

Meetings: Measure 47 led to cuts

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survey, which asks residents to rate 32 city services in the culture and leisure, public safety and infrastructure and planning service areas.

Phil Weiler, public information officer for the city of Eugene, said turnout for the first three meetings has been above city estimates. Attendance was between 200 and 250 people at the March 4 and March 6 meetings.

Residents unable to attend the city-sponsored meetings still have several ways to become involved. Citizens can access the "core" service survey on the Eugene home page or pick up a paper copy at community centers and recreation sites throughout Eugene.

MEASURE 47

■ **SURVEY WEB SITE:** www.ci.eugene.or.us/M47/survey.htm
 ■ **INFO WEB SITE:** www.ci.eugene.or.us/M47/inform.htm
 ■ **BUDGET WEB SITE:** www.ci.eugene.or.us/M47/services.htm
 ■ **MEASURE 47 HOTLINE:** 682-8847

A Measure 47 hotline has also been established for the public to leave comments and criticisms about council activity.

"[The city] wanted to provide people who did not have web access or who could not make the meetings a way to have their voices heard," Terrett said.

Terrett said he will continue to gather survey information through the end of next week. Terrett said he will present the council with the community responses in April so that they can draft a service reduction strategy that will be brought before the public in May.

Law: Sessions will be open to public

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solve problems without getting teachers involved," she said. "They are being taught to be responsible for their own problems."

In Lane County, mediation is a highly effective way to keep small claims cases out of the courts.

From January to October of 1996, there were 763 small claims cases brought to the courts. Of those, 540 were referred to mediation and of those referred to mediation, 323 were resolved through that process. A total of 59.8 percent of all small claims cases successfully used

mediation to resolve conflicts.

Although mediation is a relatively new way to resolve problems in the United States, other countries have used it as a primary source of problem resolution for centuries.

"You can settle all kinds of problems through mediation," Cox said. "Divorce, special education, public policy and business contracts can all be resolved through mediation."

"What cannot be resolved through mediation are situations where there is a need to make new law or set legal precedence," she said.

Reasons for the use of media-

tion include a lower cost to the people involved, a shorter time spent in court, ability to pinpoint the exact problem between parties and the chance of avoiding litigation.

Training sessions in Portland and Salem will be offered from March through May. Training sessions in Eugene will be offered from June through September.

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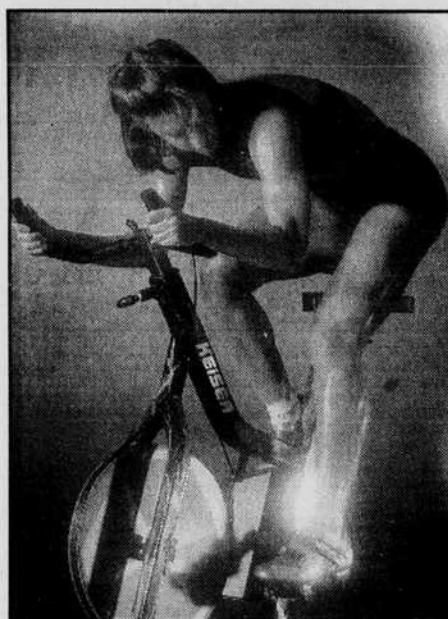
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10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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