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GOVERNOR'S NEWS BRIEFS
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This is a summary of recent announcements and events from Governor Barbara Robert's office. For more information, please call the contact listed for each item.

Oregon Benchmarks Take National Award: The Ford Foundation and the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University announced on September 29 that the Oregon Benchmarks program has been chosen to receive a 1994 Innovations in State and Local Government Award. The Benchmarks are Oregon's nationally acclaimed project to set measurable goals to help guide planning and policy for the state's future.

The Innovations Awards are considered to be among the nation's most prestigious public service awards, and recognize novel efforts to improve government at the state and local levels that are unusually successful in addressing public needs.

Governor Roberts attended presentation ceremonies for the awards program in Washington, D.C., and accepted Oregon's award on behalf of the Benchmarks program. A \$100,000 grant goes with the award, to help promote the benchmarking process and encourage its adoption by other levels of government.

Many local governments and other organizations across Oregon are also adopting benchmarking programs to coordinate their work with the state-level goals. (Steve Corson, 378-6307)

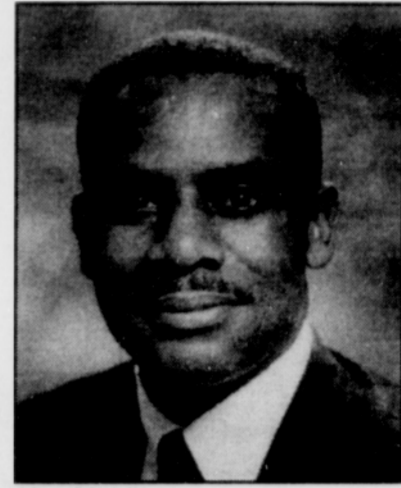
State Secures Grant For Dislocated Worker Training: Following a meeting in Washington, D.C. with U.S. Secretary of Labor Robert Reich, Governor Roberts announced on September 30 that Oregon has won a \$1,028,000 Labor Department grant to assist workers dislocated due to the recent closure of Litton Guidance

and Control Systems in Grants Pass.

The money comes from funds under Title III of the federal Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA), and will be administered by The Job Council, in Medford, to help former Litton workers with job training and assessment, counseling, job placement assistance, and other services. Eligible participants may also receive basic income support while they complete training activities.

A Worker Adjustment Committee made up of Litton workers, the state's dislocated worker program coordinator, The Job Council, the State Employment Department and the Rogue Community College has already been formed and secured nearly \$18,000 from Litton to assist dislocated workers. The state has also provided \$18,000 in matching funds to provide basic readjustment services. (Steve Corson, 378-6307, Peggy Eberle, OEDD, 986-0111)

Tourism Director Named



Ken Middleton

Ken Middleton has been named associate director of convention sales for the St. Louis Convention and Visitors Commission.

His responsibilities will include managing the commission's telemarketing program for northeastern and southeastern U.S. association accounts.

Middleton previously was employed by the Indianapolis Convention and Visitors Association. He is a graduate of Indiana University, where he received a bachelor's degree in economics.

Largest-Ever Voters' Pamphlet Project

Twenty-eight versions of Oregon's 1994 General Election Voters' Pamphlet will be showing up in mailboxes, in advance of the October 18 voter registration deadline. Sixteen of those versions will contain individual county voters' guides. More than 242 arguments were filed for the 18 statewide measures on the November 8 ballot.

"This is the largest-ever Voters' Pamphlet project," Secretary of State Keisling said. "If we were operating under the same laws two years ago, it would also be the longest and costliest."

Keisling cited a number of changes the Legislature approved last session that reduced the length and cost of the Voters' Pamphlet, while at the same time providing incentives for more counties to produce their own. As a result, the total state cost for the project, including all

production and postage, is estimated at \$1 million, roughly the same amount spent in 1992 when there were 9 ballot measures. \$194,700 was received in fees for voters' pamphlet statements, all of which goes to the General Fund.

"The combined state and county booklets will range for 188 to 244 pages, with the state part alone weighing in excess of one-half pound," Elections Director Colleen Sealock noted. "This is a tremendous cooperative effort among the county clerks, postal service, printer and state that results in a total statewide distribution of nearly 1.5 million copies."

Each of the 28 versions will contain 160 identical pages of information and arguments related to the 18 statewide measures. Each will also contain varying numbers of pages for different statewide and legisla-

tive races, precincts and polling places, district maps and general information. In 16 of the versions, a County Voters' Pamphlet containing information about local candidates and races will be inserted. Because of size limits, separate booklets will be distributed by Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas and Marion Counties.

"Oregonians will be voting on the most measures since 1914," Keisling said. "The Voters' Pamphlet is a trusted and valuable tool to help voters make critical decisions that are sure to affect the future of our state."

The project will use just over 950,000 pounds of recycled newsprint manufactured at the Smurfit Newsprint Mill in Oregon City. Contractor for printing, binding and distribution of the pamphlet is News-Register Publishing Co. of McMinnville.

Fall Food Stamp Increase Due

Oregon Food Stamp recipients are seeing a small increase in the amount of food stamps they receive.

Each year benefits increase during fall and winter months to offset higher heating costs. In addition, the maximum amount of food stamps a family can receive is adjusted each October in response to changes in the cost of food.

But because prices in the government's latest "market basket" survey of selected food items went up only slightly, the amount of the increase will be very small. The exact amount will vary depending on family size, income and expenses.

Volunteers Needed To Help Summer Street Fair

Summer Solstice, a day to celebrate community and our connection with the Earth, was the theme of Northwest Portland's first street fair

in eight years. The first meeting will be at the Bridgeport Brewery on October 18 at 6:00 p.m.

Well, its time. Anyone interested in planning this terrific event, please contact Rob Bennett or Aaron Corman at 223-3331.

Political Viewpoint

TO WHOM:

We who live in the Tri-Met Transit district are being asked to vote on a General Obligation Bond for \$475 million to build South/North Light Rail which is to run from Clackamas Town Center in the South to 39th Avenue North of Vancouver, Washington.

If we don't get in on the congressional allocations for transit in 1995 we will lose out for nearly 10 years or more. There are 26 others transit districts looking for that same money. We need our part of the cost, so we can get the other parts. Half of the cost comes from the federal government and that number will be going down. The part we are to put up is 16.5 percent of the total cost or 1/3 the local cost. The States of Washington, and Oregon, will provide the remainder of the Non-Federal share of the project cost. Public-Private partnership may pick up some of the local costs.

If we don't get this South/North light rail started we will not be able to afford it later. Just look at California and Seattle. They were late in doing what we are wanting to do. Los Angeles, California is now going back to their older railroad beds. We are ahead of having to play catch up; so let's stay that way.

I heard about six years ago that half of Los Angeles County is paved over for right a way usage.

We all need to think of what we're leaving for our children and those who will follow us. There is an old adage that says, "We should try and leave earth better than how we found it".

We all need to think how we can best slow down on hydro-carbon to slow global warming. How is the best way to do this so we may all win? Industry and the auto has to share in this field.

*Sterling Williams
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