

# Education

## Focus on high school redesign

Wilson High School conference to provide tools for managing change

"Redesign of the American High School" is the subject of a two-day conference, June 18-19 at Wilson High School, 1151 S.W. Vermont St.

The conference is sponsored by the professional development and research program of Lewis and Clark College's Graduate School of Professional Studies, Portland Public Schools, Tigard-Tualatin School District and Evergreen High School in Vancouver.

Geared toward parents, teachers, and school administrators, the conference will provide participants with tools and tactics for managing change.

The conference will feature workshops on topics such as performance-based assessment, mentoring youths, integrating curriculum and breaking large schools into smaller communities.

"Teachers who are trying to pioneer changes in their classrooms are isolated," said Sabra Bradshaw, director of professional development and research and Lewis and Clark's graduate school.

To register, call Lewis Clark's professional development and research program at 1-888-601-8202. The conference fee is \$165 per person and \$150 per person for school teams of 10 or more.

## Home school bill advances in Salem

Legislation calls for change in how students are evaluated

How home-schooled students are evaluated is dramatically changed under a bill approved on a 4-3 party-line vote by the House Education Committee.

Major provisions of HB 3080 are:  
 • Eliminates the requirement that home-schooled students take a standardized achievement test from the state Department of Education's approved list. Instead, the bill allows home-school parents to select an assessment method, which may include a standardized test, diagnostic test, narrative evaluation or report card.

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• Repeals the requirement that the home-schooled student show satisfactory educational progress on a standardized test each year to maintain home-schooling status. Satisfactory educational progress is defined as scores at or above the 15th percentile. If a child does not show satisfactory progress, the child is ordered to return to school in their local school district. Under HB 3080, the parent

would only need to send a written declaration to the ESD superintendent that the child has been assessed within the last six months.

Exempts students from the compulsory attendance law if the student is taught in a satellite, extension or off-campus program of a public, private or parochial school in courses of study usually taught in grades 1-12 in the public schools.

OSBA supports the right of parents to home-school their children, but opposes HB 3080. "While the majority of home-schooled students exceed current requirements for satisfactory educational progress, there are those who abuse this law to avoid Oregon's compulsory attendance law. With an annual testing requirement, we know which students we need to have return to the normal classroom," OSBA Legislative Advocate Jim Green told the committee.

"Under this proposal, parents could elect to choose a standardized test that is no longer valid. The list approved by the department is updated to ensure the tests' validity. Take away those requirements and those who would abuse this proposed system will cost local school districts significant resources to bring those students up to their educational potential," Green added.

## Coalition responds to education budget

School advocates say proposal offers reason to hope

Responding to the House leadership's unveiling of a K-12 school budget package, the Coalition for School Funding Now! said that the proposal goes a long way towards the goal of adequate funding for Oregon's public schools.

"I am delighted that the House has come forward with a school funding package that reaches the \$4.3 billion we have always said is the required amount for our schools for the next two years," said Coalition Chair Delna Jones. "While we are not there yet in terms of final passage, it's a giant step towards that goal."

I applaud the Oregon House and its leadership for demonstrating their understanding of what it will take to protect the future of Oregon's children. We are optimistic that with the strong support in the House, the Senate will also recognize the importance of this pack-

age, and will take the appropriate steps to move the package quickly to the Governor. While we do not know the details of the distribution, we will stay in close touch with the House revenue committee as the proposal's resources are distributed throughout Oregon's schools."

The House leadership proposal combines \$4.21 billion to be distributed among Oregon school districts, along with several financial mechanisms that in effect brings the total for schools to the Coalition's recommendation of \$4.3 billion.

Proposals for state K-12 funding started at the beginning of the 1997 legislative session with the Governor's "base budget" of \$3.67 billion, and his "investment budget" of \$3.96 billion. The Senate has passed a \$4.11 billion package, that would still require cuts to many schools across Oregon.

Coalition Executive Committee member and Baker School Superintendent Arnold Coe said that he needed to review the proposal in detail, but was hopeful.



The Jefferson High School Annex is the place for fun as area kids graduate from Soccer in the Streets.

## Kids graduate in youth program

North Street Soccer Club held their third annual graduation Saturday for the Soccer

in the Streets program.

The past seven weeks, 90 to 100 children, ages 6 to 8

have received introductory soccer training at the Jefferson High School Annex.

They've been taught by area high school student/coaches on how to kick, shoot, dribble, trap and head the soccer ball.

Head coach for the program was Scott Sagar, former University of Portland soccer standout and current member of the Portland Pride.

At graduation, each child received a new soccer ball, courtesy of NIKE and a certificate for completing the course.

Many of the children will move on to play for North Street's fall, city-league teams.

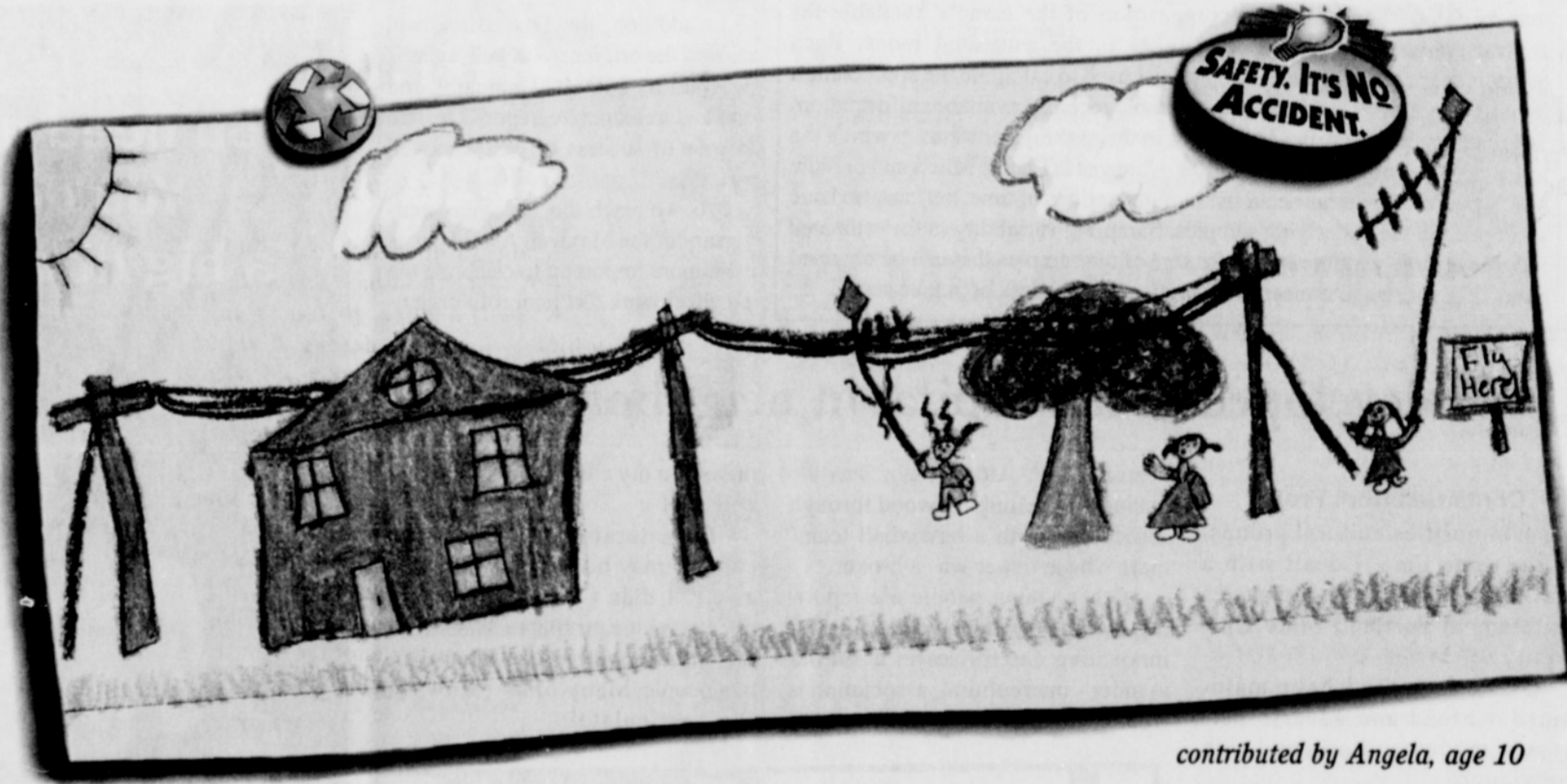
North Street Soccer Club is now accepting registration for its Fall teams.

This summer, North Street, will be holding several player and coaching clinics at the Jefferson Annex.

Dates and times will be publicized.

You can telephone at 282-9442 for details and more information.

Dear friends,  
 There are power lines all around your house. Look up before you climb a tree. If power lines are going thru it don't climb it. Always fly a kite in an open field.  
 ♡/Angela



contributed by Angela, age 10

Outdoor electric safety is important to all of us — especially this time of year when we spend more of our time outside. Here are a few important things to remember:

- Don't trim trees near power lines.
- Watch for overhead power lines when moving irrigation pipe or operating heavy equipment.
- Assume all downed power lines are energized and stay away from them.
- Don't climb trees near power lines.
- Stay away from substations or anything marked "Danger: High Voltage."
- Never install rooftop antennas or satellite dishes near overhead power lines.

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This contest was developed to help educate you and your children about some of the dangers associated with outdoor activities.

For kids to enter, all they have to do is draw a picture with an electric safety message and send it to Pacific Power. They can create their own or pick one of the topics at left.

All contestants will receive a prize and 25 winners will receive a \$100 savings bond.

### CONTEST RULES

Artwork must be the original hand drawn creation of the contestant and all contestants must be from 5 to 12 years of age. Limit one entry per person. Winners will be notified by July 15, 1997. Drawings should be horizontal on 8-1/2" x 11" size paper. The back of the artwork must have the contestant's full name, age, address and phone number. Entries must be sent to Sheila Holden/Carl Talton, General Business Managers, Pacific Power, P.O. Box 12699, Portland, Oregon 97212 and received by June 30, 1997. Artwork will be judged by PacifiCorp personnel to determine (in their sole discretion) savings bond winners, and the decisions of such judges are final. Artwork will not be returned and winners' names and artwork may be used in future contest promotion or advertising without further compensation. Members of the household of PacifiCorp employees are not eligible to participate. This contest is void where prohibited or regulated by law, and any federal, state or local taxes which may be imposed on prizes are the sole responsibility of the winner.