Civil rights web site to fight cyberhate

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WASHINGTON (AP) - Responding to President Clinton's call to fight hate crime, the nation's largest civil rights coalition and a regional Bell telephone company have created a web site designed to combat Internet hate

The Leadership Conference on Civil Rights said Monday the site - www.civilrights.org was developed and will be maintained for two years with a \$100,000 contribution from Bell

Clinton issued a call two weeks ago at a White House Conference on Hate Crimes to find ways to fight the problem.

"You are providing an antidote to cyberhate," he told the civil rights coalition in a letter read by Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater at a news conference on Monday.

Wade Henderson, LCCR executive director, said the idea to create a web site was triggered by a proliferation of Internet hate speech by

"This web site will respond to hate with information and competing ideas without seeking to restrict Internet speech."

_Wade Henderson

groups such as the Ku Klux Klan and White Aryan Resistance.

Bell Atlantic chairman Ray Smith cited a

study by the Anti-Defamation League showing the number of hate sites on the Internet has doubled to 250 in the past year. He called the new site "an antidote for poison."

The idea is to "counter the frightening espousal of hatred and violence against Americans because of their race, gender, reli-

Henderson said hate groups have become more sophisticated in communicating their

There is also concern for the First Amendment protection of free speech, Henderson said. "This web site will respond to hate with information and competing ideas

In addition to providing information on hate crimes around the country, the site will explain various strategies to address those crimes and offer materials for young people,

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NEW YORK (AP) hit, is interested in developing Beating New Yorkers on the one of four spaces in Grand basketball court wasn't Central's renovated balcony, enough. Michael Jordan has the paper said. to take their lunch money too.

Jordan's management company spokesman did not return calls from the News. A spokesman for Grand Central's commercial leasing agent said he would not con-

firm or deny the report.

The Chicago Bulls star is

negotiating to open a restau-

rant in Grand Central Terminal, the Daily News

restaurant has been a huge

Jordan, whose Chicago

reported today.

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gious or sexual orientation," he said

doctrines and recruiting. "Instead of the street, they recruit on the net," he explained.

without seeking to restrict Internet speech."

FUNDING

Caruthers said extra funding given to the historically black universities to help improve their course offerings and make other improvements had helped their standing in the study. But 25-year trends in spending showed the

GARAGE

intended to seek the

designation years ago,

but never had the

time. Eventually, he

forgot about it, Davis

said. His secretary,

however, recently

reminded him that he

had never filed an

application, Davis

another scenario. She

accused Davis of try-

ing to elevate the

value of the property

Johnson proposed

explained.

campuses had gotten a fair share of the money available for colleges, Caruthers

"Well, we're back to the question of whether historically black colleges are underfunded," said Rep. Gene Arnold, R-Nash, a co-chairman of the education subcommittee of the House budget panel.

before he sells it to

Winston-Salem State

garage, located on Martin Luther King

Jr. Drive, sits at the

gateway to WSSU.

"Were you aware that WSSU had received a HUD grant

asked Johnson before

implying that Davis

was trying to make more off the deal

than she considered

money prompted him

to have the property

Davis denied that

reasonable.

restoration?"

University.

"The fact that up." things have been better for the last 25 years doesn't tell you much if you know how things were 50 years ago," said Rep. Fern Shubert, R-

Union. "If you startwith maintenance deficit 50 years ago, then improved funding for the last 25 years still might not catch you

classified as a histori-

cal landmark. He said

he wouldn't mind the

50 percent reduction

in taxes that would

accompany the desig-

to do with that. If

that's the case, I

would have applied

before approaching WSSU," Davis

replied. "I think the

building deserves his-

torical designation."

ued her questions.

"What

planned use?"

Johnson contin-

is your

"This had nothing

Davis

nation, however.

But Caruthers and Rep. Robert Grady, R-Onslow, said the study took into account only operating funds, not money for new buildings.

"We're not looking at facilities in this study," Grady said. "People who see this study as wrong simply because they see a bad building or old

Davis said that he

The interrogation

after

Landon

only wanted to see the

Commissioner

Donald Nielsen chal-

lenged the relevance

of Johnson's queries.

Commission chair-

Opperman explained

that the group could

not base its decision

on the applicant's

motives for seeking

the landmark desig-

"We are legally

required to take cer-

building restored.

ended

woman

nation.

es are not looking at it right.' Legislators four

structures on campus-

years ago began using a repairs and renovations fund to help speed up repairs on University of North Carolina campuses, with the UNC Board of Governors deciding which projects to address each year.

Arnold said the

"Don't try to fig-ure it out," Johnson tain things under consideration," said

Opperman. According Opperman, the former Union Station was one of the few buildings in Winston-Salem where black and white neighborhoods came together." Consequently, she didn't understand why Johnson would oppose the historical recognition.

Johnson responded that someone who isn't black wouldn't understand.

told Opperman. Commissioner

committee would

decide whether there

funding formula used

to divide money

among the campuses

or with campus man-

lem, we'll come back

with legislation to

address it," Arnold

said. "And if there is

no problem, we'll say

"If there is a prob-

agement.

is a problem with the

Avon Ruffin voted with Johnson to deny the landmark status. Neither cited any evidence that the value of the property would skyrocket as a result of becoming a historical landmark, or that such a designation would interfere with negotiations with neighboring WSSU.



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