

Family Living

The Portland Observer

Saturday Academy

Registration begins December 11 Winter 1996 Classes for 4th-12th Grade Students Featuring hands-on classes from Bone Articulation to Golden Age of Radio

Priority Publication Dates: December 7-10

Parents and Grandparents: Consider Gift Certificates for Saturday Academy Classes in your holiday gift plans

Thank you for including Saturday Academy in your news coverage. Saturday Academy classes are taught by professionals in a wide variety of fields including math, science, technology, communications, humanities and the arts and are held at sites throughout the Portland metropolitan area.

Saturday Academy, a nonprofit educational program of the Oregon Graduate Institute of Science & Technology, is open to all interested and motivated 4th-12th grade students. Classes are supported by grants, contributions, in-kind donations and tuition with tuition assistance available.

Featuring hands-on learning experiences, classes are generally designed around group and individual projects. Both introductory and advanced classes are offered and vary in length from 2 to 40 hours. Students have the opportunity to explore careers and to meet students with similar interests.

Publishing the Winter 1996 class list with a short announcement will give interested students an opportunity to participate. There are 48 winter classes including DNA Forensics: Solve the Crime, Experimental Chemistry, Animation, Writing Short Stories, Club Med: Medical Careers, Graphic Design for Advertising, Programming in C, Courtroom law and Wildlife in the Wetlands. Tuition for winter classes ranges from \$30 to \$235.

Please call me at (503) 690-1191 if you have any questions.

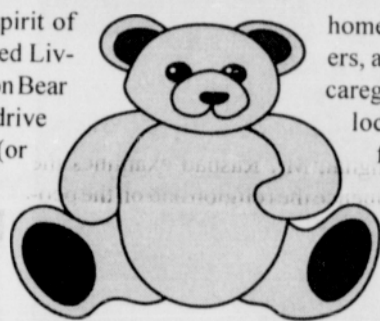


Area children get a chance to visit with Santa Clause (Ray Alvarado) and one of his elves (Carmen Bernier-Grand) as Western Family Foods and the Portland Police Sunshine Division join forces to host an annual Christmas Party for 800 Hispanic children and their families.

Operation Bear Hug

In celebration of the spirit of Christmas, Erickson Assisted Living, Inc. announces Operation Bear Hug - an annual donation drive to collect new Teddy Bears (or any new stuffed animal) to distribute to elderly shut-ins and local nursing home residents.

Erickson Assisted Living, Inc. is a family owned business dedicated to helping others cope with the devastation and stress of living with Alzheimer's disease. The agency maintains a staff of in-



home caregivers and housekeepers, as well as providing long term caregiver placement services. The locally owned company was founded five years ago by a family trying to manage in-home care of their mother with Alzheimer's disease.

Collection will begin immediately through December 22nd. Donations may be brought to the corporate office at 5160 S. W. Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy. Suite 201, or telephone 452-2434 to arrange pick-up.

Ashley's Hope

The Children's Living Christmas Tree Gift

Eight-year-old Ashley Colbert's world is filled with concrete and fences. But in the midst of the city, Ashley helped plant a garden.

Ashley's tiny garden inspired a big vision. Imagine dozens of children planting trees to help disadvantaged families, making the world more beautiful for us all.

Ashley's Hope: The Children's Living Christmas Tree Gift is making the vision a reality.

You can help with your purchase of a living Christmas tree. After the holidays, volunteers will plant your tree at the home of a disadvantaged family or non-profit site.

"A wonderful gift," says Ed Hume, master gardener and host of "Gardening in America."

The project is a partnership of numerous stores, organizations, city leaders and individuals.



Ashley Colbert

Sponsors selling living Christmas trees include Portland Nursery, Fred Meyer Garden Centers, Ernst Home & Nursery, and Dennis' Seven Dees Nurseries.

The trees can be returned to designated drop-off sites between January 2nd and January 5th. (Volunteers may also be available for home pick-up on those dates.)

Sponsors Habitat for Humanity, the Urban League, Portland Development Commission and the Portland Forestry Division are some of the sponsors helping find families or sites in need of trees.

Volunteers of all ages are invited to help plant trees on Saturday, January 6th & Sunday, January 7th.

To volunteer, apply for a tree, or help sponsor the project, call (503) 697-8091.

Ashley's Hope: The Children's Living Christmas Tree Gift Celebrating the spirit of helping.

Volunteer Opportunities At Urban League Senior Center

Ways You Can Make A Difference

The Urban League of Portland's Senior Center has a wide variety of opportunities for volunteers interested in making a difference in the lives of senior citizens in North/Northeast Portland. Programs that utilize volunteers include the Activity Center, legal clinic, Alzheimer's respite program, and intergenerational program for parenting grandparents.

Urban League senior programs are located in the Multicultural Senior Center in Northeast Portland and at the Marie Smith Center in North Portland. Volunteers are needed Mondays through Fridays for clerical work and assistance with client activities. For ore information, contact the Urban League's Tamorra Barnes at 503/248-5470.

How To Get Out Of Debt Five Easy Steps:

Counselors of America, a non-profit organization that assists consumers with financial problems, has released a new brochure, How To Get Out Of Debt: Five Easy Steps. The brochure explains steps that all consumers should take when they begin to experience financial difficulties. Debt Counselor previously released the popular brochure, 26 Easy Ways To Save \$50 A Month Without Changing Your Lifestyle.

To receive a copy of either brochure, send \$1, for postage, to Debt Counselors of America, P.O. Box 391, Rockville, MD 20848-0391. Be sure to indicate which brochure you desire.

Contact: Debt Counselors of America, Inc.

Telephone: 301/762-5270

Email: dea@interramp.com

World Wide Web: http://shops.net/GET OUT OF DEBT/

Scouting Rockwells To Tour Nation Historic Treasures Open to Public in January

The Boy Scouts of America (B.S.A.) announced that legendary artist and illustrator Norman Rockwell's Scout paintings will be exhibited in 17 cities throughout the nation next year, beginning in Orlando, Florida.

The Tour's sixth stop will be in Portland, Oregon at the Oregon Historical Society, beginning February 23, according to Douglas S. Smith, Jr. Of the Cascade Pacific Council, B.S.A. "We're very excited," he said. "These paintings are national treasures."

Cascade Pacific Council President Ron Timpe agreed, "Rockwell's paintings manifest the family values that make America and Scouting great."

After the Orlando showing the paintings will be on tour through May 16th in 16 other cities. The paintings then will be returned to the Scouting Museum in Murray, Kentucky. Chief Scout Executive Jere B. Ratcliffe says the Rockwells are fundamental to Scouting. "We cannot separate his work from Scouting."

There's a common spirit. Just as a Rockwell is more than oil and canvas, so Scouting is more than camping and hiking."

Rockwell began his career as an illustrator for Boys' Life magazine in 1913. He later worked for the Saturday Evening Post before becoming a renowned artist. These paintings were commissioned for use on B.S.A. calendars which were produced by the copyright holder, Brown & Bigelow, Inc.

The Rockwells will be on display to the general public on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Oregon Historical Society.

The tour also stops in Atlanta, Phoenix, Bay Area, Newport Beach, CA., Denver, Omaha, Minneapolis, Chicago, St. Louis, Columbus, Pittsburgh, Baltimore, New York, Houston and Dallas.

The Cascade Pacific Council of the bas serves over 50,000 young men and women throughout eighteen counties in northwest Oregon and southwest Washington.

The Black College II: A Dinosaur?

BY PROF. MCKINLEY BURT

Whenever there is a discussion about "endangered species," you hear the term "ecological niche" - a special place in the scheme of things that is occupied by a particular creature. And whenever such a habitat is placed under extreme stress by changes in the environment, we say that the occupants are threatened with extinction.

My most recent solicitation from The College Fund/UNCF begins, "You've probably heard our slogan, A Mind Is A Terrible Thing To Waste." In that heated discussion about the relevance of "Black Colleges," I described last week, someone voicing opposition to the separate-but-equal concept, came up with sort of a parody on the original slogan, "An Education Is A Terrible Thing To Waste." Does Dr. Gray, the president, deserve an apology?

That crack about education arose from a careful consideration of the position of Dr. Lawrence J. Wolf, president of the Oregon Institute of Technology which addressed the necessity for coordinating the learning experience. "Employers see a technology system that does not meet their needs... philosophical, political and financial support for such education is uneven geographically and fragmented between the secondary, community college and higher-education sectors."

A correlation was made between this negative canon and the situation of a Portland black youth who from early teenage years should be making important contacts and liaisons for the future in part-time employment and work study situations, only to suffer the traumatic disruption and discontinuity of the process by being sent off thousands of miles away to an institution that may be ever so caring, but not have the resources to replace what has been lost. "It should not happen."

Through personal experience in both high-tech industry and the college community, I find myself supportive of this position. I am reminded of a statement made by Bill Gates, CEO of Microsoft Corp., in a presentation he made to several hundred education leaders and students: "The Connected Learning Community." Gates introduced the concept in the following manner:

"A stimulating, enriched educational environment in which all students have access to the world's information through personal computers and students, educators, parents and the extended community are connected to one another."

Certainly, I have learned this to be an indisputable fact, from many years of designing and implementing successful career ladders for students (both black and white) - for industry and for the public sector, federal, state, county and city. To achieve the maximum success, one must be totally involved and be about a total integration of the process which must have both horizontal and vertical continuity; the parent, the teachers and the future employer - the design of tailored curriculum, work-study programs and the counseling mode (since 1966).

This, of course, is the ideal, but it has been proven to work and work well. We all are aware that no decent level of education is wasted, but that is not the point. What should be our choice when we are culture-driven to nurture and motivate our youth within a special "ecological niche?" Can a warm and comfortable educational incubator with all its promise of an enhanced self-image take precedence over the "Connected Community" that Bill Gates described? And then, too, consider the economics.

Birth Announcement

Baby Name: Cody Lee Thompson Edington
Date of Birth: 11/23/95
Sex: M
Mother: Tina Thompson of Portland, OR
Weight: 5.9 Length: 20 inches
Paternal Grandparents: Mary Edington of Portland
Maternal Grandparents: Richard & Cherie Thompson of Portland

TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE CITY

We'd like to express appreciation for your participation in our 25th Anniversary celebration of the Portland Observer newspaper.

On behalf of the Cory Publishing Co., the Washington family and staff members, thank you for sharing this momentous occasion with us. Your contribution is sincerely appreciated.

We wish to extend happy holiday greetings and a prosperous New Year.

25th ANNIVERSARY

Sincerely,
Joyce Washington
Publisher
cc: Cora Smith, Event Coordinator.

Happy Holidays!

...hope, when being a parent gets tough



24 HOUR PARENT HELPLINE
1-800-345-5044
OR
238-8818
FOR SUPPORT & INFORMATION
Parents Anonymous of Oregon

