

\$58,950 in grants aids citizen organizations

At least ten Lane County citizen groups will continue operations through next year, thanks to grants from a Northwest foundation based in Seattle, Portland and Eugene.

The McKenzie River Gathering (MRG), a two-year-old foundation

which is a branch of a San Francisco-based organization founded during the 1960s by Joan Baez, Sunday awarded \$58,950 worth of grants to 32 Northwest groups.

According to Peter Jensen, Oregon's MRG field representa-

tive, the grants range from \$500 to \$4,000, with \$2,000 as the average grant.

Groups selected for funding by MRG are chosen for their activities toward non-violent social change, with a strong emphasis on democracy within the organiza-

tion, Jensen explained. Several of the grants will go to finance anti-war and anti-nuclear power activities, but MRG attempts to fund a wide variety of groups, Jensen said.

Grants are awarded on the decision of Jensen and 29 other MRG members scattered throughout the Northwest. Portland, Seattle, and Eugene each hold ten MRG voting members who meet to discuss grant applications, investigate and vote on requests. No individual funding is possible, Jensen said.

The groups receiving funds in Lane County include Eugene Clergy and Laity Concerned, Citizens Against Toxic Sprays, Coalition for a Free Chile, Lane Economic Development Council, BRING (a pilot project of a 50 home total recycling unit), Siuslaw Rural Health Center, Eugene Jack Rabbit Press, Eugene Northwest Working Press, Eugene News Collective and Willamette Valley Immigration Project.

Other groups receiving grants around the Northwest include El Centro De La Raza (Seattle),

"Northwest Passage" (a newspaper), Northwest Network for Peace and Justice, Mountain Moving Cafe (Portland), Seattle Tenants Union, Portland Tenants Union, NICH (a national organization working with Chilean immigrants), Lesbian Mothers Defense Fund, United Construction Workers Association (Portland), Portland Military and Veterans Counseling Center, Forlows on Board (an anti-nuclear power organization which opposed the construction of the Pebble Springs nuclear plant), Ursa Minor (the only cultural grant), Yakima Valley Immigration project, Venceremos, KRAB-FM (a Seattle Internationalist news radio station), Cascadian Regional Library, Coalition on Government Spying, Skills Bank (Ashland), Committee of 400 Film Co-op (Corvallis), War Resister's League Conference, Bradley-Angle House (a Portland shelter for battered women) and WHO FARM (a feminist farm outside of Portland).

In its first year of operation, plans for a similar MRG funding cycle for the late fall are in the making.

Whales, trees — and people to be honored at dedication

A local whale organization has announced plans to plant a small forest of redwood trees along the Santiam River.

Oregonians Cooperating to Protect Whales will dedicate the redwood grove to the Blue

Whales (*Balaenopter musculus*). In cooperation with the Oregon State Highway Department and the State of California Forestry Nursery, the group will plant the trees Saturday, starting at 7 a.m.

The group is inviting all interested citizens to join in the tree planting.

The trees will be planted along the north bank of the Santiam River, west of where Interstate 5 crosses the Santiam, near Jefferson. The planting will be followed by a day of celebration following the theme, "Whales, Trees and People: We Need Each Other."

Experienced tree planters will be on hand to explain how to plant the year-old seedlings, according to a group spokesperson. Families are encouraged to come with picnic lunches, planting tools and organic fertilizers. Musicians are also welcome to play during the ceremonies.

When the more than 1,000 trees are planted, they will be the first of a series of Sequoia sempervirens plantings that eventually will cover the floodplain that was once a source gravel for highway construction and maintenance.

"We expect these trees will mark a place on the landscape and form a visible reminder for future generations of our concern for the fate of whales," says Michael Gannon, spokesperson of Oregonians Cooperating to Protect Whales. "These trees are very fast-growing. With the abundant supply of water from the river, they will soon transform this area into a majestic series of redwood groves, another endangered species."



Jobs open for volunteers

Volunteers are needed in the community to provide many services. Listed below are just a few of the volunteer jobs now open. This list is compiled by the Voluntary Action Center (VAC), 673 West 10th Ave. in Eugene.

•You may think there is nothing unique about being a teenager, but there is something special if you are a teen volunteer. We have opportunities from athletics to zinnias. For more information about our Teen Program call 342-4451.

GAYouth group continues with Monday meets

Growing Alternative Youth meets Mondays at 8 p.m. for discussion of gay issues. These weekly meetings are open to interested persons under age 23. For tonight's meeting location and more information, call 485-3003 or 343-8130.

•You say Bernstein and Woodward can't hold a candle to your journalistic abilities? Show us. Editors and reporters are needed for a local agency's newsletter.

•Child care sitters are needed for a couple of hours, one day a week, to care for infants and children through age four.

•Want to try your hand at old-fashioned farming techniques? Turn a shovel for a senior citizen by helping to fertilize their lawn.

•Did you ever eat a pine tree? If you know which parts are edible, you could teach children to identify different edible plants.

•Do you ever have the urge to play on the swings again? You can if you help with a summer recreation program for children.

For more information on these and other volunteer experiences, Eugene area residents can call 342-4451. VAC's office hours are from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Springfield residents can call the Springfield Volunteer Center at 747-5399.

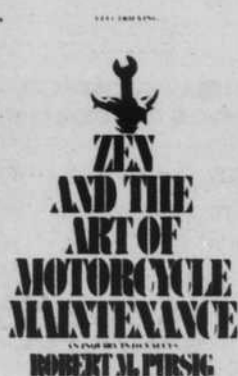
Books For Easy Summer Reading



The Hite Report
by Shere Hite
A nationwide study of female sexuality with a new cultural interpretation of female sexuality.



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by Ann McCaffrey
An enchanting classic of fantasy and imagination by the author of *Dragonflight* and *Dragonquest*.



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