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President Bush listens to Alberto R. Gonzales in this file photo. (AP photo)

First Hispanic Attorney General Named

(AP)—The road to White House counsel Alberto Gonzales' confirmation as the first Hispanic U.S. attorney general may run through two controversial places: the notorious Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq and Texas' death row.

Although most senators expect President Bush's longtime friend and White House lawyer to be confirmed as the 80th U.S. attorney general to replace John Ashcroft, Democrats plan to use a hearing on his nomination to press for answers on White House decisions they think led to the Iraqi prisoners scandal.

Death penalty opponents also want Gonzales questioned on how the Justice Department will apply the federal death penalty given Gonzales' time in Texas as adviser to then-Gov. Bush.

Gonzales was part of Bush's inner circle of advisers during the executions of mentally retarded killer

Terry Washington in 1997 and pickax murderer Karla Faye Tucker, for whom clemency was sought by Pope John Paul II, in 1998.

While Texas' governor, Bush oversaw more than 150 executions. Liberals are reviewing claims that as Bush's legal counsel in Texas, Gonzales on clemency petitions "repeatedly failed to appraise the governor of crucial issues in the cases at hand: ineffective counsel, conflict of interest, mitigating evidence, even actual evidence of innocence."

Gonzales drew criticism after the terrorist attacks in 2001 when he wrote a memo in which Bush claimed the right to waive anti-torture law and international treaties providing protections to prisoners of war. That position drew fire from human rights groups, who said it helped lead to the type of abuses uncovered in the Abu Ghraib prison scandal.

The Beat They Wrote



Finding the right beat is part of the musical learning in the Ethos Urban Music Project class "turntablism," also known as scratching and beatboxing.

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"The Urban Music Project is designed to reach students not normally served by traditional music education programs. We have a very diverse student population here at Ethos — we're excited to be able to offer classes

in every genre of music," Lewis said.

According to Lewis, the Urban Music Project classes take music education to another level by first teaching lessons about basic music theory, but also learning how to use computers to hone reading and math

skills. Students count out their own beats while reading and writing hip hop lyrics.

"Combined, it's an unmatched educational experience," said Lewis.

Ethos recently received a grant from the Bureau of Housing & Community Development that

has allowed them to hold free drop-in classes. The new computer-based beatmaking classes are on Thursday evenings and have been very popular with Jefferson High School students in particular, Lewis said.

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Rape Suspects Sought

Portland Police detectives would like help identifying two suspects in a robbery and rape investigation.

On Oct. 22, at about 1:30 a.m., two men entered a house in the 600 block of Northeast Webster Street. One of the men was armed with a knife and the other was armed with a handgun. They sexually assaulted and robbed two women inside the house.

The victims worked with detectives to produce a sketch of each suspect.

One man is described as a 25 to 30-year-old black male with a medium to dark complexion, 5 foot 6 inches to 5 foot 8 inches, average build, short afro, goatee, a lazy right eye and may go by the name "Zack." He was wearing a stocking cap, a baggy dark colored coat and dark baggy pants.

The other man is described as a 25-year-old black male with a light complexion, 5 foot 8 eight to 5 foot 11 inches, muscular lean build, and clean shaven. He was wearing a black stocking cap, a baggy black nylon jacket and dark colored jeans.

Both suspects are considered armed and dangerous. Anyone who recognizes either man or has any information about this incident is asked to call Crime Stoppers.



These men are wanted for a rape and robbery on Northeast Webster Street.

A \$1,000 reward is offered for information that leads to an arrest in this case, or any unsolved felony, and you may remain anonymous. Call Crime Stoppers at 503-823-4357.

No Parole for Family Killer

(AP)—Edward Morris, the north Portland man who killed his pregnant wife and three children and left their bodies in a snowy forest two years ago, was sentenced to four consecutive life terms in prison on Monday.

Morris, 39, avoided a possible death sentence by promising not to appeal the life terms in a plea agreement reached in September.

Tillamook County Circuit Judge David Hantke reminded him there will be no parole and "no mitigation of sentence of any kind."

The bodies of Morris' wife, Renee, 31, and their children, Bryant, 10, Alexis, 8 and Jonathan, 4, were found Dec. 21, 2002, in the snow near a logging road about 30 miles east of Tillamook by elk hunters and police.

Gap Challenge Met Before

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Phillips says that in the past, she has engaged the public, the business community, the faith community, libraries, the arts world and various other creative sources in relationships anchored around children.

"How we get there is the innovation. It takes creativity, partnerships and attention to uniqueness of neighborhoods. We shouldn't expect any less of one kid that walks in our door than the next," Phillips said.

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