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Race Relations Study Shows Mixed Results

Half of blacks report discrimination

(AP)—A majority of Americans support affirmative action, believe race relations have improved since the civil rights movement and approve of interracial marriage, according to a new poll.

Still, 49 percent of blacks said they had experienced some form of discrimination in the month preceding the poll and 62 percent believe they are treated somewhat or very unfairly.

The Gallup Organization poll, commissioned by the AARP and the Leadership Conference on

Civil Rights, was released to coincide with next month's 50th anniversary of the Brown vs. Board of Education ruling that declared school segregation unconstitutional.

In the poll of adults 18 and older, nearly 90 percent of whites, 73 percent of blacks and 76 percent of Hispanics said race relations had somewhat or greatly improved.

Americans of different races are increasingly comfortable living together: 78 percent of blacks, 61 percent of Hispanics and 57 percent of whites said they prefer to live in a mixed neighborhood.

Fifty-seven percent of Americans support affirmative action, a finding that Henderson called a pleasant surprise. "Americans in a general manner accept the

projections, whites, now about 69 percent of the population, will drop to 50.1 percent by 2050. More than a quarter of those surveyed said that will be a good thing. Fifty-six percent said it will not matter, and 13 percent said it will be a bad thing.

Tyrone Miller, a 47-year-old black man from the Bronx, suggested that behavior has changed, but some attitudes have not.

"Minorities are pulling the American economy, so if you really want to make money and get ahead, it's not profitable to be racist," said Miller, a security manager. "But that doesn't mean

you'll be invited to that person's home."

Among other findings: -73 percent of Americans approve of interracial marriage. In a 1958 Gallup poll, when the question was posed only to whites, just 4 percent supported mixed marriages.

-21 percent of whites said they have been a victim of reverse discrimination. -56 percent of whites, 38 percent of Hispanics and 21 percent of blacks said all or most of the civil rights movement's goals had been achieved.

The telephone survey of 2,002 people, conducted between Nov. 11 and Dec. 14, had a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 5 percentage points.

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—According to 63 percent of Americans polled

equitable principle that, for every wrong, there is a remedy," he said.

Sixty-three percent, however, said that "race relations will always be a problem in the U.S." According to Census Bureau

Home Invasion Turns Violent

A man was shot after a home invasion in north Portland turned violent on Sunday at 9:30 p.m.

Christopher Breuer, 22, was shot in the arm and taken to Legacy Emanuel Hospital during a struggle when two men pushed their way into a home on the 1500 block of North Webster.

Both suspects were described as white men, one in his mid-20s, tall with a thin build. Both men were armed.

The shooting was reportedly drug-related.

Anyone with information is urged to call the Portland Police Bureau at 503-823-0576.

Teen Arrested in Bus Stop Murder

Trevell Waliue Taylor was arrested Thursday for the murder of 16-year-old Marcus Mill, who was shot and killed in the afternoon on April 9 at a TriMet bus stop on the corner of North Albina Avenue and North Killingsworth Street.




Marcus Mill

the Multnomah County Juvenile Detention Center on one count of murder.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone who was a witness to the shooting is urged to call Detective Paul Weatheroy at 503-823-0458 or

Detective Brian Grose at 503-823-0757.

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The Portland Police Bureau, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, would like your help in solving a homicide.

On March 20 at about 2 a.m., police responded to the report of an assault at Helena's Place restaurant and bar, in the 500 block of Northeast Columbia Boulevard. When officers arrived they found 34-year-old Aaron A. Crews inside, suffering from apparent stab wounds. Crews was transported to Oregon Health and Science University Hospital, where he later died from multiple stab wounds.

Helena's Place was crowded with about 75 patrons the night Crews was killed. A fight broke




Aaron Crews

out involving several people, including Crews. It is not clear what the fight was about. The fight disrupted normal business and drew the attention of people inside the establishment including patrons and employees. After Crews was stabbed, a disturbance continued outside the restaurant until police arrived.

While detectives have interviewed people who were there, they are still looking for witnesses who saw what happened, and overheard what was said. They are interested in talking to anyone with any information about this homicide.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, that leads to an arrest in this case, or any unsolved felony crime, and you may remain anonymous. Call Crime Stoppers at (503) 823-HELP (4357).



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