

## Entertainment Briefs

### HALLE BERRY WINS RULING AGAINST ALLEGED STALKER

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) - A Louisiana man was ordered to stay away from Halle Berry, who alleged that he stalked her. Superior Court Judge Linda K. Lefkowitz granted a preliminary injunction that bars Greg Broussard from coming within 100 yards of the actress, her manager or publicist. The Oscar-winning "Monster's Ball" star and her associates were not in court Monday. Broussard allegedly tried to contact Berry, 35, by telephone and fax. In a written declaration to the court, she alleged that the 35-year-old Baldwin, La., man "has imagined a relationship with me wherein he and I are engaged to be married and that my manager and publicist are preventing him from being with me. I do not know Mr. Broussard and do not wish to have any contact with him," she said in court papers. "The threats he has relayed make me fear for my own safety as well as those who represent me."

### JAMES BROWN WON'T CONTEST ABUSE CHARGE

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) - Entertainer James Brown told prosecutors in a letter received Monday that he would forgo a jury trial and not contest a domestic violence charge because he wanted to keep his family matters private. The 71-year-old Godfather of Soul was arrested in January and accused of pushing his wife, Tommie Rae Hynie, to the floor and threatening to kill her. Prosecutor Anthony Odom said Monday that Brown had pleaded guilty to the charge. However, no plea was entered by Brown. Brown initially said he would fight the charge but instead forfeited his \$1,087 bond, which will cover a fine for the offense, according to Odom. Brown's lawyer, Jim Huff, said the action is the same as being convicted but "Mr. Brown does not admit to being guilty of this crime." Huff added that the entertainer did not want his wife to have to testify at trial. "A public trial would subject Tommie Rae Hynie to cross examination and challenge her veracity which would have the potential of harming Mr. Brown and Ms. Hynie's relationship," the letter to prosecutors said. "My client desires to avoid this."

### R. KELLY LEADS BILLBOARD R&B NOMINATIONS

NEW YORK (AP) - Singer/songwriter R. Kelly tops the list of finalists for the Billboard-American Urban Radio Networks R&B/Hip-Hop Awards with eight nominations. Kelly's nominations include top R&B/hip-hop artist, R&B/hip-hop artist-male and R&B/hip-hop single for "Step in the Name of Love." Jay-Z has seven nominations, including top artist, top male artist and R&B/hip-hop album for "The Black Album." Beyonce, Alicia Keys and OutKast all have five nominations. Finalists were announced Friday by Billboard. The annual awards show will be held Aug. 6 in Miami Beach, Fla. It will conclude the Billboard-AURN R&B/Hip-Hop Conference, which will begin Aug. 4. The awards honor the genres' most popular albums, songs, artists and contributors as determined by sales data from Nielsen SoundScan and radio airplay information from Nielsen Broadcast Data Systems. Finalists and winners reflect performance of recordings on Billboard's R&B/hip-hop and rap charts during a one-year period from the May 31, 2003, issue through the May 22, 2004, issue.

### P. DIDDY TO GO ON TOUR THIS SUMMER

NEW YORK (AP) - Rap mogul Sean Combs is about to assume his P. Diddy persona again. Combs has been starring as Walter Lee Younger in the Broadway revival of "Raisin in the Sun," and was recently named menswear designer of the year by the Council of Fashion Designers of America for his Sean John clothing line. Now, he's about to go on tour, his publicist said in a statement Monday. Combs will launch the Daddy's House Dance Party world tour this summer, along with a new CD. He'll preview what fans can expect at a party in Manhattan Thursday for Entertainment Weekly's upcoming "Must List" issue. The issue will be on newsstands Friday. Combs, 34, hasn't released an album since 2002's "We Invented the Remix," on his Bad Boy record label. "We are thrilled to have this multifaceted Must-Lister headlining our event," said Paul Caine, publisher of Entertainment Weekly, in a statement.

## ENTERTAINMENT

# Papers: Jackson OK'd huge settlement

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Michael Jackson agreed to pay \$15.3 million to the child he was accused of molesting in 1993, according to a confidential settlement of a lawsuit.

Jackson did not admit misconduct but said at that time that he was settling the case because of its potential to harm his career, according to documents obtained Tuesday

by Court TV. The station shared copies with The Associated Press.

The 1994 settlement has been widely reported but this was the first time documents were available showing the specific figure.

The documents specified that \$15.3 million was to be held in trust by the boy's attorney. The boy, his family and Jackson agreed to keep

the settlement confidential, according to the document.

The attorney representing the boy, Larry Feldman, did not return calls seeking comment.

Jackson's spokeswoman, Raymone K. Bain, said she could not say the documents were authentic but added:

"Whoever leaked this document did it with a willful intent to influence potential

jurors" in Jackson's current criminal case.

"It's outrageous, and I see it as an act of desperation," she said.

In the current case, Jackson, 45, has pleaded not guilty to committing a lewd act upon a child, administering an intoxicating agent and conspiracy to commit child abduction, false imprisonment and extortion

# TLC's T-Boz filing for divorce from Mack 10

ATLANTA (AP) - T-Boz of the female R&B group TLC has filed for divorce from her husband, rapper Mack 10, saying he committed adultery and threatened to kill her.

The singer — whose real name is Tionne Tenese Watkins Rolison — also has arranged for a temporary restraining order against the rapper, barring him from coming within 100 yards of

her.

T-Boz filed the divorce papers and requested the restraining order June 8. She seeks full custody of their 3-year-old daughter, Chase Anela.

Mack 10, whose real name is Dedrick D-Mon Rolison, denied the allegations in court documents filed Friday. In them, he said his wife has made the claims "for the sole purpose of attempting to gain

an advantage in these proceedings" and to prevent him from seeing their daughter.

The couple married in August 2000 and are now separated. T-Boz said in an affidavit that Mack 10 threatened to kill her several times, most recently on June 8.

The first threat allegedly occurred in October 2002. The 34-year-old singer said she was leaving Mack 10's home with Chase when the

rapper grabbed their daughter from the car and told T-Boz she couldn't leave.

"My husband informed me that he would smash my teeth down my throat," she stated in the affidavit. "I asked my husband to give my daughter back to me and I reached for her, and my husband pushed me to the ground twice."

"At that point, my husband (See T-Boz, Page 9)

## Television

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turned down several offers, opting instead for short-term projects like NBC's "Fear Factor," which are less intrusive to hotel guests and limited to certain areas of the property.

"No amount of television is worth offending a customer," Mandalay Bay resort-casino spokesman Gordon Absher said. "We just can't justify giving permission for them to do anything and everything." But, "The Real World" proved to many that reality television could succeed in Las Vegas. Not only could cameras operate inside a casino without disrupting business, but Las Vegas' dramatic tension and story lines of quickie weddings, megajackpots and Elvis impersonators made an inviting sound stage.

"What happens on the inside of a casino can be the story of an entire human life," said Robert Thompson, director of the Center for the Study of Popular Television at Syracuse University. "Inside a casino, you can go from rags to riches sometimes on the roll of a dice."

The TV trend has meant big business for the state. In 2003, total production revenues in Nevada exceeded \$104 million. Of that, nearly \$60 million came from TV shows and specials.

But all things Vegas can only last so long. When the neon dims and ratings drop, Hollywood will move on to the next big thing, and Las

Vegas will be off on another marketing strategy.

"Vegas is the Madonna of cities," said Anthony Curtis,

editor of Las Vegas Advisor, a consumer newsletter that tracks casino promotions and gambling trends. "It's going

to find a way to reinvent.

"But what's happening now is as good as anything they've found yet."

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