

## Entertainment Briefs

### 'PARKERS' STAR MO'NIQUE HAS TWIN BOYS

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mo'Nique is seeing double — and their names are Jonathan and David. The "Parkers" star has given birth to twin boys, her sister Millicent Imes said Friday. "She's doing well," Imes said. She said the boys were born last Monday. Their father is Mo'Nique's fiance, Sidney Hicks. Mo'Nique — full name Mo'Nique Imes-Jackson — gained popularity as single mother Nikki Parker on the sitcom "The Parkers." This year, she hosted "Mo'Nique's Fat Chance," a beauty pageant for full-figured women. The 36-year-old actress appears in the film "Domino," which opens Friday.

### LITTLE RICHARD DONATES FEES FOR CONCERT

MACON, Ga. (AP) — Little Richard built some goodwill in his hometown when he donated almost half of his concert fees to settle concerns over who was paying the tab for his show. Macon Mayor Jack Ellis had asked local business leaders to pick up the estimated \$75,000 tab for the event. But business leaders said they weren't given enough time to come up with the money. Little Richard told the almost 5,000 people attending the concert free of charge Saturday that he will return a \$30,000 portion of his fees. "It's not a whole lot of money, but it's from the heart," he said. Little Richard's picture appears on billboards promoting Macon and a recording of his voice greets callers at the convention and visitor's bureau.

### LUDACRIS MAY STILL PERFORM AT TENN. SCHOOL

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. (AP) — Ludacris might perform a homecoming concert at East Tennessee State University after all, despite the city's refusal to let him perform at Freedom Hall. The university is trying to hold the concert at the school's Mini Dome instead. "We have been talking with the fire marshal's office today and working through whatever stipulations they would place on us if we were to have the concert," Wilsie Bishop, vice president for administration, said Friday. Whether the concert goes on will depend on the ability to come to an agreement with the performer, because organizers had already contacted his talent agency to cancel the Oct. 27 show. The school's homecoming committee booked Ludacris after raising the student activity fee from \$4 per semester to \$20 last school year to accommodate such events. Students were polled about performers they would like to see in concert, and Ludacris was the first on the resulting list who agreed to appear. City officials cited security concerns in denying the Ludacris performance.

### SINGER BABYFACE, WIFE END MARRIAGE

NEW YORK (AP) — Add Kenny "Babyface" Edmonds and his wife to the growing list of celebrity bust-ups. Edmonds and his wife Tracey issued a statement Wednesday announcing the end of their marriage after 13 years. They have two young children. The pair said they had already been unofficially separated "for quite some time." "It is with deep regret that we announce our permanent separation. We remain best friends," said the couple, who have also produced movies and television shows together, including "Soul Food." "(We) will continue to work together in our companies, and our various business ventures," the statement said. "More importantly, we are parents of two wonderful children, and will continue to provide a loving, caring and stable environment for them." Besides his career as a best-selling crooner with hits including "Whip Appeal" and "Change the World," Edmonds has also written top hits for Whitney Houston, Mary J. Blige, Mariah Carey, Bobby Brown and others.



## Tribute to a Legend

Business and gaming pioneer Sarann Knight Preddy (top photo, on the left; Alice Keys is on the right) was honored Wednesday night by the Las Vegas Music Association and the American Museum of Music and Entertainment. On hand to honor Knight, the first Black woman in Nevada to hold a gaming license, were the Ink Spots (adjacent), Marcia Robinson (middle right) and Lindell Blake (below).

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