

# Focus

## J. Lo Sues Former Manager



Jennifer Lopez

(AP)—Jennifer Lopez has filed a petition with California's labor commission that accuses her former representative, Benny Medina, of failing to have a valid talent agent's license while managing her career.

The singer-actress fired Medina

in June after five years of service.

While the state has different rules governing the activities of managers and talent agents, Lopez's attorney, Barry Hirsch, said Medina - who worked as her manager - inappropriately performed talent agent functions, such as negotiating deals for her upcoming film "Shall We Dance?" and a sponsorship agreement with L'Oreal cosmetics.

Medina told The Associated Press Wednesday that Lopez always had a talent agent while he worked with her and denied that his activities crossed over into that territory.

"This is a real display of lack of gratitude and appreciation for what other people do in the building of a career and at the same time it shows tremendous avarice and greed," he added.

## Singer Brandy and Husband Split

(AP)—Brandy is confirming reports that she's split from her husband, Robert Smith, the father of her 1-year-old daughter.

A statement released by her record company, Atlantic Records, said: "Brandy and her husband are splitting. They will remain friends and raise their daughter jointly."

The 24-year-old singer-actress announced in February 2002 that she had been secretly wed to Smith, a music producer, for several months. Four months later, she gave birth to her first child, daughter Sy'rai. MTV documented the preparations for the birth with the reality series "Brandy-Special Delivery."

A former teen pop princess, Brandy also starred in her own sitcom, "Moesha," from 1996 to 2001. Her album, "Full Moon," was released last year.

Brandy at last August's MTV Video Music Awards at New York's Radio City Music. The 24-year-old singer-actress is confirming reports that she's split from her husband, Robert Smith, the father of her 1-year-old daughter.



## 'Wild' Videos Lack Color

(AP)—Snoop Dogg isn't wild about "Girls Gone Wild" anymore.

The rapper, who appeared as the host on one of the raunchy strip videos, told The Associated Press he's done with the series because it doesn't feature women of color.

"If you notice, there hasn't been no girls of (ethnicity) at all on none of those tapes," Snoop Dogg complained during a recent interview. "No black girls, no Spanish girls - all white girls, and that (stuff) ain't cool."

Snoop Dogg, whose real name is Calvin Broadus, said he plans to do his own version of "Girls Gone Wild" to "bring some flavor to the table" - and to satisfy women of color waiting for their chance to go topless for the camera.

"They've been complaining to me like crazy," the 31-year-old rapper said. "They think I like the white girls because I'm on there with them, and I don't, I just did that for money."

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## Jazz Flutist Herbie Mann Dies

(AP)—Herbie Mann, a versatile jazz flutist whose restless search for new sounds took him around the world and influenced a generation of musicians, has died at 73.

Diagnosed six years ago with inoperable prostate cancer, Mann died July 1 at his home in Pecos, near

Santa Fe, N.M.

Mann was tireless in his efforts to expand his own musical horizons, and was an early practitioner of fusion and world music.

He explored the music of Africa, India, Cuba, Jamaica, the Middle East, Japan and Brazil.



Herbie Mann is shown playing in Central Park in New York in this May 1980 file photo. Mann, the versatile jazz flutist, died July 1, in Santa Fe, N.M. He was 73. (AP Photo)

### Musical Spitfire Grill Premiers

Lakewood Theatre Company presents "The Spitfire Grill" at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and 7 p.m. Sundays from July 11 through Aug. 17. \$26. The musical with a soulful combination of American folk and country, is temporarily performing at Fir Acres Theatre, Lewis and Clark College, 0615 S.W. Palatine Hill Road. For more information, call 503-635-3901

### Concerts at Dawson Park

Summer concerts in the park are free, family friendly and begin at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Dawson Park on North Stanton between Williams and Vancouver. Rhythm Culture, reggae with blues/jazz, performs July 9; Oro Verde, traditional Cuban, is July 16; Linda Hornbuckle/Janice Scroggins Quartet, blues/jazz/soul, performs July 23; and Three-Fifths Compromise, jazz/funk/fusion plays July 30. For more information, call 503-823-PLAY or visit www.portlandparks.org.

### Brewers Fest at Waterfront Park

The Oregon Brewers Festival promises to quench your thirst with oddities such as "Watermelon Wheat," "Summer Honey" and "Get Down with Ginger Brown" from noon to 9 p.m. Friday, July 25, Saturday, July 26 and from noon to 7 p.m. Sunday, July 27 at Waterfront Park. Admission is free but beer is purchased with pre-paid tokens. For more information, call 503-778-5917 or visit www.oregonbrewfest.com

### Dance and Improvisation

The historical and the surreal partner for a mind-blowing rendering of "Cockroach" and "Chessboard Queens," incorporating dance and improvisation at Disjecta, 116 N.E. Russell St. at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays through July 17. Tickets are \$12, but July 24<sup>th</sup> is free! For more information, call 503-781-6499.

### OB Addy at Billy Reed's

Don't miss OB Addy at Billy Reed's on Friday, July 11, 2808 N.E. MLK Blvd. For more information, call 503-493-8127.

### Errata, Cobra and Shoplifting

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Monday, July 14 at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$8. All ages. 116 N.E. Russell St. For more information, call 503-335-6979.

### IFCC Summer Festival

Interstate Avenue Cultural Center will coordinate music and kids art booths for the Interstate Avenue Fair and Garage Sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 16 and 17. The IFCC is located at 5340 N. Interstate. No admission is charged, but donations appreciated. For more information, call 503-823-4322

### "Ceramics: All Levels"

Portland Community College offers high-fire stoneware clay classes this summer. The first class takes place Mondays through Aug. 18. The second class takes place Wednesdays through August 20. Both classes meet at the following time and location: 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in Room 130 of the Terrell Hall Building at PCC's Cascade Campus, 705 N. Killingsworth St. For more information, call 503-978-5143.

### Calligraphy Class for All Levels

Sweeping-brush strokes and easy-to-learn shaping make up Portland Community College's italic calligraphy class. The class welcomes the new and those looking to fine tune their Renaissance hand at italic. Class runs Thursdays, and ends Aug. 7. Class sessions run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Room 304 of the Student Center Building at PCC's Cascade Campus, 705 N. Killingsworth. For more information, call 503-978-5143.

### Drawing for Drawing Enthusiasts

Capture the human form by learning special drawing techniques from Instructor, Marko Polo -featuring live models. The drawing class meets Saturdays through August 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 a.m. in Room 203 of the Terrell Hall Building at Portland Community College's Cascade Campus, 705 N. Killingsworth. The class costs \$105. For more information, call 503-978-5143.

### Reparations Thursdays

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