

Funds Available for Homeless Safety Net Plan Upon Passage of Proposed 1986-87 Budget

Mayor J.E. Bud Clark's proposed budget for 1986-87 will include over \$2.8 million to fund new and existing programs designed to assist in coping with the problems of homelessness in Portland and to provide a safety net to prevent low income city residents from becoming homeless.

In addition to homeless program funds, the Mayor's budget includes \$1.5 million to hire additional police officers to address crime problems in the City.

Funds in the proposed budget include \$295,000 available to carry out the Mayor's 12-point Plan for the Homeless together with increases in the Police Bureau budget which seek to bolster public safety, a major element of the Mayor's Plan. Collectively, the funds address adopted City goals regarding emergency basic services, public safety, housing, and preservation of a sound central city business district.

In addition to the \$2.8 million already included in the Mayor's budget, a \$2 million loan pool to develop and retain low income housing is proposed contingent upon the outcome of pending changes in federal tax laws. Further, the City, in conjunction with Multnomah County and the State of Oregon, is preparing an application for over \$12 million to provide long-term services to the chronically mentally ill of the community, many of whom are homeless. Decisions on the grant award and the tax law are expected this year.

The Mayor's Plan for the Homeless calls for increased housing and services



for the homeless while attending to concerns about the business and residential environment in the downtown/Old Town and near east side areas. Those concerns include crime and the disorder created by large numbers of transients, inebriates, and homeless individuals which frequent the areas.

Focus of funds included in the Mayor's budget is on maintaining existing programs, complementing privately funded initiatives, and augmenting actions aimed at ameliorating the impact of homelessness on business

and residential neighborhoods. Sources of the funds include the General Fund, federal funds through the Bureau of Community Development, and tax increment financing through the Portland Development Commission.

Funds will benefit business districts by attacking street crimes and by hiring the homeless to clean streets in coordination with a City-owned parking facilities maintenance program operated by the Association for Portland Progress.

Specific emphasis on shelters for homeless families is included in the budget which funds a program to encourage and assist churches in establishing emergency shelters and a plan to encourage apartment owners to make vacancies available for short-term housing for families.

Emergency shelter expansion funding will be available to supplement existing programs in the event of extremely cold weather of long duration or to operate an additional shelter if further hotel closures increase the numbers of homeless in the city.

Assistance for expansion of low income housing will be available through the Portland Development Commission's Investor-owned Rehabilitation Loan Program, Tax Increment Financing, a Technical Assistance Program to aid in rehabilitation projects, and an energy-related program which can be targeted to avoid closure and loss of low income housing. The Portland Development Commission also plans to initiate a \$2 million public interest len-

der program depending on whether federal tax law changes eliminate the incentive for such a program.

Improvements in the maintenance of the North Park Blocks will result from an irrigation system installation project. Funds are also included to install additional restroom facilities in the Skidmore-Old Town areas.



GIVE EYE DROPS 3 MINUTES

People who use prescription eye drops should close their eyes — "gently and quietly" — for three minutes after using their eyedrops, according to Thom J. Zimmerman, MD, of the Louisiana State University Eye Center.

When the eyes are blinked or squeezed shut after eyedrops, the medicine can be "pumped" into the tear drains, nose, and mouth, where it can be absorbed into the bloodstream and cause problems. Glaucoma eyedrops, for example, can cause heart and blood pressure irregularities, and breathing problems if too much of it gets into the bloodstream.

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Sun Bear Goes On Exhibit at Washington Park Zoo

Vivian, a six-month-old, 14" tall Malayan sun bear, was introduced to her temporary home in the nursery at Metro's Washington Park Zoo today. The zoo's newest resident will live in the nursery until completion of the bear grotto, scheduled to open in late summer, 1986.

Malayan sun bears are the world's smallest bears, weighing from 80 to 100 pounds, and standing two-and-a-half to three feet at the shoulder. They are black or dark brown, with white or orange markings on their chests. Known as expert tree climbers, these bears often spend most of their day in tree tops, hunting for food during the night.

Vivian was hand-raised at the Audubon Park Zoological Gardens in New Orleans. Zoo curator Steve McCusker is looking for a male to join Vivian when the new exhibit is completed.

The renovated bear grotto will include such amenities as multi-branched concrete "trees" in which the bears can climb and sleep. The sun bear exhibit is adjacent to the polar bears.

Free YMCA Health Check Day

Everyone thinks about working out and getting fit, but where do you start? What's right for you? The YMCA can help you find out how fit you are now, we will check your strength, endurance, body fat, flexibility then we'll help you develop an action plan for developing a lifelong health program.

Come to the Metro Center YMCA's Open House for Health Check Day, Saturday, May 31st 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., 2831 SW Barbur Blvd. There is no cost.

Gain awareness of your current fitness level, get a personal assessment and your own plan of action for good health. Talk to professionals about wellness topics: sports injury prevention, heart disease, arthritis, substance abuse, diabetes and much more. Let the YMCA help you get and stay healthy.

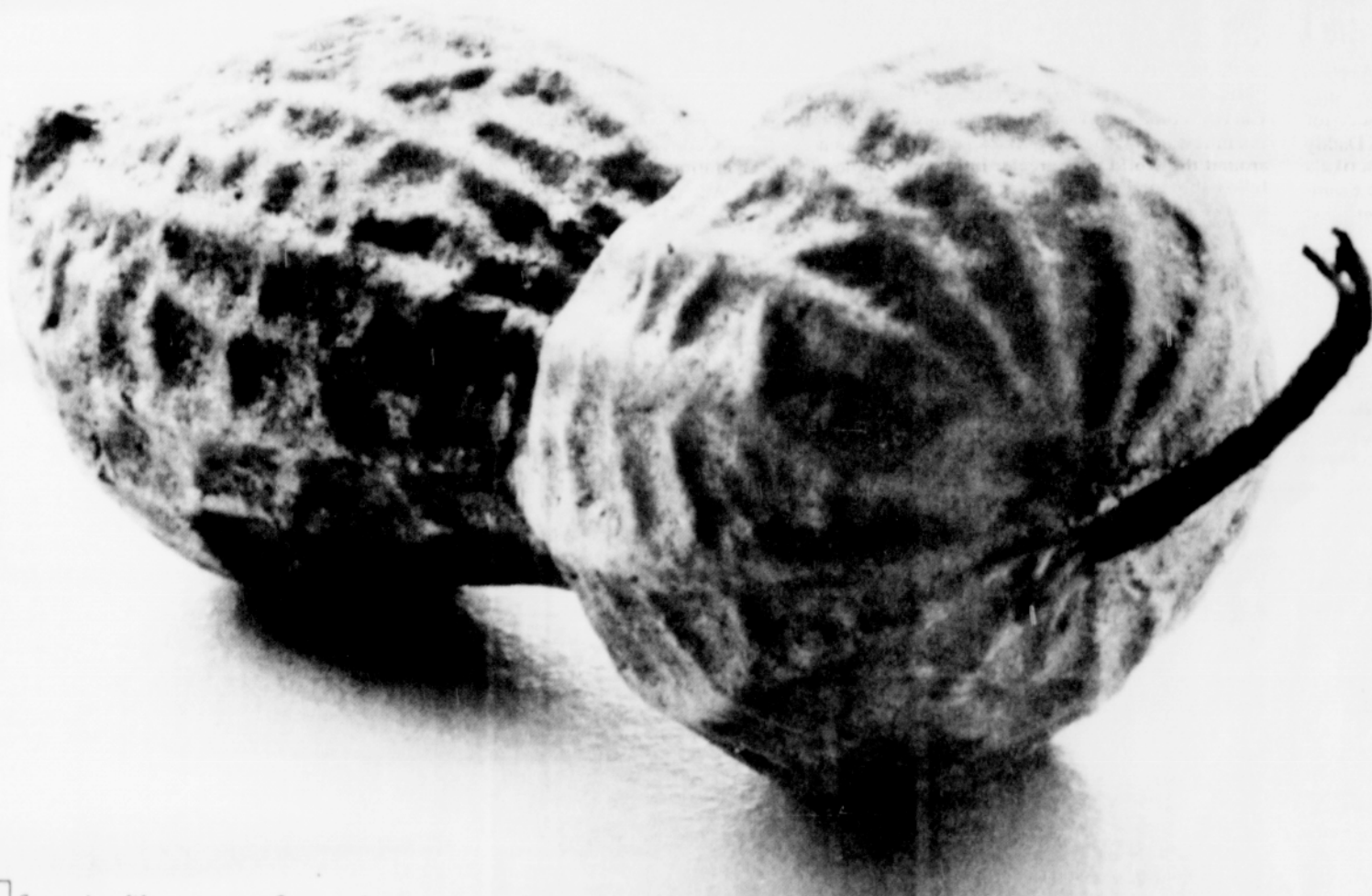
The YMCA Health Check day schedule includes fitness assessments at 11:00 a.m. and again at 2:30 p.m. Call the YMCA to hold your space at either time. At 12:30 p.m. there will be an action-steps seminar "Choices Do Make A Difference". Healthy refreshments, tours and information about YMCA programs as well as other community resources will be available. Call 294-3366 for additional information. Everyone is welcome.

Family Business Program

The College of Business at Oregon State University has announced the formation of a Family Business Program. The first program offering, Managing the Family-Owned Business, is a seminar designed for family business owners; the seminar will be held at OSU on June 25 and 26. Further details can be obtained from Program Director, Dr. Patricia A. Frishkoff, at (503) 754-3326.

Dentists and surgeons may soon rely on bamacl glue to mend parts of the human body, reports *National Wildlife* magazine. Its strength and durability surpass most man-made compounds, but so far no one has been able to synthesize the stuff in a laboratory.

A college that prospered on peanuts can teach you a lot about survival.



If you're like most of us, what you see here is only a peanut. But to a certain Dr. Carver of Tuskegee University, the lowly peanut was the key to hundreds of products, with the potential to keep Tuskegee—and the South—self-supporting.

Just as Carver unlocked the secrets of the peanut, Black colleges and universities are tapping the awesome potential of generations of young people. In this unique environment, students have the opportunity to play as large a role in campus life as their talents will allow. Class president. Homecoming queen. Captain of the debate team. Quarterback or Shakespearean actor. At Black colleges, every door is open; no dream is too ambitious. Is it any wonder that, though they enroll only 16% of Black college students, Black colleges produce 37% of all Black college graduates?

What's more, those graduates take with them the character and achievement that unlock the doors of the finest graduate schools, businesses and political offices. When you're considering colleges, shouldn't you consider the ones that gave us Martin Luther King Jr., Thurgood Marshall and Jesse Jackson? If you're out to make the most of what you have, no one can teach you more.



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