

## Entertainment Briefs

### RICHIE WANTS TO DO TIME AT COUNTY JAIL

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Nicole Richie wants to do her time in the Los Angeles County jail. Richie's lawyer contacted the county Sheriff's Department earlier this week and indicated the reality TV star wanted to serve her four-day sentence in county lockup rather than a city jail, sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore said. The county has a special women's-only facility in Lynwood. It's the same place where Richie's friend Paris Hilton recently completed a 23-day stay for violating probation in an alcohol-related reckless driving case. At the county jail, inmates often serve only a fraction of their sentence for various reasons, including overcrowding and good behavior. Richie was ordered to spend 90 hours, either in county jail or at any city jail in the county that would accept her. She must complete her sentence by Sept. 28. Richie, 25, was arrested in December for driving the wrong way on a freeway in Burbank and pleaded guilty last week to a misdemeanor charge in a deal with prosecutors that helped her avoid a potential year in jail on her second DUI conviction (she had an alcohol-related conviction in 2003).

### BLAIR UNDERWOOD JOINING NEW ABC SERIES

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Blair Underwood is joining the cast of the new ABC drama "Dirty Sexy Money," playing a visionary billionaire. The character of Simon Elder will be introduced later in the season as a potential nemesis of the wealthy, troubled Darling family that's the series' focus, ABC announced Wednesday. Peter Krause stars as the man hired to protect the family's secrets. Donald Sutherland, William Baldwin and Jill Clayburgh star in "Dirty Sexy Money," scheduled to premiere Sept. 26. The 42-year-old Underwood is also starring in the HBO drama series "In Treatment," set for 2008, and will reprise the character of Mr. Harris opposite Julia Louis-Dreyfus on CBS' "The New Adventures of Old Christine."

### GARY COLEMAN CITED AFTER ARGUMENT

PROVO, Utah (AP) - Former child star Gary Coleman was cited for disorderly conduct after witnesses said they saw him in a heated argument with a woman in a parking lot. Coleman, 39, and the woman were in his vehicle discussing their relationship recently when two people saw him hit the steering wheel with his hands, Capt. Cliff Argyle said. "Mr. Coleman was very excited and loud. ...At one point he exited his vehicle, waving his arms, yelling and screaming," Argyle said. "Vehicles were unable to exit the parking lot because of Mr. Coleman's actions." He cooperated with officers who were called to the scene, Argyle said. The disorderly conduct citation is a misdemeanor punishable by up to three months in jail and a \$750 fine. "What the city attorney proceeds with, I don't know," Argyle said. "It could end up being an infraction" similar to a traffic violation. In 1999, he pleaded no contest to disturbing the peace after he punched an autograph-seeker he claimed insulted him. Coleman who played Arnold on the sitcom "Diff'rent Strokes," which aired from 1978 to 1986, could not be reached for comment.

### DMX LOSES COURT CASE OVER DOG CLOTHES

NEW YORK (AP) - A court ruling has taken a bite out of DMX for failing to fulfill a contract to promote a clothing line for dogs including caps, scarves, raincoats and bomber jackets. The 36-year-old rapper, whose real name is Earl Simmons, was ordered to pay a \$242,000 judgment to Amusing Diversions Inc., a company that produced and marketed the canine clothing line, named for his dog Boomer 129. "DMX, it appears, is known for his growl and bark and is called Pit Bull (which according to the evidence... he has tattooed on his back)," noted Manhattan state Supreme Court Justice Jane Goodman's ruling, announced Tuesday. His longtime lawyer, Murray Richman, said he hadn't heard of the case and it was possible Simmons didn't have an attorney working on it. He said Simmons couldn't be reached for comment.

# Murphy hit with paternity suit

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Scary Spice went to court last week to try to scare up some child support from Eddie Murphy.

The 32-year-old singer, whose real name is Melanie Brown, filed a petition in Superior Court that seeks to legally establish Murphy as the father of her 4-month-old daughter, Angel Iris Murphy Brown.

Brown will also seek sole custody and reasonable child support, attorney Gloria Allred said at a press conference. "I am here today for one reason and one reason only; her name is Angel," Brown said. "Angel is my baby and Eddie's. She will always know that she was planned and wanted by both of us."

Arnold Robinson, a spokesman for the 46-year-old actor, declined to comment.

Brown said she and Murphy dated for four months in 2006 before mutually deciding to conceive a child. "The relationship was in full swing right at the beginning of my pregnancy,"



This combination photo shows actor Eddie Murphy (left) attending a premiere in a February 2007 file photo, and Spice Girl Melanie Brown performing in a March 2003 file photo.

Brown said, adding that she was shocked when Murphy later said he was not sure he was the baby's father.

Allred said Murphy took a DNA test in June.

The test "established paternity but paternity has not been legally acknowledged," she said in a statement.

Brown, who dated Murphy last year, gave birth to her daughter April 3. She listed Murphy as the father on the birth certificate.

Murphy has five children from his marriage to Nicole Mitchell Murphy, who filed for divorce in 2005.

He got engaged last week

to film producer Tracey Edmonds, according to Adris Debarge, Edmonds' executive assistant.

Brown also has an 8-year-old daughter.

The Spice Girls recently reunited for a tour that is scheduled to begin later this year.

## Goldberg joins ABC's 'The View'

NEW YORK (AP) - Whoopi Goldberg will bring no celebrity feuds with her when she joins "The View," at least none that she's aware of.

"Who knows?" she said. "Anybody could say 'I don't like her.' That's okay. I just won't come to your home."

That already sets Goldberg apart from her predecessor.

"The View," putting Rosie O'Donnell in its rearview mirror, has officially introduced Goldberg to the show's audience as its moderator. She'll start full time the day after Labor Day.

The show is on the lookout for another cast member to join Goldberg, Joy Behar, Elisabeth Hasselbeck and creator Barbara Walters. That person won't be named until the fall, Walters said.

O'Donnell announced this spring she was leaving ABC's daytime talk show after less than a year filled with controversy and feuds with Donald Trump and co-star Hasselbeck, among others.

Despite O'Donnell's polarizing presence — or maybe because of it — ratings shot up last year.

Goldberg, 51, gives "The



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View" a genuinely big name and distinct personality in her own right. She's among the select few performers to win an Oscar, Emmy, Tony and Grammy award.

She's no stranger to political controversy, although that part of her resume isn't quite as filled as O'Donnell's. Goldberg was dumped from a Slim-Fast advertising campaign in 2004 after making a speech mocking the Bush administration at a political rally, at one point using the president's surname as a sexual reference.

"She'll be potentially less controversial than Rosie but still have a bit of an edge," said Bill Carroll, an expert in

syndication for Katz Television.

Advertisers are likely to be happy with the choice, he said.

Goldberg said she's looking forward to talking about what's going on during what promises to be an interesting year ahead.

She'll be the moderator, meaning it will generally be her job to steer the discussion and keep the show running on time.

"I just figure I'm going to be me," she said.

"They know who I am and know what I do, so nobody will be surprised if I disagree strongly but not meanly. I'll never be mean. It's just not in me."

Walters, in an interview, said Goldberg isn't being brought in to calm a troubled sea.

"What Whoopi will bring us is fun," she said. "This is an entertainment program. We are not a newsmagazine."

She said Goldberg brought a formidable combi-

nation of smarts and skills as an entertainer, and also adds diversity to the program.

"The View" has been without a regular Black cast member since Star Jones Reynolds left under stormy circumstances last summer.

There were reports last week that "The View" was also close to bringing actress Sherri Shepherd, who's also Black, on as another cast member.

But Walters said several candidates are still being considered.

Walters teased her "big announcement" throughout the show before Goldberg appeared, slapping hands with audience members as she walked down the stairs to the stage.

"I'm not sure what the show needs," she said. "I won't know what my position is until I'm there and I'm doing it and I haven't given a lot of pre-thought to how I would be doing it. But I will tell you that each time I've been on, I have a good time."

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