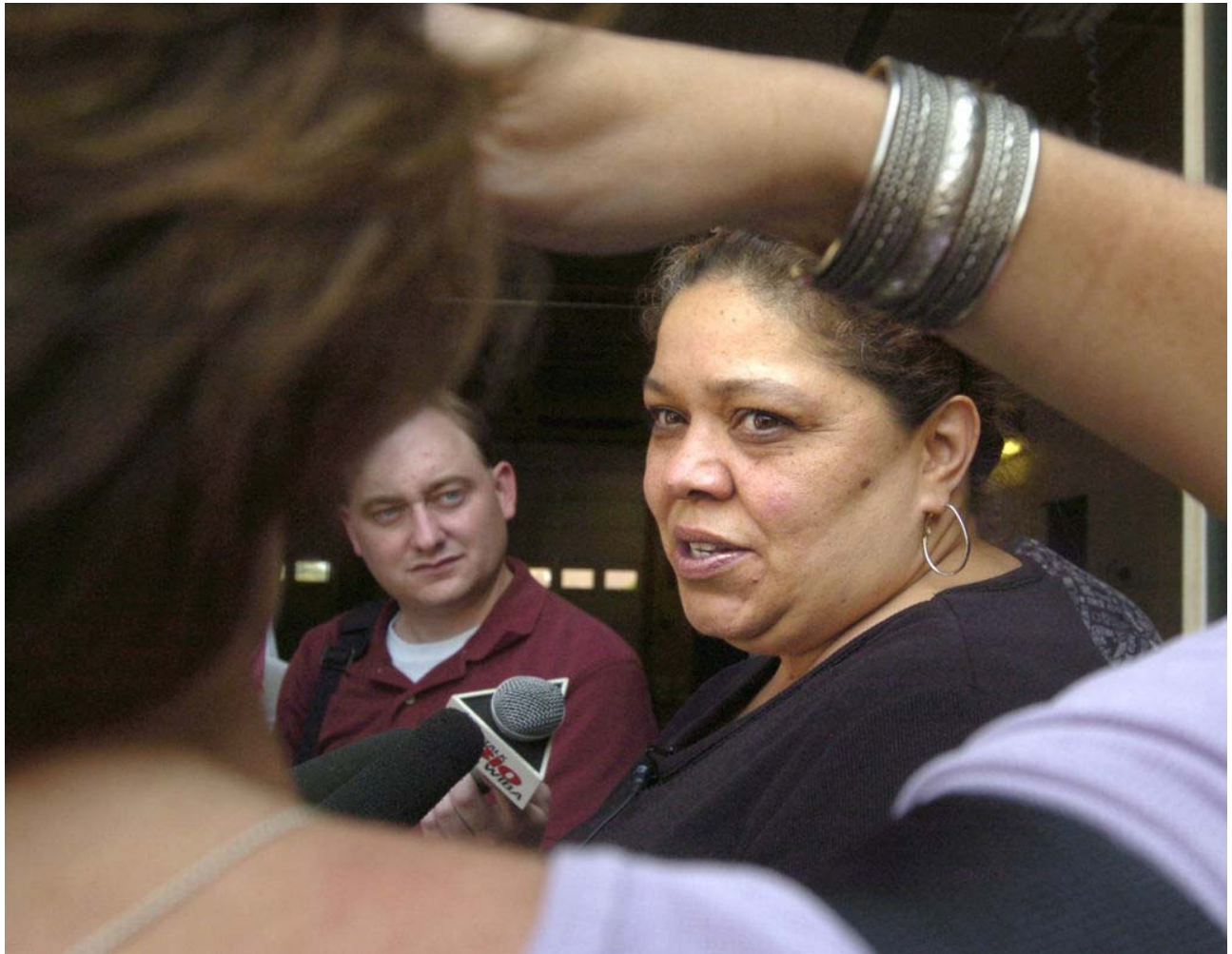


New storytelling event to showcase 'Madison Voices'

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Rita Adair

"Madison Voices," a new monthly storytelling event, debuts at 7 p.m. Oct. 12 at Madison's, 119 N. King St.

The event is the brainchild of Rita Adair, a long-time Madison activist and retired Dane County social worker who said she wanted to create a place where people from the city's varied communities can meet and learn about one another.

"There is a lot of tension in this community, and I want this to be a space where people can laugh together without bringing up the issues that separate them," Adair said.

On the roster Wednesday are Adair; Young, Gifted and Black co-founder Brandi Grayson; former Madison police chief and Episcopal priest David Couper and Madison Poet Laureate and Omega School director Oscar Mireles.

Adair will select the weekly storytellers with an eye for those known in the community, and solicit personal stories not directly related to day jobs or causes.

"This will be an opportunity to share something personal about themselves," Adair said.

Admission is \$5 at the door.