

FOCUS

50 Cent and The Game Call Truce

(AP)—Rappers 50 Cent and The Game publicly squashed a bitter feud last week that had erupted into gunfire just a week earlier after 50 kicked Game out of his G-Unit clique for disloyalty.

The two platinum-selling gangsta rappers didn't exactly kiss and make up. When they emerged before a media throng at Harlem's famed Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, both looked as if they'd been shoved into apologies by a stern mother.

But they did shake hands, albeit at the end of the press conference, after speaking about contrition and the need for peace.

50 noted that the get together was the anniversary of the unsolved murder of Biggie Smalls in 1997, the culmination of a rap war between Biggie and Tupac Shakur that pitted East Coast against West.

"We're here today to show that people can rise above the most difficult circumstances and together we can put negativity behind us," said 50, a native New Yorker. "A lot of people don't want to see it happen, but we're responding to the two most important groups, our family and our fans."

"I just want to apologize on behalf of myself and 50," said Game, who's from the Los Angeles suburb of Compton. "I'm almost



Rap artists 50 Cent (left) and The Game shake hands during a news conference at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture in the Harlem section of New York.

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ashamed to have participated in the things that happened in the last couple of weeks."

50 presented an oversized check for \$150,000 to the Boys Choir of Harlem. Game donated \$103,500. They also both made contributions to the Compton schools music program.



Rev. Al Sharpton

Violent Rapper Ban Sought

Al Sharpton says sanctions needed

(AP)—The Rev. Al Sharpton is putting in his two cents about the latest drama involving 50 Cent.

The civil rights leader has proposed a ban that would muzzle artists who are connected to any violent acts, denying them airplay on radio and television for 90 days. Though he did not single out 50 Cent by name, he said that a recent shooting linked to a feud involving 50 demonstrated the need for such a policy.

"There's a difference in the having the right to express yourself and in engaging in violence and using the violence to hype record sales, and then polluting young Americans that this is the key to success, by gunslinging and shooting," he said.

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

B.B. King—Legendary blues musician B.B. King will perform on Friday, March 18 and Saturday, 19 at 8 p.m. at the Chinook Winds Casino Resort in Lincoln City. For more information, call 1-888-624-6288.

Suckapunch—Hip hop artists Suckapunch will perform with Fogatron, DJ Deena B and DJ Izm at the Doug Fir Lounge on Friday, March 18 at 9 p.m. Cover is \$10 at the door.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration—There will be a St. Patrick's Day celebration at Pioneer Courthouse Square from Thursday March 17 to Saturday, March 19 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Admission is free until 4 p.m. and \$5 from 4 p.m. to close.

Jazz at LV's—Every Friday and Saturday night at 7 p.m. beginning March 18, Leroy Vinnegar's Uptown at Portland State University will feature jazz duos and trios. For more information or reservations, call 503-221-0140.

For Colored Girls—Performances of "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide" by Ntozake Shange will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 20 and Monday, March 21 at the IFCC Theatre. Tickets are \$6 adults, \$4 students and seniors, plus three cans of food. For more information, call 503-823-4322 or visit www.ifcc-arts.org.

Homowo African Arts—Homowo African Arts and Culture will present dance and drum demonstrations on March 21 and 23 at 10:30 a.m. at the Portland Children's Museum. Space is limited and free with museum admission. For more information, call 503-223-6500.

Savion Glover—Dancer Savion Glover will glide through Portland on March 29 and 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. Tickets range from \$23 to \$57. For more information, call 503-248-4335.

Tall Jazz—Tall Jazz with Marilyn Keller on vocals will be giving a benefit concert for Trinity Lutheran School's Band Program on Wednesday, March 30 at 7 p.m. at 5520 N.E. Killingsworth St. Tickets are \$10 at the door, free to children 12 and under. For more information, call 503-810-0653.

Kids Choir—The No Kidding Choir will perform a culturally diverse medley on April 8 at 7 p.m. at the Augustana Lutheran Church at 2710 NE 14th Ave. This is a benefit that will feature a silent auction. For more information, call 503-280-9034.

Laugh Factory—Comedy returns every second Wednesday of the



For Colored Girls

month at the upscale Bacchus Restaurant, thanks to EEI International.

Trippin' through Town—Take a trip through time to find the hottest poetry, hip hop and soul influencing Portland on Wednesdays at the Ohm. \$7 cover. 31 N.W. First Ave.

On the Radio—Groove to soul and hip hop with Kevin Berry from 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays at 90.7 FM/KBOO. Check out the Community Potpourri talk show from 7 to 8 a.m. Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays at 1480 AM/KBMS. Count your blessings with Melodies from Heaven from 6 to 10 p.m. Mondays through Fridays at 1290 AM/KKSL. Tune in to African American Health Radio Wednesday nights on 1290 AM/KKSL.

Local Artists Featured at Abbey Café—The Abbey Café, 441 N. Killingsworth St., invites musicians to sell their CDs and perform on Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, call 503-286-4847.

Gypsy Classes—Caravan Studios offers classes in belly dance, African dance and more. Visit www.gypsyncaravan.us.

Make Art on Alberta—Make art and enjoy art on Alberta through Portland Community College. A variety of classes from art making to art appreciation are available. For more information, call 503-731-6622.

Have a Ball—Kids will have a ball at OMSI's new Innovation Station by exploring the human side of technology. For more information, visit www.oms.edu.

Amusement At Oaks Park—Celebrating 99 years of fun, Oaks Park in southeast Portland offers rides, picnic grounds, roller-skating and family games in the shade of 100-year-old oak trees on the banks of the Willamette River. Rides and roller-skating are open daily.

Time to Jam—Jam Night, Portland's ever-popular comedy/variety show, is at Christian Performing Arts Center, 8131 N. Denver Ave. Shows continue every Friday Night starting at 9 p.m. with dinner by Mondemaj Catering next door to the show at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. Dinner is \$13 and tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children under 12. For dinner reservations, call 503-286-2590. For information about the show, call 503-735-4184 or visit www.jam-night.com.

Ongoing and Upcoming Music—The Blue Monk on Belmont plays live jazz every Sunday night at 9 p.m. For a schedule, visit www.thebluemonk.com. Thorn City Improv, featuring members of Old Dominion, Quivah, The Chosen and The Black Notes perform every Tuesday at 10 p.m. at Conan's at 3862 SE Hawthorne. Interstate Bar and Grill has mature live music at 4234 N. Interstate. The Black Notes play Thursdays at the Candlelight Room. Mel Brown plays jazz at Jimmy Maki's on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Fridays and Saturdays at Salty's on the Columbia. A Community Unity Breakfast is held every third Thursday at SEI at 7:30 a.m. Skip Elliott Bowman Jazz Trio plays Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon at Hannah Bea's, on northeast MLK Jr. Blvd. and Shaver. R&B and live funk bands perform weekends at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center. After work, stop by The Red Sea, 381 S.W. 3rd Ave. from 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays. Don't miss Reggae Thursdays at Savannah's at First Thursday celebrations at 8 p.m. DJ OG ONE spins R&B at Savannah's on Fridays. Savannah's Restaurant welcomes Ron Steen Jam Session Sundays at 8:30 p.m. Live Reggae Fridays and Saturdays at Montego Bay, 1239 S.W. Jefferson. Politics and Poetry is every first and third Thursday at AJ Java's Internet Café from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Chicago Style Steppin is from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Fridays at Matt Dishman Community Center and Sundays from 7 to 11 p.m. at Flirts Holiday Inn Airport. DJ Vance spins on Saturdays at Bookies Sports Lounge on North Lombard and Albina; no cover before 10 p.m.

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