

Snoop Doggy Dogg Caught In The Crossfire

Rap sensation Snoop Doggy Dogg, facing murder charges in an alleged shooting by his bodyguard, says he's a target, just like Martin Luther King and Malcolm X. In the October issue of Playboy magazine, Dogg, a.k.a. Calvin Broadus, suggests that anytime a black leader emerges to unify the community, the authorities "find some way to bring you down."

"They killed Martin, they killed Malcolm," Dogg says in the Playboy Interview, conducted by David Sheff. "You got two black folk representing us through the Sixties. One of them was for violence, one was against it, and they both are dead. What is that saying?"

"They had control of the whole black race," he adds. "One side or the other, whether you were with Malcolm or with Martin, you were with the black race. Now there ain't any unity out there." Dogg, whose debut album, Doggystyle, has sold 4.5 million copies, says his ability to communicate the ghetto experience through rap has made him enemies both within and outside the black community.

"If I had been a straight-A student my whole life and had rapped about Jesus coming back to save us all, I wouldn't get no media," says Dogg. "But since I'm telling the truth...and know what I'm talking about, I'm a threat."

"It doesn't matter how they do it," the 24-year-old rapper says of his adversaries. "They do it. They pull you down, they set you up, they arrest you."

While he declines to comment directly on the case, other than to promise "the truth will come out," Dogg's upcoming trial in the August 1993 shooting death of Philip Woldemariam (his co-defendants are McKinley Lee and Sean Abrams)

is not the rapper's first brush with the law. Just after graduating from high school Dogg served a year in prison for selling cocaine to an undercover officer. He spent additional time in jail for violating parole, and has since been arrested twice for gun possession.

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says Dogg. "How could I go to jail for selling some drugs? It didn't make sense. I didn't make the drugs, I didn't put them in the community. It was just a job I had."

However, Dogg says prison allowed him time to focus on his future.

"It helped me go from a boy to a man, to start to realize what I wanted to do with myself," he says. "There were brothers in there who weren't ever going to get out. I didn't want to be in that situation. I was given a chance to bounce back, so I took it."

Dogg went from making tapes in the back of a friend's record store to rapping on The Chronic, a hit solo album by his mentor and producer, Dr. Dre, a founding member of seminal West Coast rap group N. W. A. When Doggystyle was released, Dogg catapulted to the top of the charts. Songs like "Murder Was The Case," a fantasy of Dogg's own death and funeral, and "Gin And Juice" made the rapper an instant favorite on MTV, whose audience is predominantly white.

"They listen because it sounds

good," says Dogg. "They are enjoying life, like I do. And they are listening. They want to know what's happening, too."

More conservative forces, however, including Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan.) and C. DeLores Tucker, head of the National Congress of Black Women, continue to wage battle against gangsta rappers and the companies that sell their music. Dole, Tucker and others claim gangsta rap should be silenced because many lyrics glorify guns, drugs and violence against women.

"It's old white ladies, old black ladies, old black men, who don't even listen," says Dogg. "People like it or they wouldn't by."

Dogg's recent, Death Row Records, lately filed a RICO suit against Tucker and top executives at Time Warner accusing Time Warner of conspiring with Tucker to make a distribution deal with Death Row co-owner, Suge Knight. The suit contends that Tucker pledged to arrange for Time Warner to pay Knight \$80 million and distribute his records if Knight agreed to tone down the lyrics on his albums.

"We are just doing our music," Dogg says of the controversies. "Nothing has changed. We'll see if they can stop it when the people want to hear it."

On a personal note, Dogg reveals that he and his fiancée, who have a two-year-old son, are expecting another child. He says he doesn't want his family to grow up living in fear as he did.

"It makes you think," he says. "We have to be good fathers to our babies, so we can put a stop to that pattern. Now people think it's cool to have a baby, but it ain't cool to take care of it. We have to change that. You make your life for that baby. That's the future."

Winds And Dry Weather Prompt Burning Ban

Effective midnight September 21, 1995, the Clark County Fire Marshal's Office is placing a ban on all outdoor burning. The ban will be in effect until further notice.

Clark County Fire Marshal David Lynam said that high winds and dry weather conditions are making outdoor burning a safety issue and pose a potential danger to property.

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Oregon Public Broadcasting's weekly public affairs program, Seven Days, starts its new fall season in a new time slot - Friday evenings at 9:00 pm.

Seven Days will be re-broadcast each Monday at 4:30 on Oregon Public Broadcasting's daily radio program, Oregon Considered. Seven Days Moderator Stephanie Fowler will be joined each week by journalists from around the Northwest to analyze the issues most important to Oregonians.

Regular fall season panelists include Kristin Gilger, Statesman Journal; Hasso Hering, Albany Democrat Herald; David Reinhard, The Oregonian; Jackie Switzer, Southern Oregon State College and Mark Zusman, Willamette Week. Oregon



Stephanie Fowler, Seven Days Moderator

Public Broadcasting political analyst Bill Lunch will appear as a regular panelist along with radio reporters Colin Fogarty and Ley Garnett.

Loaned Executives Make Every Dollar Count

Every dollar counts in the business of fund raising, and the 60 volunteers currently serving as loaned executives for United Way of the Columbia-Willamette are making sure that donors get the most for their money.

Vancouver resident Linda D. Jones, Tri-Met, is apart of this group and will work for United Way for the next two months.

These volunteers help United Way keep its costs to a minimum because their companies continue to pay salaries and expenses. This is one reason United Way's administrative and fund-raising costs have averaged 15 percent over the last five years. The average for all charities is double this amount.

Loaned executives received a week of training before they began contacting about 4,500 companies to participate in the annual fund-raising drive. They will gain practical experience in time management, public speaking, goal setting, and negotia-



Linda D. Jones, Tri-Met

tion skills as they meet with company representatives and help with employee campaigns.

Loaned executives gather about 70 percent of the funds collected during a campaign. They operate in the four-county area of Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties in Oregon and Clark County, Washington.

Jackson Enters Kaiser Struggle

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One of my primary concerns is the continuing quality of care as the hospital downsized through 1996 and 1997. As nurses and other health professionals are laid off and replaced by less experienced staff, the high standards that earned Bess Kaiser a rating among the top 5% of hospitals nationally may be compromised. The lives of patients could be placed in

jeopardy.

Like ripples spreading from a rock tossed into a pond, the ramifications of closing Bess Kaiser Medical Center will radiate far beyond the hospital's doors. More than 1,500 family wage jobs will be lost. Tax revenues will suffer a \$22 million loss.

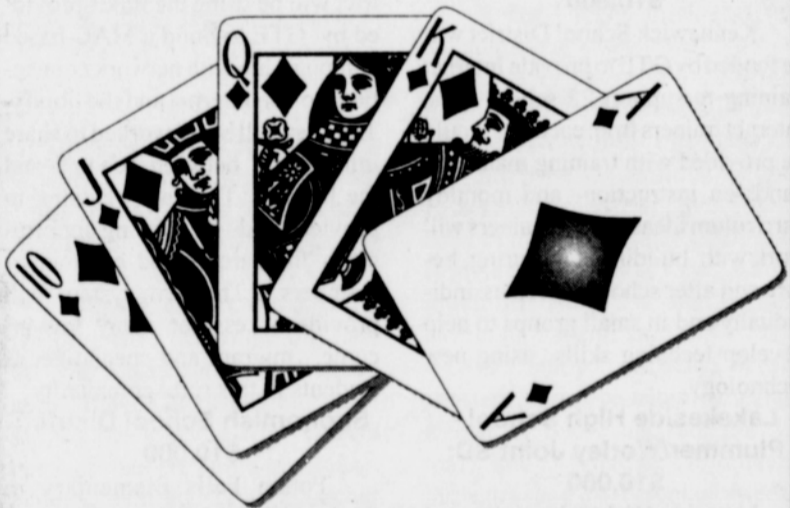
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