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

September unfortunately started out on a sad note. Labor Day Monday, September 3rd, it was sadly reported that beloved actor **Michael Clarke Duncan** ("Green Mile") had died. The actor, who never recovered from his full cardiac arrest July 13th, passed after almost two months of hospitalization following his heart attack. Sources say fiancée **Omarosa Manigault** waged a valiant fight to save Michael's life, flying in doctors from all over the world. But his condition was just too grave. Michael Clark Duncan was 54. The gentle giant and incredibly talented actor will most definitely be missed.

It was not long before **Tameka Raymond** and **Usher Raymond** were dealing with the tragic death of Tameka's son from a boating accident. Now it seems like it's business as usual as they continue their very bitter divorce and custody battle. Even though ex-wife Tameka lost custody of her two sons to the R&B singer, as far as she's concerned, the war is still being fought. And Usher is not taking her "vile" attempts to regain custody of their children lightly. He says they are an insult to the justice system. I guess we can say that the "temporary tragedy truce" is now officially over. Moving on (as I'm sure Usher would wish Tameka would do).....

Evidently **Lauryn Hill** is not the only one with IRS woes. According to documents filed in Illinois, singer **R. Kelly** owes Uncle Sam over 1 million dollars — a cool \$1,379,695.11 to be exact for unpaid taxes for the year 2011. Wow! Seems his accountant must have been "trapped in a closet" for the past seven years. Sources say the singer is "taking this very seriously and is already communicating with the IRS about the payment process to quickly resolve the issue." Hmmmm...Wesley, Ron Isley, Lauryn and now R. Can these people not afford good accountants?! Just saying....

In the WTH(!) Department: WHAT is a "Honey Boo Boo Child?!" Of all the saddest things I have ever seen on TV, this has got to be one of the worst! **Honey Boo Boo Child** is the self-given nickname of six-year-old **Alana Thompson**, a recurring cast member of the TLC reality television show **Toddlers & Tiaras**. For it to be on The Learning Channel, I'm still trying to figure out just WHAT are people supposed to be learning



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from this travesty? Personally, I think every real redneck in the world should be embarrassed by this and I'm still wondering why DSS hasn't stepped in and smacked Mom with a citation for some type of child abuse at the very least. For those who are not familiar, Alana (Honey Boo Child) is known for her outlandish behavior, showing off her "baby fat" belly to the judges, speaking "redneck ghetto" and drinking "Go-Go Juice" — a Red Bull and Mountain Dew concoction that has her bouncing off the walls and has caught the attention of mainstream media for its perceived health risks. So THIS is today's entertainment, huh? Wow. First Waka, now this. SMH

Speaking of reality TV, here's the "Val's Buzz" condensed report on the Republican and Democratic National Conventions: **Romney** and **Ryan** talked to old angry white men while **Clint Eastwood** awkwardly talked to an empty chair (aka Jimmy Stewart and Harvey style.) Meanwhile, yet another **Gabby (Gifford)** shined! **Michelle Obama** rocked! **Professor Bill Clinton** broke it down statistically. And the **President Barack Obama** put all the chips on the table, reminding voters they have the **CLEAREST** choice in a generation (slavery or abolitionism...that's just me paraphrasing). Then the Prez basically dropped the mic and walked away like a poet after he knew he just won the slam. Snap Snap and Clapping! Or at least that's what EYE saw....

ALERT TO VOTERS: Voting the straight ticket will NOT be a vote for the Presidency. YOU MUST VOTE FOR THE PRESIDENT FIRST; then vote straight ticket if that is your choice. Pass the word, don't be duped and take someone to the polls with you on November 6th, 2012.

Finally, in the spirit of raising awareness and getting as many registered as we can, join me and **Commissioner Charles Evans** for the biggest voters registration party to hit the area. We present to you the **"ROCKOBAMA VOTERS REGISTRATION PARTY,"** happening Wednesday October 10th at **Big Shots Entertainment Sports Bar and Grill**, located at 3138 Raeford Road in Fayetteville. The event starts at 8pm and the cost is only \$5. There will be live entertainment and a chance for candidates to meet, mingle and have a great time with their constituents. Mark your calendar...and we'll see you at the ultimate party with a purpose. It's time to rock the elections again! YES WE CAN!!!

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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