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Twinkle twinkle, babies. It's your favorite "starchild" buzzin' among the stars with a little chitterchat...

Bad child-rearing or needed discipline? That's what everyone's buzzing on when it comes to mega preacher **Creflo Dollar**. The founder and leader of **World Changers Church International in Atlanta** was arrested recently on charges of choking his teenage daughter, slamming her into the ground and hitting her with a shoe after an argument ensued after the daughter wanted to go to a party around 1am. Dollar, who has denied all charges, claiming "sensationalism" and a rush to judgment by the police, was arrested on charges of simple battery, family violence and child cruelty. He spent the night in Fayette County Jail before posting \$5,000 bail. *(Personally, I am no fan of Dollar, but I wish I would have told MY parents I was just going out to a party at 1am at the age of 15. Just saying.....child please!! Moving on.....)*

Could they be the next "super couple?" Sources say separated hip hops stars **Lauryn Hill** and **Nas** have been seen out and about in restaurants, movie theaters, etc and have been spotted on several occasions holding hands. Lauryn, who recently split from father of five of her six kids, Rohan Marley, had a duet with Nas (who has recently divorced from singer Kelis) back in the 1990's. Both music legends are fighting custody battles and perhaps "consoling" each other on their similar circumstances can lead to these two making some good music — personally and professionally.

In other not-so-good **Lauryn Hill** news, the IRS has filed charges against the artist for failing to pay more than \$1.5 million in taxes for money she earned from 2005 to 2007. According to Lauryn, she stopped paying taxes after she felt it was necessary to withdraw from society for the safety and well being of her family, citing "false entitlement, manipulation and racial prejudice." "Obviously, the danger I faced was not accepted



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as reasonable grounds for deferring my tax payments, as authorities, who despite being told all of this, still chose to pursue action against me, as opposed to finding an alternative solution," stated the artist. "It was critically important that I find a suitable pathway within which to exist, without being distorted or economically strong-armed," she wrote. Is the IRS buying this? Of course not. The five-time Grammy winner could face up to a year in prison or pay \$100,000 in fines.

Belated condolences to some great legends we lost during the month of May, including legendary "Go Go" jazz/bluesman **Chuck Brown**, disco queen **Donna Summer** and singer/songwriter **Robin Gibb** of the **Bee Gees**.

Are singers going through a "mid-life crises" these days? Depends on if you look at some of their recent antics. **Madonna** recently flashed her right boob in a concert performance (aka Janet Jackson Super bowl style)...and **Erykah Badu** and **Brian McKnight** both have new videos that have raised more than a few eyebrows and comments. Hard to describe both of the videos in the confines of this column. I will just say that now is a good time to learn how to You Tube and prepare to go "WHAT?!" *(wink wink)*

Last but not least, comedian **Tommy Chong**, one-half of the **Cheech and Chong**, announced recently on CNN that he is suffering from prostate cancer. Chong, also the father of actress **Rae Dawn Chong**, told CNN's Don Lemon that he was diagnosed about a month ago, but he's had the cancer — a "slow Stage 13 — for "a long time." The 74-year-old has been treating it with hemp oil and cannabis and revealed his diagnosis to support the decriminalization of marijuana use and sales. *(So "Chong" to the very end.)*

Just a reminder, my latest poetic CD, "**Menopause Is A Four-Letter Word**" is on sale on Bandcamp.com and my website at www.iamvaljones.com. Looking for some poetic comedy with a touch of proud realism from your favorite poetic "attitude child?" You definitely need to check it out. (^_^)

That's it from your favorite poetic starchild. Plug into my "Queendom" on Facebook and Twitter @ iamvaljones. Until the next time we chat, my EYE is on the stars so you can see what they're doing. Twinkle twinkle babies!

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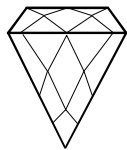
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