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Racial attacks blot Marky Mark's past



GLOBE STAFF FILE PHOTO Mark Wahlberg waits to appear in **Dorchester District Court last No**vember on his pending assault case.

Rap star served 45 days in jail; blames alcohol, drugs

By Michael Saunders GLOBE STAFF

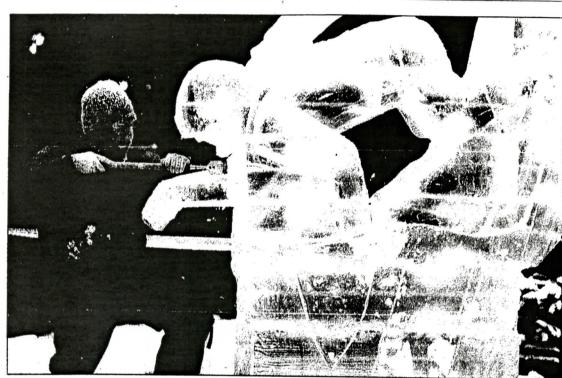
Within a week, Marky Mark has gone from "livin' large" - trading chitchat with Jay Leno, flexing his pecs on billboards and adding this month's Penthouse to his growing collection of magazine-cover appearances - to a tarnished pop icon.

The hard-bodied pinup boy, whose real name is Mark Wahlberg, is fighting the erosion of his carefully sculpted image, the camera-friendly persona of mischievous man-child with a street-wise attitude, as a result of the disclosure this week that he spent 45 days in jail in 1988 for a racially motivated beating of

In a lengthy telephone interview yesterday, Wahlberg responded to the torrent of criticism challenging that image. Two New York-based antibias groups are campaigning to publicize his hate crime conviction, and the Village Voice has published details of what prosecutors labeled in 1988 as his "continuing pattern of terrorizing people of color who have done nothing to harm him.

Wahlberg, 21, who is the brother of Donnie Wahlberg of New Kids on the Block, grew up with nine siblings on Peverell Street in Dorchester. As a rapper, Wahlberg scored a Top 5 1991 hit, "Good Vibrations. Wahlberg said that the April 1988 beating of Tranh Lam, with a 5-foot stick as the man was unloading two

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ICE IN MOTION - Jeff Eaton, executive chef at the Doubletree Hotel in Newport, R.I., chips at his entry, a snowmobile rider taking a spill, in an ice-carving competition set for today at Faneuil Hall Marketplace. Around the region yesterday, motorists contended with ice and snow and worse in a messy commute. Page 22.

Maimoni convicted. gets life

By Andrew Blake GLOBE STAFF

NEWBURYPORT - Thomas J. Maimoni, 48, was found guilty of second-degree murder yesterday and was sentenced to life in prison for killing Martha C. Brailsford aboard his sailboat on July 12, 1991. It took a jury of nine men and

three women only 7½ hours to dis-card Maimoni's claim of death by accident and to determine that he murdered Brailsford when she rejected his sexual advances.

Maimoni chewed gum, declined to make a statement, expressed no emotion and was led away after handcuffs closed around his v.rists. He will be eligible for parole in 15

In the lobby of Essex Superior Court, Paul Brailsford, Martha's father-in-law, looked to the ceiling and said, "Thank God it's over."

Defense attorney Jeffrey A. Denner said he would file an appeal for a MAIMONI, Page 12

Fine feathered frenzy

Japan captivated by saga of wounded duck

By Colin Nickerson GLOBE STAFF

OKYO - Young women wept openly in the streets and even sober-suited salarymen had to gulp hard to avoid breaking the Japanese male taboo against open display of strong emotion.

"My tears are for joy at the joyful news," sobbed Michiko Shimatsu, a 24-year-old saleswoman at Mit-sukoshi department store in the Ginza shopping dis-

At 11:08 a.m. yesterday, televison stations which had kept news crews standing shivery 24hour vigils at downtown Shinobazu Pond - bumped all regular programming to go live with the most dramatic development yet in a waterfowl saga that has obsessed Japan for weeks. The duck was saved!

"There is no doubt!" cried a correspondent for Fuji TV as the camera zoomed in on a chaotic of animal welfare officers flailing about in hip-deep water amidst flapping wings and a flurry of feathers. "This is the true rescue!"

Not to be outdone, newspapers cranked out hundreds of thousands of special editions with enormous banner headlines proclaiming the happy news: 'Yagamo is Saved!"

But let's backtrack.



Doctors at Tokyo's Uneo Zoo remove the foot shaft from "Arrow Duck" yesterday.

Yagamo, meaning "arrow duck," is a female pintail duck first spotted in late January paddling the Kamishakujii River with what appeared to be an arrow shaft stuck in its back.

Day after day, local residents joined by teams of

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Mass. leads in landing 'earmarked' funds

By Richard Saltus GLOBE STAFF

Massachusetts leads the nation in obtaining earmarked funds from Congress for its research universities, according to a survey released yesterday by Rep. George E. Brown Jr. (D-Calif.), who vowed to fight what he says is a dangerous and growing trend amounting to scientific "pork-harvaline" "pork-barreling."

The formidable clout of the Massachusetts congressional delegation in past years has won

University research centers benefit

\$183,581,000 for science and technology facilities in the Commonwealth since 1980. Individually, Boston University and Tufts have received \$56.5 million and \$46 million respectively in earmarked funds, placing them 10th and 11th out of the 167 universities surveyed by the Congressional Research Service.

"Money that is diverted by Congress to fund earmarks comes out of the hide of other programs - publicly

debated, peer-reviewed, carefully scrutinized programs," said Brown, chairman of the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology.

This is not a legitimate way of

funding science programs."

Brown, who spoke at a briefing yesterday at the American Association for the Advancement of Science meeting in Boston, questioned funds obtained by Tufts University and the University of New Hamp-

shire, along with 48 other universities nationwide that obtained a total of \$225 million through earmarking in fiscal 1993 appropriations bills.

Earmarking refers to a tactic in which congressmen add to a piece of legislation a provision that appropriates money to a specific institution. It enables a university, for example, to finance a new science facility without having to apply for scarce federal funds that are awarded on a competitive basis after experts review all

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Lawmakers, Flynn vow rescue try of new Garden

By Peter J. Howe

Mayor Flynn and Beacon Hill leaders pledged yesterday to rescue the \$160 million new Boston Garden project, while also launching contingency efforts to find another Boston site for a new hockey-basketball are-

Emerging from an hourlong meeting Flynn convened at the Parkman House, the mayor, Lt. Gov. Paul Cellucci and House and Senate leaders all said they want to find a way to revive the arena project

However, Garden representatives declined to attend Flynn's meeting. Lawrence Moulter, president of the New Boston Garden Corp., said the developers would "look at" reviving the project if legislators substantially rewrite the titleclearing bill that the House ap-proved Thursday, which prompted Garden developers to cancel the pro-

But, Moulter said, "we are not going to be part of that process" of negotiating a new bill. "We are out of the political process.

Jeremy M. Jacobs, chairman and chief executive of Delaware North Cos., which owns Boston Garden, announced late Thursday he was apandoning the project after eight years **BOSTON GARDEN, Page 10**

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In the end. each side saw other as greedy

By John Powers GLOBE STAFF

Did the Boston Garden deal collapse because owner Delaware North asked the state for "corporate **Analysis**

Because lawmakers insisted on killing a private golden goose? Or because neither side was truly comfortable with a delicate

welfare"?

public-private partnership? "This got down to the element of trust and confidence," Garden president Lawrence Moulter said yesterday, after Delaware North had refused to "play poker" with the Legislature over the \$190 million project. "That's what business deals are built on. If you don't have that, you don't have a

In the end, each side felt that the other was being

greedy.

The House and Senate believed that Garden owner Jeremy Jacobs was getting a sweetheart deal from the Weld administration at the expense of the public - and still wanted more. "I get the impression

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Insurance rate hikes OK'd for Medex, nongroup users

By Kimberly Blanton GLOBE STAFF

The state yesterday granted steep increases in the rates of Medex and nongroup health insurance provided by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts. But the Weld administration also proposed reforms for bringing the troubled programs under control.

The reform package would attempt to shift responsibility for in-suring some of the state's elderly and hard-to-insure residents to other insurers or to a new health plan set up by the state.

The Massachusetts insurance division approved an average 11.3 percent increase for 260,000 elderly people covered by Medex, a Medicare supplement. Medex Gold, the most popular program, could rise by about 20 percent, or \$284 a year, according to industry estimates.

Nongroup insurance, which covers 100,000 members who cannot get health coverage where they work, will see premiums rise 22.6 percent on average. That translates to an additional \$485 a year for individuals and \$1,057 for families.

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