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WHITNEY HOUSTON'S BROTHER
RELEASED ON BAIL

FORT LEE, N.J. (AP) - Whitney Houston's brother has been released on bail after being arrested on charges of carrying cocaine and marijuana. Two detectives saw Michael Houston's car nearly collide with another car as he pulled out of a Holiday Inn parking lot around 9:45 p.m. Wednesday, police said. The 39-year-old from South Plainfield, N.J., was stopped along Route 4, and police said his eyes appeared glassy and bloodshot and he was grinding his teeth. Police arrested him and reported finding in his car 14 partially smoked marijuana cigarettes, a bag of what appeared to be marijuana and a bag of cocaine. He was charged with marijuana possession, cocaine possession, possession of drug paraphernalia and being under the influence of drugs. Police said Houston, a music writer for his sister's company, Nippy Inc., was cooperative. He was arraigned Thursday and bail was set at \$3,500. He was released to his attorney. A 17-year-old girl from Manhattan traveling with Houston was released to her parents' custody. She was not charged.

MACY GRAY APOLOGIZES FOR
RENDITION OF ANTHEM

CANTON, Ohio (AP) - Macy Gray called her hometown newspaper to apologize for a disastrous performance of the national anthem. Fans at last week's Pro Football Hall-of-Fame exhibition game in Canton started booing when the pop singer haltingly garbled the words into "Oh say, can you see, by the twilight's last gleaming." Gray's mother had told The Repository that rehearsals went well. Gray then called while preparing for a concert in Detroit on Wednesday. "I've never stood in the middle of a football field with 25,000 people watching, with planes flying over me," she said. "I blanked and I couldn't believe I forgot the words. 'I have total respect for that song.' Gray said she had wanted to honor her hometown with the performance and thanked those who clapped anyway.

TWO RAPPERS ARRESTED IN
NEW YORK CITY SHOOTING

NEW YORK (AP) — Two members of the rap group "Junior M.A.F.I.A." and a bodyguard have been charged in connection with a shooting outside a deli, police said. Suif Jackson, 31, a bodyguard for the group, was arrested Friday shortly after the 12:15 a.m. shooting as he exited a car witnesses had placed at the crime scene, police spokesman Detective Eugene Canapi said. James Lloyd, 23, who goes by the rap name "Lil' Caesar," and 23-year-old Antoine Spain, whose rap name is "Banger," were later arrested at La Guardia Airport, police said. All three men were charged with attempted murder, reckless endangerment and criminal possession of a weapon. Two 9 mm handguns found in a hidden compartment in the car were registered to rapper "Lil' Kim," who also is a member of the "Junior M.A.F.I.A.," police said. Prior to the shooting, the three men argued with Michael Goody, 21, in a corner deli, police said. The men then left and got into a car. Police arrived on the scene after receiving calls that the three men had fired shots out of the car and driven off. Christopher Smalls, also known as the Notorious B.I.G., was also a member of the Junior M.A.F.I.A. He was shot and killed during a party in Los Angeles in 1997.

OSSIE DAVIS: CITED HIS MOM, 103,
AS EXAMPLE OF PRODUCTIVE AGING

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Ossie Davis cited his own mother as an example of productive aging while speaking on the subject to a group of black doctors. "We look upon aging as a privilege not to be moaned, but as an adventure to be savored," Davis said in an address Sunday to the National Medical Association, which represents black doctors in the United States. Davis, 83, has appeared in Spike Lee's "Do the Right Thing" and "Malcolm X." His TV acting credits include the '90s sitcom "Evening Shade." He said his mother is "now 103 years old and still going strong." "She still tells me what to do," said Davis, who also is a writer, producer and director.



Rapper-actor Ja Rule was one of several featured guests of Hip-Hop 2001, which stopped in Las Vegas Aug. 3.

Sentinel-Voice photo by Joyce Hudson

Rap tour delights

By Nyla Pickett
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It goes without saying that new age rap music has become a blend of crossover R&B with a smidgeon of an m.c. here and there.

It is good to know there are artists who realize that you cannot get away from the roots of rap, real-live-hard-core-yes-yes-y'all-party-over-here-all-the-ladies-in-the-house-say-ow-uptown-westside HIP HOP !!

Seven Days Entertainment, in conjunction with Seagram's Gin Live, pulled off the unmarred, unfettered, relatively calm and surprisingly entertaining "HIP HOP 2001 Tour" earlier this week at the Thomas & Mack Center. Under the guise of promoting the music—and not the alcoholic substance-abusing image the media likes to attach to the world of Rap—

Seagram's has backed this nationwide tour, and they seem to be pulling it off quite well.

According to Mike Newcomb, Thomas & Mack Events Manager, the tour sold 6,500 of the 8,000 seats available (the 12,000-seat venue was cordoned off a quarter or so to tighten it for crowd control), 1,500 of those thousands were sold the day of the concert.

"We were very happy with how the concert turned out...we would work with 7 Days again in a heartbeat," said Newcomb. He seems to agree that the boost in sales the day of the concert could very well have been due to a last minute changing-of-the-guard: R Kelly's "Public Announcement" for new jack "City High" - not to mention the fact that Cash Money (See Hip-hop, Page 18)

Former artist sues Death Row Records

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Producer and composer Delmar Arnaud has sued Death Row Records, claiming that the record label and its founder, Marion "Suge" Knight, cheated him out of more than \$1 million.

Arnaud, known in the rap world as "Daz Dillinger," was one of Death Row's original artists, signing with the label in 1993. He wrote more than 100 songs until 1999 for rap-

pers Tupac Shakur, who was shot to death in 1996, and Snoop Dogg. The lawsuit claims his work generated more than \$15 million in record sales.

"Death Row and Suge Knight exploited Daz shamelessly. They collected tens of millions of dollars in record sales and royalties. Greed knew no bounds at Death Row," according to the lawsuit filed last week in Los

Angeles Superior Court.

Calls to Death Row Records were not immediately returned.

The lawsuit also alleges that Arnaud was forced to sign re-negotiated contracts with Death Row in 1997 and 1998 without the benefit of an outside audit.

He claims that money was withheld and there were threats of physical violence made against him.

Arnaud's claims are the latest charges against Knight, who was released last Monday from a federal prison in Oregon. Knight served nearly five years for a probation violation when he took part in a fight in Las Vegas.

He had been placed on state probation after he pleaded no-contest to two counts of assault in a 1992 attack on two rappers at a Hollywood recording studio.

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