

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

High school students who are interested in applying for \$1,000 college scholarships should request applications by December 14, 1990 from Educational Communications Scholarship Foundation, 721 N McKinley Road, P.O. Box 5002, Lake Forest, IL 60045-5002. To receive an application, students should send a note stating their name, address, city, state, zip code, approximate grade point average and year of graduation. All requests for applications will be fulfilled on or about January 15, 1991. Seventy-five winners will be selected on the basis of academic performance, involvement in extracurricular activities and need for financial aid.

CHILD WELFARE AGENCY TRAINING ADVOCATES FOR OREGON'S KIDS

The Boys and Girls Aid Society of Oregon's special training program to help concerned citizens become volunteer Advocates for Oregon's children and families is entering its second year! More than 120 people have participated, and thousands have benefited through direct service and increased awareness of the issues facing the state's citizens in the 1990s.

The program is called Break The Cycle-of teenage pregnancy, child abuse and family crises. It provides orientation, training and supervision that teaches people how to make a real difference in the lives of troubled kids. Participants have the opportunity to work, in Boys and Girls Aid programs within their community following completion of the training. Some of the subjects covered in the three-session series include:

Teen Pregnancy-Nearly 8,500 Oregon teenage women became pregnant in 1989. 80% of these pregnancies resulted in births to single moms or abortion. Less than 4% chose to place their infants for adoption.

Delinquency Prevention-29% of Oregon's high school students don't finish school; 11,000 runaways were reported last year, 11,000 more went unreported.

Juvenile Justice System-18,000 cases of child abuse are reported annually in Oregon. Reported abuse is rising 10% yearly.

Break the Cycle trainings have been made possible by grants from the Oregon Community Foundation, The March of Dimes Foundation, and The Fred Meyer Challenge, and have been held in or are planned for Portland, Ashland, Eugene, Bend, Pendleton and McMinnville, each tailored to the needs of the local community.

The next Portland orientation session will be Monday, October 22, from 6 to 9 p.m., followed by training sessions on two Tuesdays, November 6 and 13. All sessions are held at The Boys and Girls Aid Society, 2301 N.W. Glisan Street, in Portland. For information or to register, call Ralph Coulson at 222-9661.

NO GOING BACK TO BACK ALLEY ABORTIONS

The campaign to defeat Ballot measures 8 and 10 in the Nov. 6 election continues to gain momentum.

Thousands of supporters and volunteers are donating money, time and talent to the NO on 8 & 10 Campaign (formerly Oregonians for Choice) to make sure Oregon voters defeat both measures, which would deny Oregon's women and teenagers access to safe abortion, when access to safe abortion is denied, women and teenagers die.

Measure 8 is a proposed Constitutional amendment that would ban virtually all abortions in Oregon.

Measure 10 is a so-called "parental notification" proposal that would require doctors to notify parents before a teenager could get an abortion. It may sound reasonable, but it offers no real or compassionate protection for teenage victims or likely victims of emotional abuse, violence, rape or incest.

To defeat these measures, pro-choice supporters from around the state-including, the Medford-Ashland area, Kalmath Falls, Eugene-Springfield, the Bend-Redmond area, The Dalles, Salem and the Portland metropolitan area, Astoria and other coastal communities-have collected and contributed thousands of dollars to conduct an extensive voter information campaign to tell voters of the disastrous consequences of the two measures.

On Halloween... carry a flashlight and wear retroreflective material on your costume.

PACIFIC POWER OFFERS GRANTS

To encourage the study of engineering and science, and to help prepare youth to live successfully in an increasingly sophisticated world, Pacific Power is giving an educational materials grant to Portland high schools within its service area.

The grant pays for the school's participation in the Edison Electric Institute's library grant program, which provides educational materials-source books, posters, teacher discussion guides, and a cumulative index of all EEI grant materials-to participating schools throughout the school year.

"The materials are an excellent source of current information on new developments as well as career opportunities in energy and technology," said Carl Talton, Pacific's Columbia area manager. "Teachers can use the materi-

als in preparing for classes or as a resource for discussion, research papers or speeches," Talton said.

Aside from receiving enrichment materials, students at local high schools will have an opportunity to compete in a national science-fiction short story contest. Winning entries will be published in a special "Prize-winning Science Fiction Stories" book that will be circulated to libraries and EEI grant schools throughout the United States.

The grants are underwritten by the company's Better Energy in Schools Today (BEST) program, which is designed to help schools identify energy efficient solutions to their space and water heating needs.

Edison Electric Institute is an association of investor-owned electric companies.

CATLIN GABEL

47TH ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

The 47th annual Catlin Gabel School Rummage Sale opens at the Multnomah County Expo Center November 1 and continues through November 4. Volunteers, students, faculty, and alumni have been busy collecting, sorting and pricing new and used goods all year long for this traditional event.

A special pre-sale with all items marked up 25% takes place on Thursday, November 1, 3:30pm-9pm. continuing dates and times are: Friday, Nov. 2, 10am-9pm; Saturday, Nov. 3, 10am-6pm; Sunday, Nov. 4, 10am-3pm.

Marilyn Cooper, Rummage Chair, says "All 20 departments are stuffed with great items, but this is an especially great year for furniture and skis. We also have a truck load of brandname new sports clothing and shoes, especially in the large sizes. We have bikes and trikes,

toys, houswares, radios, TVs, records and books galore. All used children and adult clothing is unit price to sell."

The sale is one of the largest all-volunteer events of its kind in America and grosses over \$100,000 a year. All proceeds go to financial aid for students who might not otherwise be able to attend the Catlin Gabel School. About 23% of all students receive financial aid.

Experienced rummage hands will transform the Expo Center from an empty shell into a full-fledged store with 20 departments for buyers to choose from. The "What's New" department features all-new merchandise donated by local businesses.

The Catlin Gabel School is an independent school with 640 students in grades pre-school through 12 in Southwest Portland.

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The Black Press believes that America can best lead the world away from social and national antagonisms when it accords to every person, regardless of race, color, or creed, full human and legal rights. Hating no person, fearing no person, the Black Press strives to help every person in the firm belief that all are hurt as long as anyone is held back.

STUDY FINDS POTENTIAL IN JOB TRAINING FOR WELFARE CLIENTS

An independent short-term study of past "Welfare-to-work" programs in Oregon suggests a pilot project that stressed training of welfare clients had the potential to move families more effectively from welfare to the workforce than did a program that promoted job search.

"We are pleased with the direction of the outcome," Stephen D. Minnich, AFS administrator, said. "But we need longer-term data in order for the analysis to be conclusive."

Results of the evaluation, required by the 1989 Legislature, were announced here today by officials of the consulting firm Deloitte & Touche, which supervised the analysis, and the Oregon Adult and Family Services Division, whose Old JOBS and New JOBS programs were scrutinized. The study involved an analysis of more than seven-thousand AFS cases from October 1988 through October 1989.

The Deloitte & Touche study compared two former AFS programs: Old JOBS, which emphasized job search for welfare recipients, and New JOBS, which involved a long-term strategy of training welfare clients for the workplace.

The Deloitte & Touche evaluation found:

The average wage earned by New JOBS participants was \$4.88 per hour,

slightly higher than for Old JOBS at \$4.73.

Both groups displayed an ability to secure employment, but the New JOBS process requires a longer period of time for education and training before results begin to materialize.

The rate at which New JOBS participants found employment increased substantially during the study period, from 30 percent to 44.5 percent.

Partnerships between AFS and service providers in New JOBS branches increased service to clients.

Client attitudes were more positive toward New JOBS than toward Old JOBS, and more clients volunteered for the New JOBS program than for Old JOBS.

Management controls in New JOBS were not strong enough to meet the challenges of monitoring increased activities offered by the program.

Both New and Old JOBS ended with the implementation of welfare reform on October 1, 1990. Old JOBS dated from 1981. New JOBS, begun in 1988, operated a short time, just over two years.

New JOBS contained a key element-job training-of Oregon's newly initiated welfare reform program, JOBS for Oregon's Future. So, for discussion purposes, state officials have made a theoretical link between JOBS for Oregon's Future and its predecessor New JOBS

because of underlying similarities.

JOBS for Oregon's Future:
Promotes training of welfare clients with more intensity than New JOBS.

Requires greater accountability of clients than New JOBS.

Includes many more partnership links with service providers, such as community colleges, than New JOBS.

Officials representing Adult and Family Services and executives from Deloitte & Touche emphasized that the short life span of New JOBS did not permit conclusions on its long-term effectiveness. However, the findings point to the potential for positive results from programs which promote training of clients, such as New JOBS. It also supports the emphasis AFS management places on partnerships and increased accountability under JOBS for Oregon's Future.

Adult and Family Services is a division of the Oregon Department of Human Resources. Its Clients include more than 32,000 Oregon families receiving Aid to Dependent Children.

Deloitte & Touche is an international consulting firm with offices throughout the United States. The Seattle office conducted the AFS study. Data analysis was done by Deloitte & Touche subcontractor Battelle Memorial Institute Human Affairs Research Center in Seattle.

YOUTH ENJOY THE WWF

BY: TONY WASHINGTON

The Portland Observer is supportive of activities involving youth. Our community lacks a bit when it comes to functions for young people. The Portland Observer offers a variety of activities for kids and young people. One of those being the World Wrestling Federation. The WWF is a great outing for all ages of the family. Adults, young people,

and kids will get a chance to see their favorite wrestling stars in action. This past Sunday, the WWF came to town. The main event was Hulk Hogan vs The Earthquake. The result ended with the Earthquake being disqualified. Other matches included Dino Bravo vs Tug-Boat and a host of others. The WWF will return to the Memorial Coliseum November 30, 1990. The WWF gained nationwide recognition when Vince

MacMann obtained ownership in 19083. You can catch the World Wrestling Federation on KGW Channel 8, Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

The Portland Observer takes an interest in all kids and occasionally has free tickets for the WWF. Interested parties should call Tony Washington at 288-0033 for more information.

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