

Galaxy

(Continued from Page 2) woman". He also reveres his father. Now that Runnells has made a name for himself, he's eager to help others shine.

Currently, he's bringing the April Fools of Comedy to the city with Big Time Entertainment and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee. He's also auditioning for the movie "County Line", due out next year.

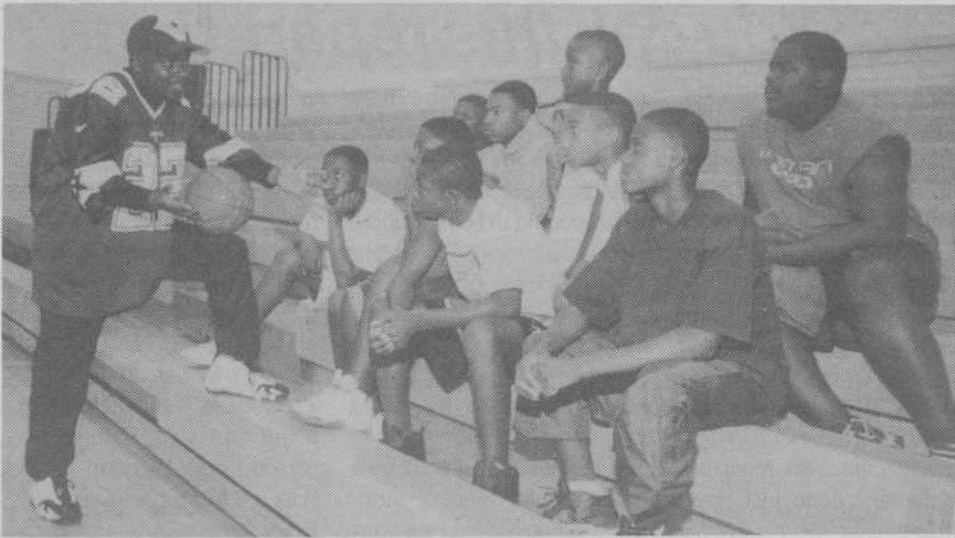
Runnells doesn't know how long he plans to stay in Las Vegas. He said that to really "cash in" on his talents, he'll likely have to leave. He's set to do more out-of-town dates.

Galaxy Glenn has enjoyed a great deal of success in a very tough business.

The one piece of advice that he would like to pass on is that in the entertainment industry, the key is to know who you are.



NAME: "Galaxy" Glenn Runnells
 AGE: 33
 SIGN: Leo (grrrr!)
 HOME STATE: California
 FAVORITE MUSIC: crooners, classic soul and blues
 FAVORITE COLORS: red, shades of blue, black
 FAVORITE FOOD: Chinese (NO PORK!)
 PEOPLE WHO I ADMIRE: Muhammad Ali
 BOXERS OR BRIEFS: boxers
 BEST ROMANTIC LINE: I love the way you caress me with your eyes.



Sentinel-Voice photos by John Broussard

Runnells speaks to youth recently at Doolittle Community Center.

Images

(Continued from Page 8) Image Awards issue of *The Hollywood Reporter* notes the following:

- From 1988 to 1997, 58, or 4.2% of the 1,384 theatrical motion pictures were directed by African-Americans.

- In 1998, the combined minority membership — African-American, Latino, Asian/Pacific Islander and Native American — in the Writers Guild of America was a meager 6%.

- In 1997, minorities accounted for 7% of the people employed in television and 5% of those writing produced screenplays.

- African-Americans tend to be employed in TV and film projects only with predominately African-American casts and cultural content.

- In the 1997-98 television season, 80% of all TV series had no African-Americans or minorities, or just one minority receiving a screen credit.

Those numbers cry out for greater diversity. The

NAACP seeks goals and timetables for change, not quotas. We oppose quotas, we embrace diversity. We are looking at a long-term process that includes goals for soliciting writers and directors, a game plan for TV programming and film projects.

As talented as our past and present honorees are, sadly, without the Image Awards, far too many individuals and organizations would not be acknowledged. Remember, not one African-American actor, screenwriter or feature film director received an Oscar nomination this year — an unmistakable reminder of the many reasons why the NAACP was founded 90 years ago and why the Image Awards were created.

Although we seek a day when there won't be a need for the Image Awards, that day is in the distant future. The Image Awards exist to make sure that today's scant opportunities for African-American talent in the entertainment industry will

not be an everlasting image, or reality.

ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

SMITH SENDS VIDEO TO SPECIAL FAN

JANESVILLE, Wis. (AP) — Will Smith is sharing secrets with a special fan about his latest movie. The movie star and recent Grammy winner sent a homemade videotape to Stacey Taylor, a 28-year-old victim of Huntington's disease. On the tape, he talks about his new movie — "Wild, Wild West" with Kevin Kline, due in theaters this spring — and shows pictures of a prototype doll being made of him as James West, his character in the movie. "No one — no one — has seen this," he confided. "This is like a top-secret, confidential, Warner Bros. in-house secret. Even more than the 'Men in Black' stuff." Smith sent the message after Ms. Taylor's nurse sent in a request to the Dream Foundation, a Santa Barbara, Calif.-based group that grants wishes for people with terminal illnesses and less than a year to live. "Tell Will Smith I appreciate what he did for me and thank him for giving me his time," Ms. Taylor said in Monday's Janesville Gazette. About 25,000 Americans have Huntington's, a progressively debilitating brain disorder. Victims, who include the late folk singer Woody Guthrie, gradually lose control over their mental and physical functions.



WILL SMITH

ICE CUBE ENTERS CONTRACT DISPUTE

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rappers Ice Cube and Mack 10 backed out of deal to feature their likenesses on clothing and threatened their business partners with violence, a lawyer told jurors. Businessmen Chris Word and Charles Palmer accuse the rappers of breach of contract and are seeking unspecified damages over the Beverly Hills deal they say the musicians abandoned in 1997. "The defendants decided on their own they would breach the contract, break it," the businessmen's lawyer, David Wiggins, told jurors as the trial began Tuesday. The rappers' lawyer, Irwin Evans, said the four men discussed starting a business but never entered into a partnership deal. He told jurors the dealings got off to a bad start when Word and Palmer forged Ice Cube's name on a lease agreement. An accountant for the rappers found the business had atrocious bookkeeping, Evans said. "My clients sought to take control of this business ... only after they had put in an excess of \$70,000 and not seen a penny," Evans added.



ICE CUBE

HUDSON TO PLAY JORDAN'S DAD IN FILM

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (AP) — Ernie Hudson, who stars on the HBO prison drama "Oz," is getting busy.

Hudson will play basketball great Michael Jordan's slain father, James Jordan, in "Michael Jordan: An American Hero," scheduled for broadcast on Fox April 18. He'll also appear as a homeless war veteran in "Everything's Jake," and as a minister in a New England town in "A Stranger in the Kingdom." Other upcoming films include "October 22nd," "Shark Attack," and "Stealth Fighter," in which he plays the president of the United States. Best known for his parts on "Ghostbusters" and "Ghostbusters II," Hudson lives in the San Bernardino mountains southeast of Los Angeles.



Michael Jordan

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