

Education

Local teachers awarded grants to E.T.C. Ed-Tech Centers

FUNDS RAISED DURING TCI'S FALL EDUCATION CAMPAIGN RESULT IN FREE "FIELD TRIP" FOR TEACHERS

Seven teachers within the Portland, Gladstone, Oregon City, Beaverton, Vancouver and Battle Ground School Districts have been awarded grants to attend one of the leading technology education facilities in the United States. The grants were provided to the school districts as a result of funds raised during TCI's recent Fall Education Campaign.

The Grant winners are Judy Van Scoter, Teacher, West Tualatin View; Bruce Russell, Executive Coordinator, Vancouver Public Schools; Kristen Felde, Teacher and Education Technology Coordinator, Pleasant Valley Primary; Kelly Kuntz, Instructional Technology Specialist, Beaverton School District; Susan McElroy, Activity Coordinator, West Sylvan Middle School; RoseAnne

O'Brian Vojtek, Director of Instruction, Oregon City School District; Joyce A. Knowlton, Teacher, Gladstone High School.

The school districts chose these educators to attend the center based on their high degree of interest in educational technology. They also possess the leadership qualities required to return to the district and share their newfound knowledge and experience with their colleagues.

The teachers will attend a specially-constructed, 2 1/2 day course at the ETC Ed-Tech Center in Littleton, Colorado. They will learn a variety of instructional technologies, including cable-delivered video and data resources, Internet, information retrieval, video and computer networks, multimedia and electronic publishing. Grant winners from the community will join other teachers selected from around the country to attend training.

The ETC Ed-Tech Center, located at TCI's national digital television facility in Littleton, has trained more than 1,000 teachers on advanced technologies since it opened in May 1994. ETC's new training facility will open in mid-October of 1996 in Washington, D.C.

TCI's Portland Metro systems serve over 240,000 customers in Portland, West Linn, Oregon City, Gladstone, Clackamas County, Washington County and the communities of Tualatin Valley, Vancouver and Clark county. Through TCI's philanthropic efforts, over 316 K-12 schools in the local area have been wired to receive commercial-free educational programs via cable.

TCI is the nation's largest cable television company, serving company, serving 14 million U.S. households in 49 states, with operations in several foreign countries.

Slavery's Buried Past

In 1991, New York City construction workers were digging a foundation for a skyscraper when they unearthed an 18th Century slave graveyard containing the remains of 427 bodies. It was a major news story -- and a political fight -- as African Americans in New York sought to preserve a sacred place. After months of negotiation, the skeletons were sent to Washington D.C.'s Howard University for study. Today the results are in: enslaved Africans not only built early New York, they were literally worked to death. Host Bill Kurtis and the Peabody Award-winning *The New Explorers* document the dig, the controversy, the research and the results. "Slavery's Buried Past" airs on PBS stations nationwide on Wednesday, December 18 at 8 p.m. (check local listings).

The *New Explorers* with Bill Kurtis is proudly sponsored by the United State Postal Service.

Moving south of the New York burl joints grounds, *The New Explorers* team joins historical archaeologists at Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia, and the Hermitage, Andrew Jackson's home in Nashville, identity and their rights, slaves held on to their traditions, practiced in secret.

Dr. Michael Blakey, a biological anthropologist at Howard University's Cobb Laboratory, heads the research on the skeletons found at the burial ground in New York City. Half of them were children, and many of those were infants under 6 months old. This evidence of high infant mortality tells researchers that the enslaved Africans at this site were kept in very, very poor conditions. Mark Mack and other scientists at Cobb Laboratory have been studying defects in muscle attachments and fractures on the remains of the buried slaves which show that people were "pressed to the very margins of human physical capacity."

In Williamsburg, Virginia, *The New Explorers* team examines the work of Maria Franklin, and historic archaeologist who excavated Richneck, a slave quarter dating back to the middle 1700s. She has found a collection of drilled spoon handles, artifacts she believes were worn to attract good spirits, indicating that the enslaved Africans incorporated ideas of the past in shaping their new identity in America.

At the James River Archaeological Institute, also in Virginia, Garrett Fessler has excavated a slave quarter on a plantation ironically called Utopia, where he also found artifacts suggesting that Africans kept their native spiritualism alive during the

early 18th Century.

Andrew Jackson's home, the Hermitage in Nashville, yields unique finds from the 1820s: Dr. Larry McKee is the scientist who is excavating slave cabins on Jackson's plantation -- and here there is a difference.

The Hermitage was a wealthy plantation where Andrew Jackson treated his slaves "well," as a showcase for the institution of slavery. But even there, the slaves held on to a personal, hidden culture. Among other symbolic artifacts, McKee has found a charm in the image of a fist, reflective of the mysterious life that the slave holders could neither control nor understand.

In Slavery's Buried Past, the *New Explorers* with Bill Kurtis shows how science is trying to piece together a history that was never written. The documentary sheds new light on one of the most elusive stories in American history, the personal lives of people held as slaves.

By examining tiny things that someone at one time thought were important, either spiritually or for practical use, science is learning that enslaved people stayed true to their own culture in spite of the systematic effort to eradicate their sense of identity and ties to their homeland.

Governors' School Seeks Applicants

The Oregon Governors' School (OGS) is currently accepting applications from high school students throughout Oregon for its sixth annual Institute.

OGS is a year-round, two-part program that begins with a three-week, residential Summer Institute, to be held this year on the campus of Willamette University in Salem from June 22 to July 11, 1997. The Institute focuses on critical thinking skills, communication, conflict management and team-building as well as diversity training and project development. Students also meet with key leaders in the state and participate in an intense out-doors experience during the three weeks.

Following the Institute, students participate in a series of follow-up training sessions and opportunities to work on both individual and group service projects with other youth to address the needs of their communities. This phase of OGS is known as "Young Initiatives" and takes place regionally throughout the state.

"We seek youth who represent diverse ethnic, academic and socioeconomic backgrounds from all corners of Oregon," says Dr. Marilyn Johnston, executive director of OGS. "We strongly encourage young people who feel they have untapped natural leadership potential and who would like to gain confidence and skills as a leader in their school and

community to apply."

To be eligible, students must be entering their sophomore, junior or senior year in either a traditional high school or an alternative education program in Fall 1997. Sixty participants will be chosen to participate through a competitive process.

Applications are due by March 15, 1997, and are available through Oregon public and private high schools, our Web site (<http://www.willamette.org/ogs>), or by contacting the OGS office directly: Oregon Governors' School, c/o Willamette University, 900 State Street, Salem, OR 97301; phone (503) 373-3335; fax (503) 373-3220; e-mail: mjohnsto@willamette.edu.

New Manager of Multnomah County Library's North Portland Branch

Multnomah County Library has hired Patricia Welch as the new manager of the North Portland Branch Library.

Welch, who has moved to Portland from Detroit, most recently served as a reference librarian at Detroit Public Library and as a research specialist at MITS, the University of Michigan's free-based information service. Welch replaces Cathie Helmick, who has joined the staff of the San Francisco Public Library.

Welch has also been a reference librarian at the University of Michigan Graduate Library and was a reference/marketing librarian for the University's M-LINK project, in which she provided reference services to businesses, local governments and community agencies through a network of public libraries.



Patricia Welch, Branch manager, North Portland Library

Library Association and the Michigan African-American Librarians group.

The North Portland Branch Library, located at 512 N. Killingsworth, serves a population of approximately 60,000 in a multi-ethnic urban neighborhood. The classic Carnegie library, built in 1913, also houses the Black Resource Center, a special collection of materials relating to the African-American experience.

The Center also contains works by African and Caribbean writers. Additional collections include Spanish language and Vietnamese language materials.

The North Portland Branch Library is open Tuesday-Thursday from 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; and Friday-Saturday from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. North Portland Branch Library is closed Sunday and Monday.

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Do You Plan To Appeal?

How Will You Do The Required Research To Find Comparables?

Take time off from work, travel to the Assessment & Taxation office in downtown Portland and stand in line waiting for the microfilm machine

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Your choice?

Sorry, there is No choice!

Why doesn't the Multnomah County Assessment and Taxation Division want citizens to have access to public property tax records on Multnomah County's Internet Server?

Find out here at

<http://www.macsolve.com/multco/default.html>

Multnomah County holds no greater power over its citizens than its ability to assess property values. Property tax payers must have equal access to information to effectively challenge arbitrary decisions or errors made by faceless bureaucrats. Fairness demands that citizens be provided with the information they need in a timely and easily accessible manner in order to have an equal voice in any challenge to disputed assessments. Multnomah County's current property tax information delivery system is outdated, inadequate and burdensome on the citizens that must use the system to justify their claim.

Contact

- Bev Stein, the County Chair and your Commissioner
- Beverly Stein, County Chair, 248-3308 mult.chair@co.multnomah.or.us
- Commissioner Dan Saltzman 248-5220 Dan.S.Saltzman@co.multnomah.or.us
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- Commissioner Sharron Kelley 248-5213 Sharron.E.Kelley@co.multnomah.or.us

Tell them you want access to public property tax records made available on the Multnomah County Internet Server, NOW.

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A fish for Christmas would be nice

Or would a rod be better? As the old saying goes, "Give a person a fish, you feed them for a day, teach them to fish, you feed them for a life time." Education is like that.

That's why Portland Community Center suggests giving a friend or loved one the gift of education this holiday season. It doesn't wear out. The guarantee never expires. It won't need new batteries. Education enriches the person who received it and it can result in the ability to earn a whole lot of fish. Caviar, even!

Portland Community College gift certificates are available beginning December 1 in \$25 increments. For complete information, call 614-2882.

Revlon New York launches lawsuit against Madeleine Jaundoo

Not a new product, but a full legal assault on a minority woman owned skin care products company, for using her historical and rare name.

Revlon among the giants of the consumer products industry has submitted legal opposition suit to The United States Patent and Trademark, opposition number 101,932 to prevent Madeleine Jaundoo from registering and using her rare and ancient family name Jaundoo.

Revlon corporate attorneys and the prestigious law firm of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan are positioning for a possible lawsuit against

Madeleine Jaundoo for selling beauty and skin care products under her name. Revlon states in their opposition suit that the Jaundoo mark and their mark Jontue are similar in appearance, commercial impression and sound. Revlon alleges that the use by Madeleine Jaundoo of her rare and unique name Jaundoo for skin care products is likely to cause confusion, mistake or deception on the part of female consumers, who will erroneously assume or believe that Jaundoo is in some way associated with, connected with or sponsored by Revlon. Revlon alleges that this will cause them irreparable damage.

Jaundoo was created at Madeleine's mother's dining room table in 1988 the company was founded and sold their first skin care product made with shea butter in 1991.

After years of sacrifice, hard work and long nights, along comes Revlon to extinguish her dream and her entrepreneurial spirit and desires to build a family legacy under the Jaundoo family name. A vision founded out of her desire to help people and make a difference. Madeleine has tried to explain to her 92 year old father Cyril Jaundoo what is happening to use, he let his head down in prayer.



A full stomach can hold about two and half pints.



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