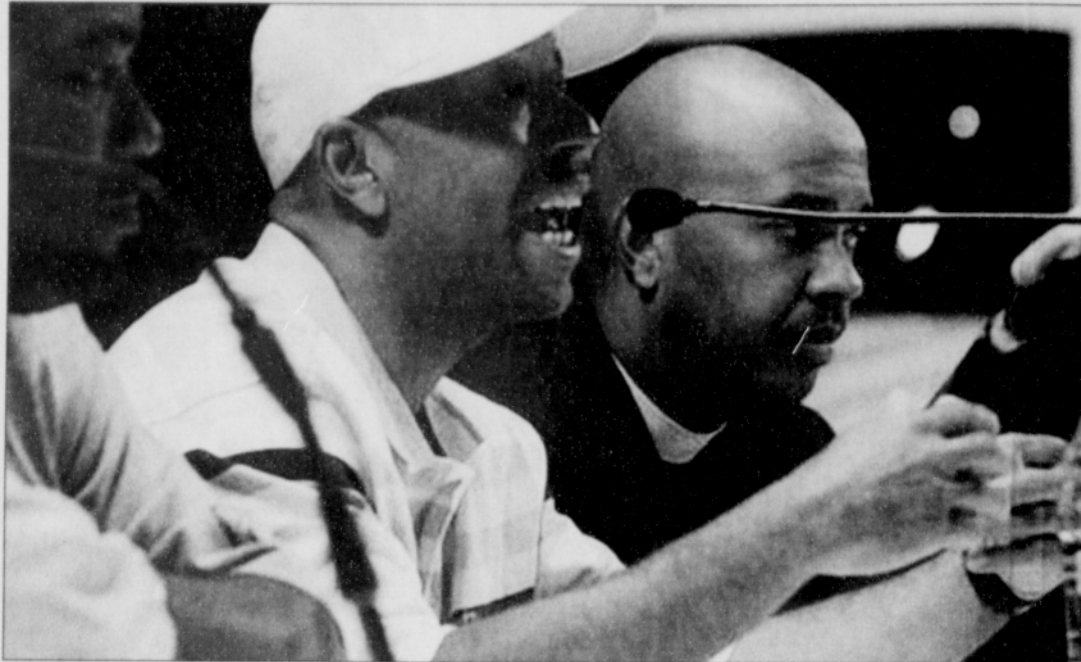


Vote Wanted from Hip-Hop Generation

Young encouraged to flex political muscle



Rap mogul Russell Simmons (center) addresses a hip-hop summit in Detroit Saturday to encourage young people to vote in the fall elections. He was joined by Chris Lighty (left) and Joseph "the Rev. Run" Simmons of Run-DMC. (AP Photo)

(AP) — The hip-hop generation must educate itself and head to the polls in this fall's election, according to speakers at the Hip-Hop Summit, which drew artists and others from the music industry.

Rap mogul Russell Simmons, whose Hip-Hop Summit Action Network puts on the traveling event,

said the young must make a difference in their communities and the world.

"Those of us who work in the hip-hop industry know this is the best generation in the world," Simmons told a crowd of music fans Saturday at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. "And come November, they

are going to see that this is the most powerful generation that the world has seen."

Simmons said the power of hip hop comes from its ability to unite people of different races and religions.

"It's very important that we flex these muscles in November," he said.

The Hip-Hop Team Vote effort holds voter registration drives at summit cities. It recently registered 50,000 voters in Los Angeles and 80,000 in Philadelphia. Midway through Saturday's event, the group said it had signed up at least 70,000 Michigan voters - including 40,000 in Detroit.

Posey Falls to City Hall Insiders

Local leader defeated in mayor's race

The campaign trail ends for Portland mayoral candidate James Posey, a northeast Portland business owner and African-American community activist.

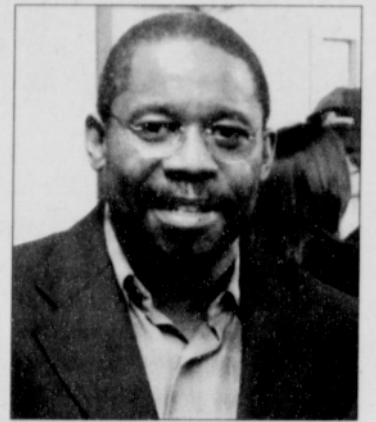
Posey was easily outdistanced in the election by former police chief Tom Potter who surprised critics by earning 42.3 percent of the vote. He will face City Commissioner Jim Francesconi, who earned 34.5 percent of the vote, in a runoff election in November.

Posey won 5.1 percent of vote and Phil Busse, editor of the Portland Mercury and a north Portland resident, earned 7.2 percent.

In other races, City Commissioner Randy Leonard won re-election with more than 50 percent of the vote. City Council hopefuls Nick Fish and Sam Adams, running to fill Francesconi's seat, will compete in the November runoff as neither secured a majority vote.

In a closely-watched race for state representative in north and northeast Portland, Chip Shields beat out Tina Kotek for the Democratic nomination.

Shields, executive director of Better People, a northeast Portland job training program for former inmates, captured 4,628 votes and Kotek, a children's services advocate, received 3,793 votes. Shirley Whitehead Freeman had 545 votes to win



James Posey

the Republican nomination. Shields and Freeman will face off in the November general election.

Multnomah County commissioners Lonnie Roberts and Maria Rojo de Steffey won their re-elections, despite criticism about Rojo de Steffey's involvement with deciding in secret to allow same-sex marriages in the county.

County Commissioner Lisa Naito, another leader in the same-sex marriage decision, will face a runoff against second-place finisher Ron McCarty.

Presidential hopeful Sen. John Kerry won more than 80 percent of the vote in the Democratic Party, compared to his rival, Ohio Rep. Dennis Kucinich, who secured 16 percent of vote.



The Clinton River in Shelby Township, Mich. overtakes local buildings as flood waters have caused the river to overflow its banks. (AP photo)

Storms Devastate Midwest

Thousands of homes and businesses had no power Monday across the Midwest because of thunderstorm damage, and flooding filled basements and blocked roads.

More than 20 Michigan counties were under flood warnings and several rivers were over flood stage.

Two tornadoes touched down Sunday in Wisconsin and two were reported in Michigan. Earlier, three people were killed Friday when wind blew trees onto vehicles in Michigan, a tornado killed a woman in Nebraska and flooding killed a woman in Iowa.

Storms in Ohio early Monday knocked out power to more than 30,000 homes and businesses, utilities said. Several schools closed because they had no electricity. More than 6,000 had no power in Indiana.

Lawyer Calls Arrest Harrowing Ordeal

Fingerprint points to someone else in Spain bombing



Brandon Mayfield

(AP) — Offering a rare public apology, the FBI admitted mistakenly linking a Portland lawyer's fingerprint to one found near the scene of a terrorist bombing in Spain, a blunder that led to his imprisonment for two weeks.

The apology Monday came

hours after a judge dismissed the case against Brandon Mayfield, who had been held as a material witness in the Madrid bombings case, which killed 191 people and injured about 2,000 others.

Mayfield, a 37-year-old convert to Islam, sharply criticized the government, calling his time behind bars "humiliating" and "embarrassing" and saying he was targeted because of his faith.

"This whole process has been a harrowing ordeal. It shouldn't happen to anybody," he said. "I believe I was singled out and discriminated against, I feel, as a Muslim."

Mayfield walked out the federal courthouse in Portland on Friday, grasping his wife's hand and holding a Koran and a Mus-

lim prayer rug.

In Arabic and then in English, Mayfield recited the Muslim prayer: "God is great. There is no God but God."

His three children, ages 10, 12 and 15, rushed up behind

him, and his wife's eyes filled with tears.

Mayfield's brother, Kent, was pulled away from the TV cameras by his brother's attorney when he shouted out: "This proves it

was a total witch hunt." Mayfield, who ran a small Portland law firm, was arrested May 6 as a material witness and held in secret.

Senior law enforcement officials in Washington speaking on

God is great. There is no God but God . . .

— Portland attorney and Muslim Brandon Mayfield after being set free as a suspect in the deadly Spain training bombings.

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Two Found in Forest Park

Family lived hidden under trees

(AP) — A man and his 12-year-old daughter were discovered in a dense, wooded area of Forest Park in northwest Portland by a cross-country runner and his wife.

They reported seeing an older man with white bushy hair and a beard, and a young girl at what appeared to be a "well-established transient camp." They called police on April 28.

That afternoon, North Precinct Sgt. Michael Barkley sent four officers on all-terrain vehicles to find the pair but they didn't find them.

The next morning, the runner escorted police to the site.

After an hour-and-a-half hike,

police found an elaborate camp dug into a steep hillside.

Under a tarp-covered, wood-framed shelter, they found sleeping bags, a partially burnt log, a Bible, a stack of old World Book Encyclopedias, rakes and other tools. A rope swing, a tilled vegetable garden and a small creek were nearby.

A police dog found the pair huddling behind a tree about 50 yards from the camp.

The man and girl told police they had lived in the park for four years. The pair appeared clean, well-fed and healthy, Barkley said, and the girl was well-spoken beyond her years.

Letter to the Editor

Commercials Appalling

I was appalled by Jim Francesconi's television commercials in his mayoral campaign. He wants to portray black men as nothing more than drug-selling gang members while attempting to be the great white savior of our youth. Doesn't Mr. Francesconi know any professional African American adults, business owners or teachers that he could display in his campaign? (Hint: Baruti Arthuree, Sam Brooks, Matt Hennessee, Roy Jay, Bernie Foster, Noel Webb, Joyce Harris, Jo Crenshaw, James Winters and Pual Knauls, just to name a few.)

Francesconi bragging about finding "opportunities" for 700 gang kids seems hard to believe. The young man that he used in the commercial only exhibited a stereotype. Instead of showing a young African American male who said "before I met Jim, I was selling drugs and trying to stay away from the police", I would have preferred it say "before I met Jim, I was not getting any business from the city, but over the past several years, Jim has assisted me in not only getting huge contracts, but also finding gainful employment for others in my neighborhood.

Francesconi, what a phony!
 — Demarold Steward
 North Portland

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