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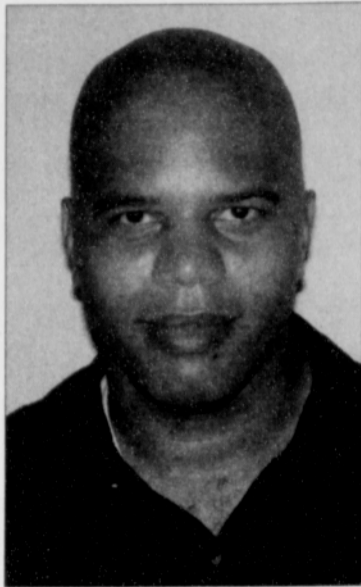
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every day I'm learning something new, because there are many cultural differences."

Learning to write in Japanese represents his biggest challenge at the moment, and he fondly remembers community-media programs back in Portland offering more comprehensible methods to deal with topics of interest.

Walker states that he's been taking advantage of his opportunities, thus avoiding much thinking of himself as an expatriate.

"A lot of changes were happening in this area politically," he said on a recent visit to Port-



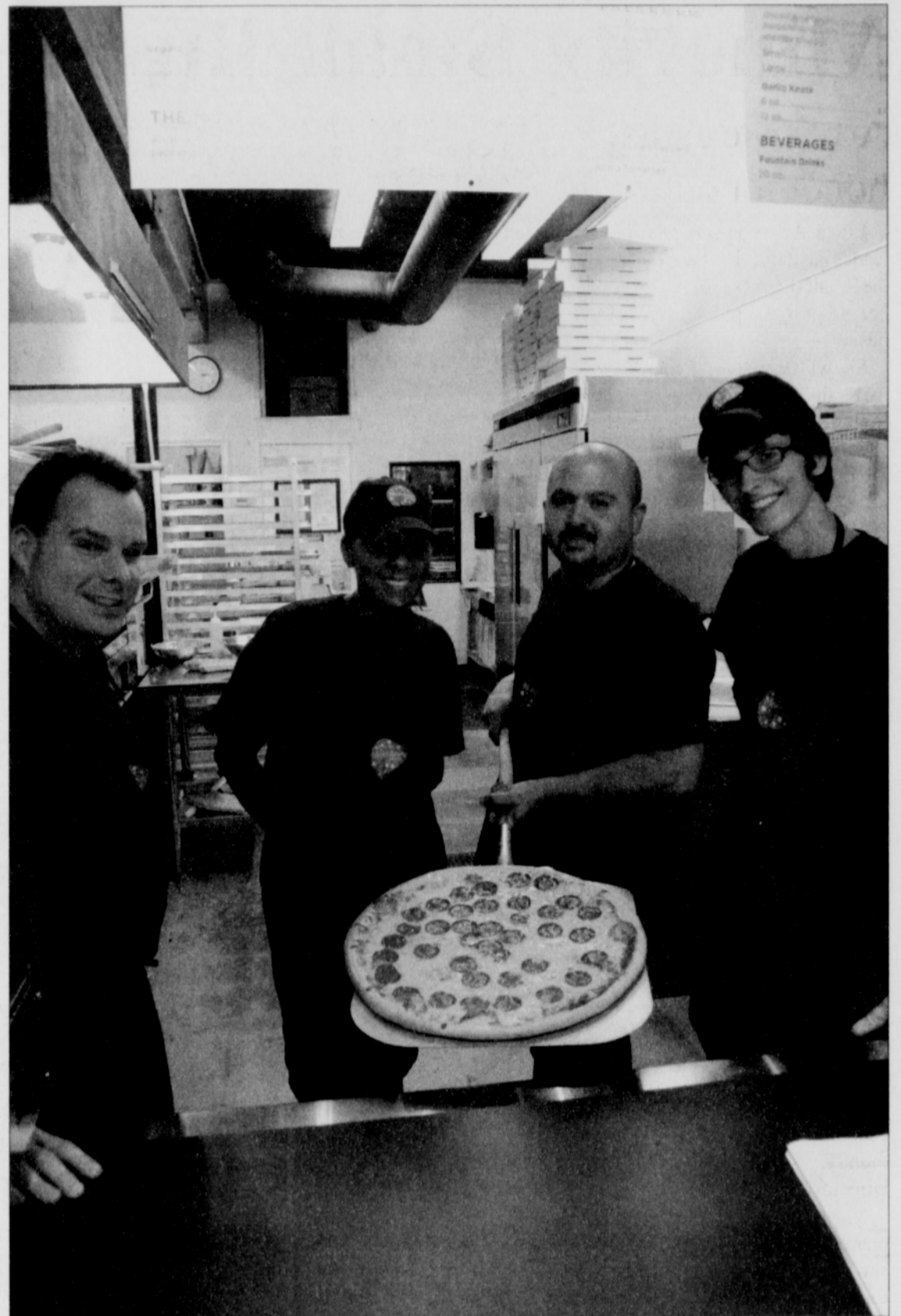
Aaron Walker

land. "Once things slowed down around here, I decided to follow my fire in Asia."

His proudest accomplishment so far involved orchestrating another Portlander's first visit to Japan. The enthusiastic crowd in Ikeda called musician Tom Grant back several times for encores.

"I really still consider Portland my home," Walker says after five years of living in Japan with only the occasional, short visit back to his hometown. "I'd like to come back here to settle down, but still do something to bridge the East and West."

Walker advises everyone to "dream big," because he has begun to believe that all dreams come true.



Momizza Pizza is a locally-owned new restaurant with a diverse workforce at Northeast 30th Avenue and Ainsworth in the Concordia Neighborhood. Pictured (from left) are manager Dave Gerhardt, Billie Jackson, Pablo Portilla and Gino Salvatelli.

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Fresh from the Oven

Locally-owned Momizza Pizza opens

Something fresh is cooking in northeast Portland.

A new, locally-owned neighborhood pizzeria, Momizza Pizza has opened its doors and ovens to serve neighbors, friends and hungry Concordia University students.

"The aroma of our freshly baked hot garlic knots (Momizza's version of garlic breadsticks) is already attracting people to our new storefront," said Dave Gerhardt, manager of the restaurant. "We've been perfecting our recipes for awhile now, and I'm really excited to finally open our doors to our neighbors."

Each delectable slice is concocted from an original recipe and made fresh to order. Momizza's veteran chef spent countless hours developing innovative recipes for interesting pies, such as the Momizza Pizza special: sweet Italian sausage, mushrooms, homemade meatballs, bell peppers, black olives, and pepperoni. Traditional pizza lovers – have no fear! Momizza also offers a wide selection of delicious conventional toppings to build your own pizza, as well as salad and City Style hot dogs.

Besides serving pizza, we really plan to become a part of the local community," said

Rich Baek, co-owner of Momizza Pizza. "Portlanders will feel at home in our restaurant – they'll recognize local artists' work on the walls and hear local music playing in the background."

Located in the Ainsworth neighborhood at 5949 N.E. 30th Ave., Momizza Pizza looks forward to becoming a new community hot spot.

Momizza Pizza is open Sunday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. In addition to on-site dining, you can call in your to-go order before you arrive at 503-288-3900.

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The Minority Enterprise Development Week Awards tradeshow, luncheon and reception is on Wednesday, Oct. 3 at the Oregon Convention Center. The tradeshow is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., and reception from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more information regarding luncheon tickets, tradeshow booths and sponsorship information, contact Cinna' Mon Williams at cinnamonw@hapdx.org or 503-802-8533.

The MED Week Awards luncheon keynote speaker is Otis Williams, founder of Otis Williams Limitless. Otis was named as one of the Business



Otis Williams

Courier and Morton's of Chicago's "Forty Under 40" young business leaders. He was also honored as a YMCA Black Achiever and recognized as an Emerging Leader by Applause! Magazine. His

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