

Education

Plastic recycling pays off for school playgrounds

Students at two Portland schools will begin playing on brand new recycled plastic playgrounds soon, thanks to the efforts of citizens who have increased recycling of plastic bottles at curbside.

Sitton Elementary, 9930 N. Smith St., and Whitman Elementary, 7326 S.E. Flavel, each will unveil colorful PlayVenture(TM) playgrounds, replacing equipment that was obsolete, said principals at the respective schools. The playgrounds were do-

nated by the American Plastics Council (APC).

Dean Marriott, director of the City of Portland's Bureau of Environmental Services, challenged Portland residents July 13 to increase plastic bottle collection at curbside by 18 percent before the end of 1996. For each six percent increase, APC offered to give a playground to a Portland elementary school. As of Nov. 1, curbside collections were up 12.4 percent.

When the additional 5.6 percent increase is reached, a third playground also will be donated.

"This is just great," said Sitton principal John Danielson. "Our old playground was inadequate. Portions of it were standing in six inches of water, so the kids couldn't even play there."

"In addition, our handicapped students will be able to enjoy the new equipment because it meets new standards for accessibility," he said.

Marriott urged residents to con-

tinue recycling all plastic bottles with necks, including those that have threaded tops with screw caps.

"The third school is just waiting in the wings for its playground, so we'd like to encourage all of you to 'check the neck' on bottles you find in your bathroom, garage, medicine cabinets and kitchen. Just remove the caps or lids, rinse out, crush and recycle in your yellow city of Portland recycling bin," Marriott said.

"APC is thrilled with the results of

the challenge issued to the citizens of Portland," said Red Cavaney, president and CEO of APC. "They have increased collection of plastic bottles at curbside and in turn, we are proud to donate the recycled plastic playgrounds. This is a true example of closing the recycling loop."

The benefits of using recycled plastic go beyond the actual recycling, however. The durability of the recycled plastic material exceeds other materials being used. Also, the play-

grounds will sustain little damage and are less susceptible to graffiti.

The American Plastics Council is the major trade association representing the U.S. plastics industry on resource conservation issues. APC works on behalf of the overall plastics industry to enhance the integrity of plastics, focusing on resource management-related environmental issues to ensure that plastics are a contributor to a safer and cleaner environment for the future.

15th Annual TeleCon Awards honor Knowledge TV

Knowledge TV has been recognized as the Most Outstanding Distance Education Network for 1996 by United States Learning Association (USDLA) and Teleconference Magazine at the associations annual TeleCon Awards gala. The 1996 TeleCon Awards were presented on October 30th at an awards dinner in Anaheim, California where TeleCon held its Annual Conference. The TeleCon Awards recognized the most outstanding products, programs, and services in teleconferencing, business television, distance learning and telemedicine at this year's "Academy Awards of Teleconferencing."

"We are delighted to be honored with this prestigious award from USDLA," said Wally Griffin, president of Jones Education Company.

"Knowledge TV is committed to making self-empowering knowledge and education available to adults at anytime and from anywhere. Our four programming categories have helped strengthen our commitment to provide excellent educational programming with an appeal to broad viewership."

Award winning JEC Knowledge TV, formerly known as Mind Extension University (ME/U), is television's only channel dedicated to providing knowledge which empowers individuals to propel their own lives and have better life experiences.

Knowledge TV's self-empowering programming falls into four need-to-know categories: Business, Careers and Finance; Health and Wellness; Global Culture and Lan-

guage; and, Computers and Technology.

About JEC College Connection--JEC College Connection is the distance learning vehicle of JEC, connecting students to college courses, degree programs, and professional training from recognized universities using videotape, the Internet, the World Wide Web, and television.

Affiliated schools include The George Washington University; University of Colorado at Colorado Springs; Regis University; California State University, Dominguez Hills; and International University (IU). In total, twelve universities offer more than 200 classes and a choice of 10 degree programs at the associate's, bachelor's and master's levels through JEC College Connection.

High schools compete for top gingerbread honors

Six local high schools will compete in a gingerbread house baking competition in conjunction with the Metro Washington Park Zoo's, Nationwide Insurance ZooLights Festival.

An invitation was issued to all high schools in the tri-county area and teams from Clackamas, Milwaukie, Molalla, Sunset, Tualatin and Westview High Schools have risen to the challenge.

They will use their culinary skill and artistic imaginations to create gingerbread magic.

Four of the schools took advantage of a free seminar given by Christa Currie, author of Gingerbread Houses. Currie inspired the students and their advisors to stick to a few construction basics and then let their decorating imaginations run wild.

The works of art will be judged Thursday afternoon, December 5 by

Currie and zoo catering staff. Prizes will be awarded that evening. The entries will be displayed in the zoo's Africafe throughout the festival, which runs December 6 through 31, with the exceptions of December 8, 24 and 25. Prizes for first, second and third place are being donated by The Old Spaghetti Factory, California Pizza Kitchen, TCBY, Act III Theatres and the Zoo.

WSU workshop for new students

Community members interested in taking classes at WSU Vancouver this spring should plan to attend WSU Vancouver's New Student Workshop on Saturday, December 7.

Designed specifically for those wishing to enroll this spring, the event will provide detailed information on the university's undergraduate and graduate programs, financial aid and scholarships, and details on how to apply. The workshop runs from 9:00 a.m. until noon, and will include tours of the campus and a chance for students to meet with faculty members.

Spring semester classes begin Monday, January 13, and continue into May.

WSU Vancouver offers bachelor's degrees in biology, business administration, English, environmental science, humanities, nursing, psychology and social sciences. Master degrees in business administration, education, engineering management, public affairs and teaching are also offered.

"This day is really designed to give prospective students all the information they need to apply, enroll and register for spring semester," says enrollment management director Nancy Youlden. "So many of our new programs are starting this semester, we want to make sure everyone has the information they need."

WSU Vancouver offers junior, senior, and graduate-level courses on its 348-acre campus seven miles north of the Portland-Vancouver area.

More information about academic programs and events can be obtained by calling the Office of Admissions at 360/546-USUV.

Jesuit High Placement Exam

Jesuit High School invites all interested eighth grade students to take the school's Placement Test on Friday evening, December 13, at 4:30 p.m. or Saturday, December 14, at 9:00 a.m.

There is a \$15.00 fee for the exam. Refreshments will be served. Test takers are not obligated to enroll, but those who plan to enroll as freshmen next year must take the test. Applications for the 1997-98 school year are being accepted now.

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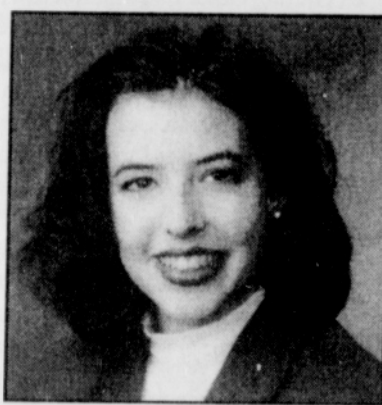
Western States names new public relations associate

Western States Chiropractic College has announced the selection of Jennifer Seeley as the new public relations associate.

Seeley was a former account executive at O'Neil/Berault Public Relations in Portland.

She earned a bachelor of arts degree in mass communications/public relations from Linfield College.

As a student, Seeley served as publicity director for Linfield's Office of Public Re-



Jennifer Seeley

lations and Associated Students.

Her primary responsibilities include helping to coordinate special events, publications, and media relations for the college.

Western States, founded in 1904, offers both a bachelor of science and a doctor of chiropractic degree. It is accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges and the Council on Chiropractic Education.

Slavery's Buried Past

PBS special "Slavery's Buried Past" from The New Explorers with Bill Kurtis--includes narratives from the book series entitled: I Was A Slave and the author who provides Research and Dialects.

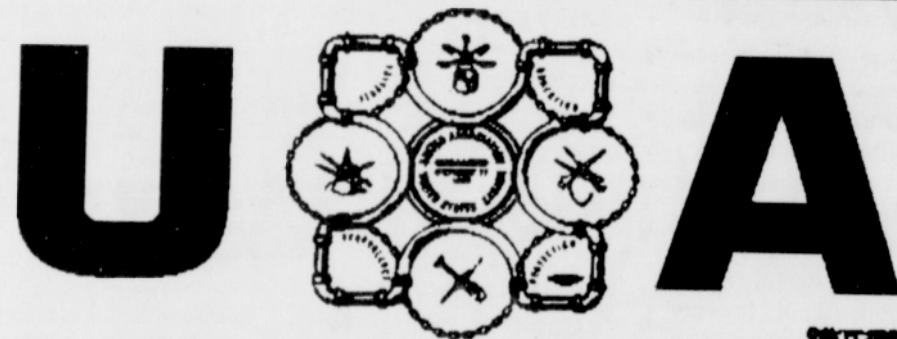
Donna Wyant Howell of Washington, DC, compiler of the series of books entitled I Was A Slave, has cameo audio roles within the upcoming PBS Special "Slavery's Buried Past" premiering nationwide on Wednesday, December 18, 1996 at

8:00 p.m. (check local listings). The program is hosted by Bill Kurtis of Kurtis Productions, Ltd. as part of the Peabody Award-winning series named "The New Explorers".

The program examines the discovery of a slave graveyard that contained 427 bodies in New York City and the subsequent findings. It includes information about other excavations that have unearthed articles used by slaves, such as drilled spoon handles (to attract good spirits) and a

charm in the image of a fist.

In keeping with the theme of providing additional pieces to the understanding of African American history, the show's producers have included segments from the first four books of the I Was A Slave book collection. These books are written entirely in the words of the former slaves, thousands of whom dictated their full life stories in the 1930's.



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