

Entertainment Briefs

CICELY TYSON GETS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) - Cicely Tyson, who received a lifetime achievement award at the National Black Theatre Festival, says she deliberately chooses roles that teach moral lessons. "I realized a long time ago that I could not afford the luxury of just being an actress," she said Tuesday. "I had certain issues I wanted to address, and I used my career as my platform." The 67-year-old Tyson, who was nominated for an Academy Award for 1972's "Sounder," said she's grateful for the festival's award. "Sometimes we have no way of knowing if whether what we're doing is actually reaching the people that we want to reach, that we want to teach."

SIMMONS CREATES HIP-HOP ACTION NETWORK

NEW YORK (AP) — Russell Simmons has created a group to help achieve the goals set forth by rap industry insiders during the recent Hip-Hop Summit. The hip-hop mogul was among those who organized the summit, which took place in June and addressed issues including artist responsibility. The Hip-Hop Summit Action Network, announced last week, will be based in New York. Among its initiatives will be the mentoring of musical artists and politically empowering the hip-hop community. "The hip-hop community has been incredibly receptive to our attempt to organize and mobilize their efforts toward making young people's concerns a priority in Washington and in U.S. government, in general," the 43-year-old producer said in a statement. The executive director of the network will be Benjamin (Chavis) Muhammad, a Nation of Islam leader.

TLC'S LOPES, ANDRE RISON BACK TOGETHER AND PLANNING MARRIAGE

NEW YORK (AP) — Lisa "Left-Eye" Lopes said she and Andre Rison don't talk about the time she set fire to his house. The TLC singer was arrested in 1994 for torching the \$1.3 million Alpharetta, Ga., mansion she shared with Rison, then a wide receiver for the Atlanta Falcons. But they've gotten back together and are planning to get married. "The important thing for me was to get a real feel for who the new Andre was," she says in the September issue of *Jane* magazine. "It took me this long to feel comfortable. There's definitely been a lot of growth on both our parts. We both have a certain amount of patience now. Things aren't too touchy." Lopes, 30, said she and Rison, 34, "don't bring up" the fire anymore, "but I've got a good sense of humor about it."

MICHAEL JACKSON ANNIVERSARY CONCERT SOLD OUT

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Jackson fans beat it to the box office for tickets to his all-star 30th anniversary concert. Seats for "Michael Jackson: 30th Anniversary Celebration, The Solo Years" went on sale at 10 a.m. EDT Tuesday. Less than five hours later, they were gone, concert organizers said. Prices for the shows, scheduled for Sept. 7 and 10 at Madison Square Garden, ranged from \$45 to \$2,500. The concerts will be Jackson's first with his brothers - Jackie, Tito, Marlon and Randy - since the "Victory" tour in 1984. Jermaine Jackson said last month that he didn't plan to participate. Among the artists scheduled to perform are Whitney Houston, Gladys Knight, Ray Charles, Britney Spears, Ricky Martin and 'N Sync. More than 200 stars from film, television, music and sports also will honor Jackson, including Marlon Brando, Elizabeth Taylor, William Shatner, Quincy Jones, Kobe Bryant, Willem Dafoe and Macaulay Culkin.

JANET JACKSON CANCELS THIRD CONCERT IN MONTH

CLEVELAND (AP) — For the third time in a month, Janet Jackson has had to cancel a concert in her "All for You" tour. The 35-year-old singer called off Sunday's show at Gund Arena because of the flu, her promoters said. A statement from tour manager David Russell said the singer apologizes to her fans. Tickets will be honored at a show rescheduled for Sept. 5. Jackson put off a July 18 concert in Milwaukee because she had to undergo emergency dental surgery, and the opening date of the tour's North American leg in Vancouver, British Columbia, scheduled for July 5, was postponed because a piece of stage equipment didn't arrive in time.

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Mariah Carey released from clinic

NEW YORK (AP) - Singer Mariah Carey checked herself out of a Connecticut clinic where she was being treated after suffering an emotional breakdown last month, her spokeswoman said.

"MC is feeling better," Carey's spokeswoman, Cyndi Berger, told the Daily News in Wednesday's editions. "She's under a doctor's care at an undisclosed location with her mother."

The 31-year-old Grammy winner canceled all public appearances, including headlining last week's MTV 20th birthday party, and checked herself into a hospital two weeks ago after suffering "an emotional and physical breakdown," Berger said.

Just before her hospitalization, Carey left two messages on her official Web site complaining of being overworked and getting too little attention from her new record label. She also made a surreal appearance on MTV's "Total Request Live" dressed in little more than a T-shirt and pushing an ice cream cart filled with Popsicles for the audience.

Despite having had bandages on both wrists after going to an emergency room July 25, Carey has not attempted suicide, Berger said. She said Carey had broken some dishes and glasses.

Carey's new movie, "Glitter," in which she plays an aspiring singer, has been rescheduled for release on Sept. 21; a one-month delay was announced Monday. Carey's new album, also titled "Glitter," is scheduled for release Aug. 21.



MARIAH CAREY

Houston signs \$100 million Arista contract

NEW YORK (AP) - Arista Records is saving all its love - and money - for Whitney Houston.

The Grammy-winning superstar has signed a multi-album record deal with Arista that the label said was in excess of \$100 million. The deal would appear to top Mariah Carey's recent signing to Virgin Records, which was said to be worth about \$20 million per album.

"I am so excited with this new deal and I'm looking forward to going into the studio soon to start work on my next album," Houston said in a statement Thursday. "Arista Records has been my home since the beginning of my career. I am happy to be continuing the relationship and I



WHITNEY HOUSTON

look forward to working with (Arista president) L.A. Reid and the new Arista family."

Houston is Arista's best-selling artist, having sold more than 140 million records worldwide and charting numerous No. 1 hits, including "The Greatest Love of All,"

"I Will Always Love You" and "Saving All My Love For You."

She was signed to the label by Arista's founder and former leader, Clive Davis, who left Arista last year and started J Records.

Since her debut in 1985, Houston has delivered nothing but platinum records for Arista. She has also branched out into acting, starring in the hit "The Bodyguard" and other movies such as "Waiting to Exhale."

But her last album of original material, "My Love Is Your Love," was not as successful as her previous discs, although it sold more than 1 million copies.

The singer's reputation was also tarnished last year

after erratic behavior sparked rumors that she might be abusing drugs, a charge she denied. However, last September, prosecutors in Hawaii said they found marijuana in her purse.

A petty misdemeanor drug charge was dismissed against Houston earlier this year after a drug counselor filed an assessment with prosecutors stating that Houston did not require treatment for substance abuse.

Besides acting and singing, Houston has expanded into producing movies. Besides the successful Disney special "Cinderella," starring pop singer Brandy, Houston is the executive director of the new film "The Princess Diaries."

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(Continued from Page 1) ing, to be all things to all people.

By way of a diverse format that includes R&B, hip-hop, jazz and gospel, he thinks it has managed to do so with considerable success.

However, "In this day and age, no radio station covers all of the market," he explained, which allows stations like his to penetrate. In contrast to the broader approach used by competitors, DSM is hoping that familiarity will create a niche that KVGs can fill.

"On V-108," he said, listeners should get consistency in the music as well as the talent, consistency that is compatible with their tastes.

"We want to put a good radio station on the air," said Woodbeck, "one that enter-



Vic Clemons, operational director, fine-tunes the new 105.7. Sentinel-Voice photo by Ramon Savoy

tains and informs the listener - one the community can embrace, and which allows us to enhance the community. It's my intent to be involved in the community, and I will insist that our department heads do the same."

Mag Mile's foray into Las Vegas was actually more aggressive than, at first glance, it may have appeared.

Yesterday at 6 p.m., the company launched another project as DSM's even newer station, KBYE-FM began its

maiden voyage.

Located at 105.7, KBYE—soon to have a new identity, Woodbeck saying the current call letters "will be going bye-bye"—features a jazz format and will be promoted as "The Oasis."