

ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

WARRANT ISSUED FOR SINGER BROWN

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — A warrant has been issued for singer Bobby Brown after he allegedly violated probation in a drunken-driving case. The husband of superstar Whitney Houston has three fresh strikes against him. Cocaine showed up in a urine test in April, he refused to take another urine test in May, and he didn't return from a trip to Beverly Hills, Calif., on time, his probation officer reported to the judge. Brown previously told Broward Circuit Judge Leonard Feiner that the judge saved his life by putting him on probation and sending him to rehab. Brown, 32, won't face arrest on the misdemeanor warrant unless he returns to Florida because prosecutors won't seek his extradition. He could face up to 90 days in jail. The original case developed after Brown smashed his wife's car into a condominium sign.

COLE CRITICIZES MODERN R&B MUSIC AS SOULLESS

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — Natalie Cole, who cut her teeth on rhythm and blues, says modern R&B lacks soul. "I mean lyrics and passion, some understanding of communicating an idea beyond just jumping into bed," the Grammy-winning daughter of the late Nat "King" Cole said in Sunday's edition of *The Orange County Register*. "There used to be songs that I would listen to and have to go look up words in the dictionary afterward, you know? What happened to smart music like that?" she said. "I don't have to look up any of this stuff now — and some of it I wouldn't want to look up." Cole, whose first album in three years, "Snowfall in the Sahara," is in stores Tuesday, isn't too fond of rap, either. She loved the work of the late Tupac Shakur, she said, but otherwise the angry posturing of rappers gets boring.

JACKSON AMONG STARS IN SEOUL FOR BENEFIT CONCERT

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Michael Jackson arrived in South Korea on Monday for a concert to benefit needy children. Mariah Carey, Boyz II Men and Elizabeth Taylor will join the pop star for the four-hour show on Friday in Seoul. It will be Jackson's second concert in Seoul. His 1996 performance drew tens of thousands of fans. Tickets this time are selling for up to \$250 a seat, compared with up to \$66 for local performers. Cheil Communications, the promoter, said about 60 percent of the 60,000 seats have been sold.

PAULA ABDUL SUES JUICE PROMOTER

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Paula Abdul has filed an invasion of privacy lawsuit against a diet juice promoter that she claims wrongfully used her name in magazine ads. The use of Abdul's name in ads for the Hollywood 48-Hour Miracle Diet suggested the singer endorsed, needed or used the diet, said her attorney, Barbara Berkowitz. The ads appeared in *Vanity Fair* and *Cosmopolitan* and read: "Stars like Paula Abdul ... have been rushed this amazing juice formula by the diet juice guru himself, James Kabler." Abdul seeks more than \$1 million for libel, invasion of privacy and violation of her right to control her own publicity, Berkowitz said.

LAWRENCE TO STAR IN FILM ABOUT DOG

LOS ANGELES (AP) — See Martin sort. Martin Lawrence will receive \$10 million for his role as a postal worker who takes in a special pooch in his upcoming movie "See Spot Run," *Daily Variety* reported. Lawrence, who co-starred in the Eddie Murphy movie "Life," will play a man who stumbles across the dog, which has run away from the federal witness protection program. The Warner Bros. comedy is scheduled to begin production in January.

FLACK AMONG HOLLYWOOD WALK'S NEW INDUCTEES

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Roberta Flack will get a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame next year. She and 18 other stars were picked from hundreds of nominations, said Johnny Grant, Hollywood's honorary mayor. The others include the rock groups Kiss and Aerosmith, Siegfried & Roy, Jodie Foster, Peter O'Toole, Rob Reiner, director Irwin Winkler, Ted Danson and Kevin Spacey, Jim Carrey, Don Knotts and Sting. The board of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce approved the list June 10. Sponsors pay \$15,000 and, with the exception of posthumous stars, promise that the celebrity will appear for the curbside ceremony.

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Puff Daddy sorry for losing temper

NEW YORK (AP) — Rap star Sean "Puff Daddy" Combs has vowed to never again let his temper get the better of him, a friend said.

"He's very upset at the perception that he let hip hop down," Def Jam Records chairman Russell Simmons told *Time* magazine in the June 28 issue.

"One of his kids saw him in handcuffs on TV. That really upset him. He'll never let that happen again." Combs was arrested in

April for allegedly beating record executive Steven Stoute, who suffered a broken arm, a broken jaw and cuts to his head. He said the 29-year-old rapper was one of three assailants.

The magazine said Combs blamed Stoute for letting MTV air a music video with a scene that showed Combs nailed to a cross.

Combs had reportedly ordered the scene cut because he worried it might be offensive.

"Sean has a strong spiritual sense and a lot of faith, and I told him there were things that could damage him with the church," said the Rev. Hezekiah Walker, Combs' religious adviser at the Pentecostal Love Fellowship Tabernacle.

Combs, who is set to appear in court this week, has been charged with second-degree assault and criminal mischief.

He could face up to seven years in jail.



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