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SECTION B

Community Calendar

End Of Year Carnival

Experience Corps and Humboldt School PTA are sponsoring an end of the year carnival for students and families, Friday June 7 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the School, 4915 N. Gantenbein. For more information call 281-8797.

Drama Camps

The Mt. Hood Community College is committed to providing a variety of opportunities for students of all ages to participate in theater learning activities. This summer they are offering a series of drama camps. Camp I is scheduled for June 17-24 and is geared to ages 15-18, camp 2 is June 24-28 for 10- to 14-year-olds, and camp III is for 7- to 9-year-olds and is July 15-19. Space is limited call 667-7154.

Minority Contractors Conference

The National Association of Minority Contractors will hold their annual conference June 5-8 at the Red Lion at Jantzen Beach. Sessions include Private Sectors Contracting Opportunities, the Church's Roll in Economic Development and Empowerment, and Reclaiming our Youth.

Blazer Dancer Auditions

Auditions for the 1996-97 BlazerDancers will be held Saturday, July 15 at Clackamas High School. Auditions start at 8 a.m. First day finalists will be invited to return Sunday, June 6. Final auditions will be the following weekend. Dancers are judged by dance ability, enthusiasm and showmanship. Applications are available at the Blazer's office, One Center Court Suite 200. All dancers must be 19 years or older by November 1, 1996. Call 797-9626 for more information.

Students Needed For Video

Students from Grant, Jefferson, Roosevelt and David Douglas High Schools can audition Friday, June 14 from 4 to 8:30 p.m. for the Clean Rivers: Why Should I Care, a music video that is part of the Portland Environmental Services. The video will include a variety of music and performance styles from hip-hop to alternative. To pre-register call 823-7236.

Tile Making

Residents of Hillsboro are invited to make ceramic tiles for the future 150-foot wall at the Washington St/12th Ave. light rail station. People of all ages can stop by the tile making studio at 128 E. Main St., Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. to make tiles. No ceramic skills are necessary.

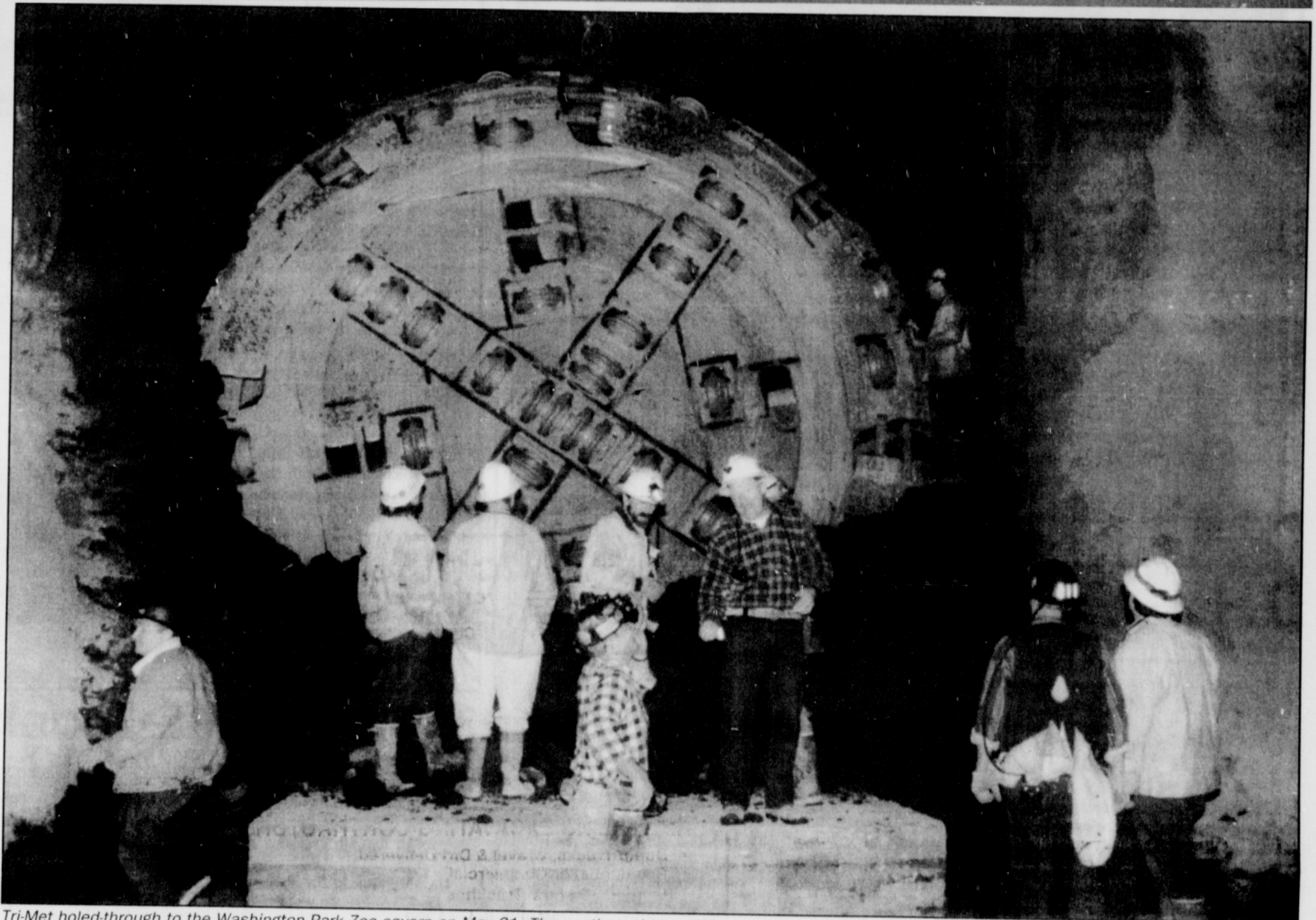
Rocket Tots

The Middleman Jewish Community Center Theater will present a story book musical entitled Ms Tittle Tattle's Rocket Tots Thursday, May 30 at 7 p.m. The book, music and lyrics are by Mark Steering of MJCC. The show is particularly appropriate for pre-school and young elementary school audiences. The Center is at 6651 SW Capitol Highway.

Asthma Support Group

Parents of Children with Asthma and allergies Support Group will meet Sunday, June 2 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Supperplay in Milwaukie (Highway 224 and Oak St.) This is an end of the school year event. The support group is free and open to anyone interested in information on children with asthma and allergies. Call 636-9242 for more information.

SUBMISSIONS: Community Calendar information will be given priority if dated two weeks before the event date.



Tri-Met holed through to the Washington Park Zoo cavern on May 21. The eastbound tunnel is proceeding much faster than the westbound tunnel due to improvements in the boring machine. This hole through is a milestone in the project because it completes the second mile of the tunnel. Despite the predictions that the last mile of the tunnel will be the most difficult, the tunnel should be completed by this fall.

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With about a million lawsuits filed in the state last year, the plan's providers see a compelling need for Oregonians to be covered.

This is how the plan works. It should cost potential subscribers \$16.95 in monthly fees and clients are assigned a provider attorney for personal or business-related legal matters including contract and document reviews, and wills. It includes unlimited toll-free access to the provider attorney.

The plan will also cover moving traffic violations and provide defence against man-

slaughter, involuntary manslaughter, negligent homicide or vehicular homicide. Family members are also covered.

The first membership year there is up to 60 hours of provider attorney's time at no additional cost for client or spouse named defendant or respondent in a covered civil or criminal action filed in court.

Of the 60 hours, up to 2.5 hours may be used for all legal services in defense of the covered suit prior to actual trial. The 57.5 remaining hours are available for actual trial time including preliminary hearings. The plan has up to 50 hours of IRS audit services for clients and family members.

Hours of service increase with each renewal. The second year provides up to 120 hours of assistance at no additional charge with up to 3 hours of pre-trial time. However, there are cases it doesn't cover.

The prepaid legal services like the HMOs are fast becoming part of America corporate

culture and employers. Computer giant, Microsoft Corp. is one company that offered prepaid care for their employees.

The prepaid services is regulated by the state.

"Prepaid services to me personally is less expensive because I have use it," says Rick Griebel, of the Oregon State Bar Association.

The Modest Means program is run by the State Bar Association for low-income people. To qualify clients' incomes must meet the federal poverty guidelines, \$14,720 for a single person or \$29,600 for a family of four.

"Access to justice for middle class and the working poor is limited by the lack of legal help," said Judy Shipler Henry, president of the state bar. "For these people, the Modest Means program can offer help with disputes involving housing, buying used cars, or even helping a senior with basic estate planning."

For additional information on the new service call 288-1756.

Housing Partnership Successful

Fannie Mae, the nation's largest source of home mortgage funds, and the city of Portland celebrated the first anniversary of their "HousePortland" partnership.

The Partnership recently announced that their efforts over the last year have provided \$277 million in mortgage financing, helping more than 3,000 local families find affordable housing.

Congresswoman Elizabeth Furse, Commissioner Gretchen Kafoury, and Fannie Mae Senior Vice President Libby Snyder announced the results of the investments made under the first year of HousePortland.

"Most Americans dream of becoming homeowners. Today, I am encouraged to see that the first year of HousePortland has shown such tremendous results. Working families in Portland now have better access than ever before to affordable homeownership, and they are taking advantage of it," said Congresswoman Furse.

Fannie Mae announced its commitment to invest \$5 million in The Belmont Dairy project to support the city's efforts to increase affordable housing and mixed-use projects. Rehabilitation of the former Carnation dairy will result in ground floor retail space and 85 units of affordable rental housing on the floors above.

"We are very pleased that this partnership has already made an impact on the lives of thousands of local families," Snyder said. "This has been a great example of the power of partnership within the local housing community — lenders, nonprofits, real estate professionals, and city officials."

More than 1,300 single-family loans were made to families earning less than the median income. Fourteen percent of the loans made were to minority home buyers and 38 percent of the loans were made to first-time home buyers. Fannie Mae also invested more than \$11 million in affordable rental developments.

For additional information consumers may call Fannie Mae's Public Information Office at 1-800-7FANNIE (1-800-732-6643), Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. eastern time.

Reading Is Fundamental Recieves Grant

The Reading is Fundamental (RIF) program conducted by King School has been awarded a Borders and Waldenbooks grant for outstanding service in motivating youngsters to read.

The grant, one of many awarded to RIF programs nationwide, will be used to purchase additional books for children.

Through the work of King School PTA volunteers, and the guidance of national RIF headquarters in Washington, D.C., the King School RIF program inspires children to read through planned reading related activities and by making it possible for youngsters to choose and to own books that interest them, without cost to them or their families.

In the 2 years since the RIF program was established at King, it has enabled the students to become the proud owners of some 1000 books.

Patricia Heard-Hopson, RIF project coordinator for King says, "The Borders and Waldenbooks grant will help us continue providing a wide variety of books that awaken and nurture youngsters interest in reading." "RIF's unique approach makes youngsters want to read. And the more they read, the more their skills improve."

Founded in 1966, Reading Is Fundamental is a national nonprofit organization that



helps children discover the joy and importance of reading through a nationwide network of 4,700 local projects such as the one

at King.

RIF also assists parents who want to encourage reading in the home.