as information about disease prevention.

The Business Showcase will also include the Education

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King-Tisdell Banquet to Feature Music from "Dream Girls"



Huxsie Scott

The King-Tisdell Cottage Foundation, Inc. (KTFCF) announces that acclaimed local vocalists Huxsie Scott, Lori J. Lewis and Mario Bennett, will salute the musical and movie "Dreamgirls," in performances during the eleventh annual Awards Banquet, which will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. in the Hyatt Regency Savannah. A reception will precede the banquet at 6:30 p.m. At the awards banquet, five awards are given annually to individuals, whose work has been significant in affecting progress, promoting human dignity and positively impacting either the city of Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia or the nation. Classically trained vocalist, Juanita



Mario Bennett

Tucker, will also open the program with the national anthem. In recent years, the caliber of the entertainment during the banquet has continued to increase - with last year's banquet featuring a show-stopping selection from the musical, "Rent," and solo performances by "American Idol" talent, Stephanie Edwards.

Dreamgirls is a 2006 musical film, jointly produced and released by DreamWorks Pictures and Paramount Pictures, which starred Jamie Foxx, Beyonce Knowles, Eddie Murphy and Jennifer Hudson. Dreamgirls won three Golden Globe awards in 2007, including Best Picture, and won two Oscars at the 2007 Academy Awards. A period



Lori J. Lewis

piece set in the 1960s and 1970s with a primarily African-American cast, Dreamgirls is adapted from the 1981 Broadway musical of the same name. The musical was based on the history and evolution of American R&B music during the eras of doo-wop, soul, the Motown Sound, funk, and disco. In addition, the stage musical and the movie contain several allusions to the lives and careers of Motown Records act, The Supremes

Huxsie Scott, a Savannah native, is often regarded as one of the greatest jazz/blues artists in the Savannah area. She began her career as a jazz vocalist in 1973 and per-

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