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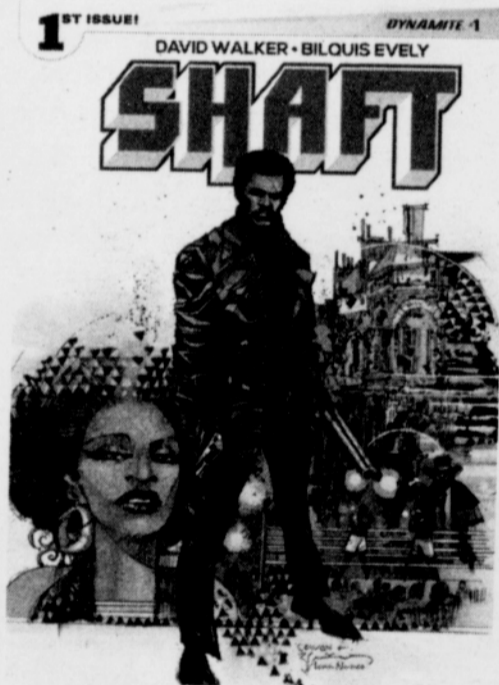
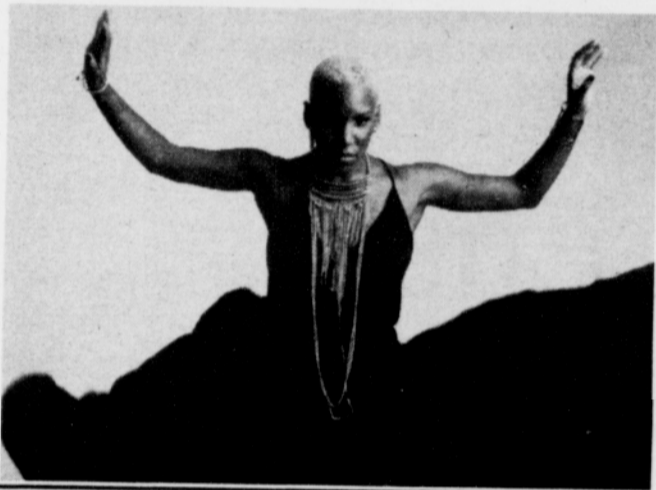
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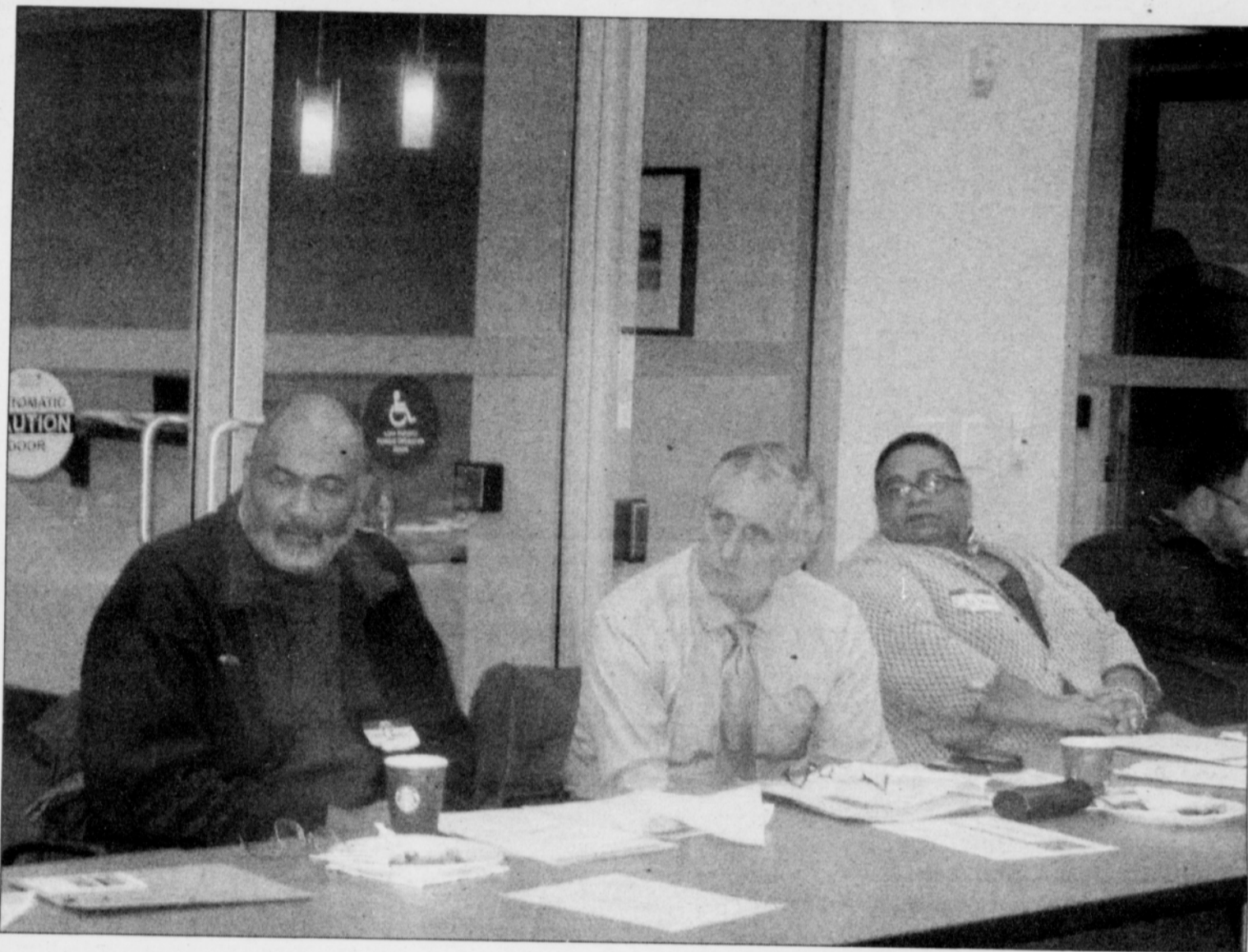


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Pastor Frank Brown of Community Church of God (from left), Mayor Charlie Hales, and Paula DePass-Dennis, attend a Thursday forum on affordable housing needs sponsored by the Portland Housing Bureau.

Housing Crisis

Faith leaders tackle gentrification with Mayor and Housing Bureau

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More and more black families are having trouble keeping homes they already own and families that dream of buying a home are finding it almost impossible to find places within the city limits that fit their budgets.

The dual messages were deliv-

ered to housing officials by a community of interfaith leaders from the African-American community who met with Mayor Charlie Hales and the Housing Bureau on Thursday to discuss the increasing scarcity of affordable housing in the city.

The meeting was officiated by Bishop Steven Holt of the Interna-

tional Fellowship Family, an interfaith community that seeks to address social justice issues. Hales and his staff attended, along with members of the Housing Bureau.

The issue of how to make the city more viable for black families was the peak discussion of the night.

Karl Dinkelspiel of the Housing Bureau spoke to the group about what possibilities were available. In specific, he addressed the \$20 million in Tax Increment Financing that Hales and Housing Commissioner Dan Saltzman have proposed be set

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Writer Wins Prestigious Award

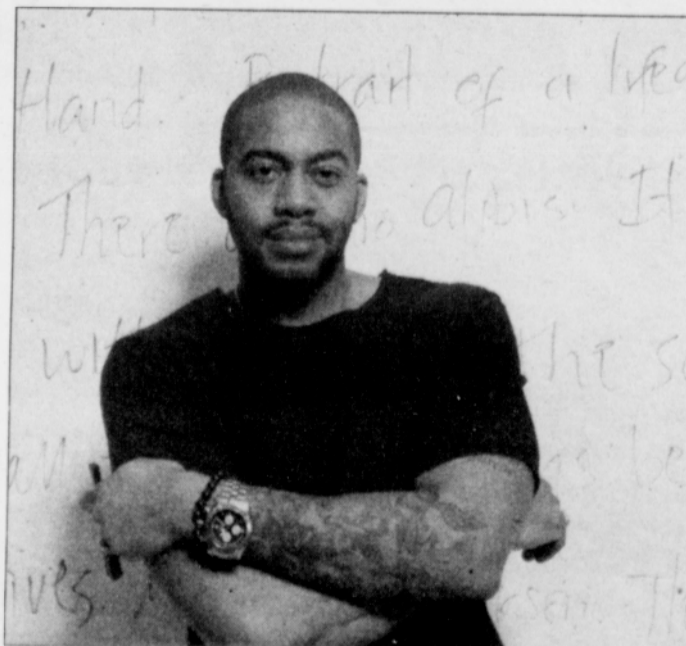
Acclaim for debut novel 'The Residue Years'

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A black author from Portland has just won a major literary award for his debut novel.

Mitchell S. Jackson, who went to Portland schools and graduated

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Mitchell S. Jackson's debut book about growing up in Portland, 'The Residue Years,' has won a prestigious award for literature.

Multnomah County has also selected the work for its annual Everybody Reads selection.