

ENTERTAINMENT

Entertainment Briefs

LIBRARY TO SHOW 'SCANDALIZE MY NAME: STORIES FROM THE BLACKLIST'

The Cultural Affairs Division of the city of Las Vegas Department of Leisure Services will screen "Scandalize My Name: Stories from the Blacklist" at 3 p.m. on Saturday, at the West Las Vegas Arts Center, 947 West Lake Mead Boulevard. Keith Brantley is the host for the free program. Morgan Freeman narrates the documentary, which examines the effect Red Scare politics and McCarthyism had on civil rights and the emergence of African-Americans as full participants in the political, social and cultural aspects of post-war American life. Archived video, photographs and interviews with African-American performers faced with the Blacklist, loyalty oaths and casting discrimination, personalize this tumultuous time in American history. Some of the important African-Americans featured in the film include Gregory Abbott, Harry Belafonte, Dick Campbell, Ossie Davis, Thurgood Marshall, Sidney Poitier, Adam Clayton Powell III, Paul Robeson, Jackie Robinson, and Hazel Scott.

WEST LAS VEGAS ARTS CENTER TO SHOW CHILDREN'S FILMS

The Cultural Affairs Division of the city of Las Vegas Department of Leisure Services presents "Black Gems and Jewels," a film series that focuses on remakes of two classic children's stories, at the West Las Vegas Arts Center, 947 West Lake Mead Boulevard. On June 19, an all-star cast is featured in "Cinderella," originally made for television from Rodgers and Hammerstein's sparkling version. A prince, a pumpkin, a glass slipper... Cinderella's transformation into a beautiful princess is a timeless tale brought to new life by Whitney Houston, Brandy, Whoopi Goldberg, Jason Alexander and Bernadette Peters. On June 26, return to the fabulous land of Oz in "The Wiz," based on the smash-Broadway musical. Directed by Sidney Lumet, the film stars Diana Ross, Michael Jackson, Nipsey Russell, Ted Ross, Lena Horne and Richard Pryor. Each film begins at 1:30 p.m. Admission is free. Those interested can call 229-4800.

MBC PRODUCTIONS CHIEF TABS TOWNSEND AS PRESIDENT

Talented actor Robert Townsend will develop dramas, reality shows and entertainment programs as the new president of MBC Productions. He was named to the post by MBC chief Willie E. Gary. Helping Gary make that decision were four-time heavyweight champion, Evander Holyfield, baseball slugger, Cecil Fielder, Jackson 5 member, Marlon Jackson and broadcast veteran Alvin James. Credited with discovering talent such as Chris Tucker, Dave Chappelle and Damon Wayans, Townsend will focus on producing innovative and engaging family-friendly programs for Black America. During a recent press conference announcing the move, Townsend spoke about finding talent for new programming that will air on MBC Network this fall.

LaBELLE, EVANGELISTA ATTEND AIDS EVENT

TORONTO (AP) - Patti LaBelle and supermodel Linda Evangelista brought their star power to one of the glitziest parties of the year as thousands gathered for the 2004 Fashion Cares event. LaBelle was the featured performer at the 18th annual HIV/AIDS benefit held Saturday night. Evangelista hosted the runway show. "It's so great to finally do something here in my homeland," Evangelista told The Canadian Press at a news conference before the event. LaBelle, 60, came out on stage for her evening concert wearing a light blue fringed dress with an elaborate, bejewelled headdress with feathers cascading down her back. After singing her opening song, LaBelle addressed the crowd — estimated at 5,600 — telling them she cares about the cause. "And you know I must really care if I put this hat on my head," she joked.

Jazz artist Shaw set for county show

Special to Sentinel-Voice

Jazz vocalist Marlena Shaw headlines the third free Jazz in the Park concert 8 p.m. Saturday at the Clark County Government Center Amphitheater, 500 S Grand Central Parkway.

Shaw is one of the most engaging and versatile jazz singers today, mixing blues, jazz, soul and pop with a charismatic stage presence to create memorable live performances. Her career spans more than 40 years, beginning with her first performance as a 10-year-old on the stage at the Apollo Theater in Harlem, with her uncle, a trumpet player.

In the early sixties Shaw dropped out of New York State Teacher's College and began performing in the New England and greater New York area. In 1966 she recorded "Mercy, Mercy, Mercy" for Cadet Records, and she recorded a whole album in 1967. Shortly after that, she was invited to perform



MARLENA SHAW

with the Count Basie Orchestra in Las Vegas, an engagement that lasted four years.

In 1972 Shaw left the orchestra and became the first female vocalist to be signed to the Blue Note label. She re-

leased several albums and singles before signing with Columbia in 1977. In her long career, she has recorded 16 albums for six different record companies, and has a new album, Lookin' For Love, about to be released in June on the independent label, 441 Records.

Over the 15 years the county has been presenting "Jazz in the Park," Shaw has been the most frequently featured artist. "She's such an engaging performer, as well as a fine musician," says Dorothy Wright, Jazz in the Park coordinator. "Audiences love her and it's always a treat to work with her."

Shaw appears with Clarence MacDonald on piano, Jeff Chambers on bass and Quentin Dennard on drums.

The series is sponsored by Clark County Parks & Community Services, KNPR Nevada Public Radio and KUNV Jazz 91.5 FM. Those interested can call at 455-8200.

Kwame Jackson axed as Trump pageant judge

QUITO, Ecuador (AP) - Less than two months after getting fired by Donald Trump on the U.S. reality show "The Apprentice," runner-up Kwame Jackson got the boot again — as a judge for Trump's Miss Universe pageant.

The 80 young women seeking the Miss Universe crown held their last practice session Monday for the beauty pageant, as Indians demonstrated against the event, critics questioned its relevance.

Jackson, the runner-up to the reality show's April 15 final prize — a yearlong, \$250,000 job with the billionaire developer — was disqualified by pageant organizers for waving at beauty queens he bumped into in the lobby of their hotel.

"Kwame is intelligent, charming and we were really looking forward to him judging on our panel," pageant president Paula Shugart said in a statement made available to The Associated Press. "But his interaction with the delegates, albeit unintentional, is strictly prohibited."

The pageant statement quoted Jackson saying he was "disappointed and disheartened" and "honestly had no idea that (the hotel) was off limits."

"I was meeting up with some friends who had flown in to support me, when I was recognized by some of the delegates," the 29-year-old Harvard MBA said.

"As a natural human response, I extended my hand to greet them."

As the contestants prepared for Tuesday night's contest, some 500 Indian

demonstrators marched several blocks from their hotel, protesting against the pageant as well as against President Lucio Gutierrez, who

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Commissioner Yvonne Atkinson Gates invites you to a special literary engagement with Donna Brazile former campaign manager for Vice President Al Gore and newly acclaimed author of "COOKING with GREASE"



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