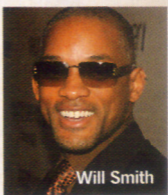


[THE BUZZ REPORT]

West Coast Editor **REGINA R. ROBERTSON** dishes entertainment news from Hollywood to Harlem

GOSSIP

Think **Will Smith** is off somewhere pouting because he didn't snag an Oscar? Wrong.



Will Smith

Since wrapping the sci-fi flick *I Am Legend*, the box-office rainmaker has scored another deal. Smith's Overbrook Entertainment optioned the rights to produce *Cooked*, a best-selling memoir about an ex-con turned celebrity chef. Fellow rapper-actor-producer **Ice Cube** is producing and starring in the buddy-heist comedy *First Sunday*. The film marks the directorial debut of chitlin'-circuit playwright **David Talbert**. He'll share producer duties with director **Tim Story**, who returns to theaters on June 15 with *Fantastic Four: The Rise of the Silver Surfer*, the sequel to his \$155 million 2005 blockbuster. Fans of the comic book turned burgeoning film franchise will be thrilled to see **Kerry Washington** reprise her role as blind sculptress Alicia Masters. Since ending her three-year engagement to actor David Moscow,

who is Irish-Russian, the starlet is keeping busy with her next project, *Lakeview Terrace*. Ironically, she plays one-half of an interracial couple in the drama, which costars **Samuel L. Jackson** and is produced by the Fresh Prince himself. Trust, we're calling shots in Hollywood. Another shot caller, author



Samuel L. Jackson

Terry McMillan, is suing her ex, Jonathan Plummer, for \$40 million. She claims he smeared her rep during their very public divorce. And while we wait to see TV's fall lineup, we hear that **Rockmond**

Dunbar, whose character on *Prison Break* has slipped under the witness-protection radar, has signed on to play a transplant doctor on TNT's medical drama *Heartland*, which premieres June 10. Stay tuned.

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