

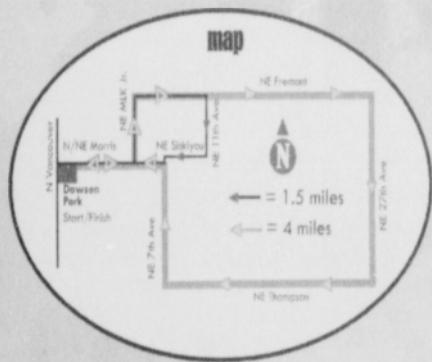


Join Mayor Tom Potter
& State Senator Avel Gordly
for the 4th Annual Wellness Within REACH Walk

Saturday, Aug. 19th at 9:00 AM
in Dawson Park (at N.Vancouver & Stanton)

Music, food, & fun!
\$20 registration, children under 10 free!

Contact the AAHC to register
at 503.413.1850 or www.aahc-portland.org



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SEI Soul Celebration

Students from the SEI Drum Line are in perfect concentration performing Sunday at Self Enhancement, Inc.'s 25th Anniversary Soul Celebration at Unthank Park in north Portland. SEI community and educational programs have benefited thousands of local youth over those years.

Black Leaders Urge AIDS/HIV Defeat

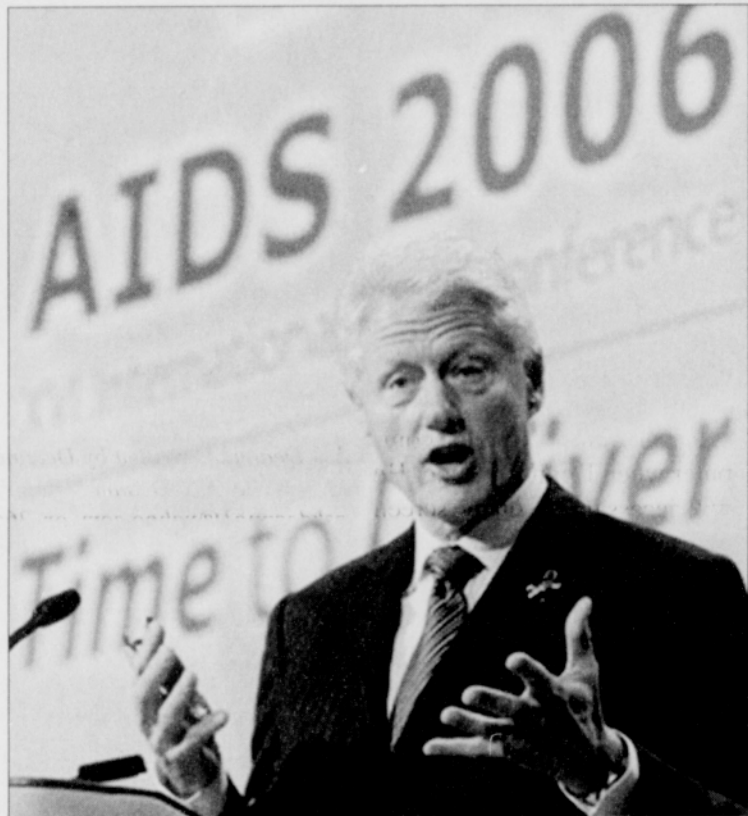
Bond cites failure to lead

(AP) -- It is time for the African-American community "to face the fact that AIDS has become a black disease" and find ways to defeat it, said the chairman of the NAACP at the international AIDS summit Monday.

Julian Bond, the Rev. Jesse Jackson and other powerful African-American leaders called on their own community to accept responsibility for ending the devastation of AIDS, which has claimed more than 200,000 black Americans since the epidemic began 25 years ago.

In a first for the political leaders, they blamed the disaster on a lack of will and pledged to do more.

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Former U.S. President Bill Clinton speaks during at the 16th World Aids Conference in Toronto.



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— Julian Bond

now time for us to fight AIDS like the major civil rights issue it is."

The U.S. black delegation pledged to draft a five-year plan to reduce HIV rates among African-Americans and to boost the percentage of those who get tests and learn their HIV

status.

The 16th annual AIDS summit has drawn more than 24,000 researchers, activists and health workers from 132 countries this year, which marks the 25th anniversary of the first reported cases of HIV. Since then, nearly 65 million people have been infected with the virus globally and AIDS has killed more than 25 million people.

The conference opened Monday with the double Bills of the global fight against AIDS — Microsoft founder Bill Gates and former U.S. President Bill Clinton.

of 25 to 34. Overall, blacks are seven times more likely to die from AIDS than other at-risk groups.

"Because of poverty, ignorance and prejudice, AIDS has been allowed to stalk and kill black America like a serial killer," said Jackson, chairman of Rainbow Push Coalition. Jackson didn't make the conference, but issued a statement of support with the other leaders.

"But we have also been a compliant victim, submitting through inaction," Jackson said. "It is prominent Arab-Americans in Portland including former Gov. Victor Atiyeh.

"It is so very depressing to see and hear about the destruction of Lebanon and especially the loss of so many civilian women, children and men, said Atiyeh. "This invasion by one country into another cannot be tolerated by America and the rest of the world."

The money will be donated to the American Red Cross, Mercy Corps and American Near East Refugee Aid, among others.

Local Support for War Victims

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Atiyeh and others criticized the generous amount of support Israel receives for guns and ammunition from the United States.

"Arab-Americans are devastated by the destruction of Lebanon and Palestine and the fact that the bombs raining down on these two countries are made in America", said Hala Gores, spokesperson for Palestine Lebanon Emergency Action.