

Vernonia Health Fair offers wide variety of free or low-cost services

Staying Alive in '95 is the theme of this year's Vernonia Health Fair, scheduled for Saturday, April 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Vernonia High School gym.

Free health screenings will include blood pressure, hearing and vision, body fat analysis, and blood glucose levels for diabetes. For a minimal fee of \$2.00 the first 100 people may have their cholesterol level checked. (Remember, it is necessary to fast for

14 hours before this test.)

Other offerings at the fair will be the mammogram mobile from Tuality Hospital, immunizations for children and adults, and body massage.

You can bring your fire extinguishers in to be checked and refilled if necessary, as well as earning recognition for a two-mile walk around the track, and enjoying food prepared by the American Cancer Society and Senior Class volunteers.

Seventh grade student volunteers from Washington Grade School, who have pledged to keep our air clean for all, will represent the Smoke-Free Class of 2000. Many local and Portland area health organizations will be participating, offering information and services to our community.

The Health Fair is a valuable opportunity for residents of the Nehalem Valley. Representatives from the Oregon

Health Plan will also be available.

This annual event is sponsored by Vernonia Health Center, Tuality Health Care System, and the Vernonia School District.

For more information, contact Susan Hult at Vernonia Health Center, 429-9191, or Barb Ervin at Washington Grade School, 429-7941. Contributions are accepted to help defray costs.

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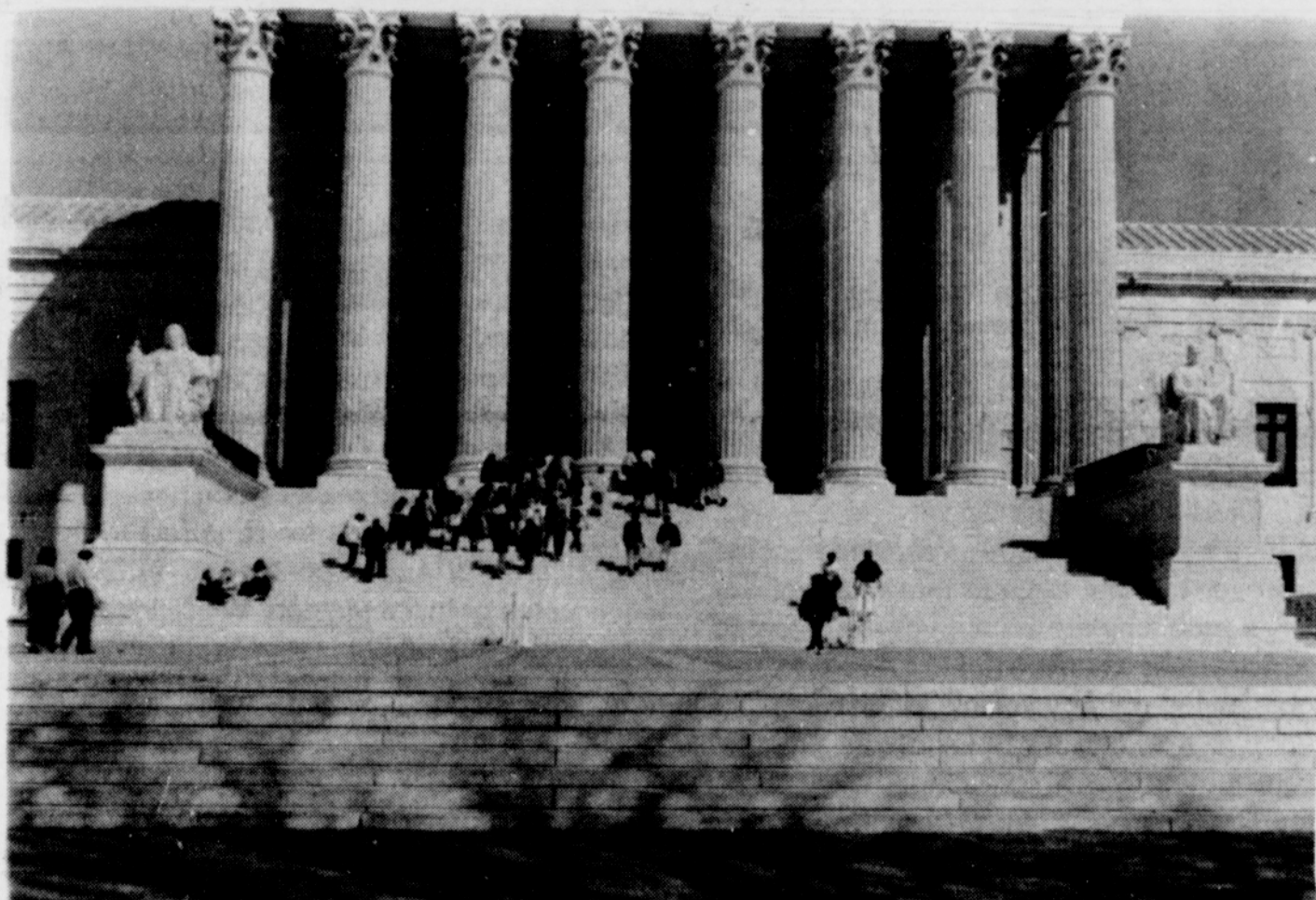
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Tradition shines . . .



U.S. Supreme Court glistened in bright sunlight last month as people started lining up for the opportunity to observe the court in action.

Council refuses to stop Banks project

Banks Mayor Mike Crippen controlled a sometimes unruly crowd during the audience input portion of last night's council meeting. Though most of those in attendance wanted to talk about the South Banks Project, some comments took the form of personal attacks on councilors and emotional outbursts from frustrated community members.

Terry Fleming of the Coalition for Responsible Growth requested an immediate vote on a resolution ordering the South Banks developer, Chris Liu, to stop work until mediation could get under way among all parties involved.

Council members also expressed concern about ongoing construction during attempts to bring all parties to mediation, but decided to table the resolution until it can be reviewed by City Attorney Jim Lucas.

Other speakers continued testimony about why the development was a no-win situation for the Banks community until a motion to remand was made by Councilor Judy Clifford and seconded by Norma Stewart. The motion failed, to the audible dismay of the audience.

Council unanimously elected Bob Orlovski as one of two council members to represent the city during upcoming mediation talks. A split vote left Mayor Crippen the task of deciding whether Norma Stewart, Kay Wolff or Judy Clifford would be the other representative; no decision was announced last night.

Crippen also reminded the audience that the councilors have spent many anxious hours considering the situation and asked them to treat the volunteer officials with respect.

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Results of March 28th election

Vernonia School District

Incumbents Don Dailey, who faced two challengers, and Debbie Johnston, who ran unopposed, were both re-elected to four-year terms on the Vernonia School District Board of Directors.

Kris Crowston was the winner of a three-way race for Vernonia Position 1, to complete the final two years of director Lynn Williamson, who

resigned before her term was finished.

Position 1 —

Kris A. Crowston	380
Michelle Blum	210
Michael Kretschmer	111
Write-ins	19

Position 3 —

Don Dailey	300
Don Skinner	284
John Allison	121
Write-ins	4

Position 7 —

Debbie Johnston	605
Write-ins	23

Banks School District

In a move designed to encourage more candidates to participate in school board elections, Banks School District voters abolished school board zones in favor of at-large elections. The change will allow candidates to file for any open seat, rather than waiting for an opening in the zone that includes their residences.

The final results were:

In favor	502
Opposed	243

In the sole board decision for the district, Zone 3 incumbent Ann Statton, defeated a single challenger to win reelection to another four-year term.

Zone 3 —

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Supreme Court is focus of Washington, D.C., trek

By Noni Andersen

There is no prettier time of year in Washington, D.C., than Spring, when magnolias blossom on the Capitol lawn, a bright blue sky seems to nearly jump out of the reflecting pool and blooming cherry trees crochet a lacy collar around the tidal basin.

Inside the U.S. Supreme Court, which was the focus of attention for everyone interested in the Vernonia School District's appeal of a lower court decision striking down the district's student drug testing policy, a different kind of beauty prevailed. Here was the beauty of tradition and of faith in the rule of law, with a certain anticipatory solemnity as the audience awaited the

appearance of the nine judges of the highest court in the land.

Inside, the courtroom seems small compared to the exterior of the domed and pillared building of white granite and marble. The high, domed ceiling gives an illusion of spaciousness, but the room holds only about 200 people.

It was in this setting that the Marshal of the Court started proceedings with the traditional cry "Oyez, oyez, oyez; the United States Supreme Court is now in session." The audience remained standing as the nine black-robed justices filed in and took their seats.

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EASTER EGG HUNT

The annual Easter Egg Hunt at Anderson Park in Vernonia will start at 10 a.m., Saturday, April 15.

Children will be divided into four age groups: 0-3 years, 4-5 years, 6-8 years and 9-10 years old.

Parents are asked to bring the children and gather on the south side of the park

near the bridge across the Nehalem River. The children must also have something to carry the eggs they find.

As usual, the Easter Bunny will be at the park with a small treat for the children.

The Easter Egg Hunt is sponsored by the Vernonia Area Chamber of Commerce.