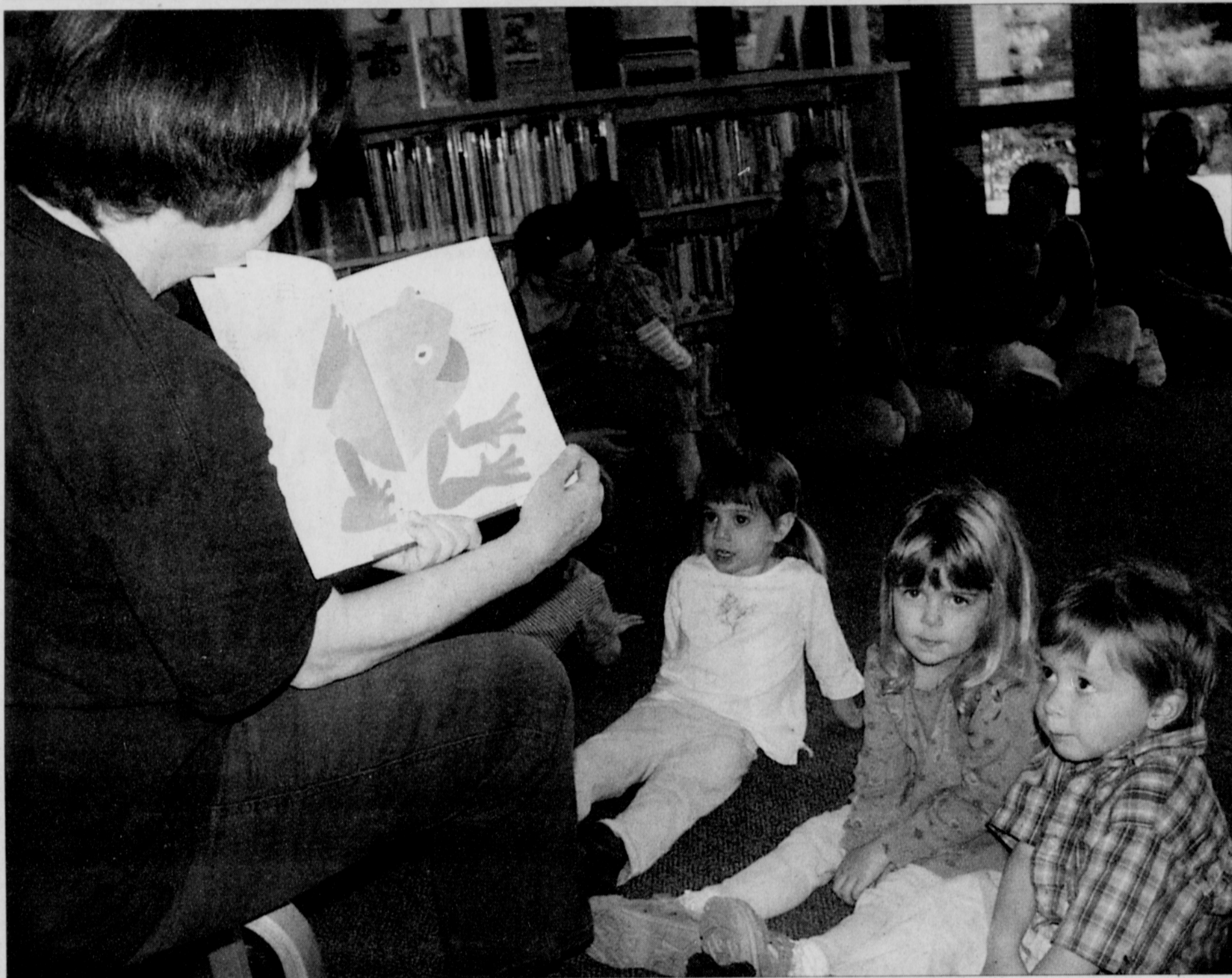


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Libraries Promote Summer Reading

Jane Corry, the youth librarian for the Albina branch of the Multnomah County Library at 3605 N.E. 15th Ave., reads to kids during a special summer reading program. The story times for kids are scheduled several times a week at all library branches in Portland during the summer months. The Albina branch also schedules special summer crafts and performances each Saturday at 11 a.m.

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**Suit Against Former All Saints Priest Grows**

(AP)—Six plaintiffs have joined a sexual abuse lawsuit against the Archdiocese of Portland and former northeast Portland priest Thomas Laughlin, bringing to 11 the number of pending claims against Laughlin.

Among the most recent plaintiffs are two brothers who attended All Saints Catholic Church in northeast Portland, both of whom say they didn't know the other had been abused until last month.

Laughlin was kicked out of the priesthood in 1983 after being convicted of sexual abuse and now lives in New Mexico.

The lawsuit, filed in Multnomah County Circuit Court, seeks \$4 million for each plaintiff.

Bud Bunce, a spokesman for the archdiocese, said he had not seen the lawsuit and could not comment.

Michael and Tom Virnig were not the sort of brothers who kept secrets from each other. But Virnig, now 35, kept a big secret from his older brother: A priest repeatedly sexually abused him, he says, when he was an altar boy at All

Saints from 1979 to 1981.

It turns out Tom kept the same secret about himself until last month. Michael Virnig, who lives in Los Angeles, started thinking about Laughlin earlier this year during media coverage of a priest sexual-abuse scandal in Massachusetts.

He knew Laughlin had been convicted and sent to a home for priest abusers. But Michael Virnig discovered in a newspaper article that Laughlin lived in an apartment on a church pension and was passing himself off as a priest to a community that had no idea of his past.

"It angered me to the point that I felt like I needed to do something about it," he said. In the article, Virnig read the name of Michael Morey, a Lake Oswego attorney who represents several men who are suing the Portland Archdiocese over Laughlin.

Virnig called Morey. A little later, Morey received a call from Tom Virnig, who recently moved to Washington. "It was apparent to me that neither had talked to each other," he said.

**Albina Church in PCC Path Moves**

A final Sunday morning service at the Albina Christian Life Center at 5522 N. Albina will be held Sunday, July 7 at 11 a.m.

The church is moving out of its historic home in the old Colonial Theatre after 30 years of ministry because of the eminent domain process held by Portland Community College for expansion of the Cascade Campus in north Portland.

The mostly African American congregation purchased the historic Willamette Evangelical Church at North Willamette Boulevard and Gay Avenue for its new home on April 8. But it took considerable rehabilitation and modification by the hard work of volunteers and other contractors to get the church ready for use.

Albina Christian Life Center officials said the congregation will have its final Sunday morning Service at the Albina site and then at 3:30 p.m. will parade along Albina to Killingsworth to its new church home.

Area residents are invited to a reception that will follow in the dining area of the Willamette Boulevard church.

**Sisters In Action Garage Sale Supports Girls Leadership**

Sisters in Action leaders are raising money for their first out-of-state retreat with a garage sale, scheduled Saturday, July 20, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the group's office at 1732 N.E. Alberta.

The retreat at an affiliated cen-

ter in Texas will encourage the further development of leadership and organizing skills in addition to team building and bonding exercises.

The garage sale is one of the many things Sisters in Action lead-

ers are doing to raise money for airfare, food and ground transportation.

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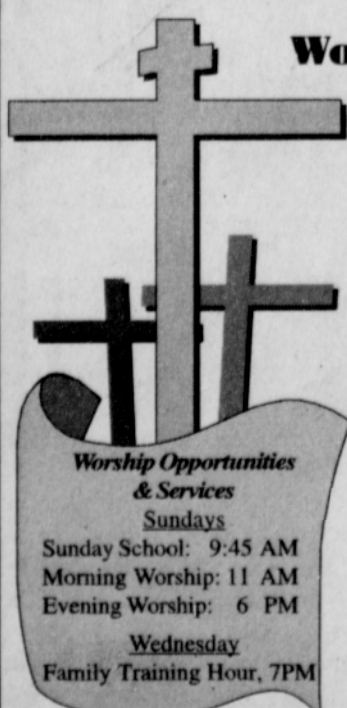
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