

Focus



Ziggy Marley Moves on to Rock

Ziggy Marley finds a new sound with the solo album he released earlier this month. (AP Photo)



(AP) — For much of his life, Ziggy Marley has carried the burden of being Bob Marley's son, but the singer's first solo album strays far from his father's reggae beat.

"Dragonfly," an 11-track CD released earlier this month by Private Music, is all about rock 'n' roll. The CD features guitarists Flea, John Frusciante of the Red Hot Chili Peppers and Michael Einziger, as well as DJ Chris Kilmore of Incubus.

Marley, 34, describes the transition from reggae as evidence of his growth as a musician.

"As an artist I have to lead and move forward - I dictate what the music is, not public opinion," Marley said. "I'm just making sure that the music and the legacy don't stay still."

"Dragonfly" is Marley's first album without the Melody Makers, a band that included his brother Stephen and sisters Sharon and Cedella Marley. The Melody Makers disbanded to pursue different career paths.

"When daddy was doing his thing, it was different than any other thing that was going on," he said. "I'm on the same trail and like any true artist I want to break barriers."

He'll open his 22-stop U.S. tour to promote the album on May 17 in San Diego. He lives most of the year in Miami, but also has a home in Kingston.

Public Enemy to Take on the President

(AP) — Hip-hop pioneers Public Enemy are still fighting the powers that be.

The group, known for anthems including "Don't Believe the Hype" and "Fight the Power," will take on

President Bush with their new CD-DVD, "Son of a Bush," scheduled for May 6 release.

The title track, which first appeared on last year's "Revolverlution," criticizes both

the current president and his father.

Among the lyrics: "Have you forgotten/I been through the first term of rotten/The father, the son/and the holy Bush... I told y'all

when the first Bush was tappin' my phone... Can't truss 'em."

The group joins other artists including the Dixie Chicks and the Beastie Boys who have spoken out against the president.

Hip-hop pioneers Public Enemy.

Foxx Pleads Innocent in Alleged Fight

Comedian Jaime Foxx got in some trouble with his sister over the weekend in New Orleans. Foxx was charged with trespassing, disturbing the peace, battery on police officers and resisting arrest after refusing to leave Harrah's casino near the French Quarter.



Comedian and sister allegedly refused to leave a casino, resisted arrest

(AP) — Comedian Jamie Foxx pleaded innocent Monday in New Orleans to misdemeanor charges that he fought with police officers after they ordered him to leave a casino.

The 35-year-old was arrested over the weekend and charged with trespassing, disturbing the peace, battery on police officers and resisting arrest. After a brief time in jail, he was released on \$1,900 bond.

Foxx and his sister, Diedra Dixon, allegedly entered Harrah's casino near the French Quarter and re-

fused employees' request to show identification. The two walked toward a gambling table, and Foxx splashed water from a fountain, police said.

He and Dixon, 25, refused to leave when asked by security guards, who called police. The two then fought with officers who arrived to escort them outside, police said.

Dixon was booked on trespassing, simple battery on officers, resisting arrest and aggravated battery. She spent several hours in jail before being released on \$6,000 bond.

The district attorney's office hasn't decided whether to prosecute her, and has two months to decide.

IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE!

Portland Public Schools needs a positive change in leadership and direction. There is an opportunity to make this change happen with the May 20th election of four new School Board members.

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The book *Grandma's Prayers* by sisters Yvonne and Lavonne Burke honors the spiritual influence of their Portland grandmother.

Authors will share story at Reflections book signing

A Portland area woman's spiritual influence on her granddaughters is the inspiration behind "Grandma's Prayers," a new children's book to be enjoyed by people of all ages.

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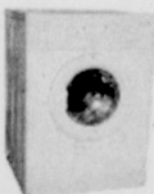
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