

Entertainment Briefs

STYLIST FOR P. DIDDY, TYRA BANKS SENTENCED

NEW YORK (AP) - A stylist whose clients included Sean "P. Diddy" Combs, Tyra Banks and Queen Latifah, was sentenced Wednesday to three years in prison for pawning more than \$1 million in jewelry he borrowed from Harry Winston, Piaget and other stores. Derek Khan, 45, was sentenced by Manhattan State Supreme Court Justice Micki Scherer on his guilty plea to scheme to defraud. When arrested on March 5, Khan was charged with first-degree grand larceny and faced up to 25 years in prison. Khan was arrested after he failed to return jewelry worth "in excess of \$1 million" that he had borrowed from last November through February "for exhibition, advertisement and marketing purposes," a felony complaint said. Khan's lawyer, Martin Schmukler, said the borrowed pieces included watches, rings, pendants and necklaces. Schmukler said Khan was paid "in the low six figures" when he hocked the jewelry. The lawyer said Khan had helped police get some of the pieces back. Khan, a native of Trinidad, had nothing to say when the judge gave him a chance to speak, but outside court before sentencing he said: "The worst part is disappointing people who have trusted me." Besides Combs, Banks and Latifah, Khan said, his clients included Mary J. Blige, Lauryn Hill, Pink, Snoop Dogg, Carlos Santana and Aretha Franklin. He will be eligible for parole after 18 months.

BEYONCE KNOWLES NERVOUS ABOUT KISSING CUBA GOODING JR.

NEW YORK (AP) — Cuba Gooding Jr. understands why his "The Fighting Temptations" co-star Beyonce Knowles was uneasy about their kissing scenes in the comedy. "She was probably a little nervous, because for her, it was more about, 'Oh, no, I'm performing for the peanut gallery,'" Gooding tells People magazine in its Sept. 15 issue. In the film, Gooding plays an ad executive who learns he must create a successful gospel choir to collect his inheritance. The movie is set for release on Sept. 19. Gooding, who won a best-supporting actor Oscar in 1997 for "Jerry Maguire," previously went to great lengths to loosen up before shooting intimate scenes. Says the 35-year-old actor: "'Butt Naked' was my nickname for a long time on movie sets because when I had a love scene, I'd run butt naked through the set just to show them, 'Who cares?'"

R. KELLY BODYGUARD SHOOTS SELF BY ACCIDENT

MARIETTA, Ga. (AP) - A bodyguard for R&B singer R. Kelly accidentally shot himself in the leg at a Marietta nightclub after being asked to remove the gun before entering the club. Maceo Price, 32, of Covington, La., was escorting Kelly and Ronald "Slim" Williams, co-founder of Cash Money Records, into Vegas Nights on Saturday night, according to Marietta police. Price was asked to remove the gun before entering the nightclub and it went off as he was taking it out of the holster, said police Officer Brian Marshall. He was taken to WellStar Kennestone Hospital, where he was treated and released. Police don't expect to file charges, Marshall said.

B.B. KING FANS TO GET REFUND FOR CONCERT

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) - B.B. King fans who couldn't attend his Feb. 16 concert in Charleston because of a snowstorm will get a refund under a settlement between the promoter and the state. CrossRhodes Entertainment of Big Flats, N.Y., has agreed to refund 75 percent of the ticket price, Attorney General Darrell V. McGraw Jr. said Tuesday. The President's Day storm, which hit 24 counties, spawned record snow, flooding and ice, and turned parts of West Virginia into federal disaster areas. Ticket-holders can either receive a refund or obtain vouchers to see any show promoted by CrossRhodes anywhere in the nation. Claim forms can be obtained from CrossRhodes. Forms must be returned to the promoter, along with the original ticket, within 30 days of receipt. Concertgoers who didn't pick up advance tickets don't have to submit tickets. McGraw said anyone who filed a complaint with his office will be sent a claim form.

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Judge revokes rapper Beanie Sigel's bail

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Rapper Beanie Sigel's plan to leave jail for drug treatment was thrown into doubt Friday after an alleged shooting victim and his girlfriend testified that they had been receiving threats about the case.

Following hearings in state and federal courts, Sigel's bail situation remained unresolved and was headed for another state hearing Monday.

Sigel, a 29-year-old South Philadelphia native, has a pending drug and gun case in federal court and two pending cases in state court, including an attempted murder charge.

Terrance Speller, who was allegedly shot by Sigel, and

his girlfriend testified Friday morning that they had received daily threats about the case. None came directly from Sigel, they said.

"They received phone calls from people on a daily basis, (saying) that their lives are in danger because of their cooperation in this case," prosecutor Deborah Robinson said.

Sigel allegedly shot Speller outside a West Philadelphia strip club on July 1, when he was out on bail for allegedly punching a man outside a Chinese restaurant.

Sigel attorney Brian McMonagle dismissed the alleged threats as rumors.

Earlier Friday, a state judge revoked bail, but then vacated that order pending a

federal hearing. A federal judge asked for clarification of the order later Friday before moving forward, Assistant U.S. Attorney Curtis Douglas said.

Sigel, who was born Dwight Grant, has been held in federal custody without bail since July 14, but on Thursday he won the right to attend a residential treatment program for drug and alcohol abuse and anger management.

To attend the program, Sigel had agreed to post a \$1 million federal bond, including \$150,000 in cash, his \$400,000 suburban Philadelphia home and four other properties.

He hoped to go home after the four-week program to fin-

ish up work on a third solo album, "The B-Coming," which had been scheduled for release this month, as well as other projects.

Defense lawyer Fortunato N. Perri Jr. didn't immediately return a phone message Friday.

Sigel, whose solo albums have sold more than 1 million copies, missed most of a summer "Roc the Mic" tour with Jay-Z, Memphis Bleek and other Roc-A-Fella label stars after he was taken into federal custody.

The federal charges stem from an April 20 traffic stop in which Sigel allegedly tossed a semiautomatic pistol from a Cadillac Escalade. As a convicted felon he is not allowed to carry a gun.

'At War with Ourselves' an eye-opening opus

By Kam Williams

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"The Bush administration's doctrine of pre-emption, or as some would call it, preventive war, has now had its first live-fire test in Iraq. The war part succeeded brilliantly. We have entered, as President Bush has said, "a new era of warfare" in which the U.S., with its precision weapons and its unchallenged



dominance of space, the air, the seas and land 'can target a regime, not a nation.' The danger is that war will now seem so easy and clean that it will become attractive. We must get over the idea that our unprecedented power is a panacea.

America's sphere of influence is now the great globe itself. This opens up a potentially nightmarish new di-

mension of responsibility unlike any that we've ever faced before as a nation... What many Americans haven't come to grips with is that this world system is OUR system. We built it. For a century now, we have built a global order without quite comprehending what we were doing.

Polls consistently show (See Review, Page 15)

Black radio conference hit with industry, fans

By Reggie Williams

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WASHINGTON (NNPA)—Less than 24 hours after winning two video music awards in New York recently, Beyonce Knowles of Destiny's Child was in the nation's capital to help kick off the 27th annual Black Radio Exclusive Conference.

On Aug. 29, what many African-American music industry executives call the most respected Black music conference began three days of panels, showcases, parties and networking at the Renaissance Hotel.

BRE is a weekly trade magazine for the music industry. The magazine, in conjunction with the annual conference, was established in 1976 to combat some of the injustices and struggles Black's were facing in the industry.

"This conference reflects the rising spirit of the music industry as we reinvent ourselves as survivors," said Sidney Miller Jr., BRE's founder and publisher.

Noted industry professionals shared information from how music is pro-

grammed on today's radio to the effects of government on radio and music.

Conference attendees asked questions and added their experiences to the information from panelists, and seemed excited about learning from some of the industry's best music professionals.

"Black music and Black radio have struggled too long to be heard," said Miller, "but we're here to stay."

Much of the excitement, however, centered on Knowles in anticipation of her performance at Dreams nightclub later that evening.

Wearing a two-piece, lime-green, velour athletic

suit, she made her way to a downstairs conference room as people waited to see rhythm-and-blue's hottest sensation.

That evening, the Music World Entertainment artist and actress gave a stunning performance for radio, record retailers and some of her lucky fans.



DON'T WORRY, BE HAPPY

American musician Bobby McFerrin, who sang the popular ditty, "Don't Worry Be Happy," gestures in Lucerne, Switzerland, on Wednesday during a music workshop called 'Stars and Kids'. The children's choir of the town of Zug is in the background.