

Bits 'n' Pieces

Kelly Rowland leaves management

Kelly Rowland says she will always be a part of Beyonce's family, but she no longer will be managed by the superstar's father. Rowland and Matthew Knowles announced recently that he is bowing out as her manager. He's guided her career since she was kid, when he put her in Destiny's Child along with Beyonce. He even helped raise her. Both Rowland and Knowles — who still manages daughter Beyonce — called the split amicable. Both say they will always be family. Rowland has sold millions of records as part of Destiny's Child, but her solo career hasn't matched that success. Rowland — who turns 27 next month — did not say who her new manager will be.



Kelly Rowland

Michelle Obama comes under fire for not using Black fashion designers



Michelle Obama

(TMS) The nation's new First Lady Michelle Obama came in for some sharp criticism last week when it was discovered that none of her inaugural outfits was the product of a Black fashion designer. In fact, Amnau Eele — former model and co-founder of the Black Artists Association (BAA) — has filed what she labels "a formal appeal" to the first lady for failing to employ the works of Black designers. Eele charged, "It's one thing to look at the world without color but she had seven slots to wear designer clothes. Why wasn't she wearing the clothes of a Black designer?" There has been no official response from Mrs. Obama about the criticism.

Basketball star Dwayne Wade's divorce gets ugly

(TMS) Miami Heat basketball superstar Dwayne Wade and his wife Siohvaughn are divorcing and last week the proceedings turned ugly. Siohvaughn turned to the *Miami Herald* and blasted Wade charging that he had "abandoned his children, committed adultery and infected her with an unspecified sexually transmitted disease." Wade's Chicago attorney responded saying "these malicious allegations are absolutely false and we look forward to the opportunity to dispute them in court. Dwayne and Siohvaughn had been high school sweethearts and have been married for six years.



Dwayne Wade

"Get Radical" women's conference set for March in Washington, D.C.



Valorie Burton

(TMS) Jillian Michaels, Barbara Stanny and Valorie Burton: What do these women have in common? They are all featured speakers at the 2009 "Get Radical" Women's Conference taking place on Saturday, March 28, 2009 at the Crystal City Marriott in Arlington, Va. — just a few miles outside of Washington, D.C. The theme of this year's event — "Get Radical" — is a call for women to become bold and courageous enough to depart from the usual, expected or ordinary in order to take charge of their professional and personal lives. This one day event is presented by Empowering Moments, LLC, a professional and personal development firm dedicated to helping individuals and organizations excel beyond the norm to experience success. For more information on this upcoming event, please visit www.getradicalconference.com

Annual MLK Parade

In annual commemoration of the birth of legendary civil rights icon Martin Luther King Jr., more than 25,000 residents lined Fourth Street to witness the 27th Annual Martin Luther King Parade in downtown Las Vegas. The event included 116 participants, everyone from politicians and high school marching bands to businesses and fraternities and sororities, along with their youth groups, to ROTC programs and various clubs.



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