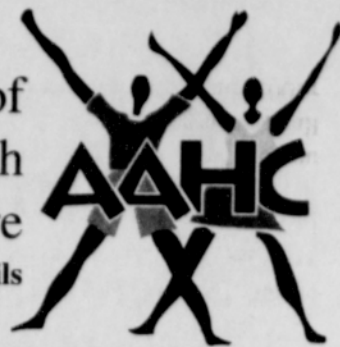


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Call for Gay Marriage Ban

Jumping into a volatile election-year debate on same-sex weddings, President Bush on Tuesday backed a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage, a move he said was needed to stop judges from changing the definition of the "most enduring human institution." Sen. John Kerry, Bush's likely Democratic opponent, issued a statement saying that Bush was injecting into national debate a "wedge issue to divide the American people and draw attention away from issues such as job losses and foreign policy.

Haiti Pleads for Help

With rebels threatening to assault the capital, Haiti President Jean-Bertrand Aristide on Tuesday confirmed another city had been attacked and sought international help to bolster his government, saying that thousands might otherwise be killed or become boat people fleeing to the United States.

Tapes Taunt Bush

Two audiotapes believed to be from al-Qaida's second-in-command — one taunting President Bush and the other assailing France's decision to ban Muslim headscarves in public schools — were broadcast on Arabic television networks on Tuesday. One of the tapes said the terror network is "still in the holy war battleground" and vowed to carry out more terrorist attacks against the United States.

CIA Sees Growing Threat

CIA Director George Tenet said Tuesday that the al-Qaida terror group is seriously damaged but has spread its radical anti-American agenda to other Islamic extremist groups that now pose the greatest threat to the United States. "The steady growth of Osama bin Laden's anti-U.S. sentiment through the wider Sunni (Islamic) extremist movement, and the broad dissemination of al Qaida's destructive expertise, ensure that a serious threat will remain for the foreseeable future," Tenet said.

Executions on TV Supported

Two-thirds of Americans polled last month said they support the idea of televising executions — and 21 percent said they'd pay to watch Osama bin Laden put to death. Eleven percent said they would pay to see Saddam Hussein executed. The national telephone poll of more than 1,000 people aged 18 or older was done for Trio cable network by Harris Interactive.



Portland hip-hop and rap artists Mackin' Rob, also known as Rob Bacote (from left); Tommy Gunz, aka Tommy Mitchell; and MacTay, aka Dontay Antoine; are the vocals behind Young F.A.M.E. and the group's debut album "The Movement."

Star Quality Local hip-hop group paving the way

BY JAYMEE R. CUTI
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Portland's urban black music scene needs help, according to a young rapper, musician and owner of his own record label.

The city is not without talent, says Brian Mason Jr., but local performers suffer from a lack of unity and have difficulty finding breakout success.

Mason is trying to combat that by working with hip-hop and rap artists in what he calls "the movement" and getting them up with professional quality recordings and marketing.

"We have good talent and we want to add rappers with the concept that multiple rappers can have a group and a solo career and support the movement to break out of

this local rap scene," he says.

Mason is also his own client.

As B Maja, he performs for Pound 4 Pound records and works behind the scenes with Young F.A.M.E., one of the most anticipated groups to emerge from the local music scene. Mason functions as the group's engineer and promoter.

He gets help from Young F.A.M.E.'s

vocal talents, including Dontay Antoine (MacTay), Tommy Mitchell (Tommy Gunz) and Rob Bacote (Mackin' Rob).

Antoine works at Geneva's Shear Perfection Barber and Beauty Salon just north of Killingsworth Street on Northeast Martin Luther King Boulevard where he hands out

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH SPECIAL

When Faith and Politics Intertwine

Drawing from Black Panther experience

BY SEAN P. NELSON,
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The often controversial Black Panther Party was part of a major movement for equality for African Americans during the civil rights era. While its legacy persists, many of its stories are lost and misconstrued by modern analysts.

From northeast Portland's Allen Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Senior Pastor Dr. Rev. Leroy Haynes sets the party's record straight and discusses his connection to the social movement during a time when African Americans made leaps and bounds toward equal rights.

Haynes preaches to his congregation of 600 drawing from his experience as a Black Panther in Texas in the 1960s.

He believes African Americans today need a spiritual compass to accomplish change in America.

The Black Panther Party was started in 1966 by Bobby Seale and Huey Newton in Oakland, Calif. It advocated a defensive posture by African Americans against the racist, corrupt tactics of the Oakland Police Department. Later, the party was active in Los Angeles and elsewhere in the country.

It also advocated for poor minorities against an establishment too intent on maintaining the privileges of affluent white businessmen and professionals at the expense of African Americans.

In 1969, an attempt to merge the organi-

zation with the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee led to Stockely Carmichael being appointed as the prime minister of the Black Panther Party in Los Angeles. An effort was then made to create a chapter of the Black Panther Party to

Texas. It was to be located in Dallas.

"The Black Panther Party was the vanguard of the African-American revolution in America during this particular stage. It was the epitome of the rights and dignity struggle of African Americans," Haynes said.

Although the party is known for wanting to change police procedures, most of its work involved survival programs for African Americans, many of which still exist today. These included free breakfast programs at local schools, free health clinics, direct deposit programs for elderly African Americans' Social Security and Sickle Cell Anemia programs, and Liberation Schools which taught African-American history.

Because of these programs, the Black Panther Party grew rapidly.

Haynes participated efforts to advance the party in Texas, where chapters were formed in Dallas, Houston, San Antonio, Beaumont and Tyler. He served as a co-chair of the Black Panther Party in Texas after being a co-organizer of a local Texas chapter.

Today's idea of community policing is a legacy of the Black Panther

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PHOTO BY CHARLES C. KING/FOR THE PORTLAND OBSERVER
Dr. Rev. Leroy Haynes of northeast Portland's Allen Temple Church preaches from his experiences as a Black Panther during the 1960s.



Louis Farrakhan

Farrakhan to Speak Via World Broadcast

The Honorable Louis Farrakhan will address the nation via satellite in a live broadcast to air in Portland and over 113 cities across America, Europe, Africa, the Middle East, the Caribbean, Central and South America.

The event takes place on Sunday, Feb. 29 at 10 a.m. as Minister Farrakhan delivers the keynote address at the University of Illinois-Chicago Pavilion.

He will speak on reparations, but he will also cover subjects on the Nation of Islam and Michael Jackson, the war in Iraq, the upcoming 2004 presidential elections and other vital issues confronting our community.

The broadcast will be aired locally via a big screen at Self Enhancement, Inc., 3920 N. Kerby Ave. A \$10 donation will be accepted with doors opening at 9 a.m. For more information about the SEI event, call 503-331-9829.

For further information on where you can view the live satellite broadcast call toll free at 866-602-1230, extension 200 or email fcnpod@aol.com.



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