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Scholars Challenge Bush

Do not want America to represent torture

(AP) -- President Bush was presented with a letter Monday signed by 50 high school seniors in the Presidential Scholars program urging a halt to "violations of the human rights" of terror suspects held by the United

The White House said Bush had not expected the letter but took a moment to read it and talk with a young woman who handed it to him.

The president enjoyed a visit with the students, accepted the letter and upon reading it let the student know that the United States does not torture and that we value human rights," deputy



President George W. Bush stands in front of high school Presidential Scholars Monday at the White House.

press secretary Dana Perino said. represent torture. We urge you male and one female student

his education law known as No Child Left Behind.

The handwritten letter said our convictions."

"We do not want America to year the program selects one representatives and others

The students had been in- to do all in your power to stop from each state, the District of vited to the East Room to violations of the human rights of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Amerihear the president speak detainees, to cease illegal rendicans living abroad, 15 at-large about his effort to win con- tions, and to apply the Geneva students, and up to 20 students gressional reauthorization of Convention to all detainees, in- in the arts on the basis of outcluding those designated enemy combatants," the letter said.

The designation as a Presithe students "believe we dential Scholar is one of the ington each June for seminars, have a responsibility to voice nation's highest honors for gradu- lectures and workshops with ating high school students. Each government officials, elected

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The scholars travel to Wash-

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Jefferson Leader Named Principal

Hope rises with Harris no longer 'interim'

BY RAYMOND RENDLEMAN THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Cynthia Harris can scratch the 'interim" from her title as Jefferson High School's principal. She was named to the official job Tuesday.

Harris worked in the Jefferson/ Wilson cluster of schools since her arrival in Portland last summer, and administrators hope she will help gain hundreds of students through the opening of Jefferson's singlesex academies.

poured her energy and warmth into Phillips said



Cynthia Harris

building a strong community at the "Cynthia Harris cares deeply school and in the neighborhood," about Jefferson students and has departing Superintendent Vicki

After taking the helm from Leon Dudley this spring when he went on emergency medical leave, she has wanted to make the school stronger by focusing on successes rather than controversy.

"I know in my heart that we've started something at this school and with these kids," Harris said, 'and I want to finish it.'

More than two-dozen Jefferson teachers petitioned for Harris' appointment, citing renewed optimism in the school since she took the

"I think she can bring stability to a school that has not had stability over the years by bringing new vision and fresh ideas," says Karanja Crews, a newly hired sixthgrade teacher for the Young Men's

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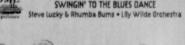


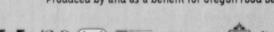




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Military Sees Few Black Recruits

Relatives discourage signups

Afghanistan and Iraq wars began, because of other job prospects and relatives of potential recruits increasingly discourage them from signing up.

According to data obtained by The Associated Press, the decline covers all four military services for active duty recruits, tary. and the drop is even more dramatic when National Guard and Reserve recruiting is included.

The findings reflect the growing unpopularity of the wars, bers and other adults who exert efforts are under way to in- for the Army.

(AP) -- The number of blacks influence over high school and joining the military has plunged college students considering the by more than one-third since the military as a place to serve their country, further their education or build a career.

> Walking past the Army recruiting station in downtown week, Sean Glover said he has done all he can to talk black relatives out of joining the mili-

"I don't think it's a good time. Idon't support the government's efforts here and abroad," said Glover, 36.

The message comes as no particularly among family mem-surprise to the Pentagon where The decline is particularly stark

crease the size of the Army and Marine Corps.

Marine Commandant Gen. James T. Conway agreed that the bloodshed in Iraq — where more than 3,540 U.S. troops have died - is the biggest deterrent for prospective recruits.

According to Pentagon data, Washington, D.C., this past there were nearly 51,500 new black recruits for active duty and reserves in 2001. That number fell to less than 32,000 in 2006, a 38 percent decline.

When only active duty troops are counted, the number of black recruits went from more than 31,000 in 2002 to about 23,600 in 2006, almost one-quarter fewer.

Kucinich Coming to Portland

presidential candidate Dennis N.E. 12th Ave. Kucinich will return on Sunday, July 1 for a free speaking speakers taking the stage at at 971-226-3605.

After receiving substantial engagement, joining other 7:30 p.m. support from Portland voters speakers and musical groups, during the 2004 elections, at Benson High School, 546 volunteer at the rally, email

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Rally Supports HIV Testing

College in north Portland.

The event, timed to coin- disease through testing and AIDS testing in the African- cide with National HIV Test- education. American Community takes ing Day, continues to break place Wednesday, June 27 at the silence surrounding HIV/ ber-one cause of death for 5 p.m. at the Cascade Cam- AIDS in Portland-area Afri- black adults ages 25 to 44, pus of Portland Community can-American communities ahead of heart disease, canand to fight the spread of the cer and homicide.

Nationally, AIDS is the num-

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