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James Brown wants $7 million

WEBB radio station 'definitely' up for sale

By Michele L. McRae
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"I used to shine shoes in front of a radio station, now I own one," James Brown often said after purchasing popular Baltimore WEBB radio station in 1969.

Now just nine years after that purchase a committee appointed by the Federal Communications Commission to investigate WEBB has recommended to the Commission that the station be taken off the air for numerous violations of the FCC regulations.

The station, located at the corner of Clifton Avenue and Denison Street, according to James Byrd, manager of WEBB, was reportedly in violation of some 71 FCC regulations discovered during the five - month investigation.

"These violations date back to 1971. One of the main concerns was that the station didn't keep an accurate transmitter log and that there are not proper bathroom facilities at the transmitter, commented Byrd.

"The station is definitely up for sale — for the right price! The asking price is $5-7 million," said Byrd.

"Whoever wins the sale of WEBB will surely be getting a ripe peach. It's a gold mine and all violations reported by the FCC committee are in the process of being corrected at this time," added Byrd.

Already some five individuals and groups have offered to buy the radio station and are presently in the process of making bids through the Brown attorneys.

One bidder is Bishop Clarence L. Long of Washington, D.C. He has already made a bid of a half - million dollars to purchase the station.

When the AFRO contacted Bishop Long on Thursday afternoon he said, "I always wanted to own a radio station. It's like a kid and a toy. Kids always want bicycles."

Commodores, Donna in AFRO film premiere

Photo by J. Henry Phillips

FOR CLEAN BLOCK CRUSADE — The Maryland premiere of the new movie "Thank God It's Friday" starring Donna Summer and the Commodores (above) will be held at the New Theatre, Tuesday, May 23 at 8 p.m. All proceeds will go to the AFRO Clean Block. See Clean Block page for details.

$2.5 million plan to save Bay College

By Clarence W. Hunter
AFRO Staff Writer

Bay College is still having troubles.

The one glimmer of hope for Bay College came in the form of a proposal from St. Martin's Church of Christ to raise approximately $2.5 million for the financially ailing junior college.

Other than that, this was another downhill week at Bay.

1. The Bay board has been asked to resign.

A letter from 17 faculty and staff members and 40 students calls on the board to resign because of its "laxity in the execution of duties, its failure to be informed on pertinent matters and an alleged history of similar crises on the part of some of its key members."

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Venetoulis cries foul

Feds charge Baltimore county with racist, sexist job policies

The Justice Department has filed a civil suit in federal court charging Baltimore County officials with discriminating against blacks and women in hiring and promotions in county government jobs.

The suit filed Wednesday asks the court to order an affirmative action program for the county pointing out the discrimination includes jobs in the police and fire departments.

Named as defendants were County Executive Ted Venetoulis, the seven member County Council and other county officials.

The suit charged that county officials have failed to recruit, hire, promote and evaluate blacks and women on an equal basis with white men and used tests and other employment qualifications that have had an adverse impact on blacks and women."

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Brief rites for mother, 3 children

By Pam Widgeon
AFRO Staff Writer

In the quiet dignity of the chapel of Kenneth Law Funeral Home, 4611 Park Heights Ave., relatives, classmates, neighbors and longtime friends said goodbye to Mrs. Bobette H. Sanders and three of her children.

The Rev. Jerome Scruggs gave the eulogy at the simple, 20 minute rites for Mrs. Sanders, Bobette Lorraine Sanders, 15; Rudolph, 14, and Aaron, 4.

Reading from the New Testament Book of Romans, Chapter 14, 13th verse, the Rev. Jerome Scruggs said, "Let us not therefore judge one another any more, but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling - block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way."

Members of the Sanders family were seated in the chapel surrounded by colorful flowers. The four embossed doeskin pink and blue caskets were facing the family with pink, yellow and white sprays of mums on top of each casket.

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Suspect called family day of funeral

The same day last rites were held for Mario Antionio "Tony" Howe, who was kidnapped and murdered on May 1, relatives received a letter from one of the accused teenage boys who is being held as a suspect.

The AFRO also learned the boy attempted to phone the family from jail.

The seven - year - old was victim of a kidnap - murder which saw his killers push him out on a makeshift raft into a quarry lake to drown.

The two teenagers who are to be indicted by the grand jury today are Joseph Carroll "Junie" Nolan Jr., 14, of the 3400 block Royce Ave. and Michael Glenn Evans, 16, of the 4400 block Finney Ave. They are now confined in City Jail.

A relative of little Tony's told the AFRO that one of the accused teenager's called a friend of the victim's sister and tried to get a phone number where the sister was staying.

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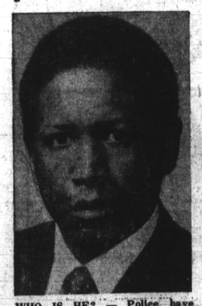
City police identify phantom landlord



WHO IS HE? — Police have identified this man as Jesse Rhodes, Jr. who is wanted for questioning in connection with charges that he rented a house in the 4400 block Garrison Blvd. to seven persons while it was still occupied but did not return rent deposits totaling $3,000.

The man accused of renting an occupied house in northwest Baltimore at least seven times has been identified by police as the same man who is a sales trainee for Xerox Corp. Residing in Seattle, Wash.

Police said this week they have determined that the accused con man, identified as Jesse H. Rhodes, Jr. is the same Jesse H. Rhodes, Jr., who is presently living in Seattle.

"He's one and the same person," said Detective Richard Hite, the investigator in charge of the case. "He's been identified by several victims in connection with the case."

Rhodes has been accused of allegedly accepting rent from seven persons totaling $3,000 on a house in the 4400 block of Garrison Blvd. between a period of Oct. 3, 1977 and Jan. 14, 1978.

A warrant has been issued for Rhodes' arrest.

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A pale Preakness

The 1978 Preakness Cultural Festival is underway and most of the events on the calendar are white oriented. The Preakness is to be run May 20.

Out of nearly 80 different events to take place in Baltimore between May 11 and May 20, only five or six events are clearly distinguishable as black events.

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Sunday is Mother's Day!

AFRO Photo by Robin McGinty

MATERNAL LOVE — Mrs. Georgianna Hamlin and daughter Monica, age 3, of the 100 block of Wicklow Road, symbolize the significance of Mother's Day. An employee of Social Security, Mrs. Hamlin also attends the University of Baltimore where she is a business major.

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