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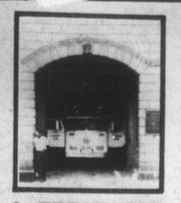
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Godfather of Soul

James Brown faces drug charges

AIKEN, S.C. — Singer James Brown, "The Godfather of Soul," was arrested for the fifth time in less than a year Wednesday on charges including resisting arrest, assault and battery and possession of the hallucinogenic drug PCP.

Sheriff's Capt. James Whitehurst said officers were dispatched to Brown's Beech Island home about 1 p.m. Wednesday after receiving a report of a fight between the singer and his estranged wife, Adrienne.

When the officers arrived, Brown fled in his car, leading authorities on a high-speed chase that ended three miles later, Whitehurst said.

"When he got out of the automobile, he started fighting the officers, so they arrested him for failure to stop for a blue light and siren, resisting arrest, assault on a police officer and unlawful weapon," Whitehurst said.

The arresting officers said they found a .30-caliber revolver on the front seat of Brown's car. Whitehurst said a .22-caliber rifle allegedly used during an assault on the singer's wife last month was found in the back seat.

When Brown was brought to the Aiken County Detention Center, "there was a small amount of material found on him that tested out to be PCP," Whitehurst said.

The arrest was Brown's second in over a month and his fifth since last July. Whitehurst called the singer "one of our regular customers."

He was arrested by Aiken County police on April 3 on charges of assault with intent to murder his wife and aggravated assault and battery.

A complaint filed by his wife said Brown fired three shots in the couple's luxury car while she was inside, and that he later beat her with a pipe at their 60-acre farm at Beech Island, just across the Savannah River from Augusta, Ga.

Brown has denied the charges, saying his wife was angry because he refused to take her with him on a South American tour.

Adrienne Brown has since

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AIKEN, S.C.: Singer James Brown leads a group of onlookers as he leaves the Aiken County Detention Center 5/19. The flamboyant "Godfather of Soul" was arrested 5/18 on a variety of charges including possession of the drug PCP. UPI.

Jesse Jackson deathplot smashed

ST. LOUIS — An alleged white supermacist couple accused of plotting to assassinate Jesse Jackson told an informant they wanted the politician dead because he was getting too close to becoming president, authorities said.

Jackson in Los Angeles Tuesday, responded to the reports of the conspiracy but by saying "we will not lower our tone nor will I surrender. Our campaign will continue against the odds.""The dreamers are outdistancing the dreambuster. The people of hope are outdistancing the people of despair," he said.

Londell Williams, 30, and his wife. Tammy J. Williams, 27, of Washington, Mo., appeared Tuesday before U.S. Magistrate Carole Jackson, who determined there was enough of a threat to the Democratic presidential candidate to hold the couple without bail pending grand jury action.

The couple are charged with conspiring to kill Jackson and with possession of illegal weapons, including a fully automatic rifle and a machine gun not registered to them. The complaint said the AR-15 rifle was to be used in the assassination.

Pearlie Evans, Jackson campaign spokeswoman in St. Louis, called the reports "horrendous."

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CCB trustees fight city contract move

By Alicia Benjamin
AFRO Staff Writer

The Board of Trustees of the Community College of Baltimore has threatened not to sign a negotiated agreement made between the city of Baltimore and the faculty and staff union.

Through negotiations between the city and the union, the faculty and staff of the college would be given salary increases totaling $520,000.

The CCB Board of Trustees have threatened not to sign the agreement because the city has made the college responsible for funding half of $260,000 of the salary increase total.

In the past, the city has funded the salary increase in full.

In a letter from board chairman James S. Jeffers to Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke, he wrote, "CCB is the only city agency asked to support raises from its own fund."

Jeffers' letter goes on to say that the board will appeal the decision and requests that the city pay the cost of the salary increases.

Every two years, the city and the faculty and staff union negotiate a new contract for CCB.

"If an appeal is denied, the board will meet to review its ability to comply with the negotiated salary increases," states Jeffers letter.

"Further, our ability to endorse and co-sign with the negotiated agreements will be compromised," the letter continues.

If the board members decide not to sign the contract, the provisions of the current contract will be maintained, said Jeffers.

"The College has no desire

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Missing child's grandmother mourns

By Jill P. Carter
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More than a month since 19-month old Maurice Miles was discovered missing, his mother still sits, closed-mouthed in the Women's Detention Center, leaving the boy's grandmother to panic.

Lorraine Dean, mother of Terrence Miles, the baby's father, is not satisfied with the way the case is being handled, which is without any results.

She has lost nine pounds, and has only recently been able to eat and sleep. Dean, still recovering from the March death of her 22-year-old son, is afraid that she may have also lost her grandson.

"If he's okay, why doesn't she say he's okay, and not try to hide things?" said Dean. "A lot of things are going on that we don't understand, but nobody's saying anything," she added.

John Brown, (Bouknight's) mother's foster father has said Bouknight loved the baby too much to harm him, but that is not much consolation for Dean, who refers to the fact that the baby was placed in foster care at seven months because of a broken leg.

"When he had his leg broken, she said she was fighting with the baby on her hip and he fell on the steps," Dean said.

Dean also revealed that

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IF ONLY NOW—Lorraine Dean and 19-month-old grandson Maurice Miles, during happier times.

Two policemen guilty of assault charges

By Ejike Obineme
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A Baltimore City Circuit Court jury Tuesday returned a guilty verdict for South Western District Police Officers Robert Bernard and Charles Cordell who have been standing trial for assaulting Gregory M. Neptune, 19, of the 2000 block of Wilhelm St. after he was arrested for injuring a police officer.

City State's Attorney Stuart O. Simms announced that the assault of Neptune, who was arrested July 19, 1987, in the 2000 block of Wilkins Ave., occurred inside the station house of the South Western District.

The jury, which took 3 hours to return the verdict, did not find a third officer Morris Butler quilty as charged.

Neptune was charged in January for assaulting a Baltimore City Police Officer Roy N. Grant. Grant was separating a fight between two women, when Neptune, who was later identified as the boyfriend of one of the women punched the officer, who fell and struck his head against a parked car.

Simms said the trial of Neptune relating to the incident will go forward next month. A new trial date will also be scheduled for Officer Bernard, for the assault upon Neptune, which occured when Neptune was arrested on Wilkins Ave.

"The incident, the charges, and the verdict," Simms said, "should not in anyway disturb the public confidence in the excellent work performed by the majority of officers and staff of the Baltimore City Police Department."

Michael Mitchell sentenced

Former State Senator speaks out



EMBATTLED BROTHERS—Michael and Clarence Mitchell at a press conference after sentencing in the Wedtech trial.

By Ejike Obineme
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Michael B. Mitchell knows that many people who heard that he was sentenced to six years in prison for stealing a little boy's money are asking (why did he do it?)

"I did what I did because I wanted to give the grandmother (of the little boy) a chance to raise this child along with her two other grandsons." he said Tuesday afternoon. He was gathering important documents together, in his office at his family law firm on Druid Hill Avenue prior to leaving for his jail term yesterday.

Mitchell, a former State Senator, was sentenced Monday to 6 years in prison for stealing $77,417 insurance benefits belonging to three-year-old Lance A. Bethea, whose mother was murdered in 1986.

Mitchell had pleaded guilty May 2 to one count of theft and two counts of using false

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