

## Door of Biggie's Suburban up for auction

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tainment memorabilia for the Butterfield & Butterfield action house.

Rice and Seimons are willing to sell the \$38,000 Suburban as is with the bullet-pocked door in place, but they don't believe anyone would be inter-

ested.

"We haven't decided when or where to auction the door," Rice said. "We don't want to be tacky. We want to be in good taste. We don't want to make any profit at all."

Meantime, Death Row Records approached a Nevada resort to offer the bullet-rid-

dled car in which rapper Tupac Shakur was killed last September in Las Vegas.

"We told them we weren't interested," said Aaron Cohn, spokesman for Primadonna Resorts in Primm, Nev. The resort paid \$250,000 in 1988 for the bullet-riddled car in

which Bonnie and Clyde Barrow were killed in a 1934 shootout.

The Shakur death car isn't the same, Cohn said.

"It's not a piece of American history the way the Bonnie and Clyde car is. But maybe in 20 years," he said.

## Video on demand on way to more cable systems

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NEW YORK - The dream of movies on demand appears to be inching closer to a TV screen near you.

Time Warner Cable announced Wednesday that it expects video on demand to be economically viable and will soon call on vendors to start designing the hardware and software to make it happen.

Video on demand is an experimental service viewers can use to select movies and view them instantly. It has been tested on Time Warner's futuristic Full Service Network in Orlando, Fla., an interactive TV system in place since the end of 1994. Cable operators and phone companies have talked intermittently about offering video on demand.

"It's significant in that most of the industry had written off video on demand as uneconomical," said Larry Gerbrandt, a senior analyst at Paul Kagan Associates, a media research and consulting firm.

Time Warner, he added, is the "only cable operator that at this point is known to be actively pursuing this." Some phone companies also have been experimenting with video on demand, but Time Warner's offering would have the advantage of linking into its new digital cable system.

The company said costs have declined and new technologies have emerged to the point where video on demand is expected to be viable by 1999. Later, other interactive offerings could be added to the system.

Time Warner Cable is asking vendors to design hardware and software for testing among customers in late 1998. Time Warner is the nation's second-biggest cable operator

with 12.3 million customers in 37 states.

"Our experience with the Full Service Network confirms that video on demand, particularly for movies, has strong customer appeal and will be a powerful business," Mike Hayashi, vice president of advanced technology for Time Warner Cable, said in a statement.

Video on demand would be seen through Time Warner Cable's new Pegasus digital cable boxes, due to be introduced by the end of this year. Video on demand would let viewers pick movies to watch, pause, rewind and fast-forward through them.

Pricing hasn't been determined, but Time Warner said it intends to make the service competitive with video store rentals.

"It's always been a question of economics, not whether the consumer wanted it,"

Gerbrandt said. He added that such a service would represent a competitive threat to direct satellite TV, which offers only traditional pay per view movies.

Time Warner Cable also said it is asking vendors for quotes to design software to offer its Road Runner news and information service, currently available on personal computers, via the Pegasus box.

## Warrant out for Foxy Brown

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RALEIGH - A desk clerk who claims teen-age rapper Foxy Brown spit on her during an angry tirade in a hotel lobby denies that she's trying to profit from Brown's celebrity.

Brown, 17, whose real name is Inga Marchand, was charged with two counts of simple assault after the January incident at a Holiday Inn. On Monday, a judge issued a warrant for her arrest after she failed to appear in court for her criminal trial.

According to a police report, Brown shouted and cursed at desk clerk Tracy McFarland and night manager Emerald Rowe after they told Brown's

bodyguard that they did not have a clothes iron available.

The bodyguard reportedly became belligerent and was confronted by hotel security officers, which allegedly upset Brown.

McFarland said Brown picked up a fishbowl and acted as if she were going to throw it at McFarland, but was restrained. Brown then allegedly spit on McFarland and Rowe.

McFarland and Rowe have hired personal-injury lawyers and reportedly have threatened to sue Brown. On Tuesday, McFarland rejected claims by Brown's attorneys that she and Rowe were trying to profit from the encounter.

"It's not about money," said

McFarland's attorney, Nancy White. "It's about dignity and respect and treating someone right. If you hurt somebody, ... you should be responsible for it."

McFarland said she has been tested for the AIDS virus and hepatitis at her doctor's advice because a large glob of spittle got in her eye.

Assistant District Attorney Keith Gregory backed up the two hotel workers.

"I don't think they're going after the money. I think they're doing it because they were spit on," Gregory said. "If this had been anyone else, it would still be an assault charge. I'm not treating her any different just because she's a rap star."

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### "Mowing Glade A.M.E. Zion Church Car Wash"

The youth of Mowing Glade A.M.E. Zion Church are sponsoring a car wash at the church, Saturday, May 3rd from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Stop by 8951 Albermarle Rd. and show your support. For more information call 536-8177

### "Phi Beta Sigma Basketball Tournament"

The 5th Annual Phi Beta Sigma Graduate Chapter Basketball Tournament will take place on Friday, May 2nd and Saturday, May 3rd at McClintock Middle School at 2101 Rama Road. The Tournament will start at 7:00 PM each evening. Call 399-1930 for more information.

### "POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE"

The Police Athletic League Fun Fest & Baseball Season Opener will happen Saturday May 3rd, at the PAL Center on Oaklawn Ave. starting at 9:00 AM.

### "St. Paul Gospel Concert"

The Gospel Choir No. Three of the Saint Paul Baptist Church, Paul W. Drummond Pastor, presents The Voices Of Morning Star In Concert, Sunday May 3, 1997. This event will take place at 1401 North Allen Street and will begin at 3:00 PM. Please call 334-5309 for more details

### "M.O.M.O. Non Violence Day"

Mothers of Murdered Offspring will observe the 3rd Annual Non-Violence Day on Monday, May 5, 1997. During this observance, they are advocating that no violent act be committed during this 24 hour period. Other activities such as candle light vigil, community rallies, balloon releases, and teen workshops will be held. For more information call 334-3249.

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5001 Chesapeake Drive, Charlotte, North Carolina 28216 Attn: Jeff Lowery • Phone: 393-4365 • Fax: 393-4265  
If you are interested in the Coca-Cola Community Music Van appearing at your non-profit event call: 393-4365 • FAX 393-4265



Sprite/Hornets Road Show: The Sprite Hornets Road Show is one of many activities that you will find at the Coca-Cola Culture Jams this summer. "The culture jams are events held in neighborhood parks that allow people to come together, have a good time and watch African-American youth express themselves in a positive manner" says Jeff Lowery, Field Marketing Of Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Consolidated.

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