

## Entertainment Briefs

### CHAPPELLE JOKES FOR OVER 6 HOURS IN L.A.

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Now that he's back on the standup circuit, Dave Chappelle has a lot to say. The comic, who walked out on a \$50 million deal to continue his TV show and briefly took a respite in South Africa, shattered the Laugh Factory's endurance record by taking to the comedy club's stage for six hours and seven minutes on Sunday. "He was absolutely amazing, for six hours making people laugh," the club's owner, Jamie Masada, said Tuesday. Masada said the previous record of three hours and 50 minutes was accomplished earlier this month by Dane Cook. But until then, the mark had stood at two hours and 41 minutes since Richard Pryor set it in 1980. Chappelle walked out on the third season of his hit Comedy Central show last May, leaving fans and industry observers to question his motives and even his sanity. He has said since that he didn't feel he could be himself on the show. "The bottom line was, White people own everything, and where can a Black person go and be himself or say something that's familiar to him and not have to explain or apologize?" he told *Esquire* magazine. He has since returned to the standup circuit and released the documentary "Dave Chappelle's Block Party."

### CBS SETS JACKSON FAMILY TALENT SHOW

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Another TV talent contest is on the horizon, this one featuring members of the Jackson family. "Pop Dynasty" is the working title for a contest aimed at finding a family of singers a la the Jacksons, a CBS spokesman said recently. Jermaine, Tito and LaToya Jackson — but not Michael or Janet, the most famous Jacksons — will serve as judges. LaToya Jackson, who's had a solo singing career, was featured on the CBS reality show "Armed and Famous." Jermaine Jackson is one of the principal partners for "Pop Dynasty." Jamie Foxx ("Ray," "Dreamgirls") also is involved with the project, CBS said. Details of the show are being worked out and the network hasn't settled on an air date. The success of "American Idol" on Fox has generated a flurry of contest shows, including "America's Got Talent," "Dancing with the Stars" and "Skating With Celebrities."

### WOMAN CLAIMS CHRIS ROCK FATHERED CHILD

STATESBORO, Ga. (AP) - A woman who claims Chris Rock is the father of her child is withdrawing a lawsuit filed last month in Georgia and will re-file it in New York, according to a published report. Kali Bowyer claims the 42-year-old actor-comedian is the father of a child she had 13 years ago. The lawsuit filed in Bulloch County asked for child support, medical coverage and attorney fees. Bowyer told the *Statesboro Herald* she decided to re-file the lawsuit in New York after consulting with her attorney, Brett Kimmel. She has an unpublished phone number in the Statesboro area and could not immediately be reached by The Associated Press for comment Friday. Jodi Kimmel, an attorney for Bowyer in New York, declined to comment. Bowyer claims she and Rock "were friends and we spent time together." Rock and his wife, Malaak, have been married for 10 years. They have two young children and live in the New York City borough of Brooklyn.

### MIKE TYSON TO APPEAR IN BOLLYWOOD VIDEO

MUMBAI, India (AP) - A diamond heist, a Bollywood dance routine and Mike Tyson make an unlikely combination. But the former heavyweight boxing champion is set to groove to Indian pop music in a promotional video for "Fool and Final," an upcoming Bollywood comedy, the film's media consultant said Friday. Tyson, 40, will shoot the promo in India, said N. Chattani, who is in charge of publicity for the movie's producer, Firoze Nadiadwala. "It's finalized," Chattani said. "Tyson will be shooting the music promo with the entire cast." Why Tyson? Aside from instant publicity, action hero Sunny Deol stars as a boxer in the film, directed by Ahmed Khan. "The movie is a laugh riot, and the filmmakers thought Tyson would be great in the promo," Chattani said.

# Music execs talk rap lyrics

NEW YORK (AP) - In the wake of Don Imus' firing for his on-air slur about the Rutgers women's basketball team, a high-powered group of music-industry executives met privately Wednesday to discuss sexist and misogynistic rap lyrics.

During the furor that led to Imus' fall last week from his talk-radio perch, many of his critics carped as well about offensive language in rap music.

The meeting, called by hip-hop mogul Russell Simmons' Hip-Hop Summit Action Network, was held at the New York home of Lyor Cohen, chairman and chief executive of U.S. music at Warner Music Group. The summit, which lasted several hours, did not result in any specific initiative.

Organizers billed the gathering as a forum to "discuss issues challenging the industry in the wake of controversy surrounding hip-hop and the First Amendment." Afterward, they planned to hold a news conference at a Manhattan hotel to discuss "initiatives agreed upon at the meeting." But by early afternoon, the news conference was postponed, because the meeting was still going on.

After the meeting ended, it was unclear whether there would be another one. Simmons' publicist released a short statement that described the topic as a "complex issue that involves gen-

der, race, culture and artistic expression. Everyone assembled today takes this issue very seriously."

Although no recommendations emerged, the gathering was significant for its who's-who list of powerful music executives.

According to a roster released by Simmons on Wednesday, attendees included: Kevin Liles, executive vice president, Warner Music; L.A. Reid, chairman of Island Def Jam Music Group; Sylvia Rhone, president of Motown Records and executive vice president of Universal Music Group; Mitch Bainwol, chairman and CEO of the Recording Industry Association of America; and Damon Dash, Jay-Z's former Roc-A-Fella Records partner. Top-selling rapper T.I. also attended, organizers said.

Simmons declined to comment through a spokeswoman. But he appeared this week with others at a two-day town hall meeting on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" to discuss the issue. While Simmons, Liles and the rapper Common agreed "there is a problem," Simmons cautioned against trying to limit rappers' free-speech rights.

He said that "poets" always come under fire for their unsanitized descriptions of the world.

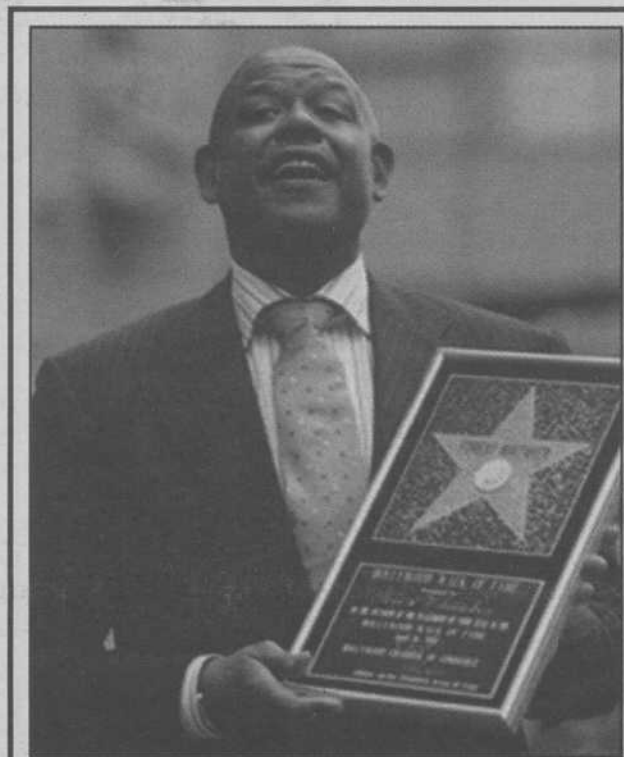
"We're talking about a lot of these artists who come from the most extreme cases of poverty and ignorance ... And when they write a song,

and they write it from their heart, and they're not educated, and they don't believe there's opportunity, they have a right, they have a right to say what's on their mind," he said.

"Whether it's our sexism, our racism, our homophobia or our violence, the hip-hop community sometimes can be a good mirror of our dirt and sometimes the dirt that we try to cover up," Simmons said. "Pointing at the conditions that create these words from the rappers ... should be our No. 1 concern."

Common said criticism of rappers and their music should come with love. "When I talk to the cats, regardless of rap, when I talk to cats on the street, they don't wanna be in that situation," the rapper said. "We don't wanna be in this painful situation. We want it to heal. And we are apologizing for ... the disrespect that does come from the mouths of men to women whatever color."

Meanwhile, the Rev. Al Sharpton, who said he planned to challenge the recording industry.



### WHITAKER WINNER

Oscar-winning actor and entertainment veteran Forest Whitaker is honored with a star on the Walk of Fame in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles Monday.

**Friday April 20th**  
6 pm - 10 pm  
**Stone Soul Picnic**  
George Duke  
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Dazz Band

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CITY OF LIGHTS

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