Black and Brown Juveniles Sentenced to Death 3 Times More Than Whites

By Hazel Trice Edney

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The question of whether 16- and 17-year-olds should receive the death penalty has remained a point of contention with many in the criminal justice system.

Just hours before his scheduled execution, Kevin Cooper was granted a temporary stay as the U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear a Missouri case - Simmons v. Roper - challenging the execution of a man this year, it could spare the lives of 17-year-olds in America, they represent more than triple that proportion of all death row inmates sentenced as juveniles.

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Sup. Young: When you live in a glass house don't throw stones

"When you live in a glass house please don't throw stones," my mama would say to me from childhood. This week, Supervisor Clifford Young decided to throw a brick into my house at an open hearing. What he did not realize is that I grew up throwing rocks and stones in the country and I lived there was always more than one stone. I had more than enough stones at rats and snakes and because I did it everyday I got pretty good at it. It also knew where snakes and rats stayed, and I knew if you put food to hide didn't become a member of the County Board of Supervisors.

Last week Rev. Dr. Clifford Young stood before Republican B.A. County Supervisors and threw at him VALUES of family, community, education, and faith that have propelled him into the position he has obtained. After he was selected it became apparent that it was already pre-arranged. A week later during a police conversation, I received a different picture of his family VALUES. I learned that he shipped off to his first wife over thousands in child support. When I promised that I would not use the killer's name, I was kidnapped with documentation to support the allegation. Some kind of family VALUES. This is all to the VALUE system of other notable Republicans, namely Newt Gingrich. That's why it is so difficult to fight the system. I reserved the right to edit or rewrite all stories submitted for publication. I mar. be reached in Riverside at (909) 682-6070, 3585 Main Street, Suite 201, West Coast Black National Publishers Association (NNPA). We reserve the right to edit or rewrite all stories submitted for publication.

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By Hardy Brown

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With passions still high and emotional 65 hours later, J. Martin said, "even if you can't make up your mind and reshout the sentence.

At least one activist criticized the sheriff's decision to appeal the stay, saying that Lockyer should now focus on those purported policies which had plagued Inland Empire's law enforcement agencies for years, after his investigation of the Riverside Police Department that led to five-year consent decree.

Another activist held a candle light vigil on the corner of Orange Street and Mission Inn Avenue at 5:30 pm despite Santa Ana winds that whipped through but could not extinguish candles. Organizer Carolyn Boyle said that even though the Ninth circuit of the U.S. Appellate Court had ruled in favor of staying Cooper's execution, State Attorney General Bill Lockyer had immediately appealed that decision to the United States Supreme Court which means that the execution could still take place before the 24 hour period designated by the signed death warrant had expired.

After his capture, the warden there told the group, "Don't worry. It's not going to execute anyone under the age of 18 in [every] aspect of civil life but this one." Cooper was informed that growing public sentiment against the death penalty for juveniles, 15 states have it but have not used it since 1976. After death penalty laws were tightened at the state level, the Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the death penalty in 1976. Legal execution resumed the following year.

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Anti-death penalty activists hope the Supreme Court's decision will energize by the Supreme Court's decision. The constitutional question the court will be exploring in the Michigan case is whether the execution of juveniles has evolved into a violation of the Eighth Amendment, which states, "Excessive bail shall not be required; nor excessive fines imposed; nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

The court has been split over the issue of juvenile executions. In a case last fall, Harris v. Kentucky, a dissenting Justice John Paul Stevens wrote, "The practice of executing such offenders is an affront to the standards of decency in the civilized society demand no less."

In 1976, the court ruled that a 15 years old offender convicted of first degree murder was too immature to be sentenced to death. Yet, there is one area where the court held that a 15 year-old juvenile was deranged and was found to be delinquent. The court's decision was based on the "society recognizes the diminished responsibility of those under the age of 18 in every aspect of civil life but this one."

Society traditionally does not kill the young under the general belief that they may not know the difference between right and wrong. In 1989, the court declined to extend the same rule to 16 and 17 year-olds, leaving that decision up to the states. The U.S. is minority because it continues to execute juveniles. Several anti-juvenile death penalty organizations have been energized by the Supreme Court's decision.

Several states that have abolished the death penalty for juveniles. Many other countries have also abolished juvenile executions, including Saudi Arabia and Nigeria.

The National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty reports:

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Bibs Two-Day Exhibition to be Held in Los Angeles

Charles Bibbs is an accomplished fine artist, entrepreneur and philanthropist who was born and raised in Harbor City, CA and currently resides in Riverside. Bibbs’ artwork reflects African, African American and Native American cultural themes making powerful cross-cultural statements. His renderings convey a deep sense of spirituality, majesty, dignity, strength and grace. Bibbs has always believed that “we are the keepers of our culture,” and as such, has spent much of his time working towards developing a cohesive, energized African American community. Bibbs is also founder of Art 2000, a national visual arts association. Publisher and Founder of Images Magazine, the first national publication dedicated to contemporary ethnic art and artists, and sponsor of “Art on Tour,” a national traveling art exhibition.

Meet the artist on Saturday, February 14, 2004, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The exhibition will end on Sunday, February 15, 2004. The gallery was planned and organized by Picture It Gallery owner/olive Talbot in conjunction with Fox Hills Mall, a Westfield’s Shoppingtown property.

Black Women Under-Treated for Heart Disease

Charles Bibbs

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ooker T. Washington recalled his childhood in his biography, Up From Slavery. As a young man, he attended school in Franklin County, Virginia. Not as a student. He was there to carry books for a daughter of James Burroughs, owner of the tobacco farm at which he was enslaved with his family.

After the Emancipation Proclamation, when living in West Virginia, the young boy took a job in a salt mine so he could attend school later in the day. With encouragement at age 16, Washington walked much of the 500 miles back to Virginia to enroll in a new school for Black students, the Hampton Institute.

His experience at Hampton led him away from a life of forced labor for good. Hampton Institute was his refuge. He became an instructor there. Later, as principal and guiding force behind Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, which he founded in 1881, he became recognized as the nation’s foremost Black educator. His story is an inspiration for all Americans.

Booker T. Washington and Inland Southern California

Booker T. Washington first visited Inland Southern California in 1903 to deliver a keynote address in Ontario and Claremont. In 1914 he visited Riverside as a guest of Frank Miller, the proprietor of the Mission Inn, with whom he developed a strong friendship. But his visit to Riverside and the Mission Inn has never been memorialized. His entrance to Hampton led him away from a life of forced labor for good. His residence at the Mission Inn has never been memorialized. Washington’s likeness will be erected in a bust.

As part of their Black History Month celebration, Picture It Art Gallery in the Fox Hills Mall will present a two-day exhibition and sale of the works of acclaimed artist Charles A. Bibbs. New and recent works of Bibbs’ will be on display inside the gallery during this two-day event, along with many of his well-known signature pieces. The exhibition will include lithographs, giclees and some original mixed media works by Bibbs.

Lady with a Song

Dear Dr. Levister: Do Black women really have to worry about heart disease?

M. J.

Dear M. J.: Black women are at an especially high risk for heart disease. Black women with heart disease are at higher risk for heart attack or death from heart disease, but they are being seriously under-treated compared with White women.

Part of the reason is that Black women tend to have more severe heart disease, but they are also less likely to be diagnosed early or treated appropriately. Publisher and author of a new study, Dr. Ashish Jha, a cardiologist from Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston. Black women are less likely to receive aspirin therapy or other state-of-the-art medications to lower cholesterol or blood pressure, he adds, “this lack of treatment contributed to worse outcomes for Black women.” Dr. Jha wrote in the journal Circulation, this study confirms what we know.” Noting that studies have found similar findings among Black men, “This is a troubling interpretation that can’t be ignored—race does play a role in healthcare delivery.”

Jha and his colleagues studied 2,697 women with heart disease who enrolled in the Heart and Estrogen/Progesteron Replacement Study. Among those women, 218 were Black. The women were followed for an average of four years. Jha says, “Women in general and their physicians under- estimate the risk of heart disease in women.” There is still the stereotype that heart disease is a man’s disease.

The study reveals that treatment for all women with heart disease is inadequate. Jha argues that Black women, regardless of income, level of education and type of insurance are not being treated as aggressively as they should be. Nationally, Black women have a 30 to 40 percent greater risk of dying from heart disease compared with White women. “This is something that is not well appreciated by doctors or patients,” Jha notes. The fact that these women were all part of a clinical trial and were still under-treated highlights the gap in treatment between White and Black women and between women and men.

The American Heart Association (AHA) responding to the Boston study and more than 22 other studies, last week issued new guidelines for treating heart disease in women. The new guidelines call for aggressive use of drugs to lower cholesterol and blood pressure in high risk women. The AHA also wants patients and doctors to become more focused on preventing heart disease - the number one killer of all women.

Your best hedge against heart disease is to talk to your doctor about your heart health—no matter if you’re not having any symptoms. Protect your heart from smoking. Give your diet a makeover. Exercise regularly. If you’re overweight, (77.3 percent of Black women are overweight and 49.7 percent are obese) shed those unhealthy pounds. And keep your blood pressure down.

For additional information about African American Health visit the African American Health Network at www.aahn.org.
Valentine's Day Cruise

Newport Beach Gospel Showboat, Inc. will set sail for a lovely harbor cruise beginning this February 14th from Newport Beach for a Valentine's Day surprise featuring gospel entertainment and free champagne. The ship sets sail at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are available for $50.00 per person and can be purchased at Berean Christian Store in Colton and Riverside, Friendship Christian Bookstore in Moreno Valley and Long's Christian Bookstore in Cucamonga or you can call (909) 356-8437.

Rev. Toure Roberts Leads Congregation to the "Tabernacle of Victory"

Saints United Senior Pastor Leads through Stories of Personal Triumph

At an early age, Toure Roberts knew he was destined to be a soldier in God's army. That destiny was tested however through a series of challenges that included a 16-year-old Toure being shot, clinging to life and contemplating in the ordinances of a powerful young minister, known simply to his followers as "Pastor." He said, "I see my childhood experiences growing up in Watts and South Central Los Angeles in each moment wanting me to change or want my parishioners to understand that I am also human and will have made human mistakes. It is through these messages that I hope to lead the next generation out of the despair and hopelessness that surrounds them today."

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PARADE
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attendance.

As the parade traveled down "E" Street, the heart of town, many merchants heard the ringing of cash registers.

A wrestling match and a drill competition were held at Arrowhead Stadium completing the day.

That evening the Black History Ball was well attended with close to 200 people who enjoyed the outstanding music of Ms. Charlie Joe. Outstanding students were given scholarships for essays and grade point averages. They were: Ashley J. Bain, and Jason Burris from Cajon HS; Nicholas Walker from San Gorgonio High School, Raafi Bell from Arroyo Valley High School. Karissa Allen received the Clyde and Virginia Harding Scholarship.

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The queen and her court are: Briquette Williams, First Runner-up Natoya Jenkins, and Second Runner-up Radiance Davis. This year the Senior King and Queen also had a Princess. Charles and Madeline Seymour were named to reign however, because of religious reasons Charlotte Ellison, their daughter, had to stand in for her mother during Saturday's festivities.

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THE MORENO VALLEY TAXPAYER PROTECTION ACT!

Creating a municipal utility is a serious undertaking that places the financial future of our city at considerable risk! We are experiencing a period of unprecedented growth, and our city is ill-equipped to meet the demand. The Moreno Valley Taxpayer Protection Act on the November 2 ballot will give us the ability to create a municipal utility that is truly held accountable to the citizens of Moreno Valley.

The Taxpayer Protection Initiative will:
- Protect the city's utility from exploitation by politicians
- Prevent the city from diverting funds needed for police, fire, paramedics, and parks to the new utility
- Ensure that the municipal utility is financially self-supporting and maintains adequate power resources
- After 5 years, require voter approval to determine how the city spends any potential utility revenue surplus

Please get involved now by supporting this effort!

We're working to protect all Moreno Valley taxpayers.

If you are interested in helping to circulate the petition in your neighborhood please call us at (909) 890-4362.

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Tech Talk

The ABCs of Buying Luxury Watches

BY COREY A. WASHINGTON

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ENTERTAINMENT

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Cirque du Soleil announced that six additional and final performances from March 4 to 7 inclusive will be added to its Orange County engagement of Varekai. This new Cirque du Soleil touring production is currently playing under the blue-and-yellow Grand Chapiteau, located at the Orange County Fair & Exposition Center in Costa Mesa until March 7.

The general public on sale for the additional performances began February 8th. Tickets may be purchased in person at the Cirque du Soleil box office located in front of the Grand Chapiteau or online at cirquedusoleil.com or by calling the Admission network at 1-800-678-5440.

The Show

Deep within a forest, at the summit of a volcano, exists an extraordinary world — a world where something else is possible. A world called Varekai.

The sky lets go a solitary young man, and the story of Varekai begins. Parachuted in to the shadows of a magical forest, a kaleidoscopic world imbued with fantastical creatures, a young man takes flight in a adventure both absurd and extraordinary. On the day at the edge of time, in this place of pure and undiluted possibility, begins an inspired incantation to a life rediscovered and to a newly found wonder in the mysteries of the world and the mind.

The word Varekai means "wherever" in the Romany language of the gypsies — the universal wanderers. Written and directed by Dominic Champagne, this production pays homage to the nomadic soul, to the spirit and art of the circus tradition, and to those who quest with infinite passion along the path that leads to Varekai.

This is the last chance for residents of Orange County, Los Angeles County and San Bernardino/Riverside Counties to see Varekai. The production will be moving further south to San Diego where it opens on March 18 at the Qualcomm Stadium.

Tickets for Varekai range from $60 to $80.00 for adults and $42.00 to $56.00 for children. For students age 13 to 17 years and senior citizens age 65 plus, prices are from $54.00 to $72.00 on weekdays only (Tuesday to Thursday, and Friday at 4:00 p.m.).

Cirque du Soleil now offers the Tapis Rouge™ VIP Experience which includes one of the best seats in the house, entertainment, a special gift and access to the exclusive Tapis Rouge suite one hour prior to show time. The Tapis Rouge VIP Experience is available for $190.00 for adults and $135.00 for children ages 2-12. For additional information, visit cirquedusoleil.com or call 1-800-678-5440.

Conceived by a new creative team, led by writer and director Dominic Champagne, Varekai has played to sold-out audiences, standing ovations and critical acclaim in the first nine cities of its current North American tour. The LA Times called Varekai, "Magnificent and intoxicating... Cirque du Soleil soars with Varekai."

Last Chance to See Varekai: Final 6 Additional Shows on Sale

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Feb. 14, 6:00 p.m., Gospel Bookshop, Inc. Valentine's Day cruise from Newport Beach. Features dinner, entertainment and a Christian fellowship. For more information or to purchase tickets contact (909) 356-4437.


Feb. 14, 6:00p National Council Of Negro Women, Inc.; Moreno Valley Section Annual Martin Gras Ball Dinner and Dance at Agua Dulce Club, March Air Reserve Base RSVP by: Friday, February 6, 2004 to (909) 488-0952, 909-488-0408, 909-045-0990, or sacbnp@hotmail.com.

FEBRUARY

Feb. 18, 1:00p-7:00p 42nd Assembly District Candidate Forum with Walter Hawkins, Candidate for the 42nd Assembly District at Fullerton Library, 555 West Sixth St. in San Bernardino. For more information call Carl Dameron at (909) 534-4990.

Feb. 19, 7:00-8:30a, The Group, Meeting for the price of a cup of coffee you can be a part of discussions and actions on issues affecting Riverside's African American community. Location: 324 Mission Inn Avenue, Riverside, CA (across from Serrvill). Contact Jennifer Vaughan-Biggs. Chair (909) 782-7330.

Feb. 20, 8:00p The Breeze will be performing at Twin Club, 10134 Font Blvd, Rancho Cucamonga, CA. For more information call (909) 967-9322.

Feb. 21, 25th Annual Riverside Black History Month Parade & Expo. For more information visit www.blackvoicesociety.com or contact Tony Boykin at (909) 570-2805.

Feb. 21, 6:00p Black History Fashion Show sponsored by the North Fontana Black History Parade Committee at the Jesse Turner Center, 6366 Camp Avenue, Fontana, CA. For more information contact (909) 929-4809.

Feb. 21, 7:00p-9:00p, Phoenix Valley Alliance of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. presents OPEN MIC at the GA. and booking by Nikea Crawfis author of "I Want It Now!" All spoken word artists welcomed at 252 E Main St. between 2nd and 3rd St. in Pomona, 2 Mocks West of Campus. Enroll KaiserHealthnet@Hotmail.com.

Feb. 21, 6:00p-12:00p Richard and Wilma Nichols Education Foundation presents its 2nd Annual Black History Celebration Dinner and Dance at the Hilton Ontario Airport, 700 North Haven Avenue, Ontario, CA. Tel: (909) 548-6196. There will be no opportunity to shop with vendors.

Feb. 24, "A Journey through Time!" Black History Program at Calvary Community College Special appearance: Gina Green, Gospel Recording Artist. A variety of entertainment will be provided. For more information email bpgjc-99@yahoo.com.

Feb. 24, Inland Empire African American Chamber of Commerce Roundtable will be held at Macy's House of Chanck's Ewaffles, 2381 N. Surging Avenue, San Bernardino. For more information call (909) 888-5223.

Feb. 28, 10:00 a.m.-2:00p, 37th annual Black History Parade and Festival at Veterans Park, 17255 Merritt Ave. For more information call (909) 293-1939.

MARCH

March 20, 6:00 p.m., Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.; Riverside and San Bernardino Alumni Chapters will host a Black and White Ball at March Air Reserve Base. For more information contact (909) 208-3268 or (323) 387-2930.

SERVICES

Parents of children ages 9-15 can receive free parenting information on topics including discipline, nutrition, early reading and more. Provided by First 5 California, the free brochures and free pamphlets are available at Friendship Community Youth Center, 2345 Spring St, in Perris, CA. For more information call (909) 440-4406.

Family Services Association of Western Riverside County will provide reduced or no cost childcare services in the Moreno Valley and surrounding areas. To receive an enrollment packet, please contact (909) 779-9784 or (909) 786-3263.

FREE Poetry Contest! Win $10,000. Enter the International Open Almanac Poetry Contest for your chance to win the Grand Prize of $10,000.00! For more details visit www.poetlist.com/main_bhp.asp

REUNIONS

 Cajon High School '70's Cruise. All graduating classes in the 1970's from Cajon High School are invited to join them on a online beginning October 17, 2004. For more information contact Charlie (909) 615-0433 or Esther at Riverside Travel (909) 848-1938.

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MAGAZINE

In celebration of Black History Month, Southern California Edison (SCE) hosted "Connecting the Evolution of Electricity to Black History" at its Customer Technology Applications Center (CTAC).

Black-owned businesses and community- and faith-based organizations from the Southland joined SCE in recognizing the contributions that African Americans have made to modern technology, and mechanical devices; Frederick M. Jones, who patented more than 60 inventions, including the first refrigeration for long-haul trucks; and Isaiah L. Henry, nicknamed "The Lady Edison," who patented 40 inventions, including a vacuum ice cream freezer.

Former Speaker of the Assembly Herb Wesson gave the keynote address. Hundreds of customers and employees attended the event, along with SCE CEO Al Fohrer and SCE President Bob Festler. Several African American inventors from SCE also attended. Attendees toured CTAC, a 44,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility with seven technology centers.

"This event is Edison's way of celebrating Black History Month, connecting it to its African American business customers, and honoring its African American employees," said Board.

"People may be familiar with Lewis Latimer, who helped develop the first light bulb," said SCE's Event Highlights Black History and the Evolution of Electricity

Biographical information will be available on dozens of African American inventors who've made significant contributions to modern technology and the electric industry. We hope that this event will increase the general awareness of their contributions."

Biographical information will be available on dozens of African Americans who have contributed to the development of modern technology, among them Otis Boykin, who invented an electrical device used in all guided missiles; Granville T. Woods, who patented 35 electrical, especially the electric industry.

On Thursday, February 12, 2004

Colonel Roberts' service record is a credit to the country and the community.

In the spirit of Black History, Wells Fargo honors Colonel George "Sparky" Roberts. His impressive military career began as a Tuskegee Airman and he was one of the first African American pilots to fly in the U.S. Army Air Corps. During WWII, Colonel Roberts fought in North Africa and Italy. He flew over 100 combat missions and commanded the 99th Fighter Squadron. After his distinguished military career, he continued to serve his community as a Wells Fargo credit officer. Wells Fargo salutes Colonel Roberts' commitment to helping people reach the next stage of success.

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Wells Fargo honors Black History.
The Elite Social and Charity club announced the appointment of Hazel Patterson as their President for the 2003 to 2005 fiscal years. Patterson has been a member of the organization for two years and has served as co-chairman of the annual Christmas Gala and as the club secretary. She is married to Richmond Reaves, Patterson, Sr. and resides in Lynwood. The Elite’s Social and Charity club are some of the oldest social families which will serve the Riverside, CA, and are one of the oldest social families. The Elite Social and Charity club beneficiary members are the needs of women, children, and adults of Riverside, CA. The Elite Social and Charity club members are the oldest social families. Patterson stated, "We are dedicated to the particular needs. Refinancing, Home Loan, and Charity clubs. Membership in Riverside East area, which will increase the Elite’s ability to carry out their mission, to meet the educational and social needs of women, youth, and their families.

The Riverside, CA, is one of the oldest social and charity clubs in Riverside and is members of the group of very talented and hard-working women. Riverside Black History Parade booth at the The Elites are carrying on for new contact the members. You may pick up an application at their Duval at (909) 275-5022. The Elite Social and Charity club is an organization that will serve the Riverside area.

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Persons attending a bidder's conference should confirm their attendance by calling the contact person.

No bid will be accepted unless it is made on the Bishop's Proposal form furnished by the City of Corona. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified bidder's security check, cashier's check, or bid bonds on the bond form provided by the City of Corona. Any bid amount equal to or greater than 10 percent of the bid amount will be returned. All contracts will be awarded in accordance with the highest bid and shall be bound by the terms and conditions contained in the Contract.

Repayment of any deposits or guarantees as required by the City of Corona or state law will be held by the duly appointed trustee in accordance with the terms of the Contract.

The City of Corona is required to reimburse public bids and incorporate such requirements into the Construction Documents. The following paragraphs shall then form a part of the Construction Contract:

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Rebates and Discount on selected models: Rebates as low as 0.0% on selected models. Through Ford Motor Company.

**2004 Lincoln LS V6**
- MSRP: $36,895
- Factory Rebate: $3,000
- FreeWay Discount: $2,472
- Net Cost To You: $31,423
- VIN: 4Y605435

On Approved Credit. Limited time financing at 0.0% APR on approved tier 0, 1 credit through Ford Motor Credit.

**2004 Lincoln Navigator**
- MSRP: $49,375
- Factory Rebate: $3,000
- FreeWay Discount: $2,954
- Net Cost To You: $41,080
- VIN: 4Y604418

On Approved Credit. Limited time financing at 0.0% APR on approved tier 0, 1 credit through Ford Motor Credit.

**2004 Lincoln Towncar Signature**
- MSRP: $41,815
- Factory Rebate: $4,000
- FreeWay Discount: $2,874
- Net Cost To You: $34,941
- VIN: 4Y604418

On Approved Credit. Limited time financing at 0.0% APR on approved tier 0, 1 credit through Ford Motor Credit.

**2004 Mercury Sable GS**
- MSRP: $21,595
- Factory Rebate: $3,000
- FreeWay Discount: $1,438
- Net Cost To You: $17,157
- VIN: 023232

25,999
- VIN: A4SV130

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100% OFF ANY ACCESSORY PURCHASE WITH COUPON
Excludes sale items, cannot be combined with any other offer. Exp. 2-28-04

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FREE WHEEL BALANCE WITH ANY TIRE PURCHASED AT FREEWAY DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

**2004 Mercury Mountaineer V6**
- MSRP: $30,055
- Factory Rebate: $3,000
- FreeWay Discount: $2,243
- Net Cost To You: $24,812
- VIN: 4UJ06997

10% OFF ANY ACCESSORY PURCHASE WITH COUPON
Excludes sale items, cannot be combined with any other offer. Exp. 2-28-04

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**2004 Lincoln Aviator**
- MSRP: $40,510
- Factory Rebate: $3,000
- FreeWay Discount: $2,682
- Net Cost To You: $34,828
- VIN: 4ZJ07269

On Approved Credit. Limited term financing at 0.0% APR on approved tier 0, 1 credit through Ford Motor Credit.