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**Next Week
News From the African
American Festival**

"Famous Amos" Visits The Portland Observer

Walley "Famous Amos," the inspirational, international cookie entrepreneur, stopped by the Portland Observer Office this past Tuesday, May 21, 1991.

He was in Portland to promote his new franchise "Chip & Cookie Boutiques. They will be marketed in the Portland area late this fall. He will also deliver a special keynote address to his first national "Franchising for Women and minorities" satellite video conference on June 15, 1991.

This unique satellite video conference will be presented to the public through Portland Community College in mid June.

Says, Susan P. Kezios, President of conference sponsor, Women in Franchising, Inc., "This will be the largest franchise conference ever held to educate women and minorities about their opportunities to succeed as franchise entrepreneurs. Our goal is that every woman and minority in the country will be within easy driving distance of a conference location."

The "Franchising for Women and Minorities" conference will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in all four time zones; some speakers' remarks will be taped for later transmission. But,



Wally "Famous Amos" Shows his new product Chip & Cookie

Kezios explains that regardless of time zone, attendees at every location can question the speakers in a live, interactive format.

International celebrity agreed to address the conference, he says, because "anyone, regardless of color or sex, can achieve whatever they want to do." Amos, Founder of the Famous Amos Cookie franchise, is also the author of *The Power In You: Ten Secret Ingredients for Inner Strength*. His success allows him to speak with authority on the importance of overcoming life's challenges. As a franchise entrepreneur, he teaches people how to build a business based on personal integrity, commitment and courage.

Amos also acts as national spokesman for the Literacy Volunteers of America (LVA). A portion of the proceeds from the video conference will be donated to LVA.

And Amos is about to jump back into the industry with a new cookie boutique franchise based on two characters, Chip and Cookie. This Institute.

To register for a conference location near you, call toll free (800) 222-4943.

Photo By Veronica Green

Holiday Driving Safety Urged

The Memorial Day Holiday is coming and school is almost over for the summer. Motorists are reminded to take extra care when driving in areas where children are likely to be playing, bicycling or walking.

While children generally know how to be safe cyclists and pedestrians, they don't always remember to do it. Children may dart out from between parked cars, fail to check intersections before they enter them or do something else unexpected.

Young children also do not have a very well-developed sense of depth perception and may not realize how close a vehicle could be when they choose to cross a street.

Right turns at red lights also can be dangerous. Motorists watching for other traffic may not notice a young pedestrian in a crosswalk.

Motorists should be particularly cautious in residential areas, near parks and playgrounds and other locations where children are likely to be.

Parents also can help ensure safe holidays by making sure their children know how to walk safely. Reviewing these safety tips with children could help reduce the risk of an accident:

- Choose the route with the fewest streets to cross.
- Cross at corners.
- Look in all directions before crossing any street—every time.

Grace Collins Center Receives Re-certification



Grace Collins

A formal hearing was held on May 8th that gave the Grace Collins Center full certification.

While the re-certification of the Center and the partnership that has developed between the Center and CSD is noteworthy. This event is meant to call attention to the plight of not only Grace Collins, but many day care centers that find themselves in similar or worse struggles due to lack of adequate funding, the inability to operate at breakeven, and the lack of resources to

provide children in the inner-city with an enriched learning environment that will provide the necessary positive start needed to break the cycle of poverty, ignorance and dependence that results in the need for social programs.

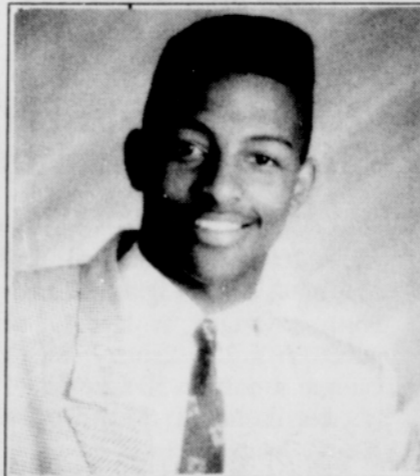
The Collins Center provides a subsidized quality daycare program for low income, single parent or "at risk" and welfare families (PIC, AMA, AFS) who are going to school, in training or working to upgrade their skills and their quality of life. Our goal is to continue providing this vital service in addition to top notch

teaching and training for preschoolers, infants and toddlers.

There is an urgent need for quality day care in our area and answers must be found to deal with closing and or marginally operating Centers like Grace Collins.

For over 40 years the Grace Collins Memorial Community Center, formerly known as the Christian Community Center has operated in the Portland inner-city at its present location.

A Touch Of Elegance



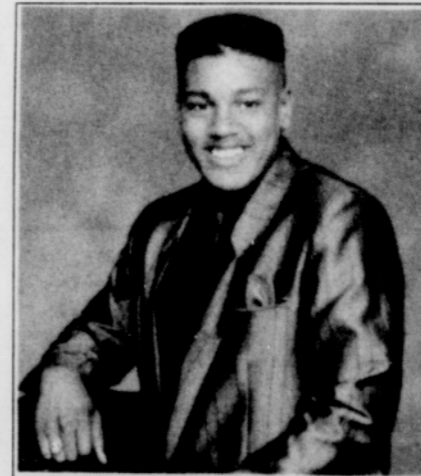
Edric Lovelle Carter

Les Femmes has chosen 22 high school seniors, to be presented in their 40th Annual Debutante and Cavalier Ball, "A Touch of Elegance."

Dedicated to improving the lives of African-American youth, while preparing them for life after high school is one goal of Les Femmes. The Portland based organization of women has developed a strict code of ethics and rigorous curriculum for the young people to follow.

To reward the participants for following the ethics code and curriculum, each senior who demonstrates academic success and service to the community will be honored in the formal ball on Sunday 23 at 8 pm in the Grand Ballroom of the Oregon Convention Center.

Each week through June, Les Femmes and the Portland Observer will feature three young people who were chosen as 1991 debutantes and cavaliers. This week meet Edric Lovelle Carter, Terence Reymond Hendrix and Kimberly Patrice Moon.



Terence Reymond Hendrix

Carter, the son of Edward and Pat Carter, is a senior at Benson High School. In addition to playing football and basketball at Benson, Carter takes time to participate in MESA—a group dedicated to mathematics, engineering and science.

Carter, who was voted Homecoming King at Benson, was selected as a model for the 1989-90 Meir & Frank modeling troupe. This modeling experience has peaked Carter's interest in performing arts. He will attend Oregon State University this fall and major in business administration /economics and minor in drama.

Hendrix is a senior at Central Catholic High School and is the son of George and Odessa Hendrix. While in high school, Hendrix lettered in football, track and cheerleading. Working in the community is not new to Hendrix, who has been a NAACP youth member for twelve years. He also is active in Jack & Jill of America, Inc. where he has



Kimberly Patrice Moon

served as teen president and vice president over the Portland chapter and teen parliamentarian for the Far West region. Hendrix, attends Ainsworth United Church of Christ, and will pursue a business degree at Hampton University this fall.

Moon, the daughter of Donald and Brenda Moon, is a senior at Jefferson High School. Enthusiastic about Jefferson, Moon participated in cheerleading, spirit club and was a peer helper. She also is a member of Toastmasters, the human relations committee and the Academy of Future Educators. Moon attends Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church and sings in the youth choir and works on the youth usher board. Selected to the Metropolitan Youth Commission, Moon participated in a state-wide youth conference. Moon will enter Grambling State University this fall. Her ambition is to become a paralegal.



Lance Corporal Eric Spears has returned home safely from Saudi Arabia - WELCOME HOME!!