



A large group of dignitaries, including local government officials, the African American Chamber of Commerce and the Oregon Business Network are on hand last Wednesday for the dedication of an expanded and remodeled Safeway store on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Ainsworth.

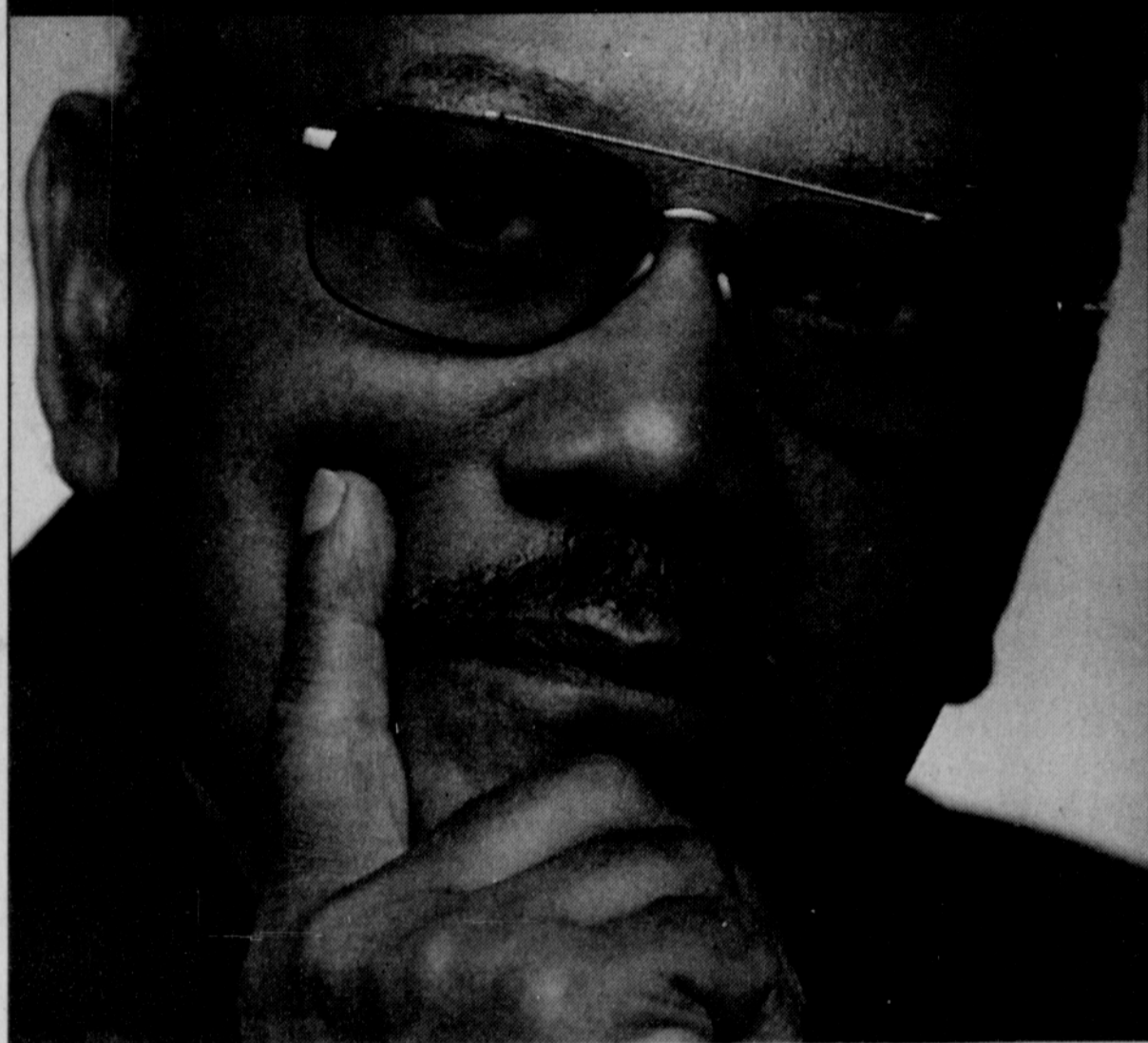
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Bishop A.A. Wells of the Emmanuel Temple Full Gospel Pentecostal Church (from left) Harold Williams of the African American Chamber of Commerce and a member of the board of directors for Portland Community College, and Roy Jay, a local entrepreneur and member of the African American Chamber of Commerce, attend the ribbon cutting celebration for a remodeled and expanded Safeway in northeast Portland.

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NELLY, ASHANTI RULE BILLBOARD MUSIC AWARDS



Rap artist Nelly (second from left) accepts the Entertainer of the Year award in Las Vegas during the Billboard Music Awards Show.



Ashanti

(AP) — R&B newcomer Ashanti made an impressive debut at the Billboard Music Awards in Las Vegas Monday night, taking home eight awards while rap star Nelly won honors in six categories. The album of the year went to Eminem for "The Eminem Show."

Ashanti, 22, was named the year's top female artist, R&B/hip-hop artist and female R&B/hip-hop artist. She also picked up awards for her single "Foolish."

"It's definitely an honor," the singer said. "It took me such a long time to get me to where I am. I'm just really blessed and thankful."

Nelly was named 2002's top artist, top male artist and R&B/hip-hop artist. He also won honors for his song "Hot in Herre," which he performed after emerging onstage from a massive replica of a stainless steel oven with flames shooting out of its burners.

The Billboard Awards honor the year's chart-

topping artists. Cedric the Entertainer hosted the show, which aired live on Fox except on the West Coast.

Chris Tucker gave a special "Thriller" award to Michael Jackson, who accepted the honor by satellite.

"I thank all the people who appreciate my work," Jackson said.

Aerosmith's Steven Tyler joined rap stars including Nelly, Busta Rhymes and Ja Rule in a tribute to Run-DMC. The hip-hop group disbanded last month after DJ Jam Master Jay was shot to death in his New York recording studio.

"I think Run-DMC's greatest achievement was its longevity," said a tearful Darryl "DMC" McDaniels.

Ashanti, whose singles "Foolish" and "Happy" made her a soul sensation this year, has already been honored as entertainer of the year at the Lady of Soul Awards.

Carter Accepts Nobel Peace Prize

Former president calls for peace in dangerous world



Former president Jimmy Carter

(AP) — Jimmy Carter accepted the 2002 Nobel Peace Prize on Tuesday and urged people to work for peace in a world that has become "a more dangerous place."

In the solemn ceremony in Oslo, Norway, Carter accepted a Nobel gold medal and diploma. The prize also includes a \$1 million cash prize.

Carter, smiling broadly, stayed only briefly on stage, displaying the gold Nobel medal and diploma to sustained applause. His wife, Rosalynn, watched from the front row with their children and grandchildren looking on.

The 78-year-old former president was honored for his pursuit of peace, health and human rights that began with the 1978 Camp David accords between Israel and Egypt that, but for a formality, would have won him the prize 24 years ago.