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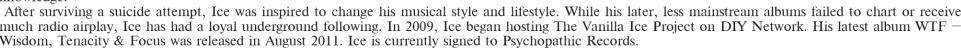


Vanilla Ice

American Rapper, Actor & Television Host

Robert Matthew Van Winkle (born October 31, 1967), known professionally as Vanilla Ice, is an American rapper, actor, and television host. Born in South Dallas, and raised in Texas and South Florida, Ice released his debut album, Hooked, in 1989 on Ichiban Records, before signing a contract with SBK Records, a record label of the EMI Group, which released a reformatted version of the album under the title To the Extreme. Ice's 1990 single "Ice Ice Baby" was the first hip hop single to top the

Although he was successful, Ice later regretted his business arrangements with SBK, which had paid him to adopt a more commercial appearance to appeal to a mass audience and published fabricated biographical information without his



Robert Matthew Van Winkle was born in Dallas, Texas, on October 31, 1967. Van Winkle has never known his biological father; he was given the family name of the man his mother was married to at the time of his birth. [When Van Winkle was four, his mother divorced. Afterward, he grew up moving between Dallas and Miami,[8] where his new stepfather worked at a car dealership. Van Winkle was affected by Hip hop at an early age, saying "It's a very big passion of mine because I love poetry. I was just heavily influenced by that whole movement and it's molded me into who I am today. Between the ages of 13 and 14, Van Winkle practiced breakdancing, which led to his friends nicknaming him "Vanilla", as he was the only one in the group who was not black. Although he disliked the nickname, it stuck. Shortly afterward, Van Winkle started battle rapping at parties and because of his rhymes, his friends started calling him "MC Vanilla." However, when he became a member of a breakdance troupe, Van Winkle's stage name was "Vanilla Ice" combining his nickname "Vanilla" with one of his breakdance moves; "The Ice". When Ice's stepfather was offered a better job in Carrollton, Texas, he moved back to Texas with his mother. He attended R. L. Turner High School for a short time before dropping out. When Ice was not learning to ride motorbikes, he was dancing as a street performer with his breakdancing group, now called The Vanilla Ice Posse. Ice wrote "Ice Ice Baby" at the age of 16, basing its lyrics on a weekend he had with friend and disc jockey D-Shay in South Florida. The lyrics describe Ice and Shay on a drug run that ends in a drive-by shooting while praising Ice's rhyming skills.

In 1985, he was focusing all of his energy on motocross, winning three championships. After breaking his ankle during a race, Ice was not interested in racing professionally for some time, using his spare time to perfect his dance moves and creating his own while his ankle was healing. Ice used his beatboxing and breakdancing skills as a street performer with his friends at local malls during this time. One evening he visited City Lights, a South Dallas nightclub, where he was dared to go on stage by his friend Squirrel during an open-mic. He won the crowd over and was asked by City Lights manager John Bush if he wanted to perform regularly, which he accepted. Ice would be joined on stage with his disc jockey D-Shay and Zero as well as Earthquake, the local disc jockey at City Lights. The Vanilla Ice Posse or The V.I.P. would also perform with Ice on stage. As a performer for City Lights, Ice opened up for N.W.A, Public Enemy, The D.O.C., Tone Loc, 2 Live Crew, Paula Abdul, Sinbad and MC Hammer.

In January 1987, Ice was stabbed five times during a scuffle outside of City Lights. After spending ten days at the hospital, Ice signed a contract with the owner of City Lights, Tommy Quon and his management company, Ultrax. Two years later, Ice would open for EPMD, Ice-T, Stetsasonic, and Sir Mix-A-Lot on the Stop the Violence Tour. Quon saw commercial potential in Ice's rapping and dancing skills. Buying studio time with Quon's earnings from City Lights, they recorded songs that had been perfected on stage by Ice and his acquaintances with various producers, including Khayree. The two year production was distributed by an independent record company called Ichiban Records in 1989. "Play That Funky Music" was released as the album's first single, with "Ice Ice Baby" appearing as the B-side. Tommy Quon personally sent out the single to various radio stations around the US, but the single was seldom played and when it was, it did not get the reaction Quon was hoping for. When disc jockey Darrell Jaye in Georgia played "Ice Ice Baby" instead of the single's A-side, the song gained a quick fanbase and other radio stations followed suit. Quon financed \$8,000 for the production of a music video for "Ice Ice Baby", which received heavy airplay by The Box, increasing public interest in the song.

Mainstream success (1990-1993)

On the basis of Ice's good looks and dance moves, Public Enemy tried to convince their producer, Hank Shocklee, to sign Ice to Def Jam, but Ice later signed a contract with SBK Records in 1990. SBK remixed and re-recorded Hooked under the title To the Extreme. The reissue contained new artwork and music. According to Ice, SBK paid him to adopt a more commercial, conventional appearance. This led Ice to later regret his business agreements with SBK.

Ice's mic technique is actually stronger and more nimble than MC Hammer's, and he really tries earnestly to show off the skills he does have. Unfortunately, even if he can keep a mid-tempo pace, his flow is rhythmically stiff, and his voice has an odd timbre; plus, he never seems sure of the proper accent to adopt. He's able to overcome those flaws somewhat in isolated moments, but they become all too apparent over the course of an entire album.

In late 1990, Ice began an eight-month relationship with Madonna, and appeared in photographs for her book, Sex. In the height of Ice's popularity, SBK licensed a 12" doll which was made by THQ. In January 1991, he was the musical guest on Saturday Night Live. Ice branched out into the film industry with an appearance in the film Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles II: The Secret of the Ooze, which he later called "one of the coolest experiences" of his career. Ice was very secretive about his personal life, with the intention of protecting his family. When a Dallas Morning News reporter asked Ice what his mother's profession was, he replied, "None of your fucking business." In an attempt to rectify this, his former label wrote a fake biography in his name and tried to pass it off as his official life story without his knowledge. While on tour in 1991, Ice found out that SBK had instigated the publication of the biography which detailed false biographical information, including claims that he had attended school with Luther Campbell and exaggerating his living conditions in Miami, which Ice later had to debunk by himself.

At around this time, Ice began using ecstasy, cocaine and heroin. During periods of heavy drug use, Ice received many tattoos from artist acquaintances. According to Ice, he "was in his binge days. He didn't even realize how many he was getting". Ice attempted suicide with a heroin overdose on July 4, 1994 but was revived by his friends. After being revived, Ice decided that it was time to change his lifestyle. As a symbol of his attempt to begin anew, he got a tattoo of a leaf on his stomach. After expanding his Mind Blowin tour overseas in 1995, Ice sold his estate in California and took a break from music, rather focusing on motocrossing and jet skiing in Florida. By the summer Ice was the world's No. 6-ranked sit-down Jet Ski racer, competing nearly every weekend and earning a Kawasaki sponsorship.

Uncertain about his future career, Ice studied real estate and started working on the side renovating and selling houses. In late 1995, Ice set up a recording studio in Miami and joined a grunge band, Pickin Scabz. The name was set to reflect Ice's career and how he was healing from his suicide attempt and that he was now "picking up the pieces". Ice expressed an interest in performing hip hop-influenced rock music, but found that the band was unable to produce the sound he was looking for. In 1996, longtime associate and friend Monte Lipman signed Ice as an artist for Universal Republic Records. He did guest vocals with no stage name for the song "Boom" by Bloodhound Gang on their CD One Fierce Beer Coaster.

Ice later developed a friendship with producer Ross Robinson, who had become known for producing music by Deftones, Korn, Limp Bizkit and Sepultura. Robinson and Ice shared an interest in motocross racing. Monte Lipman hoped that Robinson would produce a new Vanilla Ice album. According to Robinson, others had attempted to discourage him from working with Ice, saying it might hurt his reputation. Rather than being dissuaded, their fear encouraged Robinson who agreed to work with Ice. In an interview, Robinson stated "It's the most punk-rock thing you could do." Despite not being happy with his old image, Winkle stated that he never had a problem with his older music. Ice decided against changing his stage name to something else, as he felt no need to run from his past, despite being uneasy with some of it and started performing again, booking a hundred shows a year. Courtesy of Wickapedia

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Bobby Kearney, Jr.

Funeral services for Bobby R. Kearney, Jr., age 40, of Emory, will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, May 5, 2018 at League Street Church of Christ with Bro. Mike Eason officiating and Brian Wright assisting. Interment will follow at Stouts Creek Cemetery in Saltillo with Charles Kemp, Rafael Figueroa, Brad Talbot, Wayne Pickett, Ruben Garcia, Jesus Yanez, Silvestre Gallegos, and Ricky Feldt serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Marlon Comer, Ken McKinley, Rickey Adams, Roger Derr, Mark Carpenter, Jesse James, Michael Comer, and Koby Kearney. Visitation will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Friday, May 4, 2018 at West Oaks Funeral Home. Bobby left this life here on earth at 3:45 p.m., on Sunday, April 29, 2018 following a motorcycle accident early Saturday morning. He was born on November 14, 1977 in Sulphur Springs, TX, the son of Bobby Ray

Sr. and Tanna Williams Kearney. He was the shop manager of Kearney Trailers in Emory. He loved his motorcycle. Her name is Eleanor, and he loved to wash and ride her. He also loved gardening. Bobby is survived by son, Kason Ray Kearney of Mount Vernon, daughters, Jordyn Pennington and husband Anthony of Saltillo, Madelyn Kearney of Fort Benning, GA, brothers, Johnny Kearney and wife Tammy of Leesburg, TX, sisters, Melissa Goldsmith and husband Mark of Emory, Michelle, grandchildren, Brynlie Pennington, Rowley Pennington, new found brothers, David Kearney and Robert Cook, and lots of other beloved family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Cross Spur Cowboy Church Building Fund. Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www.westoaksfuneralhome.com



Dorothy Delta Debord

Dorothy Delta Debord died peacefully on Sunday, April 29, 2018, at Christian Care Center in Mesquite, Texas, which she called home for the past seven years. She was Ninety-Five years old.

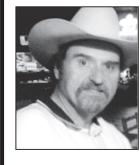
She is survived by her son Randy and his wife Monica, grandson Daniel Debord, granddaughter Devon Heidel and her husband Brandon, all from Sugar Land, Tx., stepdaughters Connie Schaffner and husband Sam from Wichita Falls, TX., and Sharon Williams-Hylton of Oklahoma City, OK., and many nieces, nephews, cousins and loving friends.

She was a member of North Liberty Baptist Church in Sulphur Springs, Texas. Dorothy was born on October 24, 1922, in the rural farming area of Hutchins, Tx. She grew up in a small, wooden farmhouse with no running water. She was the 8th child of nine between Florence Edna King and William Allan Massey and is preceded in death by all. They were a hard-working, sun-up

to sun-down farming family. She had a tight-knit bond with all her brothers and sisters, but her connection to her sisters Emma Louise and Mary Beatrice was especially close. Their lives were beautifully intertwined in a way that is rare today.

As a child at the height of the Great Depression, she was forced to drop out of school in the fourth grade to work the family farm. She learned that life was hard but working hard was part of life. Her motto was "you gotta keep movin'," of which she did her entire life. Even at age 95, her day began with her usual 'rounds.' After making her bed, putting on her make-up, then fixing her hair, she would 'make the rounds' of Christian Care Center, stopping to visit with everyone along the way. Afterward, she attended the daily exercise classes. Dorothy proudly worked at Plastic Manufacturing Company in Dallas, Texas, for over sixteen years as a machine operator. The "Pill Machine" as she called it - would mix the plastic pellets into a "pill" shape to later be "pressed" into plates, cups, or bowls. With her employee discount, everybody in the family had some type of plastic dishware in their kitchen cabinets, and probably still do. Her sister Emma Louise worked with her for a while, as did her son Randy. Dorothy had a life-long love of gardening and being outdoors. for special occasions.

A tribute to Dorothy Debord can be found on https://www.allaccesssportingnews.com/Obituary/Dorothy-Delta-Debord



Jimmy Don Goldsmith

Funeral services for Jimmy Don Goldsmith, age 58, of Saltillo, will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, May 3, 2018 at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. C.J. Duffey and Randy Davison officiating and Bill Sharber assisting. Interment will follow at Weaver Cemetery with Randy Davison, Larry Darlin, Chris Hammons, Cary Moore, Corey Brown, Jerry Ross and Roy George serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be C. D. Ballard, Jimmy Don's nephews, Ballard Drivers, Jr. Gregg, Michael Johnson, Brendyl Davison, Nationwide Dairymen and the Saltillo FFA Officer's. Visitation will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at West Oaks Funeral Home. Jimmy Don passed away on Friday, April 27, 2018 at CHRISTUS Mother Frances Hospital in Sulphur Springs. Jimmy Don was born on February 13, 1960 in Sulphur Springs the son of Lee Forest Goldsmith and Mary Madeline Goodson Goldsmith. He married Yvonna Stapleton on May 8, 2004 and

she survives. Jimmy Don was a member of Lake fork Baptist Church and on the original Board of Directors for Color Blind Ministries with one of his best friends, C. J. Duffey. Jimmy Don worked for Winburn Milk Company for over 35 years. He gained many friends and lasting relationships, including his best friend, C.D. Ballard. He was also on the board of Duffey's Boxing/Fitness Ministries, Inc. and co-founder of Duffey/Goldsmith Boxing in Mt. Pleasant, TX from 2007 and 2008. He was on the board of the Rockdale Baptist Cemetery Association and was a member of the Kiwanis. One of Jimmy's favorite things to do was cook and fellowship with family and friends. But his most valued thing to do was spend time with his beloved Mattie and his other children and wife, Yvonna. In addition to his wife Yvonna, Jimmy Don is survived by his daughter, Mattie Goldsmith, sons, Bobby Goldsmith, Travis Allan, Carl Smith and wife Sonya and Russell Smith, mother, Helen Grubbs Goldsmith, brothers and sisters, Linda Stevens and husband Ed, Forest Goldsmith, Mary Robinson and husband Tommy, Ruthie Collins and husband Dean, Bryant Goldsmith and wife Amy, Nancy Temples and husband Larry Jay, Terry Gammill and husband Keith all of Sulphur Springs, Lisa Sharber and husband Bill of Sulphur Bluff, Brad Harmon and wife Carrie and Curtis Harmon and wife Teri of Lone Star. Jimmy Don is also survived by 10 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren along with bonus parents, Jimmy and Linda Goldsmith and many close aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and faithful friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, one son, Brian Stribling, brothers, Tommy Goldsmith and Chris Harmon. A scholarship fund has been set up for Mattie Goldsmith at City National Bank. Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www.westoaksfuneralhome.com

Virginia Sue Taylor

Funeral service for Virginia Sue Taylor, age 83, of Sulphur Springs, were held at 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Chapel with Michael Mars officiating. Interment followed at North Hopkins Cemetery. There was no formal visitation. Ms. Taylor passed away on Sunday, April 29, 2018, at Rock Creek Health and Rehab, Sulphur Springs, TX.

George Law

Memorial service for George Law, age 82, of Sulphur Springs, will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, May 6, 2018 at First United Methodist Church, Sulphur Springs with Pastor Dean Libby officiating. There will be no formal visitation. Mr. Law passed away on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 in Sulphur Springs, TX

Are you at nutrition risk?

By Joanna Hicks

privilege of implementing a nutrition program targeted toward the 55+ crowd, and we had some very good discussions! We started off by taking a quiz, followed by reviewing some nutrients that are often lacking in the diets of older adults. Take the quiz below to see if you are at nutrition risk:

- Have you changed the kind or amount of food you eat because of a disease?
- 2) Do you skip meals? 3) Do you eat less than two servings of fruits or vegetables on most days? Do you have tooth or mouth problems that make it hard to eat?
- If you wear dentures, do they fit properly?
- Sometimes, do you run out of enough money to buy the food you need? Do you eat alone almost all the time?
- Do you take three or more medications (includes prescribed, overthe-counter, herbal supplements, and vitamins) a day?
- Do you consume more than three alcoholic drinks on most days?
- 10) Without wanting to, have you gained or lost 10 pounds in the last six months?
- Are you unable to shop, cook or feed yourself because of your health?
- 12) Are you over the age of 80 years?

If you answered 'yes' to these questions, you may be a nutrition risk.

Age related changes can affect nutritional status. One of those changes if the ability to perceive thirst. This may lead to dehydration especially when medications are taken or combined with the inability to communicate the need for water. As we age, we also have a decreased need for Caloric needs decline because of the decrease in metabolic rate, healthy weight, stay ac- welcome to watch! Please as well as a decrease in tive, be optimistic, spend call 903-885-3443 if you physical activity that usually accompanies aging. Sensory changes also occur. A diminished sense of smell can cause food to lose much of its flavor while poor vision can cause food to look less appealing. Finally, there is an increased need for certain nutrients such as protein, vitamins D and B12, calcium, and zinc. Obtaining these nutrients through a healthful diet is

of utmost importance. This all lead to the ques-

I recently had the tion, "What's missing in your pantry?" Several nutrients have been idenamounts by adults over the nounce the age of 55 years. These nu- Challenge."

- tant for optimal immune will take place on Saturfunction, wound healing, kins County Civic Center and fluid balance. Food sources include lean cuts 9:30 a.m., orientation at of meat, skim milk, egg 10:00 and contest starting whites
- min D: keep bones strong the first eight teams (four and helps prevent osteo- member per team) who porosis. Food sources would like to participate. include milk, cheese, yo- Here's a brief synopsis of gurt, fortified orange juice how it works:
- Vitamin B12: important for nerve function, signed to a food preparacognitive performance, tion station. Teams will and healthy blood cells. be provided with a bag of Food sources include beef, ingredients which must be milk, fish
- folic acid, it is needed for will be available if teams growth and repair of body choose to add more ingretissues. Food sources in- dients. In addition, each clude fortified grain prod- dish must also include 2 ucts, orange juice, dark dairy products, which will green vegetables, beans
- wound healing. Food sources are beef, some knives. Each team is rebreakfast cereals, whole grains
- Potassium: helps ing. lower blood pressure, Ăll eight teams will parjuice, tomatoes
- Fiber: promotes be blood cholesterol, and six teams will continue to aids in weight loss. Food the main dish round, after grains, dry beans, fruits be eliminated. The final such as apples, bananas, three teams will partici-
- temperature maintenance and transportation of oxygen, nutrients, and medications to the cells of the with expenses related to body. Food sources in the contest. For registraclude water, decaffeinated tion and rules of play, go coffees and teas

stay healthy. Maintain a cations.' Spectators are time with friends and fam- have questions. ily, try a new hobby, and enjoy crossword puzzles, games, and puzzles. In- last once a year. The real crease social contact by geniuses simply have their getting involved in church bright ideas closer togethor community volunteer er - Georg Lichtenberg programs, visit the local Senior Citizens' Center, share meals with a friend, and attend a cooking class or other community events. Hopkins County frequently offers special events, programs, and workshops, so take advan-

tage of them!

Dairy "Whipped Challenge"

The 2018 Hopkins tified that are often NOT County Dairy Festival consumed in adequate Board is proud to an-"Whipped Similar to trients are needed for opti- the Food Network's popumal health and well-being. lar "Chopped" show, the Protein: impor- Dairy Festival version grounds, with check-in at at 10:15 a.m.. We are now Calcium and Vita- accepting registration for

> Each team will be asused to prepare a dish. A Folate: also called pantry of additional items also be available in the Zinc: needed for pantry area. All equipment will be provided, with the exception of quested to provide its own knives for slicing and dic-

reduces the risk of de-ticipate in the appetizer veloping kidney stones, round. They will have a and decreases bone loss. certain amount of time to Food sources are sweet plan, prepare, and plate potatoes, bananas, orange the dishes for a panel of judges. Two teams will "whipped" digestive health, lowers nated), and the remaining sources include whole which three teams will oranges, pears, and berries pate in the dessert round, Water: helps with with the winning team being named as "Whipped Challenge" winner.

A fee of \$40 per team will be charged to help to https://hopkins.agrilife. Challenge yourself to org and click on 'publi-

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Cowboys In Cowtown

Tumbleweed Smith



The cowboy era, which brings up images of trail drives and things having to do with cattle and life on the range, lasted less than 20 years, but the legacy of that time carries through to today. When I was growing up in Fort Worth I used to drive to the stockyards to pick up sides of beef for my father's grocery store. Being there made me feel like a cowboy.

After the Civil War, Americans acquired a taste for beef. There was plenty of it on hoof in Texas, where cattle sold for 4 dollars a head. In Kansas, the same cow brought 40 dollars. So great cattle drives started from the Rio Grand northward. The Chisholm Trail passed thru Fort Worth. When the railroad arrived in 1876, Fort Worth became a major shipping point for livestock. So the city built the stockyards 2 and half miles north of the Tarrant County Court House. They opened in 1887.

One of the investors was Louville Niles of Boston, whose primary business was meatpacking. He convinced the investors that instead of shipping the cattle to other markets to be processed, they should build meatpacking plants. So by 1900 both Swift and Armour started building facilities. They were completed in 1902. That same year the Livestock Exchange Building was built which housed livestock commission companies, telegraph and railroad offices and other support businesses. It became known as the Wall Street of the West.

In 1911 the stockyards and packinghouse area became a little village called Niles City, which at the time was known as the richest little city in the world with a property value of 30 million dollars. In 1923 it was annexed as part of Fort Worth.

The stockyards needed a show facility, so in 1907 construction began on the Cowtown Coliseum. It became home to the first indoor rodeo. Five million head of livestock passed thru the Stockyards. In 1917, during World War 1 the stockyards were the largest horse and mule market in the world. Military officers came from allied countries to purchase animals.

The peak year for the stockyards was in 1944. Then began the decline of the railroads, which brought about the decline of the stockyards. After WW2, newly paved roads gave rise to the trucking industry, so the market moved to ranches and feed lots. Armour closed in 1962, Swift in 1971. The Armour plant was demolished, but Swift became the Old Spaghetti Warehouse. Now it houses an energy company.

In 1976 some citizens established the North Fort Worth Historical Society, which helped organize the Stockyards National Historical District. They built a museum in the Exchange Building. The area is one of the state's most popular tourist attractions. Visitors enjoy a little bit of the old west with the twice daily cattle drives at 11:30 AM and 4 PM when cowboys on horseback guide a herd of longhorns down exchange avenue.



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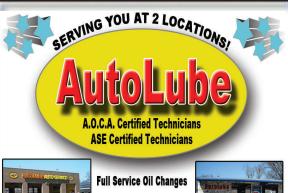




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