



(Left) Mr. S. Kelsey and (right) Gloria Kelsey stand by as their son points to his art work on billboard.

Student wins first place art painting contest

by Linda Thompson

If you happen to have been in the downtown Portland area (7th and Stark) within the past few months, you could not have avoided the fantastic piece of art work located on the billboard in this block. As you viewed the billboard you probably wondered what inspired the artist to do this particular painting.

During the 1978-79 school session, the Ackler Communication "Larger than Life" sponsored an art contest for freshmen and sophomores throughout the Portland Public School system.

Students were to draw pictures relating to the theme "Nature".

The painter of the above painting, Timothy Kelsey, chose to relate his painting to the feeling of security he gets from his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. S. and Gloria Kelsey. He portrays this in his portrait of a mother and father protecting their children even before they are born. Chosen from 1,000 other freshman and sophomore entries, it was this theme and painting which won first place. The

painting was submitted by Timothy's art teacher, Ms. Crabtree.

Timothy is a 10th grader from Grant High, a young man with depth, and loads of personality.

A member of the Kelsey tribe—where there are three other handsome sons—he enjoys football, martial arts, and, of course, painting.

During football season, he is a safety defensive player for the Grant J.V. football team.

Special care helps Christmas cactus bloom, says expert

For some people the Christmas cactus blooms faithfully every year, but for others it never blooms. Temperature and day length are the two most important factors in causing a Christmas cactus to bloom.

"These plants go into their bloom cycle in September. To insure flowers by Christmas, start adjusting the plant's environment now," says Ray McNeilan, Oregon State University Extension home gardening coordinator.

Place the cactus where it will have darkness from 5 p.m. until 8 a.m. To make sure no light interferes with flower initiation, cover the plant with a black cloth, or put it in a cool

closet. Just don't forget to take it out in the morning, McNeilan warns.

At the same time the plant is being given long nights, keep the temperature between 55 and 60 degrees F. Temperatures too warm or nights too short can prevent a good crop of

blooms. Usually no flowering will occur at all if the plant is kept at temperatures above 75 degrees F.

Continue this flower initiation treatment for about six weeks. After that the plant can be returned to normal day lengths and a somewhat milder temperature.

While the flower buds are forming, give the plant less water but don't let it get so dry that the leaves

shrive. Do not fertilize the plant during this period. Flower buds may drop if the plant is exposed to drafts or rapid changes of temperature.

Actually, a fine balancing act is necessary. Overwatering will cause bud drop, but so will lack of water, and light levels that are too low.

After the Christmas cactus flowers, place it in a cool location out of direct sunlight.

There are several strains of the so-called Christmas cactus. Some flower early, such as the "Schlumbergera truncata" or Thanksgiving cactus. Other flower later, such as the "Schlumbergera gaertneri" or Easter cactus.

The scientific name for Christmas cactus is "Schlumbergera bridgesii."

Attract fall weeds now urges Gardener

The late summer rains throughout Oregon have brought on a flush of weed growth in shrub and flower beds and lawns. Ray McNeilan, Oregon State University Extension home gardening coordinator, advises attacking these weeds now.

"If you let the weeds go through the winter, you are going to have an even worse problem next spring," he says.

Weeds can be pulled or raked from flower and shrub beds. Then add another inch of mulch.

For lawns, McNeilan recommends a treatment with a weed and feed combination. The weed killer will control many weeds that will germinate this fall as well as those that are now thriving.

"And the fertilizer will give the lawn a final boost to keep it looking green and healthy through the winter," McNeilan says.

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"The Baddest Block on Radio"

Urban Volunteer Service

By Stephanie L. Michael

The House and Senate have voted to refund the VISTA program (Volunteer in Service to America) although an amendment to the house resolution has been sent back to a subcommittee for more work. VISTA is a program which supplies volunteers who give economic, health, social and educational assistance to the poor.

Steve Holgate, press aide for Oregon Congressman Robert Duncan (Democrat) said the refunding of vista wasn't the real issue concerning congressmen. He says the point in question involved an amendment attached to House Resolution 2859. The amendment dealt with the Urban Volunteer Corps, which is a new program under VISTA. The UVC program was designed for low income urban areas. Funds would be

provided to gather a local volunteer corps of professionals who would help community organizations. Also in the amendment a Health, Education and Welfare appropriation measure was sponsored containing what congressmen felt was controversial language concerning the abortion issue.

Holgate says the amendment is still being discussed in the conference report subcommittee. He says for the most part, the Urban Volunteer Corps program only existed as a pilot project in some parts of the country under VISTA. He says overall the program sounds like a good one, at least on the face of it.

"What the program will do is let volunteers give advice to local public agencies and programs. Volunteers

can devote as much time as they would like to help out neighborhoods. It gives local professionals a chance to use their expertise to help teach others and make them self-sufficient," said Holgate.

Although the amendment containing the Urban Volunteer Corps program has been taken out of the original bill, as a compromising measure, Holgate says, discretionary funds from HEW could be used to fund the program. He says the appropriation bill for such money hasn't been passed by congress yet, but the decision should be made in a couple of months. If discretionary funds are awarded to HEW, it is possible the UVC program can come under the departments' mandate description and receive funding.

Andrew J. Young appointed Associate Commissioner

Stanford G. Ross, Commissioner of Social Security announced the appointment of Andrew J. Young of Seattle, as Associate Commissioner of the Office of Hearings and Appeals of the Social Security Administration.

Young has been HEW Regional Attorney in Seattle since 1971. "We are fortunate that Mr. Young has accepted this important position," Ross said. "He is an extraordinarily talented and dedicated person and his extensive experience as a lawyer makes him exceptionally well qualified for this job."

A graduate of the University of Washington School of Law in 1962, Young was Assistant Attorney General for the State of Washington for four years before going into private practice. In 1970, HEW created a Regional Office in Seattle and Young later became its Regional attorney. In this position, he furnished legal advice on all social security and other HEW program litigation and developments in a four-state area.

At SSA, Young will head an office of 4,300 employees—including 650 administrative law judges—that handled nearly 225,000 requests for hearings during the past fiscal year.

Young is a member of the National Bar Association as well as state and local bar associations. He has been active in the Seattle Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Washington State Board for Community College Education.

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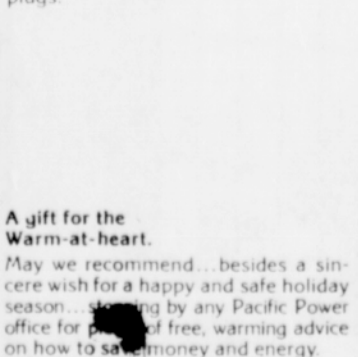
We light up your night. Please don't overdo.

If you're going to light-up this holiday season...do it modestly. And safely. Check all circuits for frayed wires, plugs, etc. Replace strings of lights if they blink on and off when they're not supposed to. Turn on the tree or outside lights in the evening...then off before retiring.



Deck the Halls. But use a safe tool.

Power tools are safer today than ever before. But carelessness can lead to trouble...fast. If your new tool isn't double insulated, don't short-circuit safety by ignoring three-way, grounded plugs.



A gift for the Warm-at-heart.

May we recommend...besides a sincere wish for a happy and safe holiday season...stopping by any Pacific Power office for a gift of free, warming advice on how to save money and energy.

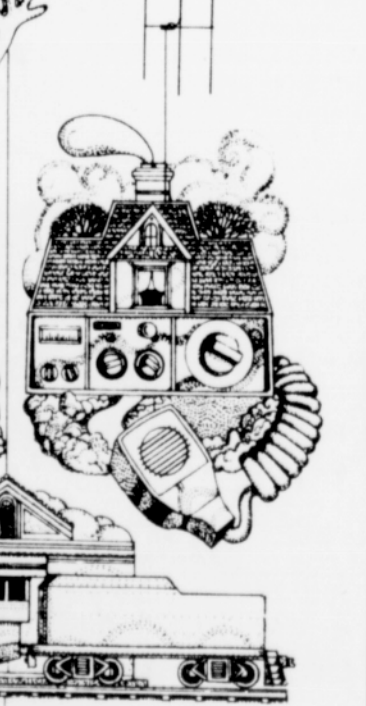
Up on the roof top: Reindeer yes. People no.

Unless you're as surefooted as a reindeer, stay off the roof. If you have to go up...packing a new TV antenna, decorations or whatever...know what you're doing and stay far, far away from power lines.



CB's. Talk about safety, good buddy.

It isn't what goes out over the air that bothers us...it's what goes up. Eager new CBers have gotten into real trouble by not looking up for power lines before installing their antennas. Look up and live.



The Atcheson, Topeka and Santa Claus.

Defective or wrongly assembled electric toys are dangerous. Make sure all plug-in electric toys are UL or otherwise safety approved...and if you're all thumbs when it comes to assembly, let someone who knows what they're doing take over. Don't leave electric toys plugged in overnight. And let the kids know the rules when it comes to playing safe.



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