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Week in The Review

Bush AWOL Charge Disputed

The White House, facing election-year questions about President Bush's military service, released pay records and other information Tuesday that it said supports Bush's assertion that he fulfilled his duty as a member of the Air National Guard during the Vietnam War. Guard units were rarely called up to active duty in the Vietnam War era and the Reserves and the Guard acquired reputations as draft havens for relatively affluent young white men.

CIA Downplays Iraq Threat

In his first public defense of pre-war intelligence, CIA Director George Tenet said that U.S. analysts had never claimed Iraq was an imminent threat, the main argument used by President Bush for going to war. Tenet said analysts had varying opinions on the state of Iraq's chemical, biological and nuclear weapons programs and those differences were given to the White House.

Search for Mad Cows Ends

The Agriculture Department said it is ending its search for additional cases of mad cow disease even though officials have not found all the animals they sought after the nation's first case turned up in December.

Death Penalty Fairness Attacked

California now has 638 inmates on death row, some of them for more than one murder. But some of the state's counties have condemned many more inmates than others of similar size, according to an Associated Press review of Corrections Department data. The disparities are so pronounced that legal experts say capital punishment is being unfairly applied in California.

Protesters' Records Subpoenaed

In what may be the first subpoena of its kind in decades, a federal judge has ordered a university to turn over records about a gathering of anti-war activists. In addition to the subpoena of Drake University, subpoenas were served this past week on four of the activists who attended a Nov. 15 forum at the school, ordering them to appear before a grand jury.

50 Die in Baghdad Truck Bombing

A truck packed with an estimated 500 pounds of explosives blew up Tuesday morning at a police station south of Baghdad as dozens of would-be recruits lined up to apply for jobs. A hospital official said at least 50 people were killed and 50 others wounded.

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— Ray Lampkin, former No. 1 lightweight contender

Younger Lampkin Claims the Ring

Legend's son competes for the Olympics, going pro

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There's a new Lampkin in the ring, and he's picking up where his famous dad, "Lightning Ray," left off.

Ray Lampkin III had his first boxing match only two years ago, when he was 18. Today he has aspirations of turning pro and qualifying for the Olympic boxing team on Feb. 16 through 21 in Tunica, Miss.

Lampkin played basketball, football and baseball for Roosevelt High School in north Portland. He said he turned to boxing because he was out of sports to play.

"I just walked into the gym one day and started winning fights," he said.

"Relentless Ray," as his nickname suggests, considers himself a "scrappy" fighter. With the help of his dad's coaching, he's moved into position as the second-ranked featherweight fighter in the country.

"I think my son's better than me. He's just as fast, he hits pretty good and he's got a little bit more knowledge at his age," said the former No. 1 lightweight contender. "I'm teaching him what I know and that makes a big difference."

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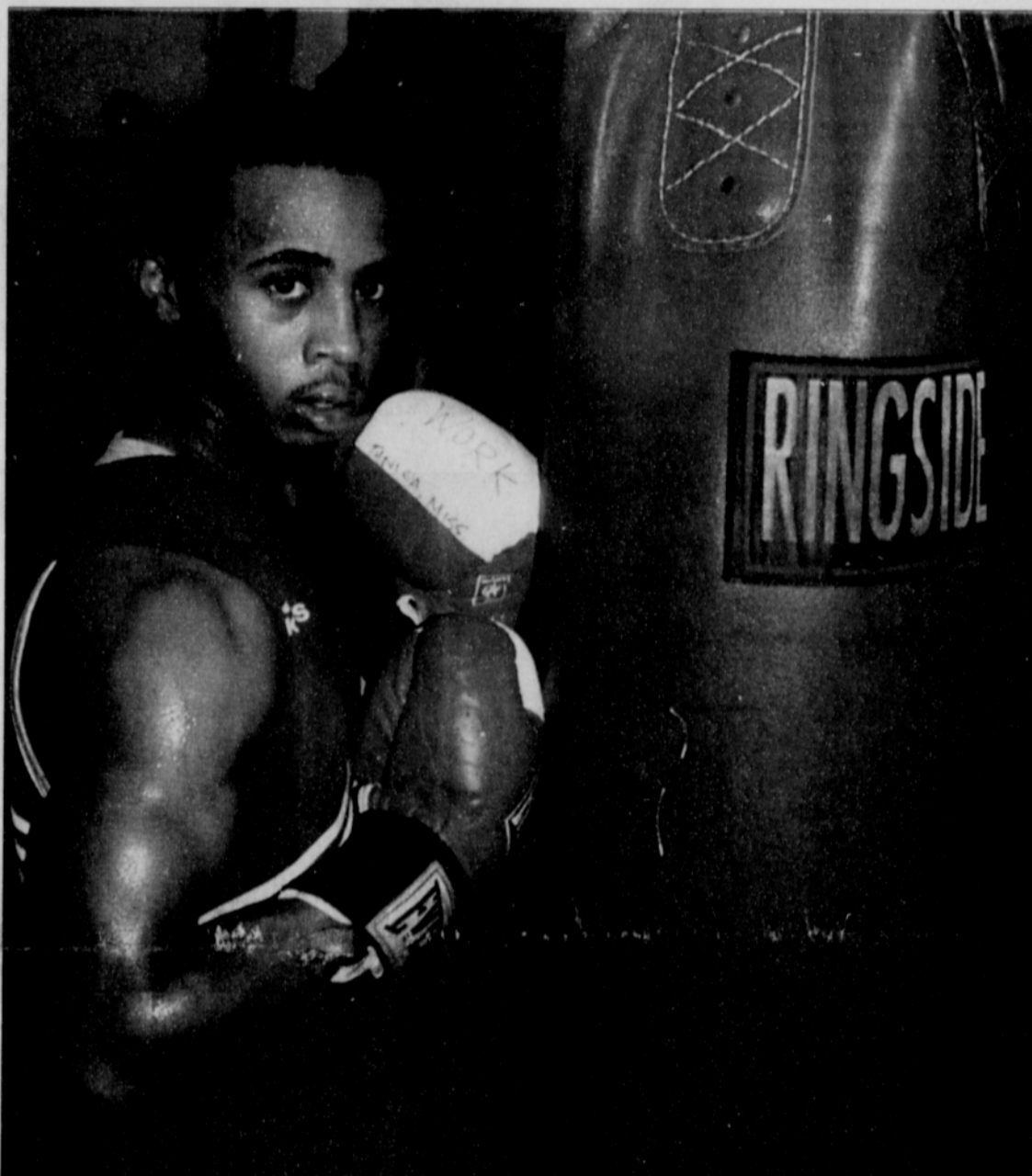


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Featherweight Ray Lampkin III, a graduate of Roosevelt High School in north Portland, has eyes on a professional boxing career just like his dad, Portland boxing legend "Lightning Ray" Lampkin.

ing in 1957, won his first tournament in 1958 and missed Olympic tryouts to attend his father's funeral. Instead, he turned pro and became a boxing legend when he narrowly lost the world lightweight championship in a fight lasting 14 rounds against Roberto Duran in Panama City in 1975.

Now his namesake is after that same kind of achievement.

"We've got the same name so it's going to be hard to get out of his shadow but I want to win a world title," said the younger Lampkin. "He came close."

The elder Lampkin has opened doors for his son and other African-American athletes in the state and the sport. He earned the distinction of being the first African-American from Oregon to compete for the world title and first African-American boxer to be inducted into the Oregon Hall of Fame.

Lampkin III plans to turn pro after he goes to the upcoming summer Olympics in Athens, Greece.

"I just want to be a champion," he said.

His self-assurance is not without merit. With bronze and silver medals for various tournaments and a 29-5 record studding his resume, he said his inexperience is the only thing that can hold him back from the Olympics.

"I've been fighting guys who have been fighting since they've been in their teens," the young Lampkin said. "I'm still learning on the go."

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Activists Make Call to Mothers



PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

State Sen. Margaret Carter, D-Portland, and John Canda, executive director of the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods, ask the public for help after gunfire sprays northeast Portland neighborhoods.

Businesses, city also enlisted in curbing violence

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Mothers were among community members getting special mention in a call to help stop local gun violence.

State Sen. Margaret Carter and other activists addressed a group of residents at Northeast 18th Avenue and Junior Street on Thursday, the location where 14-year-old Tyniece McCorvey was shot in the back of the head on Feb. 1. The African-American leaders called on the community to stop the

violence plaguing inner city neighborhoods.

"I want to issue a call for all mothers to know where your children are, to have greater expectations for your children and encourage them in school," said Carter. "Yes, this is black-on-black crime, but we need your help and the help of all people of this community."

The lawmaker, educator and longtime

community leader also called on the business community to create jobs for young people and the city to help support after-school programs to keep young people off the streets. She asked churches to be a safe place for youth to hand over guns.

The pleas came during a press conference called by the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods, after a bloody weekend of five separate shooting incidents leaving three dead and McCorvey hospitalized.

A 16-year-old suspect was arrested Friday in McCorvey's shooting, charged with attempted murder, first-degree assault and unlawful possession of a weapon. Eric Mandley, who is being held in the county juvenile detention center, told police the bullet was not intended for McCorvey.

Mandley is the only suspect arrested in connection to any of the five separate shootings.

Bradford Holman, a member of the Coalition of Black Men, amplified the feelings of many at Thursday's forum. He referred to a perceived mistrust of the police department that prevents witnesses of crime from coming forward.

"I want to talk to us black people. There is a call for information right now, but fear is holding us back," Holman said. "On the eve of Black History Month, we call out to the dominant community to assist us and stand for trust."

Capt. Dorothy Elmore said her role for building trust with young people is twofold, as the captain of the School Police Division and as an African-American mother.

"My roles intersect as a mentor, in and out of uniform," said Elmore.

She and her colleagues at the Portland Police Department are participating in the Dialogue Circles program, going to schools to dispel misconceptions about police.

"We're taking off our guns, taking off our

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