



Houston-based singer/actress Beyonce Knowles arrives at Odeon Leicester Square for the UK premiere of her film 'Dreamgirls' in London, England, on Sunday, Jan. 21.

## Beyonce named fantasy female

LOS ANGELES (AP)—She may have missed out on an Oscar nomination, but Beyonce Knowles is the No. 1 fantasy girlfriend, according to AskMen.com's Top 99 Most Desirable Women of 2007.

The 25-year-old singer-actress tops the website's list ranking the "most alluring" female celebrities as determined by its readers and staff. Voters were asked to consider qualities beyond sex appeal and beauty, such as "intelligence, humor, cha-

risma and ambition," according to the site. More than 8.5 million votes were cast, the website says.

Knowles, currently co-starring in "Dreamgirls," was followed by screen sirens Scarlett Johansson and Jessica Alba, supermodel Adriana Lima and actress Jessica Biel. Rounding out the top 10 were model Alessandra Ambrosio, singer Shakira, TV host Maria Menounos and actresses Angelina Jolie and Elisha Cuthbert.

## Libraries to jazz up February calendar

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During the month of February, the Las Vegas Jazz Society will present its annual education program in conjunction with the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District. The free program, spanning five days next week, is geared toward everyone interested in the history and future of jazz.

Created by Woody Woods — a Las Vegas and Canadian jazz icon — the program will take attendees on an hour-long journey through the roots, rituals and reasons for jazz via music, art, dance, singing and storytelling. Organizers predict that attendees will come away from the sessions with smiles on their faces, songs in their hearts and a new knowledge and appreciation for jazz, this country's indigenous musical art form.

The program will be held at a different branch daily: Feb. 5, 10 a.m., at the Sunrise Library; Feb. 6, 10:30 a.m., at the Whitney Library; Feb. 7, 9:30 a.m., at the Clark County Library; Feb. 8, 1 p.m., at the West Las Vegas Library; and Feb. 9, 10:30 a.m., at the West Charleston Library.

Families are welcome, and some companies have donated giveaways and refreshments for some of the events.

For more information, contact Audrei-Kairen of the Las Vegas Jazz Society at (702) 271-4446, Mary Nelson Brown at the LVCCLD (702) 507-3596, or Woods at (702) 953-6088.

## Brandy

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crash.

Brandy, 27, was driving a Land Rover on Interstate 405 on Dec. 30 when traffic slowed and her vehicle struck the back of Honda driven by Awatef Aboudihaj, 38, according to a CHP report.

Aboudihaj's car hit another vehicle, slid sideways into the center divider and was then hit by another car, the report said. Aboudihaj died at a hospital from blunt-force injuries, according to the coroner's office.

Brandy, who earned a Grammy in 1999, has made five albums. She began her recording career at 14 and acted for film and television, starring on the sitcom "Moesha" from 1996-2001 and most recently as a judge for NBC's "America's Got Talent."



Activist Najee Ali, center, joined by fellow community activists Melvin R. Snell, left, and the Rev. K.W. Tulloss, speaks to reporters concerning a fatal auto crash involving R&B singer Brandy, in Los Angeles' Crenshaw District on Tuesday. The group is urging Los Angeles City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo to reject a California Highway Patrol recommendation that Brandy be charged with misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter in the crash. Delgadillo said he is considering the case but has not yet decided whether to follow the CHP's recommendation.



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