

## Entertainment Briefs

### UNICEF TO HONOR QUINCY JONES FOR COMPASSION

LOS ANGELES (AP) - UNICEF will honor Quincy Jones with the Spirit of Compassion Award at its annual Snowflake Ball in New York City on Nov. 28. During a weeklong humanitarian trip to Cambodia with UNICEF officials, Jones stopped in the capital of Phnom Penh and the historic city of Siem Riep, where he visited Angkor Hospital for Children, the Child Friendly Schools organization and other UNICEF programs for children and families. "I am committing myself to doing everything possible to pull the resources together to aid the children of not only Cambodia, but the children of all the countries in the world," Jones said in a statement. He founded his global children's charity, the Quincy Jones Listen Up Foundation, in 1990.

### SAMUEL L. JACKSON TO RECEIVE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

HONOLULU (AP) - Samuel L. Jackson has been selected to receive the Achievement in Acting Award from the Hawaii International Film Festival. "He's a minority American actor who has gone on to incredible international fame. ... He's wildly popular in Japan, Korea, for example, (and) just seemed like the perfect choice for us," said Chuck Boller, executive director of the Pacific Rim-focused festival. Jackson has 80 films to his credit and is known for his roles in 1994's "Pulp Fiction" and this year's "Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith." He just finished filming "Black Snake Moan" with Justin Timberlake and Christina Ricci in Tennessee. Still due out this year is "Freedomland" — somewhere around his sixth film for 2005 — costarring Julianne Moore.

### SHAR JACKSON TALKS ABOUT FEDERLINE

NEW YORK (AP) - In a new interview, Shar Jackson says she and Kevin Federline were still together when he and Britney Spears began dating last year. Jackson, then pregnant with her second child with Federline, says the truth came out only after he flew abroad for a commercial — which became a monthslong trip with Spears. Federline and Spears were wed last year; their son was born in September. "How do you call yourself a human being knowing that you put somebody else through that pain?" Jackson asks of Spears in the December issue of *Sister 2 Sister* magazine. "That's a vicious cycle right there, man. We gotta break that." Jackson, 29, and Federline have a 3-year-old daughter, Kori, and a son, Kaleb, born in July 2004. Jackson, who co-starred in the TV series "Moesha," has two older children from a previous relationship. She and Federline "are still really good friends," Jackson says, but she doesn't want child support. "Hell no. I am a very, very independent woman, OK? If I wanted child support that's an easy procedure," she tells the magazine. Instead, "All I want from Kevin is his time with his children. That's it, bottom line." Jackson is working on an album, her first. A track from Federline's debut recently appeared on the Internet.

### STEVIE WONDER WANTS MORE GRAMMYS

TOKYO (AP) - Stevie Wonder wants to add more Grammys to his trophy case. The 55-year-old singer, who has won nearly 20 Grammys during his long career, told a news conference Wednesday: "At this point in time I haven't had enough Grammys." Wonder said he was teased by composer Henry Mancini, who "won more than 30, I think. ... He would tell me that, at 19, I was just getting started." He was in Tokyo to promote his latest album, "A Time to Love." "I would like to leave the world knowing that I brought and left the world lots of love and lots of love songs to sing," he said. But Wonder said he's as concerned as ever with politics — and the spread of terrorism today. "There are people who say they serve God," he said. "But they cannot truly serve God, because the God I know, the Allah that I know, would not want to kill people."

# Foxx decent in 'Jarhead'

By Kam Williams  
Sentinel-Voice

Who knew that joining the Marines meant entering a bloodthirsty fraternity of latent homosexuals? That certainly is the message very powerfully delivered by "Jarhead," a picture which gives new meaning to the slogan Semper Fi (Always Faithful) by presenting this esteemed branch of the Armed Forces as a homo heaven where enlistees eagerly engage in a group "field [F-word]" because there's "no [P-word] within 1,000 miles."

Set in the desert at the outset of Saddam War I, a.k.a. Operation Desert Storm, the movie is based on the memoir of the same name by Anthony Swofford.

Because I haven't read the original source material, I can't say whether the gay overtones came courtesy of the book or if it was dreamt up by Sam Mendes, Oscar-winning director of "American Beauty," which swept the Oscars five years ago. You may remember that "American Beauty" also turned on a same-sex scenario, the unrequited, secret, ill-fated love which a Marine Colonel in the closet felt for a married neighbor.

This go-round, the antics are among an outfit of gender-bent soldiers being whipped into shape by stogie-chomping Sgt. Sykes (Jamie Foxx).

The tawdry tale of towel-

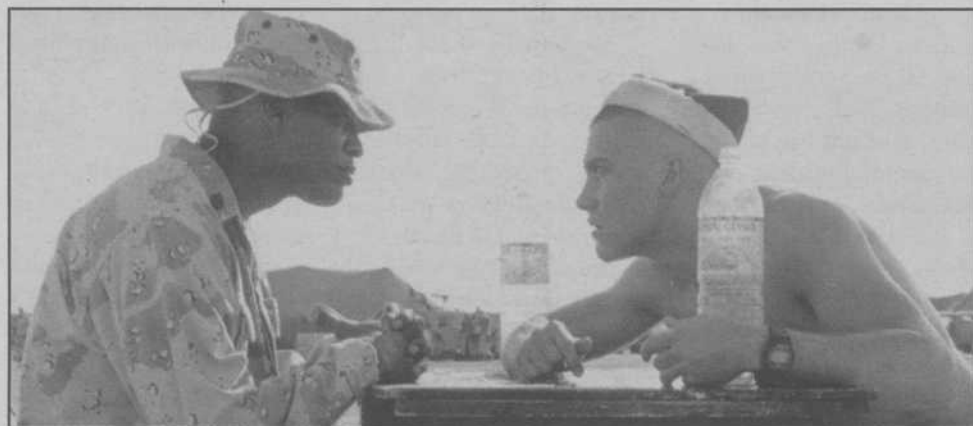
## Jackson working on Katrina single

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Michael Jackson is close to completing his charity single for Hurricane Katrina relief and hopes to release the song sometime this month, his spokeswoman said Thursday.

From his new base in the Middle East, Jackson has been working through global satellite and phone connections with the 12 recording artists who are participating, spokeswoman Raymone K. Bain told The Associated Press.

"All that remains is for two or three more artists to do their tracks, and Michael will then add his vocals," Bain said in a phone interview.

"He is now on the fast track, and we're happy with (See Jackson, Page 9)



Academy Award winner Jamie Foxx, left, lends his acting chops to war movie "Jarhead."

snapping is narrated by Jake Gyllenhaal who handles the role of Swofford in a sort of ethereal trance which matches the movie's ever-majestic cinematography. Visually, it jumps back and forth between featuring America's overpowering military superiority and the vast expanse of desert nothingness.

Musically altering between a rap and retro soundtrack, it looks like the director was trying to do a 21st century version of "Apocalypse Now."

When not zeroing in on the men bathing or watching porn together, we see how

eager these patriots are to waste "Ragheads." However, since this was one of those blink-and-you-missed-it engagements, the bulk of the squad's stay in Iraq was spent waiting for a chance to kill enemies who ultimately never arrived. For, the Air Force incinerated a million of Saddam's Republican National Guard right on the highway, so the only spoils of war which our heroes get to enjoy is picking over the charred remains of what they refer to as "Crispy Critters."

"Jarhead" is just a series of disjointed, shocking, and often unintentionally-humorous vignettes designed to cel-

ebate boy-boy camaraderie while fomenting anti-Arab sentiments in the name of God, mom, and Apple Pie. Curiously, a sense of closure only comes when the vets arrive back in the States and return to jobs and hetero-relationships as they go their separate ways.

Overall, a thinly-veiled recruitment flick which slickly makes serving Uncle Sam seem like an extended frat party where somebody forgot to invite the girls.

Good (2 stars). Rating: R for pervasive profanity, male nudity, soft pornography, explicit sexuality, ethnic slurs, and graphic war violence.

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