

# Focus

## 'MUSICAL HISTORY' TOUR WILL BE FRANKLIN'S LAST

Singer will devote time to sons' hip-hop careers

(AP)—Aretha Franklin may reign indefinitely as the Queen of Soul, but as a touring entity, she's the queen of "so long."

The R&B icon says her current outing, which started last Friday and stretches into fall, will be her last. She's not abdicating a throne she has occupied for more than three decades. Franklin, 61, has two albums in the works and intends to perform occasionally at special events, private parties and in commercials.

"I'll never quit," she vows.

*"I'll never quit. I'll always be singing. I just won't do as much as I have been."*

— Aretha Franklin



Aretha Franklin will soon conclude her life as a touring artist.

"I'll always be singing. I just won't do as much as I have been. I'm scaling it down."

Her final road show, which she has tentatively dubbed "Aretha Sings Her Musical History," plucks selections from 1962 to 2003. Backed by a 22-piece band that includes strings, brass and four singers, Franklin plans to dip into her early years and draw from Broadway's songbooks for material she has never performed live. She also has honed new versions of favorites such as "Ain't No Way" and "Freeway of Love." Expect a nostalgic ride.

After she pulls off the road, Franklin plans to devote time helping her sons pursue record deals in hip-hop.

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## Dutton to Play Moose in Sniper Movie

(AP)—Veteran actor Charles S. Dutton will take on the role of Montgomery County Police Chief Charles Moose in USA Network's movie "The Beltway," about last fall's sniper attacks that killed 10 people in the Washington, D.C. area.

Bobby Hosea who starred in "Independence Day" will play suspect John Muhammad, and Trent Cameron of NBC's "American Dreams" will play his accused accomplice, Lee Boyd Malvo.

The film is scheduled to air sometime this year.



Charles S. Dutton (center) will play ex-Portland police chief Charles Moose in a movie about the snipers who killed 10 people in the Washington, D.C. area last fall. Bobby Hosea (right) and Trent Cameron (left) will play suspects John Muhammad and Lee Boyd Malvo.

## K-Ci, JoJo Free



Brothers K-Ci and JoJo, who built their careers with the early 90s group Jodeci, were arrested Saturday in Raleigh, N.C. for not paying taxes on earnings for concerts in the state performed during 1999, 2000 and 2001. The brothers were released from jail in Raleigh, N.C. on Sunday. They are charged with failing to pay taxes due to North Carolina for shows the duo performed in the state during 1999, 2000 and 2001, said their lawyer, James Williams.

## Denzel Washington Sues Over Ad

(AP)—Denzel Washington, Bruce Willis and Arnold Schwarzenegger are suing Fry's Electronics for allegedly using their images in newspaper advertisements without permission.

Each actor seeks \$10 million in damages. According to the lawsuit the ads could diminish their "hard-earned and well-deserved reputations as major motion picture stars and risks the potential for overexposure."

The lawsuit, filed last week in Los Angeles Superior Court, claims the photos ran in the Los Angeles Times and other major newspapers.

Similar lawsuits involving unauthorized uses of celebrities in advertising were filed recently against cosmetics chain Sephora USA by Matthew Broderick, Sarah Jessica Parker, Nicole Kidman and Tom Cruise.



Actors Denzel Washington (right) and Bruce Willis filed a lawsuit along with Arnold Schwarzenegger against Fry's Electronics for allegedly using their images in newspaper advertisements without permission. Each actor seeks \$10 million in damages. (AP Photo)

## Shots Fired at Snoop Dogg Convoy

(AP)—Three gunmen shot at a convoy of cars, one of which was carrying Snoop Dogg. The rap star wasn't hit but one of his bodyguards was injured.

Police said the shooting happened last Thursday night in the Mid-City area of Los Angeles as up to five cars, includ-



Snoop Dogg

ing one carrying Snoop Dogg, were traveling through the area. Another car pulled alongside the convoy and three men with guns began shooting, said police Officer Don Cox, a police spokesman. Bullets hit two of the vehicles.

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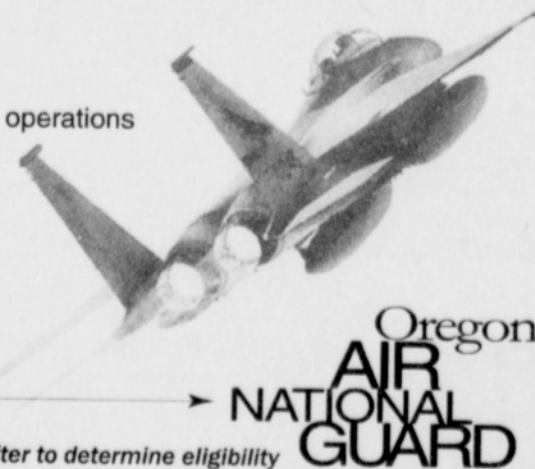
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