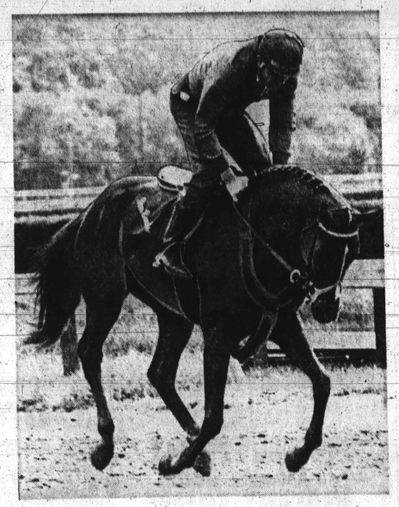
# A CAMERA VISITS PREAKNESS HORSES

Last year's 2-year-old champion, Silent Screen, drills under Roger Arsenalt

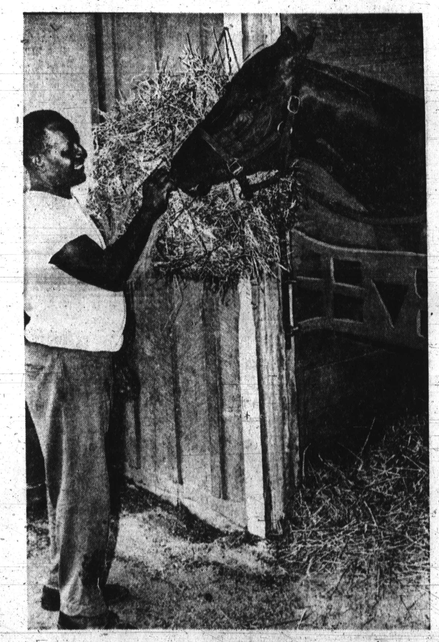


King of the Derby Dust Commander works, Mike Billington up

My Dad George, Don McFarren up

## AFRO SPORTS BONUS

Admiral's Shield gets affectionate tap from groom Glen Gardner



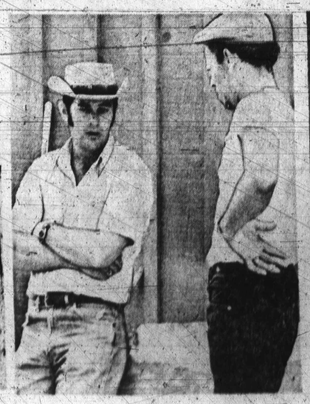
Native Royalty likes to bite, but groom William Jenkins watches

### Preakness horses

| No. | Horse | Jockey |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | High Echelon | Larry Adams |
| 1A | Personality | Eddie Belmonte |
| 2 | Silent Screen | John L. Rotz |
| 3 | Hark the Lark | Carlos Barrera |
| 4 | Naskra | Ron Turcotte |
| 5 | Stop Time | Bill Hartack |
| 6 | Buzkashi | Mike Hole |
| 7 | Sir Wiggle | Howard Grant |
| 8 | My Dad George | Ray Broussard |
| 9 | Dust Commander | M. Manganello |
| 10 | Oh Fudge | Joe Culmone |
| 11 | Admiral's Shield | Jimmy Nichols |
| 12 | Plenty Old | Hank Moreno |
| 13 | Robin's Bug | Leroy Moyers |

**See Tuesday's AFRO for People at the Preakness**

Derby champ Dust Commander grazes on special grass in Pimlico stable area



Trainer briefed by Dust Commander groom Earl Lewis

Injured Sunny Tim consoled by groom Hal Reevey


# James Brown Buys Rowntowner

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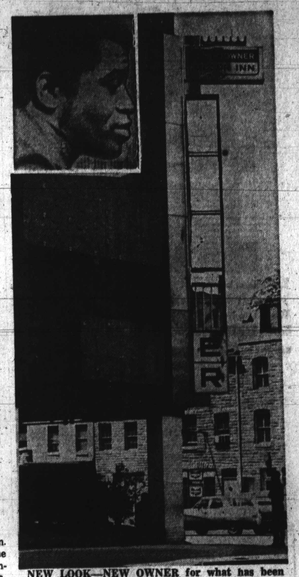
# Blaze Ruins Yield Body Of Missing 10-Year Old



NEW LOOK—NEW OWNER for what has been known as the Rowntowner Motor Inn which was bought recently by singer, businessman James Brown. The name will be changed to the James Brown Motor Inn.

WILSON RESTAURANT TRIAL:

## Brother-in-law: 'Didn't know he had a knife'

After deliberating five hours last night, the jury found 20-year-old Craig Fellows guilty of robbery but failed to reach a verdict on the murder in which Mr. Fellows is accused of stabbing Joseph L. Wilson Jr. late owner-operator of Wilson's restaurant to death.

The 12-man panel had heard seven days of testimony in the case. Mr. Wilson was robbed and stabbed several times June 7, 1969 on the second floor landing above his restaurant located at North and Pennsylvania Avenues.

A new trial on the murder charge will be scheduled when a new jury is chosen.

In day-long testimony on Wednesday the youthful, clean cut defendant testified that not he but Haywood Simon, his brother-in-law' did the actual killing.

"I didn't know he had a knife," he told the jury of seven men and five women, "we were standing on the second floor landing waiting for Gene to open the door when Haywood grabbed him from behind and starting hitting him with the knife."

When he saw the blood rushing from Mr. Wilson's wounds he said he ran because he "was scared."

He further testified that in his flight down the stairs he met Joe Blunt who asked what all the noise was. "I told Joe that me and Haywood had been wrestling around," he admitted.

He then told the court he turned and went back upstairs, saw the victim "sitting on the steps" bleeding and continued on to his brother-in-law's apartment where he took the money, climbed out the window and hid it in the bushes on the grounds of Douglass High School.

JOSEPH WILSON

Police testify that when they recovered the money it was in two bags and amounted to over $1300 in cash and receipts.

Witnesses for the defense are not expected to begin testifying until sometime next week after attorney Milton Allen has had "a chance to cross examine all of the State's witnesses."

Throughout the proceedings the State has attempted to prove that Mr. Fellows killed the restaurant owner, took the money and hid it.

Homicide Detective Daniel Cian testified that though no signed confession was received by the police the defendant did "verbally" admit guilt.

The State also produced two unsigned statements which the defense claims was not presented until five months after the offense occurred.

Why it is not among the original police file was not explained in court. When asked about it Detective Cian answered "I cannot answer that question."

The man the defendant says killed the 45-year-old restaurant owner was the State's chief witness. Haywood Simon, his brother-in-law who lived in an apartment above the restaurant claims it was Fellows who met Mr. Wilson on the steps and stabbed him to death with a six-inch butcher knife.

At the time of the murder public outrage was high. Mr. Wilson has been described by many public officials as one of the 4th District's finest community supporters.

He was one of the first businessmen in the city to drop racial barriers and open his restaurant to all citizens.

MISS MARYLAND — Miss Mary Davis, Baltimore, 34-23-37, is a runner up for queen in the Black Cultural Festival at the DC Washington Hilton Hotel Sunday.

## Child found murdered in house

Responding to a 2 a.m. fire alarm yesterday in the 800 bl. Franklin St. members of the city's fire department came upon what may become another murder mystery when the charred body of a 10-year-old boy was carried from the remains.

The body, believed to be that of Allen B. Jones of the 700 block W. Lexington St., was found in the back room on the first floor. Fire officials say the blaze started in the room where the body was found, but had not determined the cause of the fire at AFRO presstime.

The alarm came in at 1:38 a.m. and the blaze was extinguished within an hour.

Police said yesterday they had not made a positive identification because the body was burned beyond recognition and dental tests would have to be made to verify the tentative report that the dead boy is Allen Jones.

The child was reported missing by his mother, Mrs. Jurisha Jones, at 11:30 p.m. Wednesday. She told police he had been missing from home since 8 p.m.

Members of the Jones family insisted that early speculation that he had run away is not true. A spokesman for the family said the child left home with someone known to the family and had not been seen since.

When contacted late Thursday afternoon, Dr. Charles Springate of the Medical Examiner's Office, said the cause of the child's death was a combination of "head injuries and carbon monoxide."

Homicide is investigating, and someone was questioned in connection with the death early yesterday.

Young Jones, a third grade pupil at school No.

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## Pays 5 million for Rowntowner

The Inn-Towner Corporation, owned by James Brown, has taken over ownership and operation of the 200-room structure located at Franklin and Howard Streets and now the James Brown Motor Inn.

Greg Moses, executive vice president of James Brown Enterprises informed the AFRO that the amount of money involved in the purchase of the Rowntowner Motel is undisclose but he added "it could be as much as $5 million."

Below the management level about 200 persons will be needed to run the motel. Already Ted Carver, food and beverage manager revealed, "We've put in new people throughout."

In discussing the plans the new management has for the motel where Mr. Brown will occupy a ten-room suite on the fifth floor when he's in town, Mr. Carver said, "We're introducing a whole new philosophy in motel management to this city.

"The entire building is being renovated; we're of course promoting the James Brown image in the motif of the restaurant but we're aiming for a more subdued, conservative type atmosphere for the place.

"We're now in the process of scheduling live entertainment for the bar. The dining room is open and everyday we have an 'all you can eat' bullet."

During the renovation there is business as usual but Mr. Carver pointed out that if a guest finds an inconvenient weakness in it he will "take it apart and redo it completely."

Currently the new management hopes to have all plans completed by June 1st. "We're going to invite the press," Mr. Carver revealed. "Mr. Brown will be here and we'll take a tour through the entire building."

The motel is Mr. Brown's second major purchase here in Baltimore, the first being WBB radio station. Spokesmen indicate that the singer "may make Baltimore his base of operations."

DR. JENKINS:

## 'I'm hopeful he will take this action'

By BETTYE MOSS

(See Text Of Presidents' Statement On Page 20)

'I am hopeful that we have sharpened the President's sensitiveness to the need for immediate action. I am hopeful that he will take this action in the interest of the future of this nation

The words are those of Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, Morgan State College president and one of the architects of the manifesto presented President Nixon by a group of black college presidents on Wednesday.

The educators, due to meet with President Nixon at the White House for 45 minutes, stayed instead for two hours and ten minutes, an indication they felt that he was "more than interested" in their viewpoint.

Dr. Jenkins told the AFRO:— 'I feel that the conference was useful and that we conveyed to the

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## Mohamed is 1st in AFRO newsboy race

The new leader in the AFRO Favorite Newsboy Contest is Fatha Mohamed of the Northwest Area who has 59,300 votes.

In second is William Porter of Glen Burnie with 56,800; Michael Seely of Govans dropped to third place with 44,700 and fourth place is held by Ronald Williams of the Ashburton area with 32,200.

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The remaining top ten are Genera Smith, Joseph Middleton, Donald W. Walters, Joseph Gamble, Gilbert Nipper and Malcolm Anderson.

First prize is an all-expense paid vacation in Jamaica for the winner and his parents, plus a cash prize of $100. Other plum prizes will be awarded the runners-up.

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A timid man said to his wife, "we are not going out tonight, and that's semi-final."

# College Presidents Take Militant Stand

By RUTH JENKINS

Fifteen black university administrators described as "the most militant group of college presidents in the nation today," held a two-hour meeting with President Nixon Wednesday. Afterwards, Dr. James E. Cheek of Howard University said, "We are hopeful and confident the President got the message."

The college presidents are members of the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education, headed by Dr. Herman Branson of Central State University.

He had read a statement to the President which said, "We come to express the anger, outrage, and frustration of the black people of this nation. We wish to convey to you the disenchantment of blacks, especially black youths, with our society and with the Federal Government."

Dr. Cheek, whose May 14 telegram to President Nixon "urgently requested" the meeting to discuss the recent campus slayings and other events and policies of the nation that affect black institutions and their students, said that in their talk with Mr. Nixon "on behalf of our black brothers, in fervent language, we expressed today's sense of outrage, anger and concern. We were respectful, but firm," he said.

At a press conference which followed the presidential audience, Dr. Branson, Dr. Cheek and Dr. Martin D. Jenkins of Morgan State College, said they felt their students would have been proud of the college presidents for the militancy and forthrightness of their presentation.

They said Mr. Nixon told them "judge me by deeds, not by my words."

Along the same lines, Presidential Press Secretary Ron Zeigler told the press "after thorough discussion, President Nixon said at one point "this group doesn't need words of specific promises of action . . . what they will see is what we will do. . ."

The college presidents outlined some specific proposals to the President. They urged him to make a national TV appearance, "affirming the Government's resolve to protect the lives of black citizens.

The President was asked to set up a liaison mechanism to involve more black Americans in the formulation of domestic policies. This means naming blacks on all of his major councils which involve advice and having a series of meetings with various segments of the black community.

The President was urged to hold a council soon with black college students and to issue executive orders embodying federal recommendations to all law enforcement agencies on the use of guns for crowd control, specifically, barring loaded guns on campuses.

The presidents told Mr. Nixon to appoint a black deputy attorney general to be responsible for investigations and recommendations for prosecutions of killing of unarmed citizens and, to monitor the use of law enforcement.

They asked him to review the budget proposals for

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AFRO MAFIA EXCLUSIVE

## 2 Women, 5 Men Dominate Dope Sale

A month ago the AFRO ran a series of Dope World stories, all based upon police facts and reports and giving an in-depth view of how the business operates from the Mafia on down.

The last article revealed the fact that the Mafia has strong ties here and disclosed how and why these ties came to be.

Here today are featured the "word photographs" of the five men and two women who are the big Baltimore dealers with the direct "hot Lines" to the Mafia.

Noteworthy (as pointed out in the previous series) is the fact that the controlling narcotics dealers are black and they are "in the family," kissing cousins of the Italian clan that runs the racket around the world.

Listed as "pretty sporty dolls" are two bronze females who hold high posts in the nefarious trade of death.

The Police Narcotics Book (Narco Blue Book) reveals that the women and the five men are well known.

Some have been apprehended and await trial while others have not, as yet.

A tight check is kept and "the end of the line" could come any day, police state.

Meantime, crafty as they all are, if you lump them together, their income can be totaled at least at $6,000 a day each, or $42,000 a day for the seven dealers.

Multiply that by 365 (including Sundays) and the yearly income is beyond belief.

To make it realistic, however, consider the fact that many of their thousands of dope customers use about $150 a day each to feed their habits.

THE TWO WOMEN

The two top women dealers are known by name throughout the narcotics world from the West Coast to upstate New York and down to Miami.

No. 1 of these two dope-dealing women is tall, thin and 30 or 40 years of age.

She is the former girl friend of a murdered "bag" and is known as a

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