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Gangsta Rapper Changes Tune

In light of growing violence within the hip-hop world, and the pointless deaths of major rap stars Tupac Shakur, Notorious B.I.G., Jam Master Jay and others, Future Austin, an underground rap star, has had an epiphany.

The California-based rapper has created a new movement and

hopes that through his music and upcoming feature film that he can make rap positive for everyone to listen to.

"Our kids are listening to this on a daily basis," says the ex-gangsta rapper and father of three. "My little girl wanted to listen to my last album and it was not something I wanted her to

hear. That was a major revelation in my life and I immediately decided to turn my music around."

The KillGangstaRap.com CD has no profanity or explicit lyrics and features a wide range of musical production from legendary funk bandleader George Clinton to Zaytoven, one of Hip-Hops hot young producers.



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Hair Styling Answers

From professional to sassy, from conservative to risqué, a woman's overall look is largely dictated by her hair style.

"Getting comfortable with an at-home relaxer is your first step to hair styling freedom," says salon owner James Adams.

Even though using a relaxer requires more effort and thought than just shampooing and conditioning, many women turn to at-home relaxers as it saves time, money and is more convenient. But they worry about damage and the difficulty of maintaining healthy hair.

"It's important for women to feel confident that the at-home products they choose will not damage their hair," Adams said.

To take all the guesswork out of relaxing at home, she recommends Clairol Gentle Treatment because it is a conditioning no-lye crème relaxer that has natural ingredients and two conditioning agents that protect your hair from damage, dryness and dullness.

"If you follow exactly the directions in the at-home kit, you can actually relax with your relaxer and be confident that the results will be beautifully straightened hair," Adams said.



'The Color Purple' on Broadway

(AP) - "The Color Purple," a musical version of Alice Walker's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, is coming to Broadway.

Walker's book has been adapted by Marsha Norman, author of "night, Mother," while the score is by Brenda Russell, Allee Willis and Stephen Bray.

"The Color Purple" will be directed by Gary Griffin, a Chicago-based director best known for his spare, small-scale productions of musicals such as "My Fair Lady" and "Pacific Overtures." The cast headed by



LaChanze

LaChanze, Felicia P. Fields, Adriane Lenox and Saycon Sengbloh.

"The Color Purple" is told through the eyes of Celie, a timid young Southern woman who is raped by her father, gives birth to two children and suffers years of cruelty married to an abusive man. Whoopi Goldberg played Celie in Steven Spielberg's 1985 screen version, which also featured Oprah Winfrey and Danny Glover.

The musical received its world premiere in Atlanta in September 2004 at the Alliance Theatre.

"A series of vibrations. What does it matter, the source of the catalyst?"

Wayne Shorter

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A substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without itself being affected...

School House Rock - Remember conjunction function, what's your function? If so, come reminiscence at the zoo for a live performance of the 1970's musical educational announcements that made you sing and learn. The live performances will start at Washington Park on July 14-19 and will come to the East side to perform at MT. Tabor Park on July 21-24. This event is part of the Portland Parks and Recreation Summer Concert Series for more information visit www.parks.ci.portland.or.us.

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

Imani Winds Showcase - Portland welcomes Imani Winds once again as a part of the Chamber Music Northwest Concert Series in a free concert on

Friday, July 15th from noon to 1p.m. at the Oregon Historical Society, downtown. Come and enjoy a blend of classical and jazz music to push the boundaries of a traditional quintet.



Imani Winds

IMAX Debuts 'Chocolate Factory' - For the first time in its 13-year history, the OMNIMAX Dome Theatre at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) will join the ranks of movie theaters across the nation, when the first-run Hollywood film 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' opens on Friday, July 15. The film is a remake of the classic story of five lucky children who draw golden tickets from Wonka chocolate bars and win a guided tour of the legendary candy-making facility from Willy Wonka, played by Johnny Depp.

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Cathedral Park Jazz Festival - Come celebrate the 25th year anniversary in St. Johns to hear some great jazz music. Festival starts Friday July 15 from 6 to 10p.m and continues Saturday and Sunday from noon until 8 p.m. The festival takes place in the majestic natural setting of Cathedral Park beneath the historic St. Johns Bridge. This festival is a free event that provides a very diverse audience the opportunity to enjoy jazz. For more information visit www.cpjazz.com.

Gimme The Mike - KGW is holding an open audition for singers to compete on Gimme the Mike! Auditions will be held on Saturday, July 16 and Sunday July 17, 9am to 6pm at Lloyd Center. Contestants must be 18 years old, have a valid driver's license, and be a resident of Oregon or Southwest Washington. If chosen to be on the program, you will not be paid, but the ultimate winner will receive a two year lease on a brand new Ford Escape. Go to kgw.com to download complete rules and regulations.

Six to Sunset Concerts - The City of Vancouver proudly presents a weekly evening concert series. Each Thursday until the end of August there will be diverse genre's for the community to enjoy. Check out their website for weekly listings. www.cityofvancouver.us

Discovery Museum - The World Forestry Center recently opened its doors to a new Discovery Museum, featuring exciting, interactive exhibits on forestry. Visitors have a chance to go on a white water raft ride without getting wet, smoke jump into a wildfire without getting singed and stroll across a 20-foot high tree top canopy walk. For more information, visit www.worldforestry.org.

Sponge Bob at the Zoo - Now through Labor Day, the Oregon Zoo will present Nickelodeon's SpongeBob SquarePants - the thrill ride. The cost is \$4.50 in addition to admission. For more information call 503-226-1561 or visit www.oregonzoo.org

Laugh Factory - Comedy returns every second Wednesday of the month at the upscale Bacchus Restaurant, thanks to EEI International.

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