

Entertainment Briefs

NEW COMMERCIAL STATION LANDS HEAVY HITTER

Desert Sky Media LLC, the company behind KVGS-FM V 108, a new commercial station playing R & B and hip-hop, has landed the Doug Banks Morning Show, according to the company. The show will debut Aug. 6. The nationally syndicated Banks is known for his comedic style and flair for topical humor. He's been named "Air Personality of the Year" 13 times by prestigious industry publications, including Urban Network, IMPACT and Billboard Airplay Radio Monitor, according to a Desert Sky Media release. In addition to landing banks, company officials said they're also in the midst of launching a second station, KBYE-FM at 105.7. That station is slated to host the legendary Tom Joyner Morning Show. "When we began the project of building two new radio stations to serve Las Vegas, we promised to bring exciting high-profile personalities to the market," said General Manager Frank Woodbeck.

DENTAL PROBLEM FORCES JANET JACKSON TO POSTPONE SHOW

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Janet Jackson postponed a concert here just hours before showtime after she suffered what promoters called an injury that required emergency dental surgery. Jackson's Internet Web site said only that the singer "was regretfully forced to cancel her performance" and that "Janet apologizes to her Milwaukee fans." Milwaukee TV station WTMJ reported Jackson chipped a tooth and had to undergo a root canal. Bradley Center spokeswoman Michelle Kempin said Jackson's accident occurred sometime Wednesday afternoon while they were setting up the show. Some disappointed fans got the news Wednesday night after arriving at the downtown Bradley Center. Promoters told fans to keep their tickets because they hope the concert can be rescheduled. "It's kind of disappointing, but we understand," said Denyal Behn, 19, who drove three hours from Stevens Point to Milwaukee for the concert. Jackson is donating a portion of the proceeds from her tour to support the Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

CIVIC CENTER DIRECTOR PULLS PLUG ON RAPPER JUVENILE GIG

JACKSON, Tenn. (AP) — A civic center director pulled the plug on a show by rapper Juvenile after 10 minutes, saying the New Orleans rapper was using too much profanity. "We do not usually have rap," said Mose Burton, who runs the Carl Perkins Civic Center, named for the late rockabilly singer who lived in Jackson. "We haven't had one in 11 years. I said I'd try it if it is clean. I told them I would pull the plug if it wasn't. I take full responsibility." The show Wednesday night drew about 500 people to see several acts headlined by Juvenile, whose hits include "Back That Thang Up," and "Ha." His album "400 Degreez" has sold more than 3 million copies. The rapper had agreed to do a "clean" show, and children were allowed in if accompanied by a parent, Burton said. "When I came in from the office, it got really nasty," Burton said. "I told the sound man to cut the music and we cleared the house. The show was over." Fans who paid \$25 to see the show were not happy. "I think it was unfair," said Slonda Coupeland, 25. "We paid the money for a show and Juvy was giving us what we asked for."

JACKSON FIVE REUNION MAY BE IN DOUBT

NEW YORK (AP) — The planned reunion of all original members of The Jackson Five at Michael Jackson's 30th-anniversary concert may be in doubt. Producers of "Michael Jackson: 30th Anniversary Celebration, The Solo Years" released a statement Friday saying that Jermaine Jackson had dropped out of the shows, to be held Sept. 7 and 10 at Madison Square Garden. Marlon Brando, Britney Spears, Destiny's Child, 'N Sync, Quincy Jones and Diana Ross are among the celebrities expected to participate. "I am sorry Jermaine has chosen not to participate in this event," said David Gest, the producer of the event. "This is an event for Michael Jackson. It is a salute to a truly great and legendary artist. Jackie, Tito and Marlon, original members of The Jackson Five, will join their brother, Michael, onstage for this very special reunion." However, Jermaine Jackson's manager, Danny O'Donovan, told The Associated Press that Jermaine had not dropped out. He said his client just wanted to make sure early supporters of The Jackson Five would be invited.

ENTERTAINMENT

Young foursome work toward stardom

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"You must have good communication, trust, and you must love your fellow group members. Without those things, you won't make it as a group."

Without those things you won't make it in life," members of the group Full Effect agreed.

The young men's singing group came about in 1999. It's a short and sweet story. Guy Morton-James and twin brothers Stephen and Greg Washington were on the bus on their way to school when they started playing around, singing.

They were just having fun when they realized they sounded good, and that's when they decided they wanted to start a group. A little later, the last and final group member came about, named Selby Greigo.

Stephen and Greg both attend Green Valley High School and will be sophomores in the fall. Selby attends Chaparral and will be a junior. Guy attends Las Vegas Academy and will also be a junior.

You may have seen them performing around the Las Vegas Valley.

They've performed in places such as The Golden Nugget, Woodbury Middle School, community college, Horn Theater and Greenspun Middle school. They also appeared on "Kids Search 2000," an Internet-based "Star Search."

"A lot of our songs come from things that were going through, such as girls and relationship problems, and things about who we are and what we were about," said



Full Effect members, (L-R) Stephen Washington, Selby Greigo, Greg Washington and Guy Morton-James are looking forward to a record contract.

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Griego.

"It's basically about us coming up in the world. It's about how it's our turn to shine!" said Stephen.

Everything Full Effect does is a group effort, everyone has say so in what's happening and going to happen, such as who writes songs and dance steps.

The group has signed a contract with the Clark County School District for 2001-02 school year.

Throughout the year, Stephen, Greg, Selby and Guy will go to elementary and junior high schools and do things like perform, talk to the kids about drugs & alcohol, teach them the right ways and try to motivate them to do the right thing.

Another thing that the group has going for them is their overall parental support. Each member's parent is in-

involved with the group in some sort of way.

"I try to be there for not only Selby, but for the group as a whole. Situations have and will continue to test their strength as a group. It's hard, but they understand that and are willing to make it through. It's just a matter of them being able to work around personal issues and get the job done. But as a parent, it's my job to be able to stand back and tell them, 'it's your decision, make the right choice,'" said Vanessa Griego.

The boys want to be different from other groups that are out there.

"Yea, I like watching people perform on TV, but I want to be able to do what they do, but do it with my own style and be just as popular as them," said Greg.

"I really just want to be famous," said Guy, who has

been rapping since elementary school and singing since he was four. But in case the singing thing doesn't work out for him, he says he wants to be a veterinarian.

With all the practicing and performances the group has, they still manage to keep their grades up and stay focused. They are proud to say that they wouldn't be where they are today if not for God. Without Him, they would be nobodies.

The next place you might happen to see this big-time group-in-the-making is at the Winchester Theater on August 22, or at the Helen Myer Recreation Center on August 24. But be on the lookout for Full Effect, because they are coming and they're coming with force.

"We just want to represent Las Vegas to the fullest," said group members.

ODB sentenced to jail

NEW YORK (AP) — Rapper ODB, who pleaded guilty in April to drug charges, was sentenced last week to 2 to 4 years in prison.

The state Supreme Court judge also recommended that state correction authorities determine whether ODB — whose real name is Russell Jones — needs psychiatric or substance abuse treatment.

Jones was arrested in July 1999 when police found cocaine and marijuana in his car after he was pulled over for running a red light.

He pleaded guilty to criminal possession of a controlled substance.

Jones, 32, was a founding member of the popular Staten Island-based rap group the Wu-Tang Clan. The group has sold millions of albums and has a successful clothing line.

Its members, including Jones, also have enjoyed considerable solo success.

Since 1987 Jones has been wounded in shootings and arrested on a veritable laundry-list of charges, including drug possession, menacing security officers, illegally possessing body armor, driving with a suspended license, shoplifting and threatening a former girlfriend.

Jackson back in film

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Michael Jackson is returning to the big screen, starring in and producing his first animated feature.

In "The Way of the Unicorn, The Endangered One," Jackson will do the voice of Sailor, an orphan who works with a lonely rich girl and a group of endangered animals to save the planet. Pre-production on the \$75 million film is scheduled to begin next month, said Dennis W. Peterson, chief executive officer of Las Vegas-based Big International Group of Entertainment Inc. The movie could be in theaters nationwide in spring 2003.

"This is the new Michael Jackson, the movie actor and producer," said Peterson, Jackson's co-executive producer. "This is Michael's future and he wants to devote his energies to it."

Jackson, 42, last appeared in a theatrical release in the 1978 musical "The Wiz" with Diana Ross. His 3-D film "Captain Eo" appeared at Disneyland and Disney World for 10 years starting in 1986.