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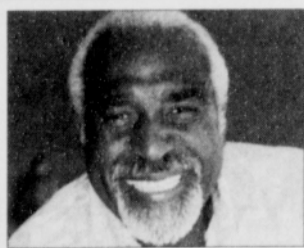


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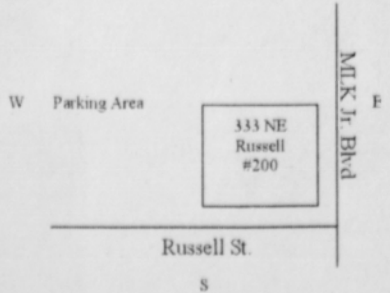
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Grant Excels in 'We the People' Debate

Grant High School's "We the People" Constitution and Bill of Rights debate team was in Washington D.C. May 3-4 to take part in a simulated congressional hearing in which students demonstrated their understanding of constitutional principles and defended positions on issues ranging from affirmative action to wiretapping. The team finished third for the second year in a row out of teams from all 50 states and has finished in the top three in four of the last five years.

Dental Hygienists Extend Record

Twenty-five second-year Clark College dental hygiene students have passed the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination – extending the college's perfect record to 38 years. Beginning with the first dental hygiene graduating class in 1970, every student from Clark College has successfully passed the exams on the first attempt, the only long-standing program in the United States that can attest to a 100 percent pass rate. "That's an amazing accomplishment -- one that brings pride to our dental hygiene program, our college and our community," said Clark College President Robert K. Knight. The exam is taken by all dental hygiene students from over 265 programs throughout the United States. It is an all-day written, comprehensive, 350-question examination based on the entire curriculum taught in dental hygiene programs. Completion and passing of the exam is required for licensure by each state.

'Homeless School' Celebrates Opening

rides to and from school, no matter how often their families move around Portland and its outskirts. The school is based on the idea that given the right blend of encouragement, education and support, its students can develop the skills, habits and determination to break out of the cycle of poverty and homelessness and become productive members of society. Its cornerstone is a curriculum designed specifically for students who have frequently missed weeks and even months of school because of their families' transient lives. In addition, the staff teaches character development and goal-setting to help students learn that persistence and hard work can lead to achievement and success. The school also provides many of life's basics that the students' families can't afford, including two meals a day, clothing, access to medical care, school supplies and bus rides to and from school, no matter how often their families move around Portland.

Young Filmmakers Honored

Contest brings lessons in civics

A team of young filmmakers from the Lincoln Park Kids Club, an extension site of the Portland Boys & Girls Clubs, took first place in an annual student filmmaking contest presented by volunteer lawyers from the Multnomah Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section. The YOUTHFILM contest gave students K-12 the opportunity to express their creativity while learning about the rule of law. Students are invited to create short films on civic issues. This year's theme was The Rule of Law: Foundation for Communities of Opportunity and Equity. Nearly 100 films were submitted from schools throughout the state, and only nine were chosen to be screened at the Hollywood Theater on April 29. Of the 100 entries, the Lincoln Park film was the only one to be submitted by an elementary school team. The film posed the question, What would happen if laws were not enforced? and expanded on this theme through a scenario in which a customer was unwilling to pay for his coffee at the local coffee shop. This unruly customer refused to pay until the police were called to the rescue – a simple and eloquent representation of why the rule of law exists. The film was met with a great response from a nearly full theater. The winners were announced by Oregon Supreme Court Chief Justice Paul J. De Muniz, and the kids received iPod shuffles and award certificates. The Boys and Girls Clubs of Portland are very proud of their young members Lesli Barajas, Monserrat Garcia-Sanchez, Phillip Johnson, Tommy Ngo, and Brandon Thai.

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