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Focus

Queen of Hip-Hop to Perform at MTV Music Awards

(AP) — Mary J. Blige is among the latest stars lined up to perform at the MTV Video Music Awards.

The queen of hip-hop soul joins previously announced performers 50 Cent, Coldplay, Christina Aguilera and Good Charlotte.

MTV also said last week that the original five members of Duran Duran will be presenters at the ceremony, along with Drew Barrymore, Avril Lavigne, Ben Stiller, Nelly and Pamela Anderson.

The 20th annual awards show is scheduled to air live at 8 p.m. EDT Thursday, Aug. 28 from Radio City Music Hall. Chris Rock is the host.

Missy Elliott has the most nominations - eight - for her "Work It" video. She's competing for video of the year honors against Justin Timberlake, who has seven nominations; Johnny Cash, who has six nominations for his cover of the Nine Inch Nails song "Hurt"; and 50 Cent and Eminem, who each have five.



Mary J. Blige performs during the VH1 Divas Duets show in Las Vegas. (AP photo)

Rap Industry Insider Cuts Plea Deal

(AP) — A rap industry insider has quietly cut a plea deal with authorities investigating alleged ties between a music label and New York City's violent drug trade.

Court papers show that Jon Ragin - a convicted drug dealer who co-produced a recent film marketed by

Murder Inc. records - pleaded guilty to federal conspiracy charges. Another man arrested with Ragin earlier this year, Derek Hayes, has also agreed to a plea bargain with prosecutors in Brooklyn.

Prosecutors have described Ragin as a close associate of Ken-

neth "Supreme" McGriff, a convicted drug kingpin suspected of secretly bankrolling Murder Inc., home to multiplatinum artists Ashanti and Ja Rule.

Murder Inc. is a 50-50 joint venture between McGriff's longtime friend, Irv Gotti, and Island-Def Jam

Records, a division of Universal Music Group, which is owned by Vivendi, according to documents filed in an unrelated case.

McGriff, Gotti and Vivendi's companies have not been charged in the ongoing investigation. McGriff and Gotti deny any wrongdoing.

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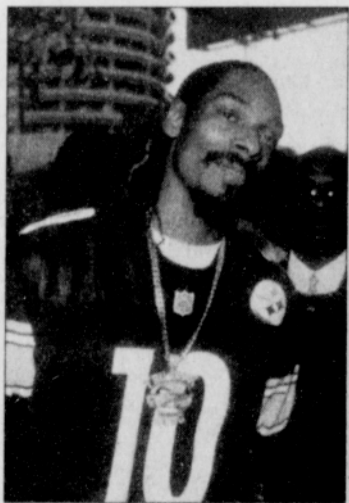
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Snoop Dogg Sued by Teens for Racy Video

(AP) — Rap artist-actor Snoop Dogg is being sued by two Louisiana women who say they were offered drugs during Mardi Gras 2002 to flash their breasts for pictures that later appeared on a cover of the video series "Girls Gone Wild."

The suit by Jaime Capdeboscq, who was 17 at the time of the alleged incident, and Whitney Candiotto, who was 18, also names Joseph R. Francis, the owner of Mantra Films Inc., which has produced the series of mail-order videos that feature nudity and sexual activity.

The women claim that Francis broke a promise that the picture would not be used in connection

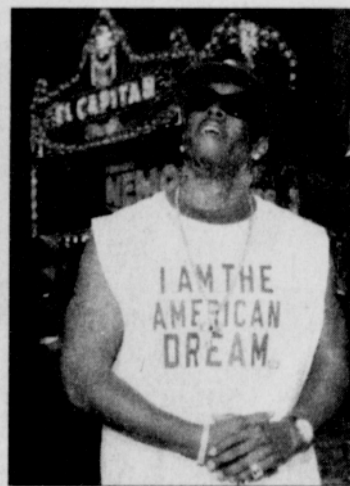


Snoop Dogg

with a video. However, when the video—known as "Girls Gone Wild Doggy Style"—came out, the women found their pictures on the cover, the suit alleges.

Attorneys for Francis and Snoop Dogg—whose real name is Calvin Broadus and who was host of the video—have both denied the allegations in court filings.

Two Men Sue 'P. Diddy' over Attacks



Sean "P. Diddy" Combs

(AP) — Two men have sued Sean "P. Diddy" Combs for \$25 million each, claiming that a security team at the rap mogul's recording studio attacked them for no

reason. Lawsuits filed Monday in Manhattan on behalf of Thomas Guest and Damon Jackson allege that they were assaulted in August 2002 at the Daddy's House studio on West 44th Street.

Combs' spokeswoman, Susan Makarichev, said the lawsuits were "totally baseless" and "the allegations are ridiculous."

Guest and Jackson were trying to visit Combs, a friend of Guest, when one of the security guards "confronted plaintiff, threatened him and thereafter physically assaulted him, causing serious physical injuries and rendering him unconscious," the lawsuit said.

When Jackson went to Guest's aid, he also was assaulted, a separate lawsuit said.

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Heavy D is Heavy on Lyrics, Light on Scale

Heavy D isn't so heavy anymore.

The rapper-turned-actor says he's dropped 135 pounds in the last year. Although he didn't say what he previously weighed - or how he lost the weight - Heavy D, whose real name is Dwight Myers, said the

loss wasn't prompted by health concerns.

"I went on a couple auditions and one director was kind enough to say, 'Look, you would've had this part but you're not fitting, you're stifling yourself,'" he told the Television Critics Association last week.

Heavy D plays a mechanic in "The Tracy Morgan Show," a proposed show starring the former "Saturday Night Live" comic. It's not yet on NBC's fall schedule. Heavy D composed and performs the show's title theme.

The 36-year-old has no plans to

lose the moniker he's used since he broke into the music business. Heavy D and the Boyz earned three Grammy nominations and scored a hit with "We Got Our Own Thang."

"There's a lot of checks involved with 'Heavy D,' so that name stays," he said.

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