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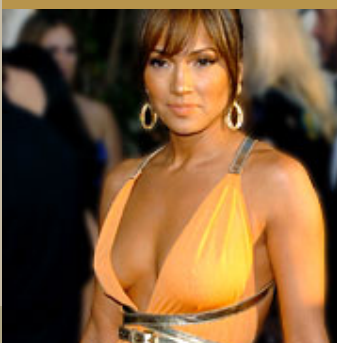
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J. Lo-produced show picked up; 'Saved!' actress on 'Entourage'; Murder Inc. mogul separated from kingpin.

Jennifer Lopez (file)
Photo: Jeff Vespa/WireImage

Jennifer Lopez's pilot for "South Beach" was picked up by UPN, the network announced Thursday (May 19). The singer/actress is one of the producers of the hour-long drama, which will star **Vanessa Williams** and follow three young adults trying to get ahead in Miami. The show's planned as a mid-season replacement and has no airdate yet. ... **Mandy Moore** is wrapping up her work on the new season of "Entourage," for which she'll guest star on five episodes after the series starts up again on June 5 at 9 p.m. on HBO. "My episodes don't air until late July," the singer/actress posted on her Web site Wednesday. "The cast and crew have been so welcoming to me. I'm sad that tomorrow is my last day." ...

Irv Gotti got his wish in court Thursday (May 19), when a Brooklyn, New York, federal judge tentatively granted the Murder Inc. music mogul's request to separate his and his brother's money-laundering case from that of Kenneth "Supreme" McGriff and other defendants charged with more severe crimes, such as murder. Logistically, there are several ways the case may proceed, according to the U.S. attorney's office, from trying all the defendants together but with two juries to holding two or three separate trials. Gerald Shargel, who filed the separation motion for Irv and **Chris Gotti**, said he was pleased with the decision and hopes to get a separate trial for his clients. Gotti is scheduled to go to trial October 17. ...

Audioslave closed down a block of Hollywood Boulevard on Wednesday to perform a free show for fans in the band's hometown. After performing "Your Time Has Come" and "Be Yourself" for **Jimmy Kimmel Live**," the band returned for an eight-song set that included "Set It Off," "Your Time Has Come" again (which was recorded for a video), "Doesn't Remind Me," "Like a Stone" and "Show Me How to Live," among others. After taking on **Soundgarden's** "Spoonman," singer **Chris Cornell** told the tens of thousands of fans that packed the street, "That was for all the Audioslave fans who came to see us last time and heard nothing but new songs." After the crowd broke through a barricade during "Killing in the Name," some men came onstage and appeared to ask the band to end the show, but guitarist **Tom Morello** asked for one more, "Cochise." ...

Dido is releasing a live CD/DVD on June 7. *Dido: Live*, recorded in August over three nights at London's Brixton Academy, was shot by **David Barnard**, who has done DVDs for **Björk** and **Travis**. ... **Michelle**

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Branch just shot a video for **Santana's** "I'm Feeling You" in San Francisco, she posted on her Web site. "That was fun! No word on when you will be able to hear/see it, though," she wrote. "Rumor has it his album has been pushed back to September." In the meantime, the debut album from Branch's new band the **Wreckers** might be delayed as well. "Maverick wants more time to set it up, so it might come out as late as January or February 2006," she wrote. "There goes my romantic idea of not working next year." That romantic idea is due to the fact that she's due — in about 12 weeks. ...

British electronic pop duo **Goldfrapp** have set a September 20 Stateside release date for their third album, *Supernature*. The first single, "Ooh La La," will be released in August. ... **Morningwood**, the New York buzz band featuring former members of the **Wallflowers**, **Cibo Matto** and **Spacehog**, will release their self-titled debut August 2. **Gil Norton**, best known for his work with the **Pixies** and **Foo Fighters**, produced the album. ... **Tiffany's** trying for a comeback, thanks to a show named after a song by another teen queen. "Hit Me Baby One More Time" will be a one-hour battle of the bands competition program this summer featuring veteran hit-makers such as **Wang Chung**, **Flock of Seagulls**, **Tommy Tutone**, the **Knack** and the **Motels** each performing their greatest hit and then covering a contemporary song, while the audience votes on its favorite. The show, which will last three episodes, starts airing June 2 at 9 p.m. on NBC. ...

Bassist **Jay Russell** has quit Connecticut proto-emo troupe **Hot Rod Circuit**, according to the band's Web site. Russell reportedly wanted to focus his attention on his other band, **Diamond Jay and the Rough**. As a result, Hot Rod Circuit have been forced to cancel their current tour with the **Get Up Kids**. HRC will still show up for this summer's Warped Tour, with **Rob Fitzgerald** of New Jersey's **Hero Pattern** filling in. ... Reignition Records will release *The Killer in You: A Tribute to the Smashing Pumpkins* on September 20. The disc will feature 11 tracks, including **Poison the Well** doing "Soma," **Hopesfall** taking on "Eye," **Vaux's** rendition of "1979," **A Static Lullaby's** "The Everlasting Gaze" and **Eighteen Visions'** cover of "Quiet." ...

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Britney Spears is beginning to decorate the baby's nursery, she wrote on her Web site. "My mom and I are going to start talking about ideas this week for the baby's room," she wrote. "She is so gifted in decorating and interior design and I'm grateful to have her help." The singer's house is still being renovated, she said, which is why she and husband **Kevin Federline** have been traveling so much, but her other half thinks that "everyone will work faster if we stay at the house. All the construction is really loud in the morning, but I feel he may be right," she wrote. She's also working on a "prayer and meditation" room. ...

Paris Hilton makes good use of her nearly trademark phrase "That's hot" by shilling for Carl's Jr.'s new spicy BBQ burger in a racy ad that premieres Thursday, featuring the heiress/actress sudsing up a Bentley — and herself — while wearing a swimsuit. "I'm really cold because the water's spraying, but it's pretty hot," Hilton said. "I wanted to do one of the Carl's Jr. commercials because I always think they're really clever and sexy." ... **Michael Jackson's** young cousins Simone and Rio Jackson took the stand on Wednesday, both claiming that they had witnessed the accuser and his brother drinking and masturbating at Neverland, with the implication being that the singer didn't need to "teach" them to do either. Rio testified that he stayed with the accuser and his brother in a guest room, and he walked in on them once watching a TV show with "naked women" while they were "doing nasty stuff." Meanwhile, Simone said that she saw the accuser and his brother take two bottles of wine out of the kitchen late one night. "They didn't see me," she said. However, the accuser's sister told Simone that "she had to go to Brazil and that she didn't want to go." Meanwhile, rebuttal video producer Christian Robinson, who called Jackson a "PR nightmare," described the accuser's mother as being excited to do the video, but refusing to sign a standard model release. ...

Dave Matthews loves helping the environment. Dave Matthews' fans love having the munchies. As a result, Matthews has teamed up with Vermont ice-cream team **Ben & Jerry** and SaveOurEnvironment.org to create the Enviro-Roadie talent search. They're looking for an 18- to 25-year-old who will serve as the "official ambassador" for the DMB, Ben & Jerry's and Save Our Environment, and will hit the road with the band to host an exhibit designed to educate people on the issue of global warming. And of course, he or she will also hand out samples of Ben & Jerry's new flavor — Dave Matthews Band Magic Brownies. For more information about the contest, check out BenJerry.com. ... **Elvis Costello** performed Tuesday night at an event at New York's Chelsea Piers, sponsored by environmental organization Riverkeeper, to honor Viacom's **Tom Freston** for his help in protecting and restoring the Hudson River, which is drinkable but not quite as swimmable as some celebs would like. (Click here for photos.) "I hear that they're getting close to it, but cold water.

That's my excuse [for not swimming in it], cold water," model **Christy Turlington** laughed. Other stars who showed up at the gala included **Uma Thurman**, **Jon Bon Jovi**, "Saturday Night Live" producer **Lorne Michaels**, **Alison Krauss** and **Cedric the Entertainer**, who was happy to chat about his voiceover work in "Madagascar" and "Charlotte's Web." "Animated movies are a lot of fun, mainly because you get to do something for the kids, and the kids watch movies a million times, so you kind of go down in infamy like that," he said. ...

With her tour in support of *Feels Like Home* recently wrapped, **Norah Jones** is back to writing songs for her third album. According to a post on Jones' Web site by her band's bassist, **Lee Alexander**, the mellow singer has already been "writing her behind off," though they haven't decided when they'll enter the studio to record the next album. ... The **All-American Rejects**, **Rise Against** and **Chad Gilbert** of **New Found Glory** will all be spending part of their summer at band camp, literally. They are among a slew of celebrity guests who will be featured as part of Power Chord Academy's Summer Rock N Roll youth camp, which provides training and advice to aspiring musicians. Sessions will be held in San Diego (June 16-July 23), Chicago (July 10-23) and New York (July 24-August 6). ...

Bob Saget, the tall, lanky dad from television's "Full House," is trying his pimp hand at the rap game. The MySpace.com page of California's the **Stone Movement** — a self-described jam-rock/hip-hop hybrid featuring frontman **Stu Stone** and comedian **Jamie Kennedy** — features a track called "Rollin' With Saget," on which the affable goofball not only curses (much like his character did in the film "Half Baked"), but ... um ... raps. The song, about an evening on the town with the Sag, makes references to Bob rolling blunts, hooking up with gurlies in the VIP, stepping to **Eminem** and **DMX** and using guns. In one verse, Saget even boasts about the size of his junk. ... On June 17, former **Dead Kennedys** leader **Jello Biafra** will square off against the **MC5's Wayne Kramer** in the latest "Iron Chef"-inspired "Iron Composer" contest, the monthly songwriting competition that pits two musicians against each other on the stage of the Experience Music Project's Songwriting Stadium in Seattle. An audience watches as the two race to write a song on the spot; battlers get one instrument, a pencil and paper and a single member of the house band to collaborate with on the impromptu tune. Oh, and each composer must down a shot of booze during each of the five nine-minute segments. One of the judges for the next competition will be actor **Dean Haglund** (one of the **Lone Gunmen** from "The X-Files"). Among the previous competitors are members of **Harvey Danger**, the

Presidents of the United States of America, the Fastbacks and the Supersuckers. ...

The **Offspring** are headlining the opening weekend of the inaugural Dew Action Sports Tour, a season-long professional tour in action sports (skateboarding, BMX and freestyle motocross). The band — which is also donating its next single, "Can't Repeat" (from its upcoming greatest-hits album), as the tour's theme song — will be sharing a stage with **Crossfade**, **Acceptance** and the **Exies** on June 10 and 11 at the Panasonic Open in Louisville, Kentucky. ... **Dave Ogilvie**, the legendary producer who's had a hand in some of industrial music's biggest releases, has started his own band, to be called **Jakalope**. Ogilvie, who produced **Skinny Puppy's** *Last Rights* and **Marilyn Manson's** *Anti-Christ Superstar*, said the band's upcoming album, *It Dreams*, will feature poppy industrial tracks. Ogilvie even tapped **Trent Reznor** to write a few songs for Jakalope's debut, which has no release date yet. ...

— MTV News staff report

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