

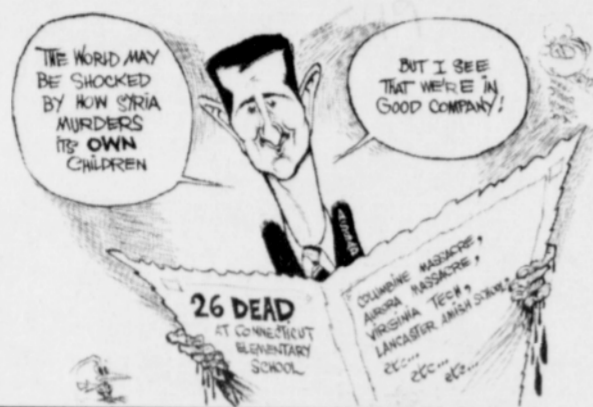
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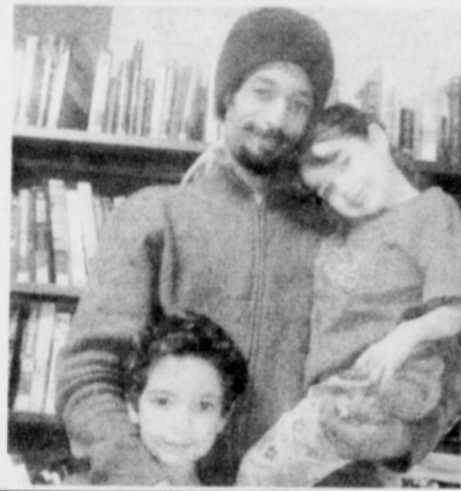
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Death Penalty Repeal Urged

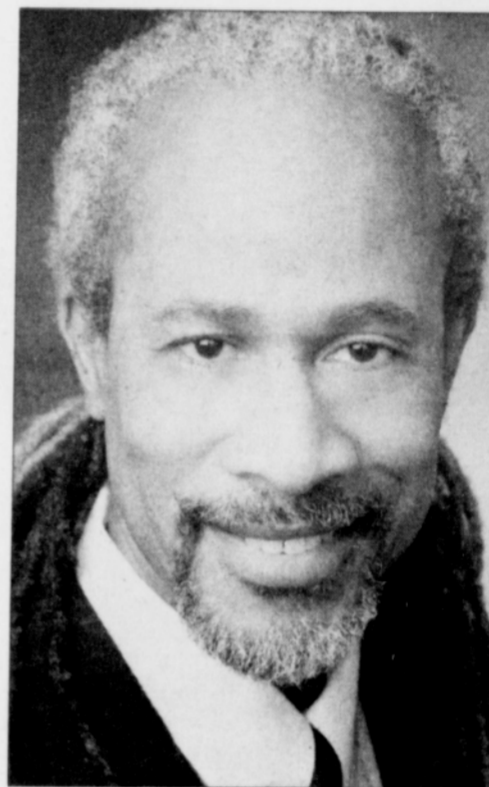
Urban League speaks out for justice

The Urban League of Portland is advocating for the replacement of the death penalty with life without parole.

The longtime civil rights and public service organization recently joined forces with Oregonians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty to support death penalty repeal efforts in Oregon.

Michael Alexander, president and chief executive of the Portland Urban League, issued the following statement:

"I'm reminded that Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, who is one our most beloved and



Michael Alexander

admired champions for justice, was steadfastly opposed to the death penalty. He held the belief that as

long as concerns about the very foundation of equal treatment under the law exists for any Americans but specifically black Americans, every opportunity must be preserved for individuals to prove their innocence."

The Urban League of Portland joins over 60 other secular organizations and faith communities in support of efforts to rid Oregon of the death penalty, replacing it with life without parole.

Repeal advocates point to studies that show that the administration of the death penalty across the nation shows a bias against the poor and people of color. In the year-end report from the Death Penalty Information Center it is pointed out that death penalty sentencing and executions continue to drop, but racial bias is still evident in both.



Firefighters use boats to fight the Sept. 2 fire that destroyed the Thunderbird Hotel on Hayden Island in north Portland.

Arson Suspect in Thunderbird Fire

Portland Fire and Rescue is asking for the public's help in determining the cause of a suspicious fire that destroyed the Thunderbird Hotel on Hayden Island in north Portland.

At this point, investigators consider the devastating fire suspicious

and cannot rule out the possibility of arson.

There were no injuries or deaths as a result of the fire. But the estimated loss is approximately \$17 million dollars and the hotel is a total loss.

A cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime Stop-

pers, has been offered for a tip that leads to an arrest.

You can leave a Crime Stoppers tip online at crimestoppersoforegon.com, text CRIMES (274637) and in the subject line put 823HELP, followed by your tip, or call 503-823-HELP (4357).