



James Taylor was a first place winner in Highland Community Center's ping pong tournament. At the table in the background is Elaine Antoine, another first place winner. Additional winners were: First place - Delbert Newton and Eddie Lomax; Second place - Gregory and Avery Pnney, Paulette McMurray and Lindell Betts.



Delbert Newton displays skill that earned him a first place award in Highland Community Center's ping pong tournament. Tournaments are held every two months.

President's budget

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	1972	1973	Responsible Agency 1974
Research, development, & evaluation	45.0†	66.7†	Various agencies
Community Action Operations	351.0	285.3	Local option
Health and nutrition	157.2	165.2	HEW
Community economic development	26.8	30.7	OMBE
Migrants and seasonal farmworkers	36.5	36.3	DOL
Legal services program	67.7	73.8	Independent corporation
General support	18.2	18.5	GSA

†Billion dollars

Under no circumstances do I believe inflation can be fought with massive unemployment, such as that which will be created by the abolishment of the Office of Economic Opportunity and over one hundred other social service (human service) agencies. In defense of his actions the President has stated, "the time has come to get rid of old programs that have outlived their time, or that have failed. When we cut a million dollars for a federal program, that money is not lost and its power to do good things eliminated; rather that money is transferred to other budgets where its power to do good is multiplied." To me, the President's elimination of major domestic program is dangerous; especially in an era when people's ability to help themselves is dwindling with massive unemployment, the high cost of living, the high cost and limited medical services. Yet, our President can tell each of us in his Inaugural Address "do not ask what your country can do for you, but what you can do for yourself." One would think that at this time, with the President's optimism for our country's future, there would be a federal commitment to humanity, which is needed now more than ever before.

Our present national legislative trends pose real and present dangers to the continued existence of Community Action Agencies, especially since they have always assumed the role of federally funded advocates for and with the poor. These trends tend to dilute and diversify the influence and developed skills which the poor have begun to acquire with great difficulty through the Community Action Agency. The dilemma facing each CAA throughout our country is how to become a local institution, while preserving the community action concept which has been won with such effort and while retaining the role of the CAA as advocate for the poor. Another national dilemma facing both CAAs and local governments is how can the CAA work effectively with elected officials for the purpose of liberating the poor and enabling legislation tends toward regulation of the poor? CAA Directors must become fully aware and knowledgeable of pending legislation and must communicate this awareness and knowledge by developing joint strategies with the poor and CAA Boards, elected officials, and the various community organizations. CAA Directors must adapt their leadership role to include the role of "Community Representative" within the emerging local community development process. Community Action Agencies must develop a knowledgeable and concerned constituency locally, in the state, regionally, and nationally, which will create

new lines of communication by which these new concerns can be heard and acted upon. Community Action Agencies must provide more active support to their state and national associations for the purpose of projecting the community action concept.

As a Director of a Community Action Agency, I am more than ready to meet this challenge and assume the responsibility to seeing that our poor continue to be recognized and receive the assistance they so desperately need, despite the views of our President. But it is about time that everyone, each citizen, awaken to the fact that the problem facing our country today is not just the problem of CAA Directors or the Office of Economic Opportunity. The problem of poverty in our country affects the lives of everyone. Poverty will not disappear if it is ignored; this theory has been tried time and time again in our country and proven false. Isn't it time we all joined in a united effort to eradicate poverty? A united voice would insure that our message would be heard in every corner of the country, from the smallest local city hall to the big white, stone buildings in Washington, D.C.

Throughout this article, I have made a sincere, honest appraisal in my efforts to illustrate what the drastic cuts in the president's domestic budget mean to all of us. One has only to look around in the City of Portland. In a multitude of different areas, from public Housing to Model Cities, to Day Care Centers, to Community Action Agencies, the cutbacks will definitely put a new burden on an already gravely overburdened community. Unquestionably, to me, all of this dramatizes human suffering and degradation. Since Blacks have always been at the bottom of the economic heap, it is the Black who will feel most directly the cuts in welfare, employment, health and education.

Camp Fire

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236,256 boxes of candy will be dispensed to group leaders.

Proceeds from the candy sale are used to buy camp sites, construct buildings, maintain sites and structures and provide the program for both resident and day camps. Although Camp Fire Girls is a United Good Neighbors agency, UGN does not support the camping program.

There are two resident camps, Camp Namanu on the Sandy River, near Sandy, and Camp Kwoneesum, in the mountainous area above Washougal, Washington.

"We have many girls in the inner city who are interested in becoming Camp Fire Girls and sharing in all of the indoor and outdoor benefits of the program," said Miss Anita Austin, special project director for the inner city. "Our problem is securing interested adult volunteer leaders."

Miss Austin, who spends her full time working with the inner city program, may be reached by interested volunteers at 224-7800 at the Camp Fire Office.

Aging

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committee in the near future.

Action on the nursing home bills was postponed until they are referred by the Speaker of the House for committee recommendation.

Hays leaves PDC

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training ground for many minority people who have gone into other PDC departments. Some persons have moved up into supervisory positions under Mrs. Hays' training.

The site offices are responsible for planning many of the more visible improvements in the Model Cities are - housing and street improvements, tree planting, street and curb improvements.

The site offices also are the focal point for citizens participation. The neighborhood committees have been among the most active citizens groups in the city.

Due in large part to Mrs. Hays' efforts, PDC employs 25 full-time and 11 part-time minority persons out of a total of 126 employees.

Mrs. Hays has encouraged her staff members to continue their education. At the present time, nine employees are attending college, one is in high school, and one is preparing for the GED.

Mrs. Hays serves on many boards and committees dedicated to human rights. She is a long time member of the Executive Board of the NAACP Portland Branch,

and has served as First Vice President, Secretary, and Chairman of Labor and Industry. She served two terms as Secretary of the Western Region.

Mrs. Hays will join the firm of Christian Electrical Corporation, owned by her brother, George. She said, "Becoming involved in the family business has been a life-long dream - a dream to make a successful minority owned firm a reality."

There is fear in the community that Mrs. Hays will be replaced by a white. Some Model Cities residents are contemplating a campaign to request the assignment of a Black to the position.

Court

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changed by the Legislature. This question has not been brought up by the Legislature or legal opinions sought.

Senate President Jason Boe said it is unlikely that the Legislature will reopen this question since it would endanger the position of each legislator. A redistricting could change or eliminate the districts many of them represent, particularly those in Multnomah County.

The only practical recourse, in the opinion of the group that is now organizing, is through the courts. The federal courts have required some states to change their legislative districts when it was proven that they had been drawn to weaken Black voting power.

Unless legal action is taken, the legislative districts will not be redrawn until after the 1980 Census.



Abanquet marked the kick-off of the weekly radio program - PROVE GOD NOW RADIO HOUR. Evangelist W. Pritchett and Chaplain James Coleman were speakers. The radio program is aired on KGAR from 8:25 to 8:55 each Sunday morning.



FOR THE B-BALL players at the Salvation Army Youth Clubs in Portland, Navy Lt. John Gladics, area public affairs officer, gives away a "Go Navy" basketball, plus four extra, to Salvationists, Joe Kelleher (center) of the youth club at 711 N.E. Dekum and Leon Smith (right) from the 932 N. Shaver Club. Michael Vance (background) is recreation specialist at the Bruce Thomas Memorial Youth Center where the presentation took place. (U.S. Navy Photo)

Leslie White

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Reid; two brothers, Cederick and Manfred, who attend Oregon State University and Pacific University; and a sister, Irene, who is a first grader at Holy Redeemer School.

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