

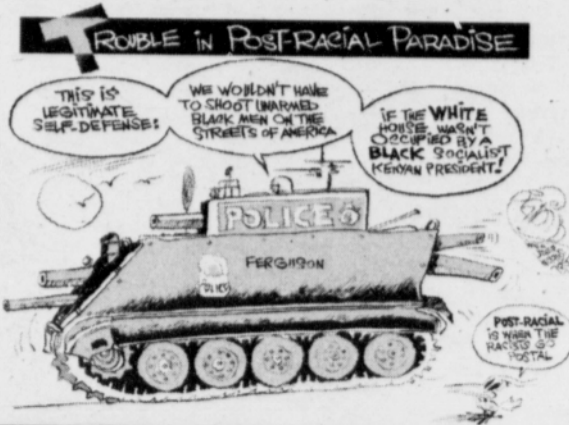
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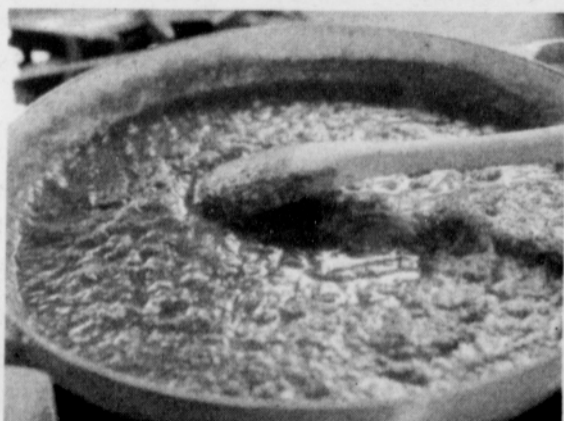
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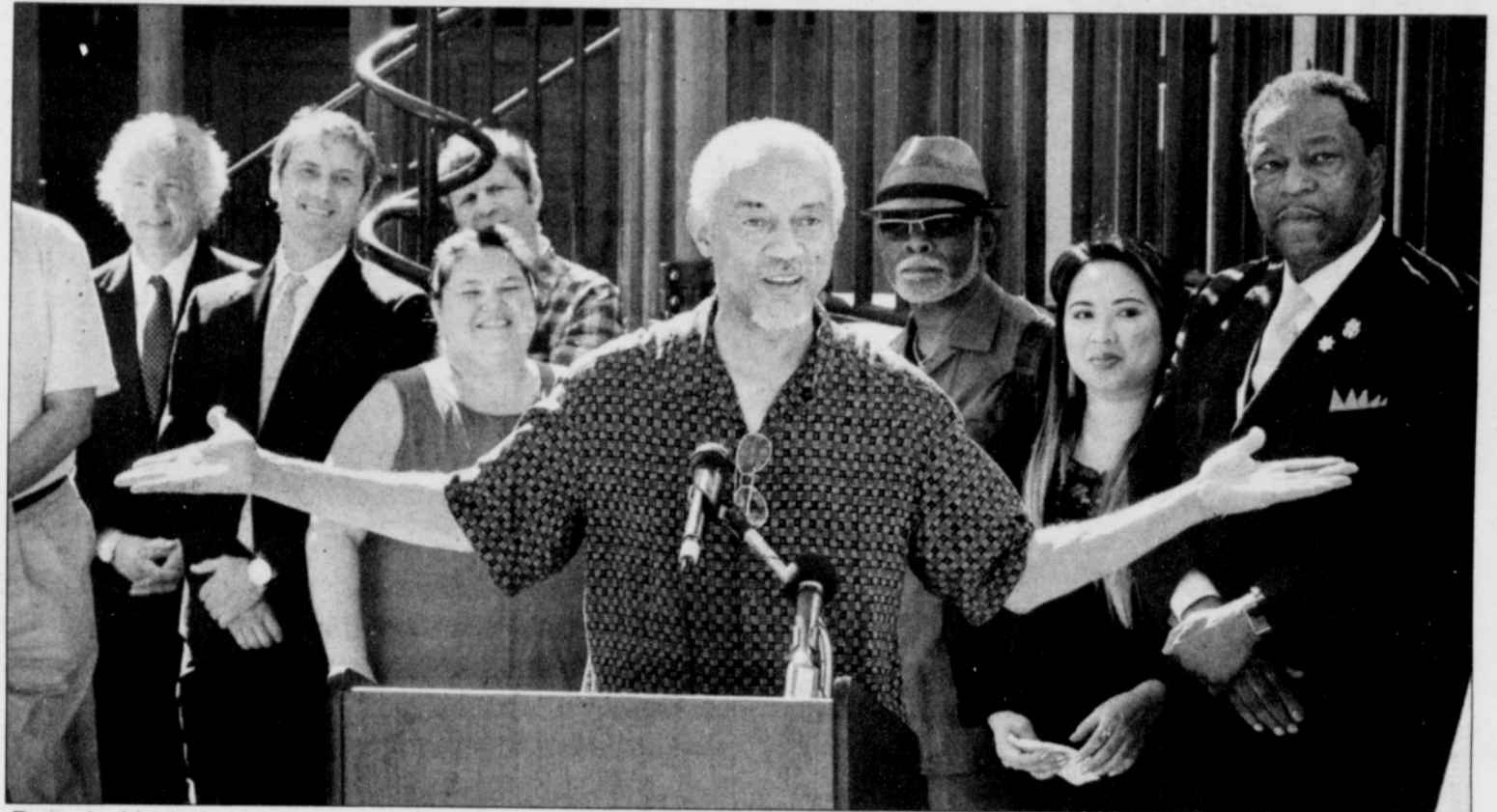
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LOCAL NEWS



Ronnie Herndon, executive director of Albina Head Start, addresses supporters at the McCormick-Matthews Head Start Center in north Portland Monday to announce an \$18 million investment that will allow the low-income advocacy organization to expand services to low income children.

Support for Head Start

\$18 million investment to increase services for children

Thanks to an \$18 million investment, five existing Albina Head Start and Albina Early Head Start program properties in Portland will be able to refinance, offsetting some of the organization's debt burden, and freeing up resources to expand other services in the process.

With \$10 million in federal monies and \$8 million from the state, New Markets Tax Credits will allow the low-income advocacy organization to boost such services as free preventative dental care for chil-

dren and pregnant mothers, support an in-house health team that focuses on high school and college students working towards degrees in related fields, and a Madarin Chinese immersion program among others.

Albina Head Start Executive Director Ronnie Herndon said the investment will save the program hundreds of thousands of dollars annually.

"That money will enable Albina to give better service to the children

and families we serve," he said

Herndon joined U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore, during a ceremony Monday at the McCormick-Matthews Head Start Center in north Portland announcing the financial support.

Though the New Markets Tax Credits expired earlier this year, Wyden says he is working on passing an extension.

The five Portland properties serve 367 students from birth through age five.

Residents Safely Flee Hotel Fire



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Fire crews responded to a fire at the Joyce Hotel in downtown Portland late Saturday morning. Residents were temporarily evacuated from the building and watched from the sidewalks as firefighters arrived.

The Joyce Hotel serves many low-income, disabled, and elderly residents. It also serves as transi-

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A fire broke out in a bathroom of the Joyce Hotel Saturday, a downtown property serving many low-income, disabled and elderly residents.

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