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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Blazers Audition For National Anthem

The Portland Trail Blazers will hold auditions Friday and Saturday for individuals and groups interested in performing the National Anthem at the upcoming Blazer home games. The auditions will be held each day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Pioneer Courthouse Square in downtown Portland.

Students Try To Break Record

Portland high school students will be placing quarters end-to-end this weekend trying to break the Guinness Book of World Records for the Longest Line of Coins. It's all part of the Sept. 15-18 AutumnFest celebration, a festival of events, food and music organized by Central Catholic High School at Waterfront Park.

Street Academy Classes Open

Evening classes are being offered to middle and high school students who want to work toward their GED or need flexible hours to attend school. Registration packets for Street Academy, a learning center program of the Urban League of Portland, are available at the Urban League office, 10 N. Russell. For more information, call 280-2658.

Fall Classes Start at Senior Center

Tee-shirt painting, calligraphy, exercise, bridge, watercolor and oil painting are classes scheduled this fall at the Multicultural Senior Center, 5325 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

PCC Offers 12 Steps Without Religion

Non-Religious Twelve Steps is the title of a Portland Community College class this fall at Grant High School. The course work is intended to make the 12 steps program for alcohol and drug abuse available to anyone from whom religious issues get in the way to recovery. For more information, call PCC Community Education, 244-6111, ext. 5205.

Surviving Sexual Victimization

Portland Community College will offer a four-week class, Surviving Sexual Victimization, starting Sept. 22 at Grant High School. The class will meet from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursdays. Cost is \$20. Instructor Jeannie Gard will provide information to parents and others about the dynamics of child sexual abuse, its impact upon children, things parents should and should not do when a child discloses abuse, how to interact with the criminal justice system, preventative measures and other topics. For more information, call PCC Community Education, 244-6111, ext. 5205.

Senior Center Offers Care Program

The Multicultural Senior Center at 5325 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. is offering a new service for people caring for persons with Alzheimer's Disease. The Group Activities and Respite Care program can provide you with four hours of leisure time while your loved one is in the care of senior center officials. Contact Dora McCrae for more information, 248-5470.

North American Open Poetry Contest

To enter, send one original poem, any subject and any style, to The National Library of Poetry, 11419 Cronridge Dr., P.O. Box 704-1981, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The poem should be no more than 20 lines, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked by September 30, 1994. A new contest opens October 1, 1994. Entry is Free.

Alberta Clinic To Build New Wing

St. Andrew Legal Clinic, Oregon's only public interest law firm, is expanding its Northeast Portland office.

The clinic at 807 N.E. Alberta will build a new \$160,000 wing with a grant from the Meyer Memorial Trust.

A ground breaking ceremony Tuesday was scheduled with former U.S. Attorney Sid Lezak, Multnomah County Presiding Judge Donald H. Londer, Judge Roosevelt Robinson and Oregon State Bar President Elect Judy Shipler Henry.

The clinic offers legal representation to individuals with family law cases arising in the Portland tri-county area. These are usually issues relating to child custody, visitations and separations.

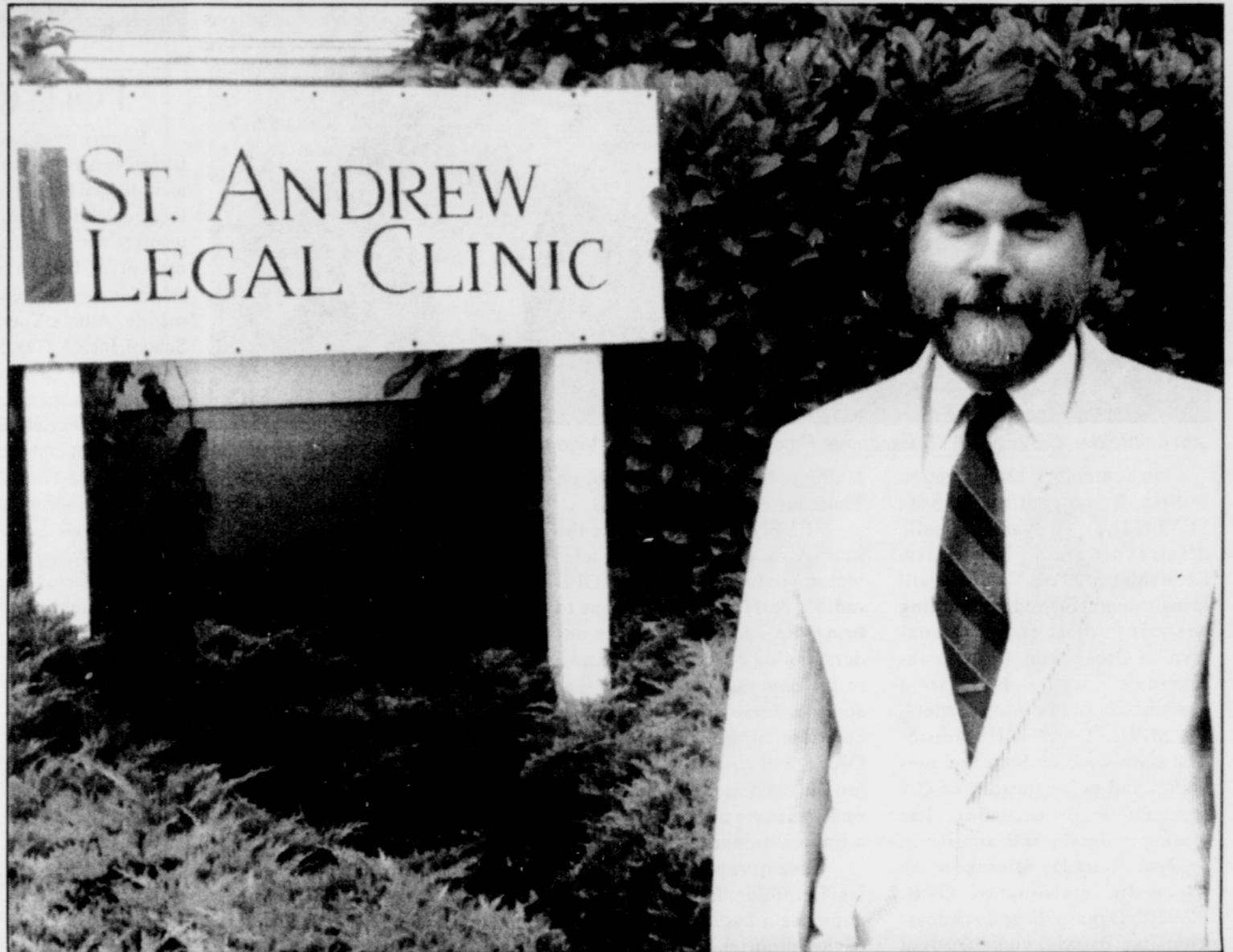
Clients are charged fees on a sliding scale based on client income and resources. A consultation visit costs \$20. Donations and grants provide for costs not covered by client fees.

Keith Raines is the senior member of the office.

He said the demand for law firm's services has soared since federal cuts to public legal aid lawyers during the Reagan administration.

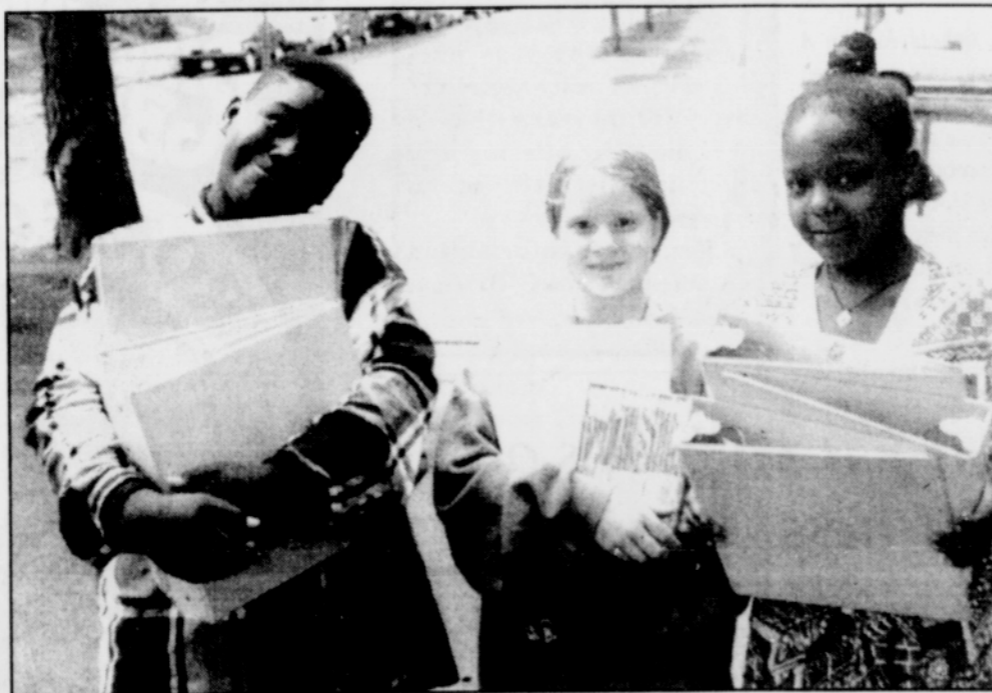
The grant from The Meyer Memorial Trust will pay for nearly the entire cost of the new expansion, plus equipment necessary to increase legal staff to six lawyers. The new offices space will bring better access to the legal system for a great number of worthy individuals.

The Meyer Memorial Trust was started by the late Fred G. Meyer and is not related to Fred Meyer, Inc.



Lawyer Keith Raines is a senior member of a Northeast Portland law office which charges for services based on client income.

Power Company Workers Donate Supplies



Sabin Elementary students Bakari Taylor, 11, Cristine Hilbron, 10, and Tawanna Green, 8, and some of the school supplies provided by employees of Pacific Power.

The first day of school saw boxes of school supplies being delivered for students in need at Sabin and Woodlawn elementary schools in Northeast Portland.

Employees from Pacific Power donated

\$170 and 15 boxes of supplies, including notebooks, binders, crayons, backpacks, pens and other items. School officials will distribute the supplies based on need.

This is the fifth year the power company employees gave money and supplies to Sabin and the first year's they've expanded their generosity to Woodlawn.

Return To School Traffic Safety Program

The Portland Police Bureau will focus traffic enforcement around area schools that started on September 6th, and continuing throughout the opening week of school.

Officers from the Traffic Division, and all five Precincts will be very visible around schools, especially during opening and closing hours, when students are on foot coming and going to school.

Operations Branch Assistant Chief Roberta Webber said that there are two main goals to this program. "We want to increase public awareness of traffic safety issues in regards to children and pedestrians during the first week of school. Additionally, we want to educate children and parents as to the new bicycle helmet law in Oregon."

"To accomplish this we are coordinating our efforts with the Bureau of Traffic Management, schools, the Traffic Division and the Precincts.

"We will have increased visibility at elementary and middle schools throughout Portland, especially at our

target school locations."

Ten Portland schools will be targeted by Traffic Division officers for maximum visibility.

These are Applegate, Laurelhurst, Whitman, Richmond, Ventura Park, Menlo Park, Claredon, All Saints, Portland Christian, and Markham.

Precinct Officers will be working traffic enforcement at additional schools in their assigned neighborhoods.

During the week of September 6th to the 12th, officers will be warning and educating children who fail to wear approved bicycle helmets.

State law requires children 15 years old and younger to wear an approved helmet when riding a bicycle on a highway or a premise open to the public. Citations may be issued to violators after September 12th. Citations will be issued to children between the ages of 12 and 15, and their parent or legal guardians will be contacted.

An approved helmet is one that cannot be cracked and meets ANZI Z90.4 or Snell B90 standards and is permanently labeled.

PDC Helps Search For New Life For Kennedy School

As kids all around Portland head back to the classroom, one Portland neighborhood is putting their school up for sale.

The Concordia neighborhood in Northeast Portland is trying to bring new life to Kennedy School, a former Portland elementary school located on 5736 NE 33rd Avenue. With the help of the Portland Development Commission, ads reading "School For Sale, Or Lease, Or Rent" are going to be appearing in newspapers and on hundreds of fliers mailed out to potential buyers and developers all around the state.

"It may not be on every parents' back-to-school shopping list," said Jim Roberts, Chair of the Concordia neighborhood Association's Kennedy School Committee, "but we have a

school here that we would like to turn into a neighborhood asset."

Kennedy School last enjoyed the hustle and bustle of the First Day of School back in 1976. The facility, constructed in 1915, was one of 12 Portland school building designed by famed architect F.A. Narmore, and is on the Historic Resources Inventory of Portland.

Since 1977, however, the 54,000 square-foot building has sat empty on one and a half acres of undeveloped property, a waste of potential for the Concordia neighborhood.

In the late 1980s, neighbors put a halt to plans to demolish the property. The Concordia Neighborhood Association then turned to the City of Portland for help.

At the urging of citizens, the City obtained the property in June 1993, and last Spring the Portland Development Commission and the City Bureau of Housing and Community Development brought on a consultant to help develop a Master Plan for potential uses of the Kennedy School.

The neighbor's Kennedy School Committee, working with the consultant, developed three objectives that they would like any development of the Kennedy School to meet.

First, they want the building "saved" from the wrecking ball. Second, they would like some portion of the facility available for community uses. Finally, they want the development to become an asset to the neighborhood in both its

design and activities.

The possibilities are endless. The school could be used for community or social services. Housing could be built on vacant land. A developer could convert the building into housing for senior citizens or into professional office space. A private school could use the facility, bringing the excitement of the First Day of School back to Kennedy.

So with the same high hopes that children carry with them as they start another school year, the search is on for a prospective owner, developer, manager or tenant for Kennedy School.

Anyone interested in submitting a proposal should contact David Nemo of the Portland Development Commission at (503) 823-3214.