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OUTKAST RAPPER BUYING
SPACE FOR 17 CARS

LOS ANGELES (AP) - OutKast member Antwan "Big Boi" Patton has a problem: He's got 17 cars but only has space for six in his Atlanta area home. "I'm in the process now of building another house," he said, lamenting he's currently forced to store 11 of his prized possessions in different locations. And while the crown jewel of his collection is a \$300,000-plus Rolls-Royce Phantom, which he loves, he's passionate about his vintage Chevrolet Impalas. He's got five of them — 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963 and 1964. "That's my favorite muscle-type car," Patton says in the spring issue of DuPont Registry Celebrity Car magazine, which arrives on newsstands this week. "Living out here, there's a lot of older people that have cars that are garage kept, and on Sundays they put them on the side of the road with a for sale sign and I just go out there and get 'em," Patton said. But he's not a speed demon. "I'm more of a cruiser, but I like when you go from driving something's that's modern to something that's older," Patton said. "I like something that you can put your foot all the way to the ground in." Grammy-winning OutKast, featuring Patton and music partner "Andre 3000" Benjamin, most recently scored success with their CD "Speakerboxxx/The Love Below."

COMBS TO PAY \$21,000 MONTHLY
IN CHILD SUPPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - Hip-hop star Sean "P. Diddy" Combs has been ordered to pay more than \$21,000 a month in child support to an ex-girlfriend with whom he has an 11-year-old son. The order, issued last Thursday by the New York Supreme Court's Appellate Division, came after Combs appealed a Westchester Family Court ruling last year that he should pay \$35,000 a month. He currently pays about \$5,000. The ex-girlfriend, Misa Hylton-Brim, had sued for higher monthly payments and about \$398,000 in back support for their son, Justin. The appellate court judge awarded a lower but undisclosed amount in back support and ordered Combs to pay Hylton-Brim's legal fees. The judge set monthly support payments at \$21,782. Rob Shuter, a spokesman for Combs, said Combs would appeal the decision to the state Court of Appeals. While separated from girlfriend Kim Porter, Combs, 35, was also sued for child support for their son, Christian. He pays Porter, a model, about \$30,000 a month.

BROWN SAYS SHE DIDN'T
BEAT UP WORKERS

NEW YORK (AP) — Foxy Brown says she didn't beat up two nail salon workers over a \$20 pedicure — and her toes are worth more than that anyway. "A \$20 pedicure? Are you serious?" she joked to reporters Monday outside the courtroom where she pleaded not guilty to assault over the August 2004 incident. "I mean, look at me!" she said. Brown, whose real name is Inga Marchand, pleaded not guilty to using her cell phone and fist to attack the manicurists on Aug. 29. The 25-year-old rapper said she had asked for a manicure and a pedicure just as the salon in the Chelsea neighborhood was about to close. "I got the pedicure, but they didn't give me the manicure," she said outside court. Prosecutors charge that Brown kicked and hit a manager, Sun Ji Song, causing "bruising and swelling to the face, as well as substantial pain." They said the salon's employees ran out to Brown's car and stood in front of it to block her. At one point, they said, the rapper slugged one of the workers with a cell phone. She is charged with misdemeanor assault and attempted assault. Brown's lawyer, Joseph Tacopina, denied his client hit any of the workers directly on the face but said an altercation did take place. He said that the salon workers wanted to take advantage of her wealth.

Monk-Coltrane performance found

WASHINGTON (AP) - The discovery of a previously unknown recording by jazz masters Thelonious Monk and John Coltrane was announced Tuesday by the Library of Congress as it revealed this year's additions to its National Recording Registry.

Astronaut Neil Armstrong's first words from the moon, speeches by President Wilson and Gen. Douglas MacArthur and songs by Al Jolson, Muddy Waters and Nirvana are among 50 recordings being set aside for special preservation.

There's plenty of music, from Victor Herbert's "Gypsy Love Song" of 1898, through Glenn Miller's "In the Mood" in 1939, to Nirvana's 1991 album "Nevermind." Performances must be 10 years old to qualify. This is the third group of recordings to be added to the registry.

The newly discovered performance by pianist Monk and saxophonist Coltrane at Carnegie Hall was never commercially recorded, the library said. The collaboration is not one of the 50 recordings being added to



THELONIOUS MONK



JOHN COLTRANE

the registry.

News broadcasts being inducted include Wilson's speech of Nov. 11, 1923, celebrating the fifth anniversary of the armistice that ended World War I. It is the earliest surviving recording of a regular news broadcast.

Other inductees include an NBC broadcast of Charles Lindbergh's arrival and reception in Washington after his solo flight to Paris in 1927; an Edward R. Murrow

broadcast from a London rooftop during the Battle of Britain in 1940, and MacArthur's "Old soldiers never die" speech in 1951 after President Truman recalled him from duty in the Korean War.

Jolson is heard singing George Gershwin and Irving Caesar's song "Swanee" - Gershwin's first hit. Waters contributes "I'm Your Hoochie Coochie Man" from 1954. The library sponsored

archivist Alan Lomax's 1941 expedition to Mississippi, where he originally recorded Waters.

Classical recordings include Sergei Rachmaninoff playing his Piano Concerto No. 2 with the Philadelphia Orchestra in 1929; a 1939 Boston Symphony performance of Sergey Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf," and a 1958 performance of Handel's "Messiah" by the (See Monk-Coltrane, Pg. 9)

C-Murder changes stage name to C Miller

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) - Rapper C-Murder, in jail after a murder conviction in the 2002 killing of a teenager, has changed his stage name because he thinks he's been misunderstood. "I am not a murderer," the rapper, whose real name is Corey Miller, said in a statement released Tuesday.

He will now go by C Miller, said his publicist, Giovanni Melchiorre of New York-based Koch Records. Miller's statement said people had misinterpreted the C-Murder name, which he intended as a reflection of his upbringing in one of New Orleans' most violent housing projects.

"From the beginning, I have been a target because of who I am, my stage name and for my success as an entertainer and the success of my siblings," said Miller, whose brothers Percy and Vyshonn are also rappers. "People hear the name C-Murder and they don't realize that the name simply means that I have seen many murders in my native Calliope projects neighborhood."

Miller was convicted of

second-degree murder Sept. 30, 2003, in the death of Steve Thomas, 16, a fan of the rapper who was shot to death inside a nightclub in the New Orleans suburb of Harvey. He faces a mandatory life sentence without parole.

In April 2004, State District Judge Martha Sassone ordered a new trial on grounds that prosecutors withheld information on the criminal history of their key witnesses.

Prosecutors appealed the ruling, and earlier this month, a state appeals court reversed the judge, saying other evidence established Miller's guilt.

He is being held in the Jefferson Parish jail. His defense lawyer, Ron Rakosky, has said he will appeal to the state Supreme Court.

The rapper's publicists also called a press conference for Wednesday in Baton Rouge, saying the local chapter of the NAACP planned to file a federal lawsuit on Miller's behalf, alleging that his civil and constitutional rights have been violated. A call to Ernest Johnson, head

of the chapter, was not immediately returned.

Rakosky said he had no involvement with plans for a federal suit.

Miller recently angered the Jefferson Parish sheriff by recording parts of his latest music video and album from inside the sheriff's jail. The album, "The Truest S—I Ever Said," is in the top five on the Billboard R&B/hip hop and rap charts this week.

Miller also has been indicted by a Baton Rouge grand jury on attempted second-degree murder charges

in an unrelated case from 2001. Miller is accused of shooting at a Baton Rouge nightclub owner on Aug. 14, 2001. He faces a maximum sentence of 50 years if convicted in that case.

Miller's older brother Percy, 37, a rapper and producer, performs as Master P; Vyshonn Miller, 20, is known as Silk the Shocker.

Percy and Vyshonn Miller were arrested in Los Angeles in January, accused of felony firearms charges. They have both pleaded innocent.

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