

Dems: NYC mayor should denounce Rudy's remarks

NEW YORK (AP) - Democratic allies of New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg's challenger say the mayor should denounce comments Rudy Giuliani made while they campaigned together.

Several elected officials backing William Thompson Jr. said Giuliani was stirring up old racial tensions when he suggested the city could go back to its crime-ridden days of the early 1990s if Bloomberg is not re-elected.

Giuliani campaigned Sunday with Bloomberg in a predominantly Orthodox Jewish Brooklyn neighborhood.

Some supporters of Thompson, who is black, say Giuliani was stoking fears

of a time when tensions between black and Jewish New Yorkers were especially high.

The city's first black mayor, David Dinkins, was in office in the early 1990s.

Bloomberg would not address the comments directly on Monday, saying only that he had sought to unite the city during his two terms.

Elder Bush sees 'ugliness' in attacks on Obama

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) – Former President George H.W. Bush doesn't like the "ugliness" President Barack Obama has faced since taking office, but he thinks it's no worse than his son experienced and is not about Obama being black. Bush, who was hosting Obama at a volunteerism forum

here Friday, said the tone of the criticism "crosses the line of civility."

"To the degree it turns off one student or young person from

serving, that's bad," Bush said in an interview with CBS News Radio at his presidential library. "It should not happen." But Bush stressed that conservatives aren't the only ones to

blame. Liberal pundits heaped similar scorn on his son, former President George W. Bush.

"They just hammered him mercilessly – and I think obscenely – a lot of the time," he said.

Former President Jimmy Carter recently asserted that much

of the bitterness aimed at Obama stemmed from his being the nation's first black president.

Bush disagreed.

The elder Bush said, "You might find some racists out there but I don't think the attacks per se have to do that he's an African-American,"

New monument to honor Booker T. Washington

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) – Renowned educator and statesman Booker T. Washington is being honored with a new



Washington

Gov. Joe Manchin and West Virginia
State University President Hazo W.
Carter Jr. are expected to attend
Monday's unveiling at the Booker T.
Washington Park in Malden.

The memorial also honors families of African ancestry who encouraged Washington.

Washington.

Booker T. Washington Memorial
Association President Larry L. Rowe
said the moment is similar to the

Washington Monument in Washington, D.C., with inscriptions on all four sides.

Student editors apologize for satire

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) – The president of a private liberal-arts college in Portland and the student editors of a campus humor publication are apologizing for a fake article that said students at a nearby college killed all the Jews at their school.

The article, meant as a satire, appeared last week in The Pamphlette, a student-run newspaper at Reed College. It took aim at students at Lewis & Clark College, another private liberal-arts college in Portland. Anti-Semitism is a sensitive issue at Lewis & Clark, where swastika graffiti was found in the library bathroom a few weeks ago.

The article carried the headline "LC students kill Jewish people."

It begins: "In what is being called a 'tragic, but all too predictable' event, the staff of The Leaphlette, a student hurhor publication at Lewis & Clark College, have been accused of rounding up and gassing all of the Jews on their Portland, OR, campus."

The phony article goes on to describe students asking the chemistry department for a chemical to conduct "Jewsperiments" and a "towering crematorium" where the library once stood.

The same edition of The Pamphlette had another article titled, "Getting ready for Black History Month." The satirical list of preparations included: "Photoshop myself into other people's Kwanzaa pictures and put them up around my house."

Reed President Colin Diver apologized to Lewis & Clark's interim president, Jane Atkinson, last week. He also criticized The Pamphlette in an e-mail to campus for displaying a "remarkable insensitivity to the deeply held feelings engendered by some of the most horrific and painful episodes of our collective history."

College leaders have no plans to censor the paper because it is against Reed's principles to do so, Diver said.

Lewis & Clark spokeswoman Jodi Heintz said the article was "really disturbing."

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Members of the Union Baptist Church Dance Ministry perform.

Sharpton calls Mack one of nation's best

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

One of the most prominent civil rights leaders in the nation made an appearance at Union Baptist Church Tuesday night.

The Rev. Al Sharpton, founder of the National Action Network (NAN), delivered a dynamic sermon before a packed house at the church as part of Rev. Dr. Sir Walter Mack Jr.'s 10th Pastoral Anniversary celebration.

"God has a way of putting in our midst prophetic voices that rise at the right time," Mack said in his introduction of Sharpton. "This nation would not have a certain conscience if we did not have, every now and then, the voice of Al Sharpton."

Sharpton heaped praise upon Mack during his remarks, calling the young pastor "one of the great preacher and teacher and shepherd and pulpiteers of our time.

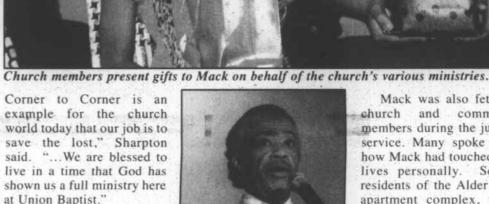
"I've known and watched him grow through these 10 years of ministry and he never ceases to amaze me with

amaze me with his courage and innovation to let God use him," declared Sharpton, who has been a frequent guest at the church over the years. "...He has that kind of expansive vision, and I count him

and I count him to be one of my real friends."

Sharpton, who recently delivered a memorable eulogy at the public memorial service for Michael Jackson, lauded Mack for creating the C2C (Corner to Corner) Conference to reform drug dealers, prostitutes, addicts and others living the "street life." Sharpton also applauded his friend for the starting the Christian Football (CFL) earlier this year.

"What he did with



Several C2C alumni also spoke about the program.

"You returned our dignity and self esteem to us," commented one C2C participant. "Thank you for turning me back into a man where I feel complete again."

Much progress has been made in the nation and the world since he last visited the Twin City, Sharpton said, but he cautioned the audience not to become complacent.

"The battle for our civil rights is not over; we're just in another dimension," he said. "...Until we can use the White House to change what's going on in my house and your house, we're not there yet."

He touched on the issue of the N-word, which he has



Al Sharpton

long urged he hip hop community to abandon.

"In many ways, we have in our culture gone backwards. We've got to raise people's sights again. You ain't never gonna be nothing unless you want to be something," Sharpton stated. "If we change how we think about ourselves, then we can change ourselves."

Mack was also feted by church and community members during the jubilant service. Many spoke about how Mack had touched their lives personally. Several residents of the Alder Point apartment complex, which was ravaged by a fire over the summer, expressed their appreciation to Mack for reaching out to fire victims immediately.

"If it hadn't been for you stepping up to the plate, Lord knows where we would be," one former resident said. "We thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

Mayor Pro Tempore Vivian Burke presented a proclamation to Mack on behalf of the city. Two street corners near the massive church will soon be outfitted with honorary street signs bearing Mack's name, she said.

Burke, who has known Mack since he was a youngster, believes the recognition is well deserved.

"He doesn't wait for somebody to tell him what to do," she declared. "He is moved by God to do the right thing."

