

## ENTERTAINMENT

## Entertainment Briefs

CALIF. FESTIVAL TO HONOR  
BLUES QUEEN ETTA JAMES

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (AP) - Etta James won't have to travel far from home to pick up her latest award. The 65-year-old singer, nicknamed Matriarch of the Blues, will be honored with a lifetime achievement award at the upcoming Temecula Valley International Film & Music Festival. James will accept the award in September in Temecula. She's lived in nearby Riverside for the past 10 years. Festival organizer Jo Moulton said James was chosen because in part because she overcame personal setbacks during her musical career, including a drug addiction. "She's a legend in jazz and everything," Moulton said. James this year was awarded her own star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and lifetime achievement honors from the Grammy organization. She was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1993. Born Jamesetta Hawkins, the singer was discovered in San Francisco in 1954 by bandleader Johnny Otis.

MORRISON WRITING KIDS' BOOK  
ON SEGREGATION

NEW YORK (AP) - Nobel laureate Toni Morrison is working on a children's book about Brown v. Board of Education, the Supreme Court's landmark ruling against segregation. "Remember: A Pictorial Tribute to the Brown v. Board of Education Supreme Court Decision" will be published in 2004, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the court's unanimous order for public schools to be integrated. "Ms. Morrison has collected a treasure chest of archival black-and-white photographs that depict the historical events surrounding the Supreme Court case and school desegregation," publisher Houghton Mifflin said recently. "These unforgettable images serve as the inspiration for Ms. Morrison's text - an imaginative rendering of the dialogue and emotions of the children who lived during the era of separate-but-equal schooling," the statement said. Morrison is best known for novels such as "Sula," "Song of Solomon" and the Pulitzer Prize-winning "Beloved." She has also worked on the children's books "The Big Box" and "The Book of Mean People."

OPRAH WINFREY TO PUBLISH  
HOME-DESIGN SUPPLEMENT

NEW YORK (AP) - She has advised millions of loyal fans on what to read, how to manage relationships and how to lose weight. Next, Oprah Winfrey will be serving up advice on furniture and bedspreads. Encouraged by the popularity of a previous issue devoted to home decorating, O, The Oprah Magazine will publish a 48-page home-design supplement next month, magazine spokeswoman Elizabeth Dye said Monday. The story was first reported in The New York Times. O at Home will be bundled with the October issue and mailed to the magazine's 1.6 million subscribers, Dye said. She said the magazine also planned to do two more such supplements next year. Dye said the supplement was an extension of home-related articles that O, The Oprah Magazine had been publishing in a section called Comfort Zone. She said an issue in December with a home design theme had sold a hefty 850,000 copies on newsstands.

SEAN "P. DIDDY" TARGET OF  
\$50 MILLION LITIGATION

NEW YORK (AP) - Two men have sued Sean "P. Diddy" Combs for \$25 million each, claiming that a security team at the rap mogul's recording studio attacked them for no reason. Lawsuits filed Monday in Manhattan on behalf of Thomas Guest and Damon Jackson allege that they were assaulted in August 2002 at the Daddy's House studio on West 44th Street. Combs' spokeswoman, Susan Makarichev, said the lawsuits were "totally baseless" and "the allegations are ridiculous." Guest and Jackson were trying to visit Combs, a friend of Guest, when one of the security guards "confronted plaintiff, threatened him and thereafter physically assaulted him, causing serious physical injuries and rendering him unconscious," the lawsuit said. When Jackson went to Guest's aid, he also was assaulted, a separate lawsuit said.

## Hines recalled for his grace, style

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Gregory Hines, the greatest tap dancer of his generation who transcended the stage with a successful screen career that included starring roles in "White Nights" and "The Cotton Club," has died at 57.

Hines died of cancer Saturday in Los Angeles, publicist Allen Eichhorn said Sunday.

With his smooth, solo tap style reminiscent of Fred Astaire, Hines became internationally known at a young age as part of a jazz tap duo with his brother, Maurice. He won a 1992 Tony Award for the musical "Jelly's Last Jam."

"His dancing came from something very real," said Bernadette Peters, who appeared with Hines as co-hosts of the 2002 Tony Awards show. "It came out of his instincts, his impulses and his amazing creativity. His whole heart and soul went into everything he did."

"He was the last of a kind

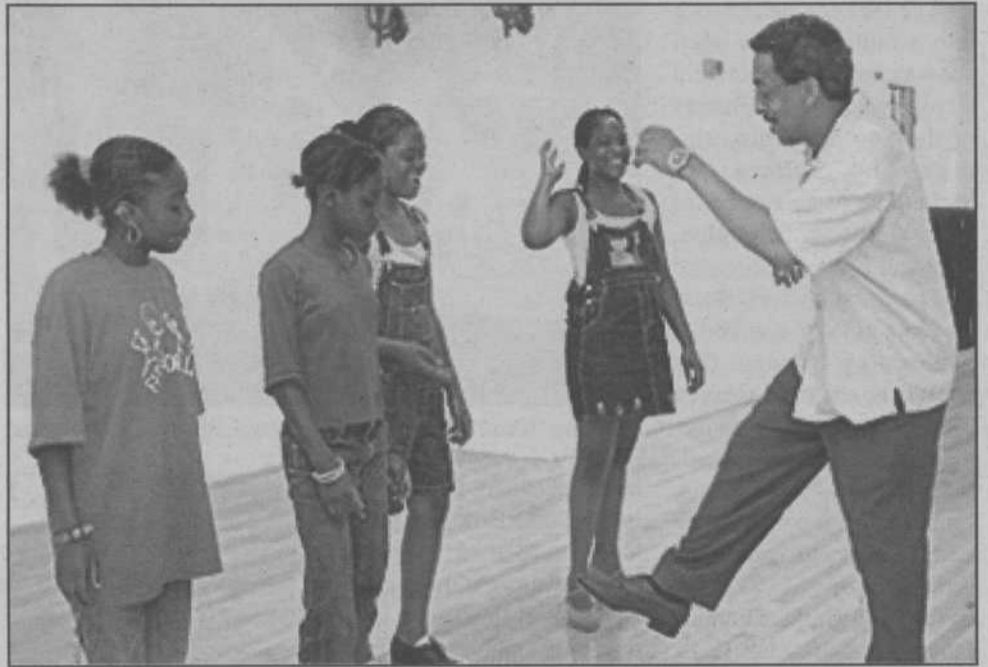


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Gregory Hines loved teaching dance as much as he did performing it on stage and screen.

of immaculate performer — a singer, dancer, actor and a personality," said George C. Wolfe, who directed "Jelly." "He knew how to command."

Hines and his brother performed together in the musical revue "Eubie!" in 1978, in Broadway's "Sophisticated Ladies" and on film in

1984's "The Cotton Club." In "The Cotton Club," Hines also had a lead acting role, which led to more offers from Hollywood. He starred with Mikhail Baryshnikov in 1985's Cold War-era dancers' story "White Nights" and with Billy Crystal in 1986's "Running Scared," and he

appeared with Whitney Houston and Angela Bassett in 1995's "Waiting to Exhale," among other movies.

On television, he had his own series in 1997 called "The Gregory Hines Show," as well as a recurring role on "Will and Grace." Last

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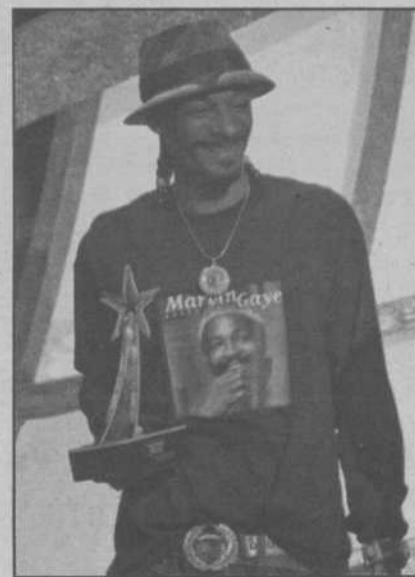
## Snoop Dogg being sued over racy video

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - Rap artist-actor Snoop Dogg is being sued by two Louisiana women who say they were offered drugs during Mardi Gras 2002 to flash their breasts for pictures that later appeared on a cover of the video series "Girls Gone Wild."

The suit by Jaime Capdeboscq, who was 17 at the time of the alleged incident, and Whitney Candiotta, who was 18, also names Joseph R. Francis, the owner of Mantra Films Inc., which has produced the series of mail-order videos that feature nudity and sexual activity.

On April 2, Francis was arrested during spring break at Panama City, Fla., where videos were being filmed. He faces 22 charges including racketeering, procuring minors for sexual acts, filming minors engaged in sexual performances and conspiracy. Mantra Films has disputed the charges, contending crews always ask young women their age and film only those who say they are 18 or older.

In the unrelated Louisiana suit,



Rapper Snoop Dogg holds the award he won with Pharrell for best collaboration during the 3rd annual BET Awards on June 24 in Los Angeles.

Capdeboscq and Candiotta claim that Francis broke a promise that the picture would not be used in connection with a video. However, when the video —

known as "Girls Gone Wild Doggy Style" — came out, the women found their pictures on the cover, the suit alleges.

Attorneys for Francis and Snoop Dogg — whose real name is Calvin Broadus and who was host of the video — have both denied the allegations in court filings, saying that any pictures taken were with voluntary consent. They also say a sign was posted in the video shooting area that said: "By entering, you consent to the use of such film and your image in a commercial film product."

The women are asking for unspecified amount of money in the suit, originally filed in February in state court in Tangipahoa Parish where the two women lived, but later transferred to federal court in New Orleans.

The pictures were taken during a party for Snoop Dogg at a New Orleans hotel, said plaintiff attorney Ron Macaluso.

Macaluso said his clients were offered, but did not accept, drugs.

## Jamaica honors reggae veteran Jimmy Cliff

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) - The government will award reggae singer Jimmy Cliff with Jamaica's third-highest civic award this year.

Cliff, known for his role in the 1972 low-budget movie "The Harder They Come," will be the only person to receive the Order of Merit this year, though others will receive lesser honors during the Oct. 20 National Honors and Awards ceremony, organizers said Wednesday.

Born James Chambers in rural St. James parish in 1948, Cliff began his career in the early 1960s as a Ska singer with Chinese-Jamaican producer Leslie Kong.

He signed to Chris Blackwell's Island Records in the late 1960s and had a minor song in Europe with "Wonderful World."

It wasn't until writer-director Perry Henzell picked him to play Ivan, an aspiring singer-turned-gunslinger, in "The Harder They Come" that Cliff's career took off.

Singers Ken Boothe and Freddie McGregor, who started their careers in the 1960s, also will be recognized during the awards ceremony for their contribution to Jamaican music, according to the government's National Honors Awards committee.