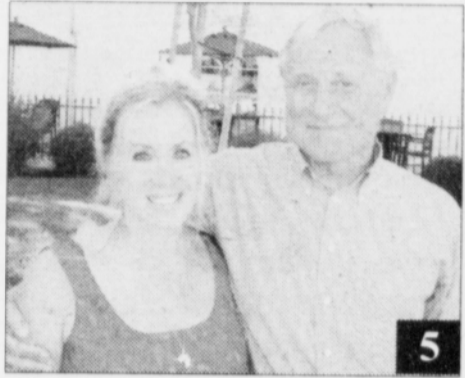


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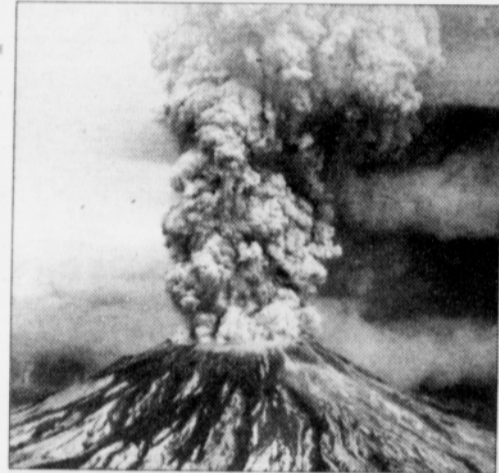
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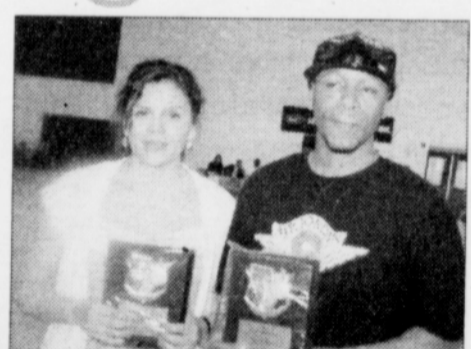
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# Fred Meyer

What's on your list today?

## LOCAL NEWS

### Coalition Keeps Pressure On

#### Advocating for police reforms

The Albina Ministerial Alliance, a coalition of several faith and community organizations, reacted Monday to several significant developments with the Portland Police Bureau.

Last week, a traffic stop in northeast Portland ended with a man dead and an officer wounded. The incident has raised more questions about how the police handle encounters with the mentally ill, with questions lingering about the exact circumstances of the event. The city also settled a protracted lawsuit brought against it from the family of James Chasse, a schizophrenic man who died while in police custody. Mayor Sam Adams appointed a new police chief after a public falling out with now former Chief Rosie Sizer.

Speaking to reporters at the Allen Temple in northeast Portland, Rev. Leroy Haynes, vice president of the AMA, said that his group was re-joining with the Chasse family, which settled the suit for a record \$1.6 million, bringing to a close a three year battle that has scandalized the city.

Haynes said that the develop-



Rev. Leroy Haynes, vice president of the Albina Ministerial Alliance, calls police to task for another shooting of an African American man during a traffic stop.

ment did not carry the same force as if the family had won the lawsuit in court, but did send a clear message to the city. He also noted that the AMA was looking forward to the

release of internal documents kept secret for three years while the city grappled with the suit.

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### Benson-Jeff Merger Draws Fire

#### New option gets thumbs down

The Jefferson High School community had a clear message Monday for school board members and Superintendent Carole Smith: Don't tinker with the high school redesign proposal anymore.

On Saturday, the school board asked district officials to consider a new option on Smith's controversial plan to reduce the number of high schools, including a suggestion by Board Member Martin Gonzalez to transfer Benson High School's vocational-technical programs into Jefferson High School.

Smith's original plan called for turning Marshall High School in southeast Portland into a focus school, making Benson Polytechnic School into a part-time program open district-wide to junior and se-

nior students, and boosting Jefferson's place in the community as a comprehensive neighborhood school.

Tony Hopson, the head of Self Enhancement, Inc., a public charter school serving students of color in northeast Portland, which sponsored the Monday night forum, told Smith and several school board members, that Jefferson had been systematically stripped of resources and set up for failure for decades under a number of proposals from the district.

He suggested that further revisions to Jefferson were on the table because the school was perceived as the path of least resistance.

"The district has systematically raped Jefferson over the past 40 years," said an impassioned Hopson, who drew wild applause from the packed room.

Interestingly, most people who

spoke at the forum supported Smith's proposal, which would require students to attend their neighborhood schools, bringing in more funding and equal course offerings to schools like Jefferson and Roosevelt.

"That's what this proposal does, is it allows us to grow the good things at Jefferson," said Andy Kulak, a teacher at Jefferson. "I speak in support of this proposal, and I ask the board, please don't walk away from this proposal."

Others noted that Jefferson, which some consider to have a bad reputation, has a strong sense of community, and a lot going for it that people don't recognize.

A Beaverton woman said that she considered herself part of the Jefferson community and was always impressed with the sense of

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