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## Audit Check Sinks CEO

Urban League fiscal practices threaten services

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After Urban League of Portland President and Chief Executive Officer Marcus Mundy resigned Friday in response to scrutiny surrounding his spending practices, the non-profit, which has served vulnerable populations throughout the city for decades, is trying to find a way to move forward.

"We will continue to pursue and address this issue," Lorenzo

Poe, Board Chair for the Urban League of Portland, said Monday. "We will work with Multnomah County to ensure that all the things that need to be in place are there."

According to David Austin, communication spokesperson for Multnomah County, if the Urban League does not provide proof of fiscal controls this week, the county has an obligation to

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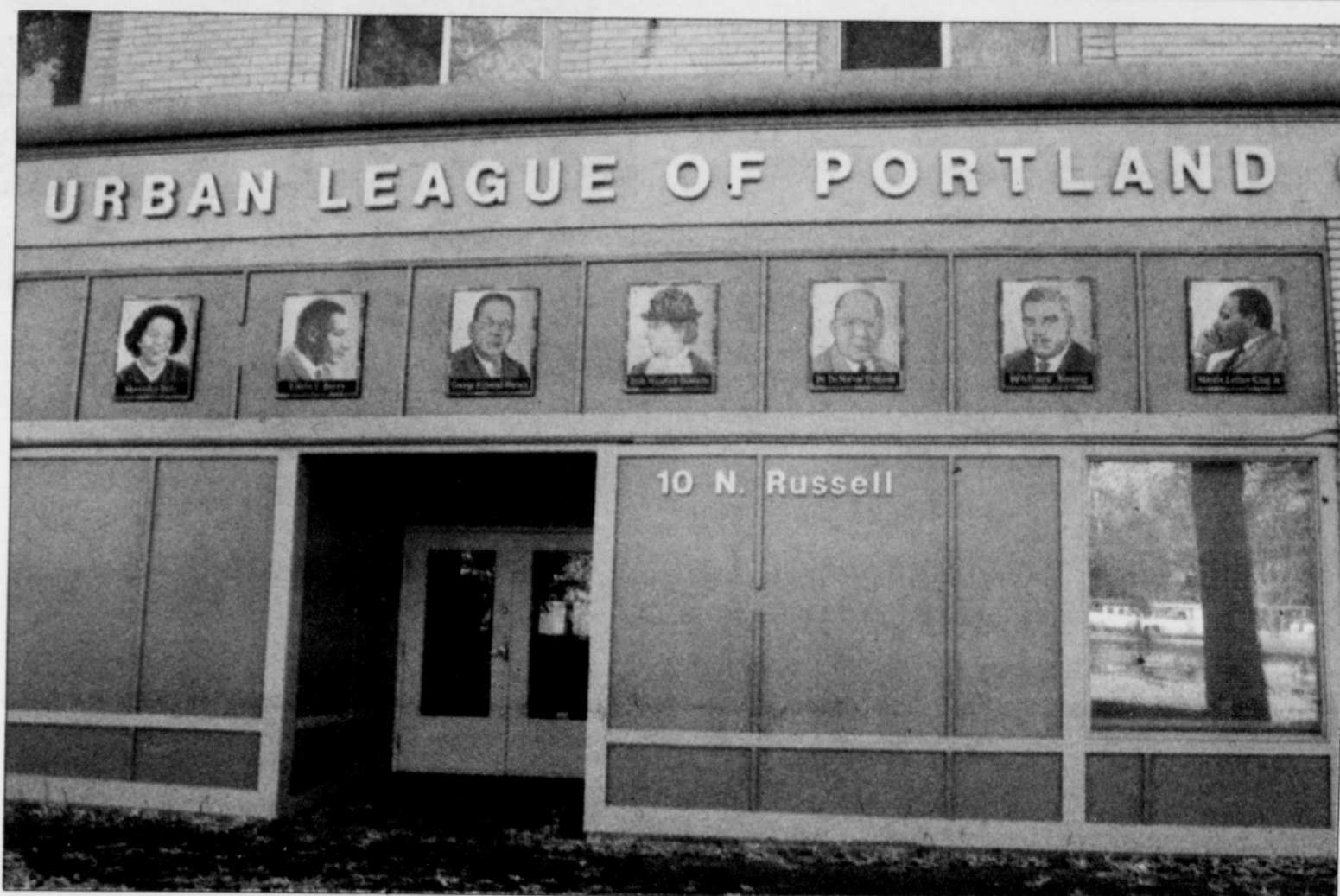


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The North Russell Street offices of the Urban League of Portland is decorated with historical figures who led the civil rights organization over the years. Multnomah County threatens to pull its financial assistance to the non-profit after a recent audit found questionable spending practices.

## Shelters Exceed Capacity as Cold Hits

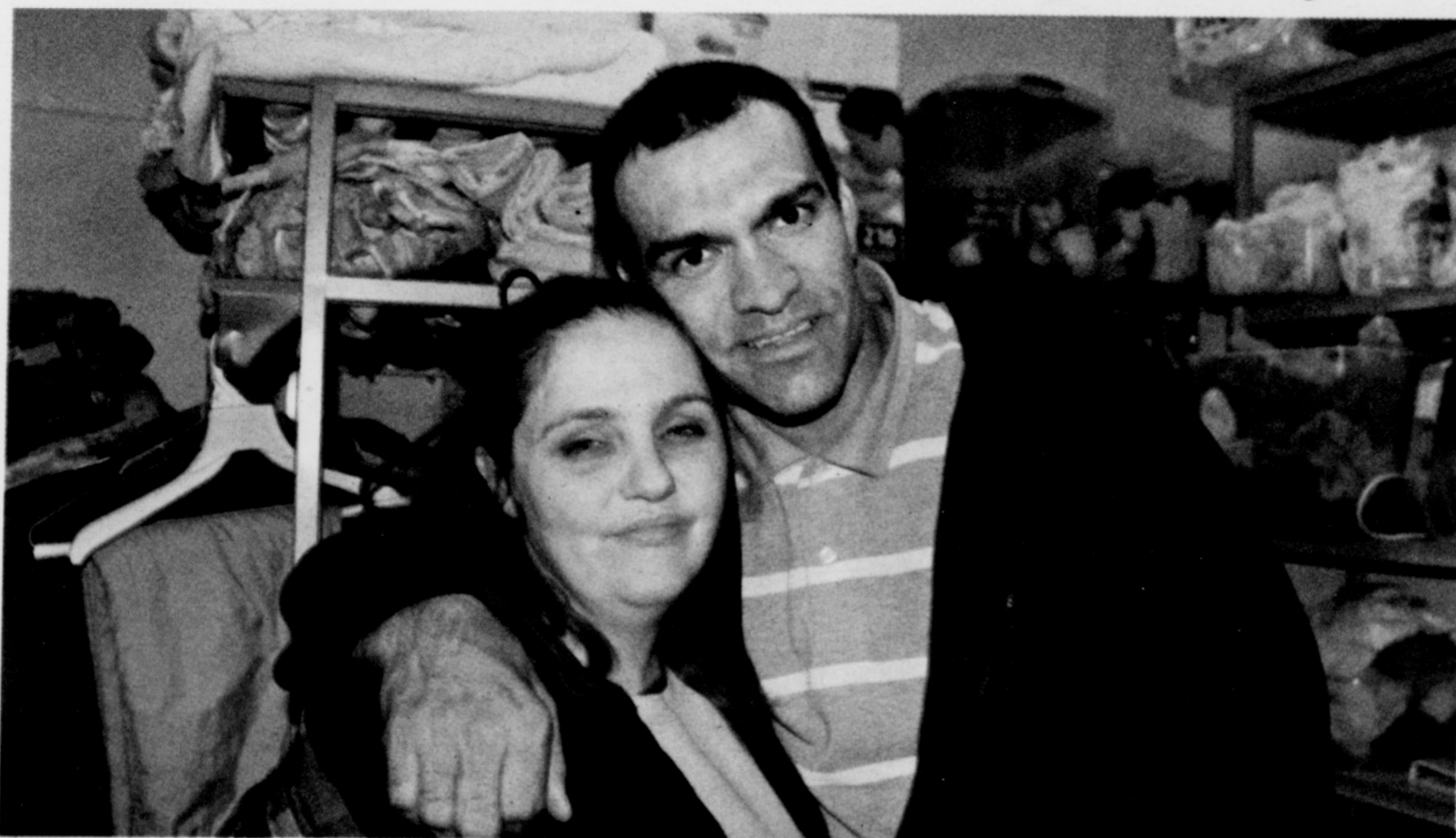


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Joe and Cristal Moreno take refuge from the cold in an east Portland homeless shelter opened exclusively for families through the work of the non-profit group Human Solutions.

Whole families take refuge in east Portland church

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On another bone-chilled night, the doors were open to the Homeless Family Winter Shelter at East Presbyterian Church where 90 families sought refuge from the wintry cold, more than one third were children, a record-high since the shelter opened three-years-ago.

A baby cried, as bundled mothers and fathers rolled up with strollers and belongings. Some children clung to their parent's warm chests, while others laughed and squirmed about the foggy courtyard, unknowingly making the best of an otherwise dismal situation.

Late fall and winter sounds the alarm for non-profits to open emergency shelters in Portland, like the church space at 12505 N.E. Halsey Street, which is run by Human Solutions. Last month, the agency

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