

City Council discusses future of Eugene Celebration

■ **EVENT:** Council members agreed to fund this year's event, but hope to hand it over to non-profit groups

By Eric Collins
Community Reporter

In the wake of Ballot Measure 47, Eugene residents will still have one thing to celebrate in September, that is, at least for one more year. The Eugene City Council

agreed to give approximately \$25,000 in city funds to keep the Eugene Celebration afloat during a Wednesday afternoon work session.

However, the council asked Carol Brewster, special events manager of cultural services, to consider handing over the annual September event to non-profit groups in the future.

Brewster said the celebration's steering committee had to worry

about the council's recommendation to end the celebration all together amid relocation problems, increasing audience fees and reduced support on the city of Eugene.

The council could have ended the celebration this year by cutting two Eugene Celebration leadership positions within the Leisure, Recreation and Cultural Services division. This would have saved \$51,000 from the city's general

fund, which is used for subsidizing public works and public safety services during the event.

City Council President Laurie Swanson Gribkov was the first to announce her reluctance to continue funding the celebration, noting the council already had to make tough Measure 47 cuts.

"I had thought at some point, the Eugene Celebration would, and should, and was likely, to spin off to be a non-profit," Swanson

Gribkov said. "This is still \$25,000 left on the plate for a one-weekend event."

No matter what the council decides, Brewster said the celebration will look much different next year. The celebration will no longer be held at Broadway and Charnelton Street, where it has been located the past three years, and people over the age of 13 will be asked to pay \$5 for admission pins.

Outdoor School workers learn to work with nature, children

■ **ESCAPE:** Volunteers can either work with six to 10 sixth graders or with one special needs student

By Sarah Keech
Higher Education Reporter

Every spring term about 250 University students head to the mountains and forests of Oregon to participate as volunteers with ESCAPE's Outdoor School program.

Student volunteers for the program

spend a week as educators and counselors for either a special needs student or a group of six to 10 sixth grade students.

The deadline to apply for the Outdoor School program is this Friday.

"What you will be doing at the camp really depends on what camp you choose to go to," said Laura Wallace, Outdoor School division head at ESCAPE.

"You can work one-on-one with children in wheelchairs or children that have other

physical or mental problems at Multnomah County camps. There are also more traditional camps where you are supervising groups of sixth graders," she said.

Prior to going to the camp, student volunteers attend an ESCAPE orientation to be trained on what to expect while at the camp.

"University students will be living in the cabins, supervising recreation activities and serving as role models for the

campers," Wallace said.

Usually arriving at the camp on Sunday, two days before the campers, the University students are also trained about the environmental issues they will be teaching the young campers.

"I've learned more during the weeks I have spent at Outdoor School than I learn during some terms," said Amy Littman, a two-time participant in the Outdoor School program and division head of human services at ESCAPE.

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For Thursday, March 6, 1997

ARIES

(March 21 to April 19)

You just can't seem to communicate well, particularly where your mate is concerned. As a result, you both are frustrated, and bad feelings could fester.

TAURUS

(April 20 to May 20)

You're preoccupied with a situation that you cannot change. You need support and understanding. Don't shut others out.

GEMINI

(May 21 to June 20)

Instead of getting out and about, tend to personal interests. You've been a bit neglectful of yourself and need to make some changes. A child has a question.

CANCER

(June 21 to July 22)

You're scrambling to take up the slack left by a co-worker who just isn't getting the job done. Stop covering up for him or her, because ultimately, you're not doing any favors.

LEO

(July 23 to Aug. 22)

You are not happy with the way something is developing with a relative who lives far away. Consider a trip so the two of you can work it out face to face.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

The morning hours find you looking for something you misplaced. In general, your powers of concentration are not at their best. Unexpected news arises concerning finances.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

A friend surprises you with rude and thoughtless behavior that you feel you don't deserve. You're right about that. However, this person's problem has nothing to do with you, so ignore it.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

You find yourself hit with extra projects on the job. This causes you to put in long hours and neglect family duties. Fortunately, family members are helpful.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

That project you're considering isn't as simple as you seem to think. Sometimes, you tend to overestimate your abilities, particularly when it comes to things of a mechanical nature.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

It seems you're a bit dense and just don't understand what someone is trying to tell you. This is because you're too wrapped up in your own thoughts. Open your ears and listen!

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

Don't let your financial concerns cause you to ruin the day. There is a sensible solution to your problem. In fact, it's not as major as you seem to think.

PISCES

(Feb. 19 to March 20)

Unexpected responsibilities arrive on the home front that need to be tended to right away. Something you're considering at work is ultimately a bad idea. Rethink this plan.

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Birthdate of: Shaquille O'Neal, basketball player; Rob Reiner, director; David Gilmour, guitarist.

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