

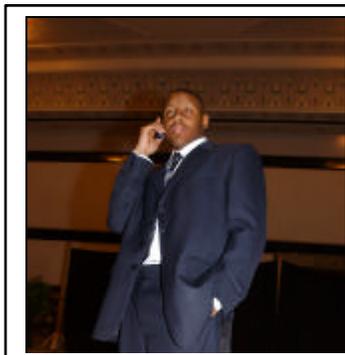
## Iron Soldiers Celebrate Black History Month with Stepping and Style

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BAGHDAD, Iraq -- In 1951, Linda Brown was an eight-year old girl forced to cross Topeka, Kan., to attend grade school, unlike her white friends that could go to the public school just blocks from their houses. Brown's father filed suit, arguing that separate facilities were unequal. The case, which was consolidated with four others, eventually made its way to the U.S. Supreme Court, where it was argued by Justice Thurgood Marshall. In 1954, the Supreme Court ruled unanimously "separate educational facilities are inherently unequal." The case changed the face of the civil rights movement and paved the way to end all segregation.

Fifty years later, in Baghdad, Iraq, the 1st Armored Division celebrated that groundbreaking case as the theme for February's Black History Month. Events included a fashion show, a "fun" run, Greek stepping, and performances by the 123rd Main Support Battalion gospel choir.

"It's important that we remember our ancestors, the people that fought hard so I can be where I am today," said 1st Lt. Tanasha Bennett, executive office of 69th Chemical Company. "You don't know where you're going if you don't know where you came from."



A Soldier models clothes during a Black History Month fashion show at 1st Battalion, 4th Air Defense Artillery Regiment headquarters.



Soldiers from the 123rd Main Support Battalion gospel choir perform during a celebration for Black History Month at Baghdad International Airport.

Alumni from the Greek fraternity Kappa Alpha Psi perform Greek stepping. The style of dance was adapted for Greek organizations "as a way to display style, character, and respect for the heritage that spread through African tribal dance."

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## **NEWS...**

### **U.S., Pakistan Deny Bin Laden Was Captured**

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) - Pentagon and Pakistani officials on Saturday denied an Iranian state radio report that Osama bin Laden was captured in Pakistan's border region with Afghanistan "a long time ago." The claim came as Pakistan's army hunted terror suspects in a remote tribal region along the border, believed to be a possible hiding place for the al-Qaida's leader.

### **Iraqis to Miss Deadline for Constitution**

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Iraqi officials will not meet the Saturday deadline for approving an interim constitution, a coalition official said. The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the earliest the charter could be completed would be Sunday. He would not elaborate but several Iraqi members of the Governing Council say major differences remain unresolved including the role of Islam on the legal code, the status of women and autonomy for the Kurdish minority.

### **Top Rebel Delays Attack on Haitian Capital**

CAP-HAITIEN, Haiti (AP) - Rebel leader Guy Philippe said Saturday he would hold off attacking Haiti's capital for a day or two in response to a U.S. appeal he claimed to have seen on the Internet. The U.S. Embassy in Port-au-Prince, in a statement issued by telephone to reporters Friday night, appealed to the insurgents to halt their advance on the capital. The United States had already called for Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide to resign.

### **Sofia Coppola Looks to Make Oscar History**

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Sofia Coppola, nominated in three categories, seeks to be the first American woman ever to win the Academy Award for best director at Sunday's ceremony. When Coppola was growing up, creativity was practically a household chore. "All the kids were encouraged by my wife and myself to have artistic interests. We had summer creativity camp in which they would all do one-act plays or do various projects and endeavors," her father, Francis Ford Coppola, the Oscar-winning director of "The Godfather" films, told The Associated Press.

## ***Thought for the day...***

### **Good Character**

Good character is more to be praised than outstanding talent. Most talents are, to some extent, a gift. Good character, by contrast, is not given to us. We have to build it piece by piece-by thought, choice, courage and determination.

--John Luther

## ***In Other News...***

### **Jackson Pulled Over While Wearing Mask**



GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) -- Michael Jackson was pulled over by police and asked to identify himself after shopping at a Wal-Mart while wearing a ski mask.

An employee called police Tuesday, police Lt. Bill Kimminau said. The employee gave a description of the vehicle and Jackson was stopped a short time later. Authorities asked Jackson to identify himself, which he did by removing his mask.

"There were no problems, and that was it," Kimminau said.

Jackson spokeswoman Raymone Bain said the incident was a trifle.

"The police car pulled to the side and just asked that he show his face, and he did, and that was it," Bain said. "There was no altercation or any kind of encounter."

The singer is known to wear disguises when in public.

Jackson is staying at a 56-acre ranch in Old Snowmass while vacationing with his children. He has been keeping a relatively low profile, but has been spotted at several shops in nearby Aspen.

He is facing child molestation charges in California.

His visit was announced in a press release Bain issued Feb. 20 to address rumors the 45-year-old singer had checked himself into a drug rehabilitation facility.

"Michael's children indicated to him a few days ago that they'd like to see and play in the snow," Bain said. "Mr. Jackson was enjoying his getaway until ... someone deliberately and viciously began reaching out to media organizations with this claim."

Bain also released a statement from Jackson that said: "I am appalled. Let me state for the record that I have not checked myself into any rehabilitation center in Aspen, Colorado; I am here for a few days with my children. I am outraged by these constant rumors."

## Today in History...

### February 29, 1940: First African American Actor Wins Academy Award

(HISTORYCHANNEL.COM) On this day *Gone with the Wind* is honored with eight Oscars by the American Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. An epic Southern romance set during the hard times of the Civil War, the movie swept the prestigious Best Picture, Director, Screenplay, Cinematography, Art Direction, Film Editing, and Actress categories. However, the most momentous award that night undoubtedly went to Hattie McDaniel for her portrayal of "Mammy," a housemaid and former slave. McDaniel, who won the Best Supporting Actress Academy Award, was the first African American actress or actor ever to be honored with an Oscar.

Her most famous role was as Mammy in the 1939 film *Gone with the Wind*. Directed by Victor Fleming and based on the best-selling Margaret Mitchell novel of the same name, the movie remains the highest-grossing movie of all time when inflation is taken into account. Although she was honored with an Oscar, liberal African Americans sharply criticized McDaniel for accepting a role in which her character, a former slave, spoke nostalgically about the Old South.

Born in Wichita, Kansas, in 1895, McDaniel demonstrated her talents as a singer and actress while growing up in Denver, Colorado. She left school while a teenager to become a performer in several traveling minstrel groups and in 1924 became one of the first African American women to sing on U.S. radio. With the onset of the Great Depression, she was forced to take work as a ladies' washroom attendant in a Milwaukee club. The club, which hired only white performers, eventually made an exception and let her sing, and she performed there for a year before setting her sights on Hollywood.

McDaniel's film career declined in the late 1940s, and in 1947 she returned to radio as the star of the nationally broadcast *The Beulah Show*. In the program, she again portrayed an effervescent Southern maid but in a markedly un-stereotypical manner that won praise from the NAACP. In 1951, while filming the first episodes of a television version of the popular show, she had a heart attack. She recovered to do a few more radio programs but in 1952 died of breast cancer at the age of 57.

### Reenlistment bonus available until soldiers depart theater

Currently, more than 1,400 soldiers have taken advantage of the deployed force reenlistment bonus since October. Soldiers must understand the bonus is no longer available once they redeploy to their home station.

The most frequently asked question from soldiers is "how long am I eligible for the reenlistment bonus?"

The answer is simple: once a soldier leaves Iraq, Afghanistan, or Kuwait, the lump sum tax-free bonus no longer exists.

As we begin to redeploy, our Career Counselors and key retention personnel will become much less accessible as they will be spread thin throughout Iraq, Kuwait, and Germany.

Soldiers eligible for this incentive are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity well in advance of their expected redeployment date. Soldiers should contact their Career Counselors who are standing by to assist our Iron Soldiers in continuing to serve proudly and "Stay Army."

For more information, contact your career counselor.

- Command Career Counselor: SGM James Jaranowski, 551-9405
- Retention Operations NCO: MSG Gary Schoolfield, 551-9405
- 1st Brigade: SFC Burke, Martyrs' Monument, 550-7027
- 2nd Brigade: SSG Gibson, Presidential Palace, 551-2010
- 4th Brigade: MSG Wolfe, 551-6620
- DIVARTY: SFC Hilton, 551-7030
- DIVENG: MSG Collier, 551-6131
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myafn.net TV SCHEDULES: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2004						As of: Friday, February 27, 2004 8:50:27 PM	
Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	KOREA	Start Time
00:00		MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - PAC-10: NOTRE DAME @ UCLA	THE DIVISION : - THE PARENT TRAP	CELEBRATION OF VICTORY - REACHING FOR THE HIGHEST	FOX NEWS LIVE	CELEBRATION OF VICTORY - REACHING FOR THE HIGHEST	00:00
00:30	COLLEGE GAMENIGHT			CORAL RIDGE HOUR - MOTHERS AND CHILDREN		CORAL RIDGE HOUR - MOTHERS AND CHILDREN	00:30
01:00	MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - CUSA: CINCINNATI @ CHARLOTTE		FOOTLOOSE	CHRISTOPHER CLOSEUP - REBEL WITH A CAUSE	FOX NEWS LIVE	CHRISTOPHER CLOSEUP - REBEL WITH A CAUSE	01:00
01:30				CAFE VIDEO - UNDER THE INFLUENCE		CAFE VIDEO - UNDER THE INFLUENCE	01:30
02:00		ESPNEWS		WISHBONE : - ONE THOUSAND AND ONE TAILS	HEADLINE NEWS	WISHBONE : - ONE THOUSAND AND ONE TAILS	02:00
02:30		ESPNEWS		SESAME STREET SPECIALS : - FIESTA!	MCLAUGHLIN GROUP	SESAME STREET SPECIALS : - FIESTA!	02:30
03:00	SPORTSCENTER	SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE (03'-04') : - CHRISTINA AGUILERA/MAROON 5	SWAMP CRITTERS OF THE LOST LAGOON : - RIVERBOAT GAMBLER	HEADLINE NEWS	CAPITAL GANG	HEADLINE NEWS	03:00
03:30			HARVEST WITH GREG LAURIE - ELIJAH	ARMY NEWSWATCH		ARMY NEWSWATCH	03:30
04:00	IRL AUTO RACING - THE FAST LIFE: 2004 IRL INDYCAR SERIES		MUSIC AND THE SPOKEN WORD	ESPNEWS	WASHINGTON WEEK IN REVIEW	ESPNEWS	04:00
04:30		LIVE IN HOLLYWOOD	REAL VIDEOS : - CHASING FURIES	ESPNEWS	HEADLINE NEWS	ESPNEWS	04:30
05:00	TRACK & FIELD - USA INDOOR CHAMPIONSHPS		THE SIMPSONS : - THE GREAT LOUSE DETECTIVE	MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - WCC: SANTA CLARA @ GONZAGA	PEOPLE IN THE NEWS	MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - WCC: SANTA CLARA @ GONZAGA	05:00
05:30		THE ENTERTAINERS	MALCOLM IN THE MIDDLE				05:30
06:00	NHL - ST. LOUIS BLUES @ VANCOUVER CANUCKS		EVERYBODY LOVES RAYMOND : - JEALOUS ROBERT		DATLINE INTERNATIONAL		06:00
06:30		AMERICAN ATHLETE	THE KING OF QUEENS : - HI-DEF JAM				06:30
07:00		HEADLINE NEWS	AMERICAN DREAMS : - SECRET AND LIES	POOF POINT	DATLINE INTERNATIONAL	AMERICA'S FUNNIEST HOME VIDEOS	07:00
07:30		HOUR OF POWER - REBUILD, RENEW, RESTORE					07:30
08:00		CELEBRATION OF VICTORY - REACHING FOR THE HIGHEST	AMERICAN IDOL		LARRY KING LIVE	HOME IMPROVEMENT : - THANKS, BUT NO THANKS	08:00
08:30	COLLEGE GAMENIGHT	CORAL RIDGE HOUR - MOTHERS AND CHILDREN		SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS : - TEXAS / WALKING SMALL		THE SIMPSONS : - SEPARATE VOCATIONS	08:30
09:00	NBA FASTBREAK	CHRISTOPHER CLOSEUP - REBEL WITH A CAUSE	AMERICAN IDOL	MOTORWEEK	AT LARGE WITH GERALDO RIVERA	MOTORWEEK	09:00
09:30	ESPNEWS	CAFE VIDEO - UNDER THE INFLUENCE	THE TWILIGHT ZONE : - THE PRIME MOVER	EBERT & ROEPER AT THE MOVIES		EBERT & ROEPER AT THE MOVIES	09:30
10:00	SPORTSCENTER	WISHBONE : - ONE THOUSAND AND ONE TAILS	FANTASY ISLAND : - FOOL FOR A CLIENT/ DOUBLE YOUR PLEASURE	WWE SMACKDOWN!	BELTWAY BOYS	WWE SMACKDOWN!	10:00
10:30		SESAME STREET SPECIALS : - FIESTA!			FOX NEWS WATCH		10:30
11:00	MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - MMC: UNLV @ AIR FORCE	POOF POINT	SWAMP CRITTERS OF THE LOST LAGOON : - RIVERBOAT GAMBLER	STARGATE SG-1 : - FROZEN	HEADLINE NEWS	STARGATE SG-1 : - FROZEN	11:00
11:30			HARVEST WITH GREG LAURIE - ELIJAH		AMERICA'S BLACK FORUM		11:30
12:00			MUSIC AND THE SPOKEN WORD	HEADLINE NEWS	THE CHRIS MATTHEWS SHOW	HEADLINE NEWS	12:00
12:30		SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS : - TEXAS / WALKING SMALL	REAL VIDEOS : - CHASING FURIES	ESPNEWS	NAVY/MARINE CORPS NEWS	ESPNEWS	12:30
13:00	SPORTSCENTER	MOTORWEEK	THE SIMPSONS : - THE GREAT LOUSE DETECTIVE	JUDGING AMY : - PEOPLE OF THE LIE	BIG STORY WEEKEND EDITION	JUDGING AMY : - PEOPLE OF THE LIE	13:00
13:30		EBERT & ROEPER AT THE MOVIES	MALCOLM IN THE MIDDLE				13:30
14:00	PGA TOUR - WORLD GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS - ACCENTURE MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP	HEADLINE NEWS	EVERYBODY LOVES RAYMOND : - JEALOUS ROBERT	CROUCHING TIGER, HIDDEN DRAGON	CNN PRESENTS	LETHAL WEAPON 4	14:00
14:30		ARMY NEWSWATCH	THE KING OF QUEENS : - HI-DEF JAM				14:30
15:00		MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG XII: TEXAS TECH @ TEXAS	AMERICAN DREAMS : - SECRET AND LIES		FOX & FRIENDS		15:00
16:00			AMERICAN IDOL	HEADLINE NEWS	FOX & FRIENDS	HEADLINE NEWS	16:00
16:30				SEINFELD : - THE JUNIOR MIT		SEINFELD : - THE JUNIOR MIT	16:30
17:00		SPORTSCENTER	AMERICAN IDOL	MEET THE PRESS	CBS NEWS SUNDAY MORNING	MEET THE PRESS	17:00
17:30			THE TWILIGHT ZONE : - THE PRIME MOVER				17:30
18:00	THE SPORTS REPORTERS	WWE SMACKDOWN!	FANTASY ISLAND : - FOOL FOR A CLIENT/ DOUBLE YOUR PLEASURE	AMERICA'S BLACK FORUM		AMERICA'S BLACK FORUM	18:00
18:30	SPORTSCENTER			ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT	FACE THE NATION	ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT	18:30
19:00		STARGATE SG-1 : - FROZEN	SWAMP CRITTERS OF THE LOST LAGOON : - RIVERBOAT GAMBLER		CBS NEWS SPECIAL - DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CONTENDER DEBATE		19:00
19:30			HARVEST WITH GREG LAURIE - ELIJAH	ESPNEWS		ESPNEWS	19:30
20:00		MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG TEN: OHIO STATE @ MICHIGAN	MUSIC AND THE SPOKEN WORD	ESPNEWS	LATE EDITION W/ WOLF BLITZER	ESPNEWS	20:00
20:30	NBA FASTBREAK		REAL VIDEOS : - CHASING FURIES	BOWLING - PBA BABY RUTH REAL DEAL CLASSIC		BOWLING - PBA BABY RUTH REAL DEAL CLASSIC	20:30
21:00	REAL SPORTS WITH BRYANT GUMBEL		THE SIMPSONS : - THE GREAT LOUSE DETECTIVE				21:00
21:30			MALCOLM IN THE MIDDLE				21:30
22:00	PGA TOUR - WORLD GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS - ACCENTURE MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP	MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG XII: OKLAHOMA @ KANSAS	EVERYBODY LOVES RAYMOND : - JEALOUS ROBERT	IRL AUTO RACING - TOYOTA INDY 300	FOX NEWS LIVE	IRL AUTO RACING - TOYOTA INDY 300	22:00
22:30			THE KING OF QUEENS : - HI-DEF JAM				22:30
23:00			AMERICAN DREAMS : - SECRET AND LIES		FOX NEWS LIVE		23:00