

The Inner Mind of a Controversial Black Panther

BLACK STARZ! Will present the compelling and controversial portrait of a man who was loved and admired, feared and hated in the world premiere of "A Huey P. Newton Story," on Monday, June 18 at 9 p.m. ET/PT.

Written, created by and starring Roger Guenveur Smith, "A Huey P. Newton Story" is directed by celebrated helmer Spike Lee and produced in association with the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) and African Heritage Network (AHN). Steven Adams, Bob L. Johnson and Marc Henry Johnson of Luna Ray Films are producers.



Actor-writer-creator Roger Guenveur Smith brings his signature solo theater performance to the screen, starring as Huey P. Newton in the BLACK STARZ! Original production of "A Huey P. Newton Story."



Spike Lee, Director

"A Huey P. Newton Story" is a virtuosic and intimate portrait of Huey P. Newton, the late co-founder of the Black Panther Party for Self Defense. Adapted from Smith's Obie Award winning off-Broadway solo performance of the same name, Lee brings the play from the stage to the screen as only he could.

Shot before a live audience in November 2000, Lee uses his sig-

nature mixture of film and archival footage, to capture Newton's "inner mind."

The film is complemented by a musical score of period material and original compositions from sound designer Marc Anthony Thompson who received an Obie and Audelco Award for his work and features actor/composer and Grammy Award winner Branford Marsalis.



Dalai Lama's Historic Visit to Portland Sunday

Tibet's spiritual and political leader, the Dalai Lama, will make an historic first visit to Portland from May 13 to 15 for the "Pathways to Peace Festival." The three-day festival events are expected to attract up to 75,000 people from the Western U.S. and beyond.

Prior to the arrival of the Dalai Lama, the Welcoming Celebration will provide a multicultural mix of music, food and entertainment. Featured performers include the Oregon Ballet Theatre, the Lions of Batuada (Brazilian drumming group), Portland Taiko Drummers (Japanese drumming group), the Northwest Tibetan Cultural Troupe (traditional Tibetan dance) and the Mystical Arts of Tibet (Tibetan monk music and dance group). The event is free and open to the public.

The Dalai Lama will arrive around 4 p.m. and will be greeted by Governor Kitzhaber, Mayor Katz and other local dignitaries before speaking to

the crowd. Fifteen thousand people are expected to attend.

His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama was born in a small Tibetan village called Takster on July 6, 1935. In accordance with Tibetan tradition,



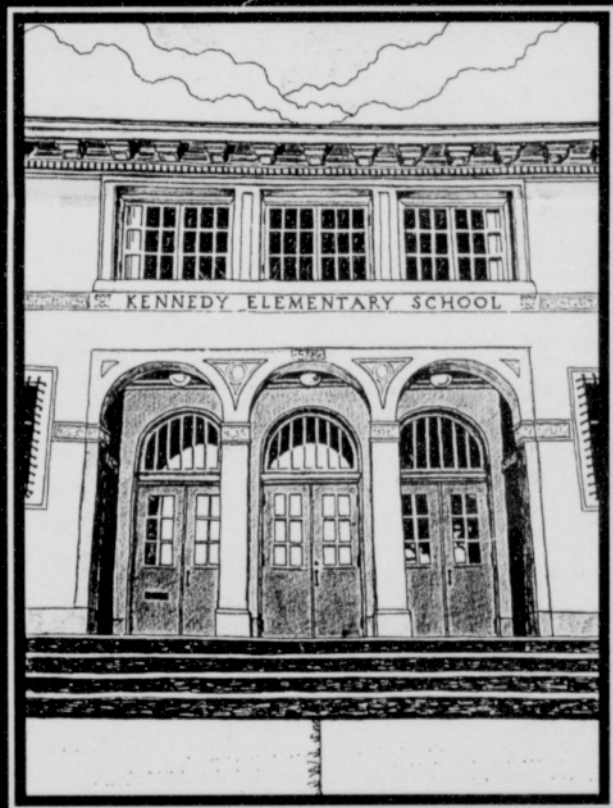
The Dalai Lama will be in Portland from May 13-15 to spread his universal message of tolerance, mutual respect, and compassion.

the young Dalai Lama was recognized at the age of two as the reincarnation of his predecessor, the 13th Dalai Lama. Tibetans consider the Dalai Lama to be the manifestation of Chenrezig, the Bodhisattva of Compassion. According to Buddhist tradition, Bodhisattvas have chosen the path of enlightenment to benefit all sentient beings.

Just before he turned five, the Dalai Lama was officially enthroned as the spiritual and temporal leader of Tibet in Lhasa, the capital city of Tibet. There he received a traditional Tibetan Buddhist and political education. In 1950, Chinese soldiers entered Tibet. Shortly thereafter the 14th Dalai Lama assumed full political power at the age of 16.

The Dalai Lama continues to work tirelessly to negotiate a peaceful solution to conflict between the Chinese government and Tibet.

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