

Amerie

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nees: R&B-soul single, female: "Why Don't We Fall In Love," Amerie; "Foolish" Ashanti; "Love of My Life" (An Ode to Hip Hop), Erykah Badu; "Little Things," India.Arie.

R&B-soul single, male: "This Woman's Work," Maxwell; "Dontchange," Musiq; "Like I Love You," Justin Timberlake; "U Don't Have To Call," Usher.

R&B-soul single, group, band or duo: "Bump, Bump, Bump," B2K featuring P. Diddy; "I Should Be," Dru Hill; "Floetic," Floetry; "Girl Talk," TLC.

R&B-soul album, female: "All I Have," Amerie; "Ashanti," Ashanti; "No More Drama 2002," Mary J. Blige; "Mahogany Soul," Angie Stone.

R&B-soul album, male: "The G Spot," Gerald Levert; "Still Ghetto," Jaheim; "Juslisen," Musiq; "Justified," Justin Timberlake.

R&B-soul album group, band or duo: "B2K," B2K; "Full Circle," Boyz II Men; "Floetic," Floetry; "Best of Both Worlds," R. Kelly and Jay-Z.

R&B-soul or rap new artist: "Why Don't We Fall In Love," Amerie; "He Is," Heather Headley; "Awnaw," Nappy Roots; "Oops, Oh My," Tweet.

R&B-soul or rap album of the year: "Ashanti," Ashanti; "10," LL Cool J; "Stillmatic," Nas; "Nellyville," Nelly.

R&B-soul or rap music video: "Wanksta," 50 Cent; "Pass the Courvoisier Pt. 2," Busta Rhymes featuring P. Diddy and Pharrell; "Work It," Missy Elliott; "Dilemma," Nelly featuring Kelly Rowland.

Gospel album: "Walking By Faith," the Canton Spirituals; "The Rebirth of Kirk Franklin," Kirk Franklin; "Go Get Your Life Back," Donald Lawrence & the Tri City Singers; "Family Affair II: Live At Radio City Music Hall," Hezekiah Walker and the Love Fellowship Crusade Choir.

Sharpton

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wasn't politically motivated, Nick Foster, a young Harlem businessman, said he would answer any call to help raise funds to put the National Action Network back on its feet. "I can think of no other activist in this town who has done more for grassroots folks than Reverend Sharpton," he declared.

Sharpton took no questions during a brief open-air press conference.

Sharpton repeated that there would be another House of Justice—and another and another. "There was a lot of pain when I looked at the auditorium, but we will rebuild," he said. "We will not be deterred." Donations can be sent to the National Action Network, P.O. Box 667, New York, N.Y. 10035.

Powell

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ion and to commit aggression on Iraq," said Lt. Gen. Amir al-Saadi, an adviser to Saddam. Al-Saadi, who spoke in Baghdad, was personally vilified in Powell's speech for deceiving inspectors.

Addressing the Security Council after all 15 members spoke, Iraqi Ambassador Mohammed al-Douri dismissed Powell's charges that his country is hiding banned weapons and has links to terrorists.

Powell's presentation was part of a diplomatic offensive that intensified with President Bush's State of the Union address last week. The administration's next move is to determine whether council members are willing to support a new U.N. resolution specifically authorizing force against Iraq.

Bush has said that the United States—with or without its allies—will forcibly disarm Iraq if it does not immediately comply with U.N. resolutions. But winning U.N. approval would mean the United States could share the costs of war and rebuilding Iraq and would be operating with the support of the international community.

A senior White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the next 24 to 36 hours will be critical as Powell gauges reaction. The key is France, one administration official said. If President Jacques Chirac insists on vetoing such a resolution, Bush won't seek one.

For many at the United Nations, a visit to Baghdad this weekend by the chief

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weapons inspectors, followed by their next reports to the council on Feb. 14, will be critical for any decision on war.

Powell told CBS' "60 Minutes II" in an interview that he would be watching the trip closely to see "whether they bring back anything of use for Security Council deliberations" next week. Powell said he is expecting to hear from the inspectors then "whether or not there has been any change in attitude" on the part of the Iraqis.

Britain, America's closest ally, prefers a second resolution but would join forces with the United States against Saddam without one. British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said Powell made a "most powerful" case Wednesday. Saddam is "gambling that we will lose our nerve rather than enforce our will," Straw said.

In an 80-minute presentation, Powell claimed that Saddam has had a relationship with al-Qaida dating back to the mid-1990s and that Osama bin Laden has an operative in Iraq who sits atop a "sinister nexus" of terror. He didn't provide any evidence of the relationship, however.

Saddam, in an interview broadcast Tuesday in London, forcefully denied that his government has weapons of mass destruction or a relationship with al-Qaida.

In his presentation, Powell

plex in 2002 in order "to conceal chemical weapons evidence" and has hidden mobile biological weapons labs on at least 18 flatbed trucks.

Hans Blix, the chief U.N. weapons inspector said Tuesday that he hadn't found any evidence of mobile labs.

Powell played audio tapes of what he described as intercepted phone conversations between Iraqi military officers. One was a purported discussion about hiding vehicles from weapons inspectors. Another dealt with removing a reference to nerve agents from written instructions.

U.S. officials said any evidence revealed Wednesday which could have helped inspectors had already been turned over to them.

Blix and his colleague, Mohamed ElBaradei, told council members at a private lunch after the presentation they would study the details of Powell's report.

Powell, with CIA Director George J. Tenet at his side, told the council Iraq is working on developing missiles with a range of about 620 miles or more, putting Russia and other nations within Iraq's reach. Under Security Council resolutions, Iraq is banned from having missiles with a range greater than 93 miles.

The secretary of state cited informants as saying that Iraqis are dispersing rockets asserted that Iraq bulldozed land around a chemical com-

armed with biological weapons in western Iraq.

He presented declassified satellite pictures that he said showed 15 munitions bunkers. Powell said four of them had active chemical munitions inside.

Satellites observed cleanup activities at nearly 30 suspected weapons sites in the days before inspectors arrived, he said.

Powell presented his case in a rapid-fire delivery, moving from tape recordings to photos and other evidence without pause.

Some of the evidence, he said, was based on U.S. and foreign intelligence sources and he said the information shows Iraq is deliberately misleading inspectors about its weapons programs.

"I believe this conclusion is irrefutable and undeniable," he said.

Most U.S. allies, however, want more time for U.N. weapons inspectors to do their work.

"As long as there is still the slightest hope for political settlement, we should exert our utmost effort to achieve that," Tang Jiaxuan, China's foreign minister, said after Powell's presentation.

Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov agreed, saying inspections "must be continued."

Dominique de Villepin of France suggested tripling the number of inspectors and placing a full-time monitor in Baghdad to oversee the process. But a senior U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, questioned the usefulness of the French proposal.

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