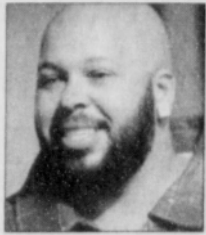


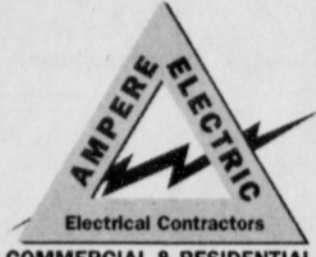
Focus

Rapper Accused of Avoiding Lawyer Bill

(AP)—A law firm has sued imprisoned rap mogul Marion "Suge" Knight, alleging he sold or gave away property to avoid paying more than \$140,000 in court-ordered attorney fees. The lawsuit Knight hasn't paid the debt and has sold or transferred at least four properties in the Los Angeles area for little or no compensation to friends to "hinder, delay or defraud" his creditors.



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Missy Elliott accepts the MTV Video of the Year Award for "Work It" during the MTV Awards at New York's Radio City Music Hall Thursday, August 28, 2003. She is surrounded by people who collaborated on the video. (AP Photo/Julie Jacobson)

(AP)—Missy Elliott's "Work It" won two awards, including video of the year, while Justin Timberlake, Coldplay and Beyonce had three apiece at the MTV Video Music Awards.

The 71-year-old Johnny Cash, nominated seven times for "Hurt," won once.

As usual, the most memorable moments had nothing to do with the moonmen trophies.

Twenty years after the first MTV Video Music Awards, not much has changed - Madonna still makes jaws drop and cheeks blush. Just like her first time, the superstar upstaged everyone at the 20th annual event, only she had help Thursday night from the latest generation of video divas, Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera.

Proving they've come a long way from their Mouseketeer days, the young pop tarts gave a gyrating, writhing tribute to Madonna to open the show. Dressed in the same kind of white bustier wedding dress Madonna wore while performing "Like a Virgin" during MTV's inaugural awards broadcast in 1984, Spears and Aguilera sang a cover of the not-so-innocent tune.

Then, while Madonna sang her new "Hollywood" in a masculine, all-black groom's outfit, she shared

Missy Elliott's 'Work It' Honored

Jaws drop with Madonna, Spears and Aguilera kisses

an openmouthed kiss with both Aguilera and Spears. The two smooches rivaled the Michael Jackson-Lisa Marie Presley kiss at the awards in 1994 on the shock meter.

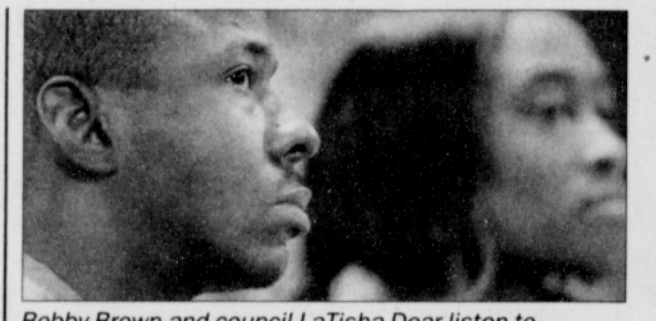
It was all in a night's work for MTV's annual extravaganza. Besides the bump-and-grind number by Madonna, Spears and Aguilera, there was 50 Cent's performance of "P.I.M.P." - and a bevy of half-naked women.

"Today is the anniversary of Martin Luther King's 'I Have a Dream' speech - isn't it nice to see that his dream has finally come true?" cracked host Chris Rock after 50 and company left the stage.

SALMON FESTIVAL INSPIRES



Special glasses help a group see native salmon swim upstream at Oxbow Regional Park. The salmon tours will take place during the 20th annual Salmon Festival on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 11 and 12 from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the park east of Portland. The cost is \$7 per vehicle. The festival celebrates the return of Sandy River Chinook salmon, inspiring people to value and protect native salmon and their habitat. Festival highlights include guided salmon viewings, environmental exhibits, arts and crafts, music and a salmon barbecue.



Bobby Brown and council LaTisha Dear listen to charges during a court probation hearing. The singer was ordered to undergo another drug assessment and sentenced to 14 days in jail. (AP photo)

Whitney to Brown: 'Stay Strong Baby'

(AP)—Bobby Brown was ordered to serve two weeks in jail with credit for the five days he's already spent behind bars, after being arrested for allegedly violating his probation from an earlier drunken driving conviction.

"I apologize for being back in your court and taking your time. I have no reason, I am a human being," Brown told the sentencing judge last week in Decatur, Ga.

His wife, Whitney Houston, arrived halfway through the hearing and sat two rows behind Brown. Afterward, the Grammy-winning singer and actress told reporters that she told Brown to "stay strong, baby."


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Salsa Star has Baby Boy

Muniz, gave birth to Ryan Anthony Aug. 16 in New York.

The couple have a 2-year-old son, Cristian, and Anthony has a 9-year-old daughter, Arianna, from a previous relationship.

Anthony, whose real name is Marco Antonio Muniz, married Dayanara Torres, a former Miss Universe, in a Las Vegas civil ceremony on May 10, 2000. They were briefly separated in 2002, but in December they renewed their vows in a lavish ceremony at Old San Juan's Roman Catholic cathedral in Puerto Rico.

Muniz, 28, is a native of Puerto Rico. Anthony, a salsa and pop singer whose hits include "I Need to Know," was born in New York City to Puerto Rican parents. The 34-year-old also has acted in several films, including "Bringing Out the Dead."

(AP)—Singer Marc Anthony and his wife Dayanara Muniz are new parents.

Jazz Legend Performs at MHCC

Grammy nominated jazz vocalist, Mark Murphy will be providing an evening of outstanding music at the Mt. Hood Community College Theatre on Sept. 26.

Murphy has enjoyed a prolific 40-year recording career. He was discovered by Sammy Davis Jr. and has composed and sung lyrics with such legendary artists as Miles Davis, Charlie Parker and Herbie Hancock. Rex Reed declares Murphy to be "the best male jazz singer in the business."

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