

Entertainment Briefs

MAN SENTENCED IN JACKSON TAPING CASE

LOS ANGELES (AP) - The former owner of a private jet company was sentenced last Wednesday to six months of home detention for secretly videotaping Michael Jackson as the singer flew with his attorney to surrender in a child-molestation investigation. Jeffrey Borer also will have three years of probation and was ordered to pay a \$10,000 fine and serve 150 hours of community service, said Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel Shallman. Borer's attorney, Stanley Stone, said outside court that the terms were "very fair." Borer and co-defendant Arvel Jett Reeves admitted they installed two digital video recorders to record "a professional entertainer" and his lawyer as the pair traveled on a private jet from Las Vegas to Santa Barbara in November 2003, according to their plea agreements filed last year. Borer owned XtraJet, the company that operated the Gulfstream jet carrying Jackson. Reeves owned Executive Aviation, which provided maintenance service for XtraJet's aircraft fleet. Borer instructed Reeves to obtain and install the equipment and intended "to sell these recordings to the media for a large sum of money," the agreement said. Jackson was later found not guilty of the child molestation charges. Borer and Reeves each pleaded guilty to one felony count of conspiracy. As part of the deal, federal prosecutors agreed to dismiss other charges. Reeves was sentenced in July to eight months in prison and ordered to spend six additional months in a halfway house and pay a \$1,000 fine.

R. KELLY SUED OVER SONG, ALLEGED BEATING

CHICAGO (AP) - A man describing himself as a "mentor and guide" to R. Kelly since he was a teenager is suing the singer, alleging that he attacked him and reneged on an agreement to pay him for a song idea. In a suit filed last Wednesday, Henry "Love" Vaughn says he's worked for Kelly off and on for years. The suit says that in February he went to Kelly's suburban Olympia Fields home to watch a basketball game and that one of Kelly's other employees became "verbally abusive." It goes on to allege that Kelly, 39, and others dragged him to the basement, attacked him and held him against his will. Olympia Fields police investigated the alleged attack but decided not to file charges, said Cmdr. James Keith. The suit also alleges that the song "Step in the Name of Love" was Vaughn's brainchild and that Kelly reneged on a promise to give him half the proceeds from the song. In a statement last Wednesday, a representative of Kelly's characterizes Vaughn as a "disgruntled former employee and hanger-on" who is using the lawsuit to extort money from the singer. "In fact, his lawsuit is a pathetic collection of half-truths, distortions, and outright lies," the statement says. Vaughn's suit seeks compensatory damages, punitive damages and court costs.

RAPPER JADAKISS ARRESTED ON GUN CHARGE

YONKERS, N.Y. (AP) - Rapper Jadakiss was arrested on suspicion of weapon possession after a traffic stop early Saturday, his second arrest on gun charges since 2004, authorities said. Jadakiss, whose real name is Jason Phillips, was one of four people inside the car, Detective Sgt. Joseph Pietropaolo said. He said all four were charged with criminal possession of a weapon because a loaded handgun was found inside the vehicle. Jadakiss, a Yonkers native, released his first solo album, "Kiss the Game Goodbye," in 2001. His most recent album was "Kiss of Death," and he had a hit single "U Make Me Wanna" that featured Mariah Carey. He also performed with Jennifer Lopez on her hit "Jenny From the Block." Jadakiss sparked controversy in 2004 with his song "Why," which contained lyrics asking "Why did Bush knock down the towers?" He said later it was a reference to the president's failure to stop terrorism. In July 2004, he was arrested on marijuana and gun possession charges in North Carolina. Police said they found less than an ounce of marijuana and two loaded .45-caliber pistols in his vehicle. He reached a plea agreement the next year on the North Carolina misdemeanor charges and paid a \$900 fine. There was no telephone listing for the rapper in Yonkers, and his website listed no contact numbers.

Rapper Cassidy hurt in crash

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) - The rapper Cassidy was reportedly in critical condition at a New Jersey hospital following a car crash last week.

The 24-year-old Philadelphia artist, whose real name is Barry Reese, was a passenger in a sport utility vehicle that collided with another vehicle in Jersey City on Oct. 5, according to Sgt. Edgar Martinez, a police spokesman.

The Jersey Journal of Jersey City reported in Tuesday's newspapers the rapper was in critical condition at Jersey City Medical Center. A hospital spokeswoman did not immediately return a call seeking information on his condition Tuesday.

"He has multiple fractures of his face," his lawyer, Simon Rosen, said Friday.



Rapper Cassidy was injured in an SUV crash on Oct. 5.

"He has a nasty scar from his ear to the corner of his mouth. He's on sedation to keep him from moving, and to keep him out of pain.

"It's scary looking, but he's a very strong young man," said Rosen, who did not immediately return numerous calls Tuesday. "He's

a fighter. He'll come through this."

Jersey City police issued a summons for making an improper turn to the driver of the vehicle that collided with Cassidy's vehicle, Javier Trujillo Gonzalez, 36, of Carson City, Mich.

All five people involved

in the crash were taken to local hospitals, but only Cassidy sustained serious injuries, Rosen said. The rapper was heading to a recording studio in New York to work on an upcoming album when the crash occurred, his lawyer said.

Cassidy was recently released from prison following his January conviction on charges of involuntary manslaughter and aggravated assault in what prosecutors called the planned ambush in Philadelphia of a man who had argued with the musician's friends.

Common Pleas Judge Jane Cutler Greenspan said at the end of a two-day non-jury trial that Cassidy was grossly negligent for supplying the guns that killed Desmond Hawkins and wounded two of his companions.

Quill awarded to Angelou

NEW YORK (AP) - Nora Roberts, Maya Angelou and former Vice President Al Gore were among the winners Tuesday night of the second annual Quills Awards, a people's choice event for the book world.

Caroline Kennedy received an honorary award for her "commitment to providing support for education and literacy in New York," while Donald Trump and Harry Connick Jr. served as presenters along with several other celebrities, including Stanley Tucci and Suzanne Somers.

The event was held at the American Museum of Natural History, where hundreds dined under a life-sized replica of a blue whale.

Roberts won for best romance book for her novel "Blue Smoke." Angelou received the poetry award for "Amazing Peace" and Gore's "An Inconvenient Truth" was cited for best political-history book. The Book of the Year was Tyler Perry's "Don't Make a Black Woman Take Off Her Earrings."

Winners were decided by the public, which voted through two online links, www.quillsvote.com and www.quills.msnbc.com. There were no cash prizes.

Created last year by NBC Universal Television Stations and Reed Business Information in an attempt to make publishing awards more glamorous and accessible, the Quills so far have attracted little attention beyond the publishing industry, with

virtually no sales impact for nominated books. Comscore Networks, Inc., an Internet research firm that monitors Web traffic, was unable to compile any numbers on visits to the Quills links, saying

low traffic was the likely reason.

Even several publishers attending Tuesday night's ceremony acknowledged not voting, among them Alfred A. Knopf head Sonny Mehta,

who laughed and said "I didn't know if I could vote for my own writers." (He could.)

The event will be aired on at least 100 NBC stations on Oct. 28.

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