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## Celebrities

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## Coming down in sizes

**Al Sharpton** is whittling down.

The preacher and black activist has lost nearly 75 pounds since July, and — at 232 pounds — he's not done yet. His goal is 210.

Sharpton says his 7-year-old daughter Ashley inspired him to get in shape:

She told him he was fat.

But it was constructive criticism, says the 40-year-old Sharpton, who has traded in his size 54 suits for size 48.

"I'm lean and mean and will last longer on the scene," he says in yesterday's *New York Daily News*.

## Delay pleases Collins's fans



Collins

Against all odds, **Phil Collins** made his Puerto Rican debut.

Collins was two hours late for the show Saturday night after he and his crew were detained in Caracas, Venezuela.

The concert's promoters apparently had failed to pay production taxes after a show there, a radio station reported.

The San Juan crowd of 17,000 didn't seem to mind the delay as Collins performed "Against All Odds" and "In the Air Tonight"

in a set of more than 20 songs.

The concert was the last leg of a Latin American tour that included Puerto Rico, Venezuela, Argentina and Peru.

## Dr. Quinn, Medicine Wife

A critique of his ideas & actions.



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