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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Dancer Performs

Choreographer/dancer Gregg Bielemeir pays homage to the lives of Elvis Presley and Marilyn Monroe during the interactive dance performance "Sightings," on Thursday, March 7 in the Grand Exhibit Hall of the Portland Art Museum, 1219 S.W. Park Ave.

Pops Concert Presented

The Mittleman Jewish Community Center Orchestra presents a special pops concert March 10 at the center, 6651 S.W. Capitol Hwy. For information call 244-0111.

Heirloom Rugs On Display

Heirloom quality rugs, handed down through several family generations, are on display in Vancouver at the Grand House Folk Art Center, 1101 Officers Row. Rug hooking demonstrations and instruction will also be shown throughout the event which runs through March 24, Tuesday through Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Museum Hosts Family Day

Children and adults can spend an afternoon immersed in Chinese culture on Sunday, March 10, when the Portland Art Museum presents "Buried Tombs and Treasures of China" from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the museum's grand ballroom.

Youth School Sets Benefit

A roast and toast celebration in honor of Craig Berkman to benefit the Albina Youth Opportunity School. The April 10 gala at the Benson Hotel will feature entertainment, food, wine and a no-host bar. For information, call 288-5813 or 284-6033.

Theatre Performs The Liar

The Mt. Hood Community College Theatre Arts program will perform Carlo Goldoni's *The Liar*, March 1-2 and March 7-9 in the school's studio theatre. Evening performances are held at 8 p.m., matinee shows are at 2 p.m. For tickets and reservations call the MHCC Box Office at 667-7154.

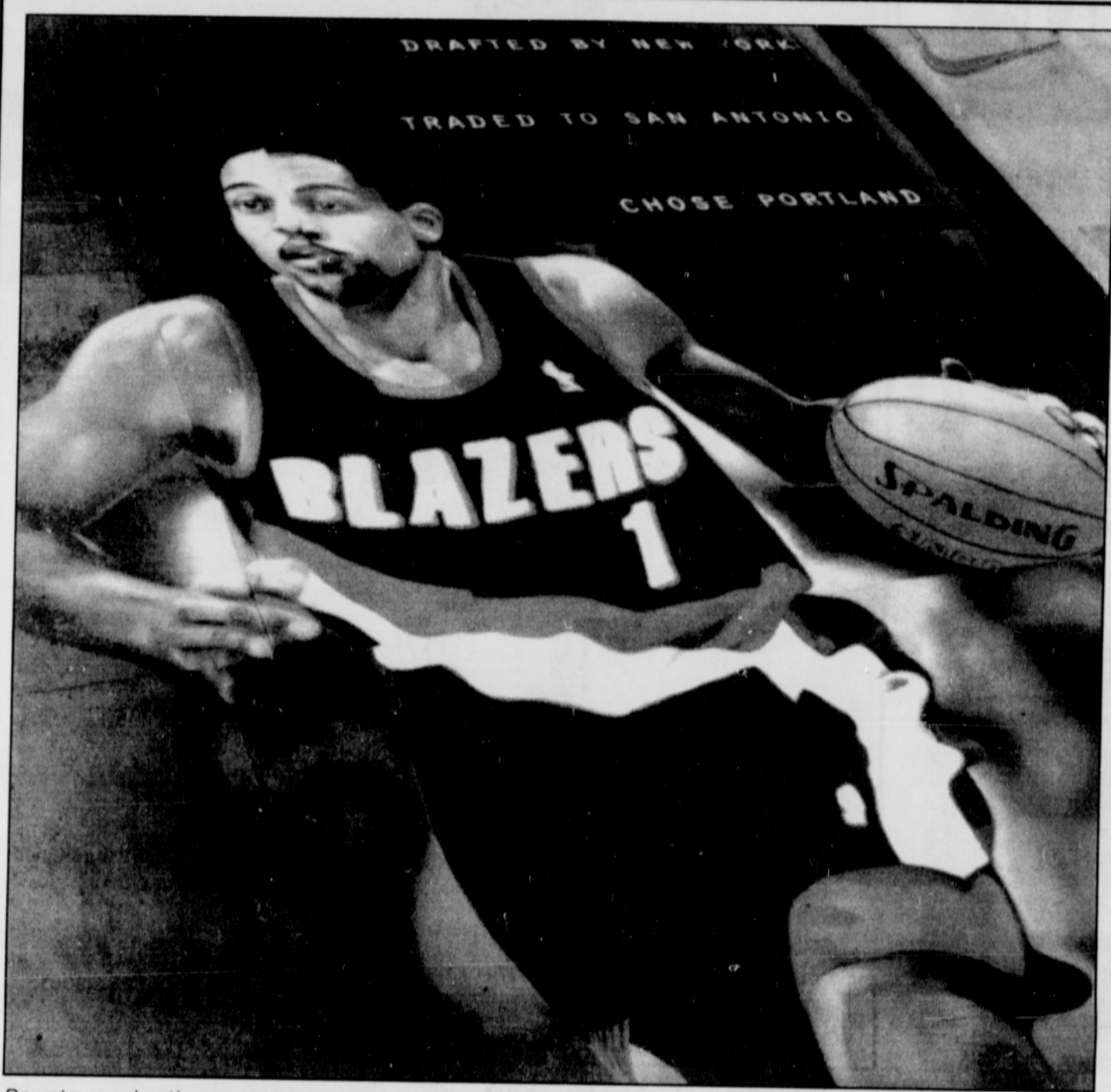
Irish Festival Planned

Kells Irish Restaurant and Pub, 112 S.W. 2nd Ave. is planning its annual St. Patrick's Day Festival. The event, March 15-17, includes Irish crafts and dancers and events for children. An outdoor festival tent will be made larger to feature more imported Irish bands and Irish beers and whiskey. Proceeds benefit the Providence Child Center.

Home Buying Tips Offered

Evening classes on what it takes to buy a house are offered during March on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Portland Community College's Cascade Hall Auditorium, 705 N. Killingsworth. Call 282-7744 for more information.

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Downtown advertisement salutes Rod Strickland for choosing Portland. Now the Trail Blazer says he wants out and refuses to play. Why? See sports, page B5.



Charlie Young and Kristin Squires of Oregon Electric Construction (left) are among volunteers assisting the Red Cross in flood relief. During the height of the recent flooding, union electrical workers and contractors, took just one day to add extensive wiring for computers, lighting fixtures and power outlets to get a Red Cross temporary headquarters up and running.

Katz And Engineers Honored

The Portland Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce has awarded its Chair's Award for Public Service to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, employees of the City of Portland and Portland Mayor Vera Katz for their remarkable efforts on behalf of the citizens of Portland during the flood of 1996.

The Chair's Award for Public Service recognizes and publicly thanks civil servants whose individual achievement, dedication to their job and commitment to the ideals of public service have greatly benefitted the community.

Under the strong leadership of Mayor Katz, city personnel responded to the emergency in a heroic manner, working with citizen volunteers to erect the now famous plywood, concrete and sand bag barricade in a very short time.

"City of Portland employees and citizen volunteers pulled out all stops to prepare for the worst flooding in 30 years," said Portland



Mayor Vera Katz

Chamber chair Bruce B. Samson, Northwest Natural Gas Company, in presenting the awards.

Quick action on the part of the Corps of Engineers in manipulating the more than 60

public and private dams in the Columbia and Willamette River systems prevented flood waters from inundating downtown Portland. By best estimates, the waters would have been between six and eight feet over the sea wall.

"By carefully manipulating the more than 60 public and private dams along the Columbia and Willamette river systems, the Corps of Engineers saved the region millions of dollars," said Samson.

The Chair's Award for Public Service is presented at the Portland Chamber Business Forum, a monthly breakfast meeting held from September through April which offers members and the public an opportunity to learn about critical issues facing our community from those most closely associated with the issue. Average attendance is more than 300 people.

The Portland Chamber, with more than 2,000 member firms employing more than 300,000 people, is the region's largest business organization.

Oregon Ballet "Giselle"

Oregon Ballet Theatre will perform two distinct versions of *Giselle*, March 7-10, 1996 at the Portland Civic Auditorium. The theatre open the program with the traditional 19th-century *Giselle*, followed by innovative New York-based choreographer Donald Byrd's 20th-century interpretation, *Life Situations: Daydreams on Giselle*.

The traditional *Giselle* was originally choreographed by Jean Coralli and Jules Perrot for the Paris Opera Ballet in 1841, featuring a delightful score by Adolphe Adam. *Giselle* is a bittersweet tale of love, deception, anger, and madness. In Act I, *Giselle*, a young peasant girl, falls in love with Albrecht, a nobleman, who she believes to be a fellow peasant. When she realizes that she has been betrayed, the shock proves too much for her and she dies.

In Act II, *Giselle* is summoned from her grave by the Wilis - ghosts of maidens who have loved dancing and died before their wedding day - and ordered to dance Albrecht to death. Just as Albrecht is about to die of exhaustion, the dawn breaks the power of the Wilis and they fade away.

Giselle remains today a supreme achievement of the Romantic era, often described as "the hamlet of dance," since it provides the ballerina with the challenges of both dancer and actress.

Giselle will be accompanied by the Oregon Ballet theatre Orchestra with Niel DePonte conducting. OBT Ballet Master Mark Goldweber will stage the ballet, with lavish sets and costumes from American Ballet Theatre in New York. Goldweber has also staged *Concerto Barocco*, *Rodeo*, *The Sleeping Beauty Act III*, *Swan Lake Act II*, and *Graduation Ball* for Oregon Ballet Theatre.

Life Situations: Daydreams on Giselle is contemporary African-American choreographer Donald Byrd's exploration and rethinking of the movement and literary

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Workshop On Violence Alternatives

A luncheon workshop called "Against the Tide: A Faithful Response to Violence" will be held Thursday, March 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Lorenzen Conference Center at Legacy Emanuel Hospital, 2801 N. Gantenbein.

Presenters include Judge Roosevelt Robinson, Chair of the Violence Prevention Committee for the Regional Drug Initiative; Linda Erwin, M.D., Trauma Surgeon at Legacy Emanuel Hospital, who will speak on the consequences of guns and violence; and Annette Stixrud, Program Director of Northwest Parish Nurse Ministries, who will preview educational material focusing on violence in the media.

Sponsored by a grassroots task force of concerned citizens called Interfaith Peace Network, the workshop will introduce a new resource manual focusing on domestic violence, gun violence, child abuse, elder abuse, parenting, violence in the media, alcohol and drug abuse, and conflict resolution. The manual will contain educational information, listings of local resources and speakers, training guides and action plans easily adaptable for presentations by faith leaders and educators and other community groups.

The cost for the luncheon is \$5. The resource manual can be purchased for \$10. For reservations call 503-497-8167 by March 4, 1996.