

HEALTH

Human Resources Goes On The Road To Talk To Public

Top administrators of the Oregon Department of Human Resources, the state's health and human services agency, are going on the road in June and July to hear more from the public.

Ten public meetings are scheduled in Bend, Eugene, Medford, Pendleton and Portland where the public can address their questions and concerns to agency officials and also learn more about major program strategies and budget challenges the department faces.

Since April, state Human Resources divisions and other state agencies have been seeking public comment on service priorities in preparation for 1995-97 budget decisions.

Kevin W. Concannon, DHR director, said they will explain that Human Resources are largely

privatized, with 78 percent of the budget going out to direct payments, counties, foster parents, alcohol and drug treatment centers and other services. "Most human services are delivered in private hospitals, doctor's offices, homes and other private settings that the public doesn't see," he said.

"These road trips yield good ideas from the public and offer a good means of dialogue," Concannon said. "It was during one series of such meetings that we heard strong support for connecting our services to schools to do a better job of helping people become self sufficient - and we're doing it."

The meetings will be, chronologically, in:

- **Portland:** Monday, June 20. Public meetings will be from 9:30 a.m.

- to 11:30 a.m. in the Terrel Hall auditorium on Portland Community College's Cascade Campus, 705 N. Killingsworth St.; and from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in room 140 of the Portland State Office Building, 800 N.E. Oregon St.

- **Pendleton:** Tuesday, June 21. Public meetings will be from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. and again from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., both in Morrow Hall room M-130 at Blue Mountain Community College, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave.

- **Bend:** Wednesday, June 29. Public meetings will be from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. and again from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., both in the cafeteria of the state Department of Human Resources Building, 1001 Emkay Dr., S.W.

- **Medford:** Wednesday, July 13.

Public meetings will be from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. and again from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., both in the auditorium of the Smullin Health Education Center at Rogue Valley Medical Center, 2825 E. Barnett Rd.

- **Eugene:** Thursday, July 14. Public meetings will be from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. and again from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., both in the city council chambers at Eugene City Hall, 777 Pearl St.

Concannon said meetings are scheduled for both days and evenings to enable the largest number of people to attend.

Besides hearing the public's priorities and concerns, Concannon said, the meetings will be used to explain the interlocking nature of services provided by the department. "We want

people to understand that if you cut one program to preserve another," Concannon said, "that you may wind up hurting the very people you were trying to help."

The department's divisions are Adult and Family Services; Children's Services; Health; Mental Health and Developmental Disability Services; Senior and Disabled Services, and Vocational Rehabilitation. Its program offices are the Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs; Office of Medical Assistance Programs (Medicaid); Volunteer Program, and Office of Health Policy.

The department is responsible for the Medicaid expansion under the Oregon Health Plan, and Concannon said both Oregon Health Plan Administrator Vickie Gates and state Medicaid Director Jean Thorne will

attend many of the meetings.

Concannon recalled that the department's 1991 series of statewide meetings identified public concern about limited access to human services, and that the department responded by beginning to integrate services within the department and seeking greater local participation in planning human services.

"We now have 35 sites statewide where our services are integrated at a single site, often in a public school," Concannon said. The sites are located in 33 of Oregon's 36 counties.

Persons who have comments but cannot attend one of the meetings are invited to write Director Kevin W. Concannon at Human Resources Building, 500 Summer St., N.E., Salem 97310-1012.

S P O R T S

HALES LAUNCHES PARKS/SCHOOL SOLUTIONS

In response to the recently announced reductions in school funding, Portland City Commissioner Charlie Hales will announce the completion of a \$1 million package of programs to augment sports and other youth activity programs during next Wednesday's City Council meeting, June 15th.

The proposal was developed by Parks and Recreation staff with considerable input from representatives of each of the public school districts in the City of Portland. Hales says it is a positive step toward meeting the needs of Portland's youth.

"I feel this proposal responds economically but adequately to the 1994-95 school reductions," Hales said. "It does not replace everything, but with it we are attempting to keep many valuable activities alive during

a difficult fiscal situation for our school districts."

The proposed supplemental youth activity programs are as follows:

Community Schools - \$545,000 - 8 full time positions

This action would extend after-school recreation activities to approximately 75 schools throughout Portland, including those eastside school districts that have not had community schools in the past. Approximately 20,000 youth per week would be served, with activities in athletics, arts and other special events.

Arts, Environmental Education Programs - \$160,000 - 1 full-time position

Approximately 2,000 youth in all the Portland area school districts will be served by these programs. Of the \$160,000, \$100,000 would fund programs in the visual and performing arts, and would be operated by the Metropolitan Arts Commission. Another \$60,000 would fund an envi-

ronmental education operated by Portland Parks and Recreation.

After-School Activities at the High School Level - \$100,000

This money would go to support after-school activities in the Portland School District that are being cut next year at the high school level.

Sports Programs - \$195,000

This funding would be spent to support sports programs, primarily at the high school level, to offset reductions in the Portland School District. These sports include tennis, swimming and golf. Funding for Saturday Open Gym programs, summer sports fitness camps, and the Police Athletic League (PAL) are included in this proposal.

The City's Approved 1994-95 Budget included \$1 million in the Parks and Recreation budget for the proposed plan. It will be funded by the General Fund and an additional \$.75 per nine-hole surcharge at City-owned golf courses.

T S 100 HOLE GOLF MARATHON

Inc. is hosting a golfer's dream, a 100 hole golf marathon on Thursday, June 30. Golfers will collect pledges per hole played and then will head out to play as many holes as they can from dawn to dusk at Broadmoor Golf Course, 3509 NE Columbia Blvd.

The golfers will collect pledges per hole to play to raise funds for Volunteers of America's social service programs. The golfers will be provided with a golf cart, meals, beverages and snacks. The day will close with an awards ceremony.

There will be an informational meeting on Thursday, June 1 for all prospective golfers. Golfers are still needed to participate in the 100 hole marathon. For more information on how to participate or sponsor a golfer please call Volunteers of America of Oregon at 235-8655.

Local Doctors And Nurse Practitioners Donate Medical Exams

With strong community partners, Portland State University will offer the National Youth Sports Program (NYSP) for low-income youth for the second year, July 11-August 12, 1994 on campus and at nearby sites.

NYSP combines sports instruction with exciting educational programs for youth ages 10-16. NYSP participants receive at no cost an NYSP T-shirt, daily USDA-approved meals, transportation to campus, medical examination, accident-medical insurance coverage, and interaction with college students and staff.

Please contact Ty Rosenberg (280-6152), Joann rosevear (280-5718) or Maura White (248-5011).

Students Complete Year Of Service

Volunteers of America of Oregon's Adult Day Care Program received an extra hand this year from students at Central Catholic High School. Beginning last Fall, students from Gene Moreland's Social Justice class helped program staff for an hour every Tuesday with clean up, arts and crafts, sing alongs, and exercises.

The Adult Day Care Program, established in August 1989, provides seniors and disabled adults with the care they need to maintain independence. For family members who care for these seniors on a daily basis, the program is a welcome break from their responsibilities.

Volunteers of America is a nationwide social service organization with branches in over 200 communities. Volunteers of America of Oregon, Inc. serves the community through children and family services, senior services and community corrections programs.

Pointers For Parents

Drug-Free Living For Your Teenager

(NAPS)—The statistics are alarming: By senior year in high school, seven out of ten students have taken drugs. Eighty percent of the population has used illegal drugs by their mid-20s.

A majority of teenagers routinely drink at parties and only eight percent report no alcohol use. More than one third of American alcoholics are under the legal drinking age.



With drug and alcohol use so widespread, millions of families will be touched by the problem. Many parents fear saying the wrong thing. Teenagers may fear getting into trouble if they talk about drug and alcohol use. Not so. "More communication, not less, is the answer," says author and humanitarian L. Ron Hubbard.

Communicating some straight facts about drugs from Hubbard's book "Clear Body, Clear Mind: The Effective Purification Program" may help save a life.

"Drugs are essentially poisons. This is true of any drug. Each has a different amount at which it can kill," Hubbard writes.

Because drug use often starts as a means of suppressing pain from an actual physical affliction, good general health and proper care of any illness or injury are important.

With good communication and facts about drugs, teenagers and parents can together work toward a happy and productive life.

Free Leaflet

For more information on living drug-free, write: Lead the Way to a Drug-Free USA, Church of Scientology, 1404 N. Catalina St., Los Angeles, CA 90027.

SUMMER TENNIS CAMPS FOR YOUTH

A series of tennis camps for youngsters are scheduled this summer in the Portland area.

Camps for tennis beginners, advanced beginners and intermediate players are scheduled June 20 and June 21 at Irving Park and Roosevelt High School. Both these camps are free, however, if participants want a t-shirt, there is a charge of \$15. To participate in the Pacific Northwest's Regional Rally in Seattle, the cost is \$40 per child. This event will be held on July 29. Transportation, food and

T-shirts will be covered by the entry fee.

A camp at St. Johns Racquet Center will cost \$120 for six weeks of instruction or \$20 per week. Times are 1 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. This camp is for advanced tennis players, tournament players and kids who played on their respective high school teams.

All camps fun Monday-Thursday, with the parks sites from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and the St. Johns Racquet Center site from 1 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Camp Fire To Hold Day Camp For Boys And Girls

The Portland Area Council of Camp Fire offers day camps for boys and girls at five sites this summer, including: St. Johns Community Center, 8427 North Central, Monday - Friday, July 11 - August 26, 7am - 6pm Extended Day, 10am - 3pm Regular Day

Boys and girls entering grades 1 to 7 in the fall 1994, and teen volunteer program aides entering 8 to 12, are invited to participate. Camp Fire membership is not required.

"Camp Fire day camps are conveniently located so that parents can drop off their children on the way to work and pick them up on the way home," says Carol Fields, Day Camping Director for the Portland Area Council of Camp Fire. "Our extended-day option also helps people with busy schedules."

Under the supervision of caring, trained counselors, boys and girls will enjoy a variety of activities with a different theme each week: Potpourri, Science Sleuth, People of Oregon, Outdoor Living Skills, Performing Arts, Hands-on Nature and Pioneer-

ing the West.

"With a different theme every week," Fields says, "boys and girls can attend all summer and not get bored. For those attending only selected weeks, they can choose the subject that sounds the most interesting to them."

The cost is \$50 per week for regular day; \$90 per week for extended day. Program aids do not pay a fee. Youth may attend for one week or any combination of weeks.

Through its day camp, Camp Fire is committed to the goal of helping youth develop respect for themselves, for others, and for the environment.

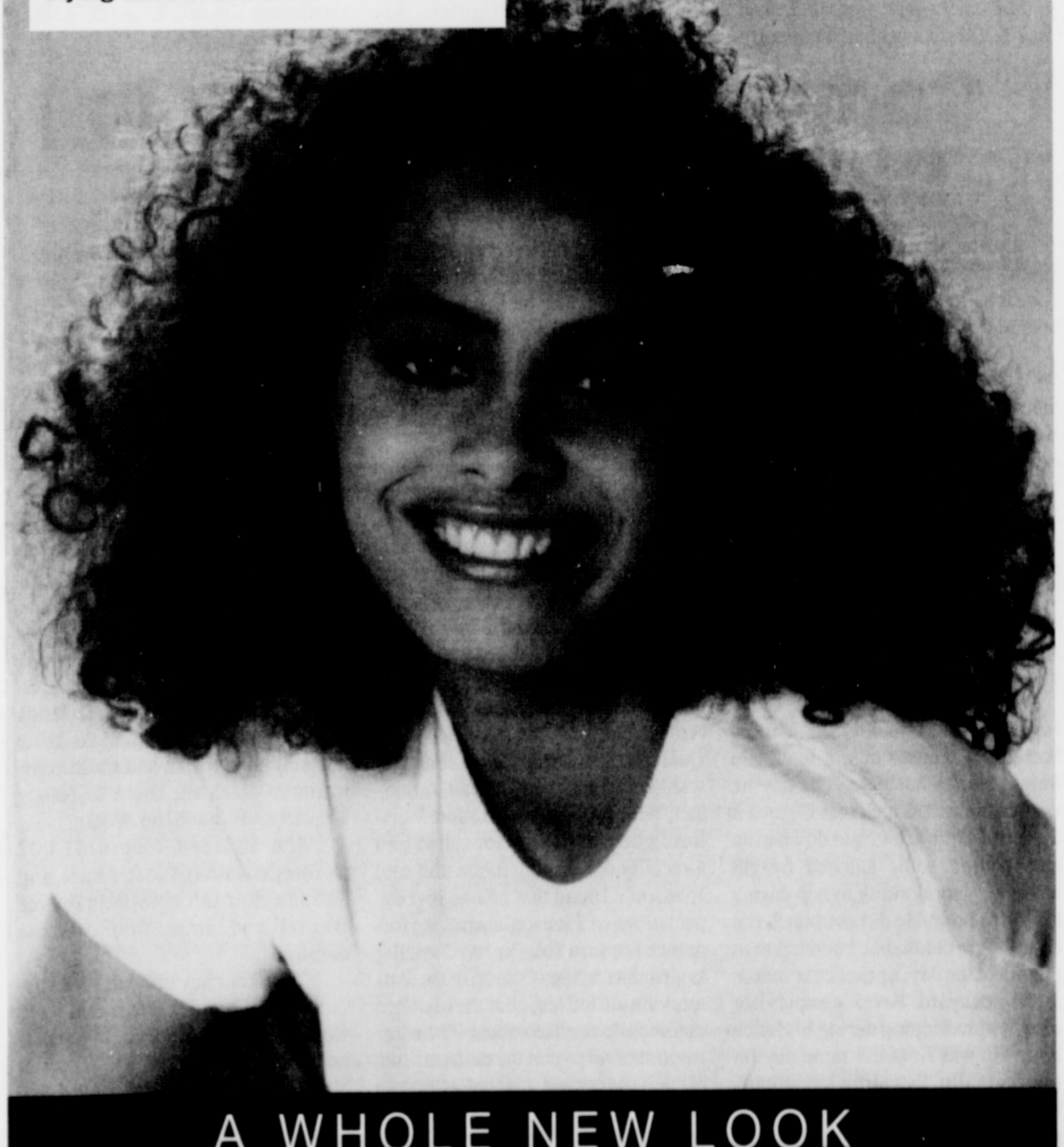
The council also offers weekly day camps from July 11 through August 26 at Mt. Scott Community Center, Oxbow Park and Rock Creek Environmental Center, plus two weeks of day camp at Portland State University, June 20-24 and June 27-July 1.

For a brochure or registration forms, please call the Portland Area Council of Camp Fire at 224-7800.

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