

# Affleck and Lopez might have broken up

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Have they gone from Bennifer back to Ben and Jennifer?

The most overexposed couple on the planet was supposed to exchange wedding vows Sunday, but instead there was a report that they had ended their tabloid-chronicled storybook romance.

Amid the frantic speculation surrounding the pair last week, People magazine reported Sunday that Affleck has dumped Lopez due to "second thoughts" about their impending wedding.

Dubbed "Bennifer" by gossip wags, the pair planned to wed at a mansion estate near Santa Barbara. But they postponed the ceremony Wednesday, saying excessive media attention was turning the event into havoc.

Citing unidentified "sources close to the couple," People report-

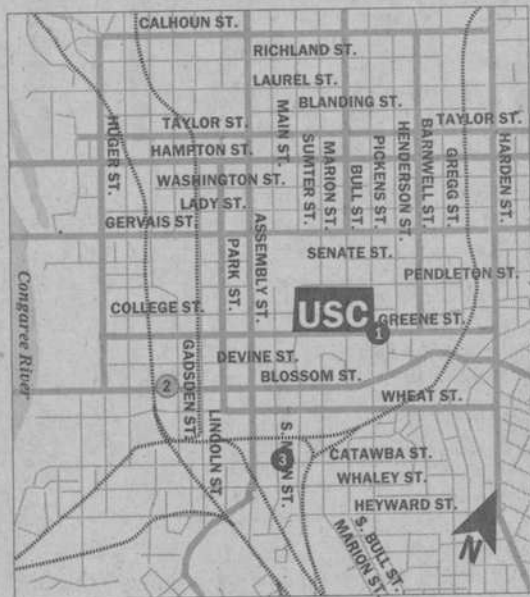
ed that Affleck initiated the breakup with Lopez, who was "devastated" and "in tears." However, the magazine hedged its scoop by adding "it was unclear whether the separation was permanent."

A representative for Affleck, Ken Sunshine, declined to comment on the breakup rumor. Lopez's publicist, Dan Klores, did not return The Associated Press's call for comment. Klores told People he believed the couple was still together, but had not spoken to Lopez in several days.

If the wedding happens, it will be the third for Lopez, 33, and the first for Affleck, 31. They met while filming this summer's infamous bomb, "Gigli."

Their second film together, writer-director Kevin Smith's "Jersey Girl," is set for release next year.

## POLICE REPORT



These reports are taken directly from the USC Police Department. Compiled by Michael LaForgia.

Each number on the map stands for a crime corresponding with numbered descriptions in the list below.

**DAY CRIMES**  
(6 a.m.-6 p.m.)

- Violent
- Nonviolent

**NIGHT CRIMES**  
(6 p.m.-6 a.m.)

- Violent
- Nonviolent

**CRIMES AT UNKNOWN HOURS**

- Violent
- Nonviolent

Thursday, Sept. 11

Friday, Sept. 12

**① DRIVING UNDER SUSPENSION, BLOSSOM AND BARNWELL STREETS** Reporting officer D. Hare saw Jean Ashleigh Collins driving west down Blossom Street with no lights on. After initiating a lawful traffic stop, Hare checked the Division of Motor Vehicles file and found that Collins' driver's license had been suspended for failure to pay traffic tickets. Collins was arrested and her car was towed to City Garage.

**② ACCIDENTAL DAMAGE, 508 GADSDEN ST.** The victim said a fence fell on her gold Honda Accord. Reporting officer D. Hare removed the fallen fence from the car's hood. The front end of the car was scratched.

**③ DISORDERLY CONDUCT, S6 LOT, WHALEY STREET** Reporting officer J.D. Rosier saw William Joseph Kopp driving a maroon Pontiac Firebird and following a woman in a parking lot. When Kopp saw the police, he pulled into a parking spot and got out of his car. Rosier smelled a tremendously strong odor of alcohol emanating from Kopp, and noticed Kopp had slurred speech, bloodshot eyes and was unsteady on his feet. Rosier arrested Kopp and had his car towed to City Garage.

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# USC plans festivities to celebrate Latin American culture, leadership

BY KATE WILL  
THE GAMECOCK

USC will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 with activities and programs that sponsors hope will make the event educational and fun.

Programs will be organized by the Students Associated for Latin America's executive board. According to the association's Web site, the board's purpose is to promote cultural awareness of Latin American issues, countries, and people on campus and outside of

the classroom.

The month began with a Sept. 14 Cultural Jubilee Kickoff, which featured dancing, food, music and information tables.

Other events will include conversation groups, lectures, guest speakers and poetry readings.

Organizers say students, faculty and staff are invited to participate in activities throughout the month that are intended not just for Hispanic people, but people of all cultures.

Vivian Castro, a fourth-year interdisciplinary studies student, said she hopes the activities will

bring out more Hispanics who have leadership ability.

"I would like it to bring awareness to all Hispanics with leadership skills that they can be heard," Castro said.

Vivian also said that awards will be given to Hispanics for leadership and service during Hispanic Heritage month. The award will be gold jewelry from Marthita Jewelry of Miami.

Gold was chosen because of its importance to Latin American culture; the quest for gold is what brought Spanish explorers to South America. The presence of

the Spanish influenced the South American people's culture and language.

The programs throughout September and October will focus on traditions important to Latin American national identity as well as regions of the country. Student will be able to ask questions and tell their own stories about what it feels like to be Hispanic and to live in America.

Activities will be informational, Castro said.

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## Hispanic Heritage Month Schedule of Events

### SEPTEMBER

- 14— Cultural Jubilee Kickoff Russell House University Union Patio 6 p.m.
- 18— Spanish Conversation Group Russell House Grand Marketplace 6 p.m.
- 19— "The Difference Between

Hispanic, Latino & Chicano" 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 pm Russell House Room 326

- 20— What It Means to be Hispanic Panel, 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Russell House Rm 205
- 25— Spanish Conversation Group Russell House Grand Marketplace

6 p.m.

### OCTOBER

- 2— Spanish Conversation Group Russell House Grand Marketplace 6 p.m.
- 4— Jaime Escalante Lecture: Stand and Deliver: Bringing Your

Talents to Life 7:30 p.m. Russell House Ballroom

- 9— Spanish Conversation Group 6 p.m. Russell House Grand Marketplace
- 12— Spanish Harlem Poetry Night Ballroom 6 p.m.

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Jim was the owner of a Greenville, S.C. market research firm before being elected to represent the Fourth District in 1998.

Jim believes Social Security must be saved and strengthened for future generations. In the 107th Congress, Jim sponsored a plan to address the issues facing Social Security. His plan guarantees benefits to seniors and establishes generous personal accounts for younger citizens so they can create wealth and retirement security.

Jim earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Tennessee and his MBA from Clemson University. Jim and his wife, Debbie, have four children and live in Greenville.

Michael Tanner  
Cato Institute

Michael Tanner directs research on new, market-based approaches to health, welfare and other "entitlements." His approach is based on individual responsibility rather than government control. Under Tanner's direction, Cato launched the Project on Social Security Choice—widely considered the leading impetus for transforming the soon-to-be-bankrupt system into a private savings program. He challenges the conventional wisdom that welfare can be reformed, arguing instead for the end of a welfare system that has bred dependence and despair while creating a permanent American underclass. Tanner's writing has been published in the Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, Wall Street Journal, and USA Today. He has appeared on ABC, CBS, NBC, National Public Radio, PBS, Fox News Channel, MSNBC, CNBC and Voice of America. A prolific author and frequent guest lecturer, Tanner served as director of research of the Georgia Public Policy Foundation before joining Cato in 1993.

David John  
Heritage Foundation

David John has been involved in Washington's top policy debates for more than 25 years and he continues that career as Heritage's lead analyst on issues relating to Social Security reform.

John came to The Heritage Foundation from the office of Rep. Mark Sanford, R-S.C., where he served four years as legislative director. John was the lead author of Rep. Sanford's plan to reform Social Security by setting up a system of personal retirement accounts.

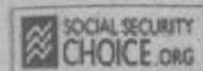
Mr. John has written and lectured extensively on the importance of reforming the nation's premiere retirement program. In 2001, he testified before the President's Commission to Strengthen Social Security, providing detailed analysis of how personal retirement accounts could be structured and regulated, and how such a program should be guided through the political process. John also testified before the House Budget Committee's Task Force on Social Security in 1999, explaining what the costs of transitioning to a system of personal retirement accounts might be as compared to the cost of running the current program as it starts to go broke.

John earned a bachelor's degree in journalism, an MBA in finance, and a master's degrees in economics from the University of Georgia in Athens. He lives in Harpers Ferry, W.Va.

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