

KCEP talent show culmination of weeks of work

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The lights of Las Vegas were replaced with the sun's bright rays peeping through the early Saturday morning skies. After a night of entertaining, performers of every caliber slept while the entertainers of tomorrow contemplated their fate as they competed for a slot in the 5th Annual KCEP Talent Show. The event is at 6:00 p.m. Saturday, June 26 at Cashman Center, 850 Las Vegas Blvd. North.

Coordinated by Nicky Addison-Scott, a KCEP senior account representative, the set-up was well organized and the event carried a no-nonsense feel.

Radio personalities Mark Melody and God's, a broadcast newcomer, were judges.

At three locations on three consecutive Saturdays in June, a diverse group of per-



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KCEP FM 88.1 program director-radio personality Billy T, Raz B (a member of R&B group B2K) and Raz's father Rick Thornton drop by the Washington Avenue radio station Wednesday afternoon to promote KCEP's Talent Search on Saturday at Cashman Center.

formers displayed their talent. From eager amateur to polished performer, the range

of talent was unbelievable.

Of 96 entrants, 12 were chosen for the show. They

are vocalists Tahrita Morgan, Family TAIS, Raquel Gil, Robert Carter (last year's sec-

ond-place finisher) and Ful Effect, which also competed in 2003. Others include vocal group MRK, which won a vocal scholarship. In the dance category, the representatives are dance groups Funk Nation, Sweet Dreams and solo dancer Tracy Burrell. The winners of the spoken word category were rap artist Misha K and poets Kimberly Hambrick and Haston Lowman.

Addison-Scott said KCEP often experiences difficulties when dealing with entertainment executives. Sometimes, simple communication can be a problem. All this can make it twice as hard for an upstart performer trying to navigate the entertainment industry maze.

For this reason, KCEP started its own talent show giving industry powerbrokers front-row seats to watch and judge potential stars. The first

show took place at the Sammy Davis Pavilion, then moved to a small theatre at the University of Nevada Las Vegas. In 1990, thanks to overwhelming community support, the show moved to the 1,900-seat Cashman Center.

"Las Vegas doesn't get the exposure due it from the entertainment industry. It is a hard nut to crack," Addison-Scott said. "The entertainment industry belongs to the youth of today and the community."

Hosting this year will be Raz B of the hit R&B collective B2K. Raz B, who recently started his own record label Raz Beatz, said the group is still a unit despite rumors to the contrary; members are simply pursuing solo projects.

Raz B and Friends will also perform in the show. R&B trio 3 L W and singer (See KCEP, Page 12)

Names

(Continued from Page 3) in the scheme of things as to be incriminating only in unusual circumstances," Justice Anthony M. Kennedy wrote for the majority.

The ruling stopped short of allowing police to demand identification, like driver's licenses, but Justice John Paul Stevens said requiring people

to divulge their name still goes too far.

"A name can provide the key to a broad array of information about the person, particularly in the hands of a police officer with access to a range of law enforcement databases," he wrote in a dissent. Justices David H. Souter, Ruth Bader Ginsburg

and Stephen Breyer also disagreed with the ruling.

Crime-fighting and justice groups had argued that a ruling the other way would have protected terrorists and encouraged people to refuse to cooperate with police.

"The constant danger of renewed terrorist activity places enormous pressure on

law enforcement to identify suspected terrorists before they strike," said Charles Hobson, an attorney with the Sacramento-based Criminal Justice Legal Foundation.

But Tim Lynch, an attorney with the libertarian-oriented think tank Cato Institute, said the court "ruled that the government can turn a person's silence into a criminal offense."

"Ordinary Americans will be hopelessly confused about when they can assert their right to remain silent without being jailed like Mr. Hiibel," said Lynch, who expects the ruling will lead more cities

and states, and possibly Congress, to consider laws like the one in Nevada.

Justices had been told that at least 20 states have laws similar to the Nevada statute: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont, and Wisconsin.

The ruling was a follow-up to a 1968 decision that said police may briefly detain someone on reasonable suspicion of wrongdoing,

without the stronger standard of probable cause, to get more information. Justices said that during such brief detentions, known as Terry stops after the 1968 ruling, people must answer questions about their identities.

Marc Rotenberg, head of the Electronic Privacy Information Center, said America is different 36 years after the Terry decision. "In a modern era, when the police get your identification, they are getting an extraordinary look at your private life."

The case is *Hiibel v. Sixth Judicial District Court of the state of Nevada*, 03-5554.

Report

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In all, 3,646 people were wounded worldwide in terror attacks last year, the report said. This represented a sharp increase from the 2,013 wounded in 2002.

In April, the department had said that 1,593 people were wounded in 2003, a sharp decline from the previous year.

The initial report was issued April 28. On June 10, in response to inquiries by Rep. Henry A. Waxman, D-Calif., and several analysts, the State Department acknowledged the findings were inaccurate. Powell attributed the errors partly to a new data system and said there was no attempt to manipulate the figures to buttress Bush's stature.

Powell telephoned Waxman that day, and the congressman said he accepted the explanation.

Rep. Rahm Emanuel, D-Ill., was sharply critical Tuesday.

"Funny things happened on the way to the printer," he said. "Unfortunately, this is not the first, second or third instance, for that matter, of a Bush Cabinet secretary having to rewrite a report from their own department."

Emanuel cited inaccurate reports on racial disparities in health care, misleading estimates of the Medicare prescription drug bill and the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed mercury emissions rules. And Rep. Ellen Tauscher, D-Calif., who had questioned the initial report, said Tuesday the new version omitted terrorist attacks committed in Iraq and Afghanistan, and she said the administration thereby "continues to deny the true cost of the war and refuses to be honest with the American people."

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