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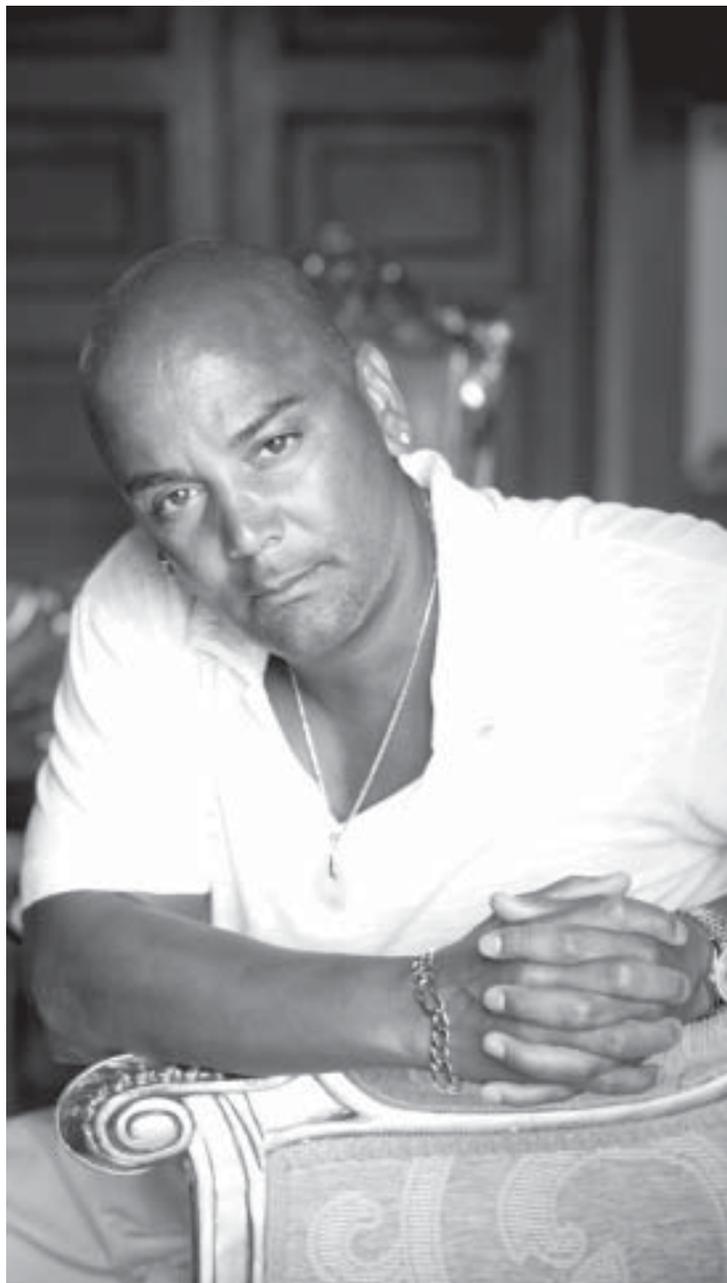


A FAMILY AFFAIR – President Obama and his wife Michelle were mobbed like rock stars by adoring fans at the Congressional Black Caucus Legislative Weekend in Washington DC. The president was the event's dinner guest speaker. (See Story On Page 3)

*Obama finally gets his groove back*

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# PVIPE Music Group signs with INgrooves/Universal Music



David Marshall Pryce/President CEO/The PVIPE Group

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LOS ANGELES, CA - PVIPE Music a division of The PVIPE Group has signed a digital distribution pact with INgrooves/

Universal Music that will strengthen the company's hand in gaining widespread exposure for its artists to the huge consumer base in cyberspace.

David Marshall Pryce, CEO of

The PVIPE Group, Phoenix VIP Events and PVIPE Music says "The bottom line is that INgrooves/Universal wants to do business with people like us. People who are marketing and promoting records with sweat equity, industry know-how and an extensive network on the promotion side of the business."

PVIPE Music's artists are diversified, to include, HipHop, Rap/R&B, Country/Rock, Pop/Alternative and Christian Rock just to name a few. First out in a few weeks is Big Syke a rapper who recorded with 2Pac on his multi-platinum album "All Eyez on Me" and other projects.

"My deal with PVIPE allows me to be in control of my own destiny. PVIPE Music is not like any other label that I've dealt with. The way my deal is structured I can do just about anything I want to do," says Big Syke.

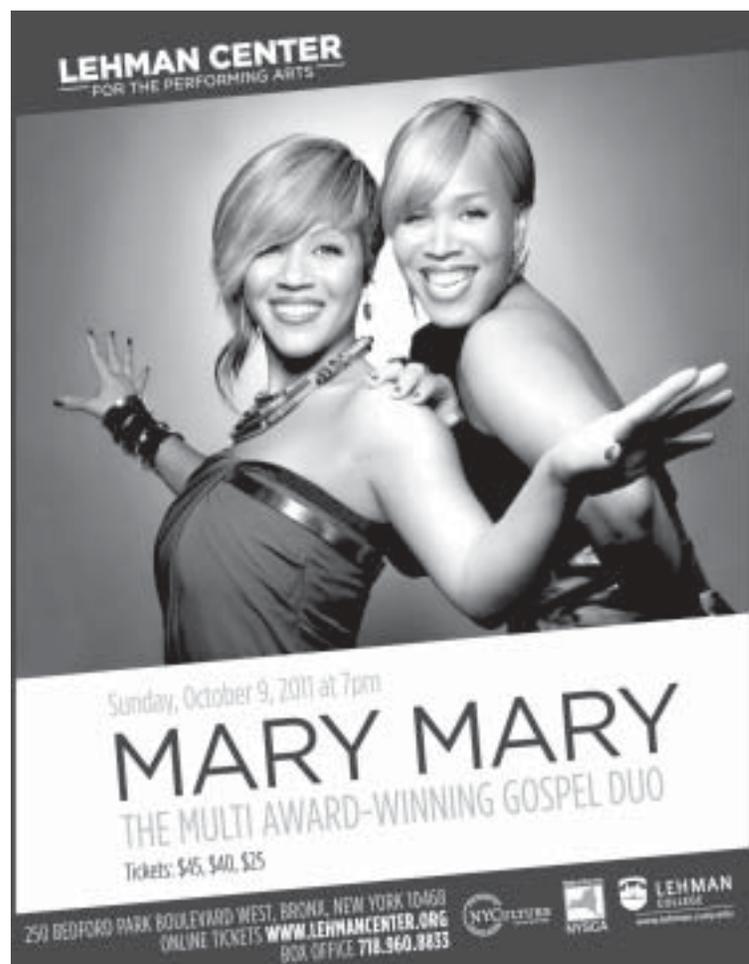
Darrell Thompson, a veteran entertainment lawyer with professional ties to major artists including Jay-Z, the Black Eyed Peas, Teddy Riley, and most recently, Tyrese, negotiates the deals.

"There are no more borders in the music business. The technology that has transformed the industry has seen to that. Going to Africa, Japan or the Caribbean in search of product and business is not a stumbling block, as long as you can bring that cultural sensibility to a mass market. How PVIPE brings that to the table is through David's marketing experience. He is very, very good at what he does," Thompson said.

In celebration of all of these pacts, PVIPE Music along with Black Radio Exclusive (BRE) Magazine (Pryce and his wife are on the cover of the September issue) and Episential Skin Care (another of Pryce's companies) will hold a party in Hollywood later this month.



David and his wife Amy Bobbitt featured in BRE magazine



R&B singer Vesta Williams was found dead in a California hotel room Thursday night (Sept. 22). She was 53 years old. The entertainer, who was widely recognized in the '80s as a lauded songstress, was apparently in good health, according to a recent video interview. "I'm just actually excited about being 53 years old and alive and well and kickin,'" Williams shared. "I don't have any problems, nothing, no medical problems, nothing, and I'm too blessed to be stressed." Though reports state she was 48 at the time of her death, her statement claims otherwise. Williams had more than one hit climb the Billboard charts, but 1989's "Congratulations" was the tune that made its highest mark, scoring a No. 5 position on the Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Songs chart. Though she never had an album certified gold, six of her songs landed in the Top 10 on the charts from the mid-1980s to the early 1990s. Her debut self-titled album was released in 1986 and 2007 marked her seventh studio album, "Distant Lover." Besides music, she tried her hand at acting, starring in Mario Van Peebles' 1993 film "Posse," in which she played the role of a saloon singer. **UPDATE:** TMZ reports that several prescription pill bottles were found in the El Segundo, California hotel room where Williams was found dead. Law enforcement sources stated "several bottles" were discovered at the scene, some apparently empty. Williams' death is not being treated as a homicide, but rather as an accident or suicide. Toxicology reports to find out the true cause of death may take up to six weeks.