

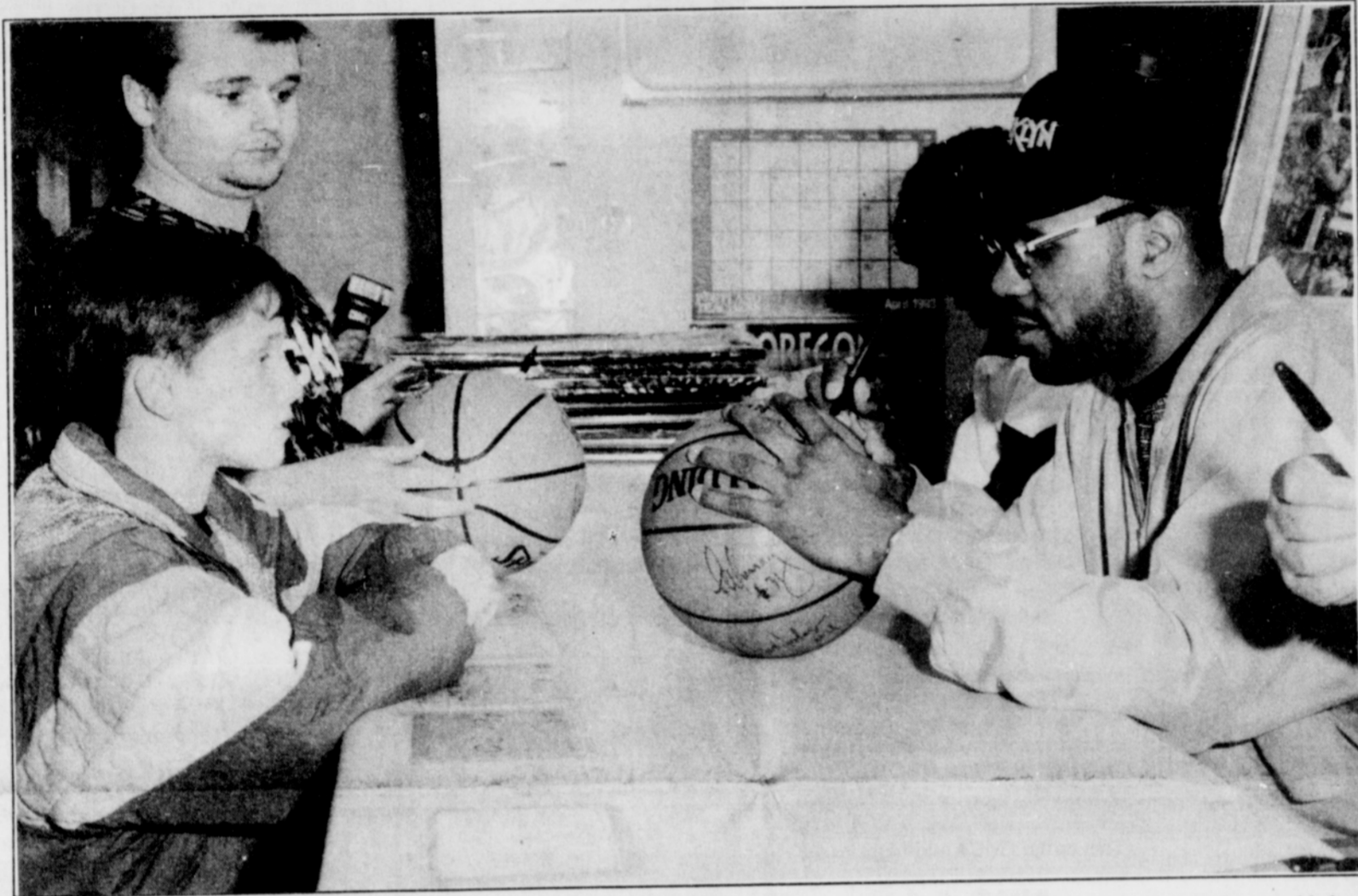
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Happy Easter

Giving Something Back!



■ Eleven year old David Bunnell watches closely as Blazer guard, Mario Elie, autographs his basketball. Elie, Cliff Robinson, Tracy Murray, Dave Johnson, Reggie Smith, and Rod Strickland signed autographs last Sunday at the Portland Saints auction, which is a fund raising event for the Women's basketball team.

BY JOHN PHILLIPS

Giving something back was the theme of the day on Sunday at the Midway Shopping center in southeast. The 122nd Sports Card Trading Show was the site of the 3rd annual Portland Saints Auction. The Saints auctioned off shoes of Portland Trail Blazers players along with basketballs signed by players and coaches and autograph pictures. The auction was held from one to six p.m. Fans paid five dollars each for autographs and all the proceeds went to the Portland Saints Women's AAU basketball team.

The Portland Saints added seventy seven hundred dollars to their bank account thanks to Dave Johnson, Reggie Smith, Tracy Murray, Cliff Robinson, Rod Strickland and "Super" Marlo Elie. I hope people understand that more than money was made at the auction. It was the fact that these men took their personal time to help someone that needed help. Their time is always in demand, and they get paid big money for it, so that makes it even mean more.

There are many people I would like to acknowledge for helping the Portland Saints achieve their goal. Wally Scales, Vice President, Special Events, John Lashway, Director, Sports Communications, and John Christensen, Assistant Director, Sports Communications. These

three men really made the auction go over as well as it did, with all the help they provided me. Then there is Greg Swain, Shauna Sullivan, Dale Dennis and Jeff Specht, with the 122nd Sports Card Trading Show staff. They made everything possible by having a special show just for the Portland Saints. And last but not least, Dennis, Elaine, and Ron Benish who helped from day one. To the many who helped all go well on the day of the auction. All the players and coaches of the Saints thank everyone who helped.

The Saints will be the first women's team in the history of the AAU Women's National Basketball Championships to come from the state of Oregon. The Nationals are in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, April 15 to 18. The Saints will leave Portland for Milwaukee April 13 at 10:00 P.M. All games will be played at the new 6.2 million dollar recreation complex of Wisconsin Lutheran College, in Wauwatoss, Wisconsin.

Members of the Portland Saints are players, Miraim Jenkins, Diana DeYoung, Sandra Howell, Laurie Northrop, Angie Harris, Alisa Robinson, Carol Drouet-Rawlings, Kendra Starks, Renae Aschoff, Krista Smith, Tracy Nelson, Velaida Shephard and coaches Jeff Gamble and myself John Phillips.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**6 Years Old
DaRay Keith
Morrison**



From Mom



**12 Years Old
April**



Loving wishes from your
mom and dad

CONGRATULATIONS

6th Grade NE Portland Basketball Team



The AAU 6th Grade Basketball Team NE Portland won the 6th Grade Oregon AAU State Tournament which was held in Hermiston, Oregon. NE Portland Basketball team (17-2 overall record) was coached by Terry Tims and Cleatis Goodlow. The team was lead by Tianté Tims who averaged an amazing 30 points per game. The leading rebounder was Josh Atkins and leader in assists was Terrance Green.

The State Champions would like to thank the following people for their support and success: Wally Scales, Portland Trailblazers; Cleophas Smith, Gresham Dodge; Bobbie Harris, Varsity Coach Jefferson High School; and Sweets' Meat Market.

Tourism Industry Convenes In Eastern Oregon

More than 250 Oregon tourism industry leaders gathered in Eastern Oregon April 4-6, 1993 for the Ninth Annual Governor's Conference on Tourism.

The conference was held in La Grande and Baker City, with the Oregon Trail Sesquicentennial as a principal theme.

The creative use of existing resources and emerging trends to increase tourism was on the agenda. Trends included industry growth area such as eco-tourism, heritage tourism and cultural tourism, which are all part of the reasons travelers will visit Oregon in the future.

Other topics included the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Packaging for the Group Tour market, a legislative breakfast featured lawmakers, such as Sen. Bill Kenemer, R-Milwaukie and Rep. Ray Baum, R-La Grande, and a leadership panel discussed critical issues in the industry.

The conference was planned by the Oregon Economic Development Department's Tourism division, with registration fees and sponsor support covering coordination costs.

"Last year conference delegates reviewed a draft five-year strategic plan. Since then, an implementation plan has been completed which will take tourism in Oregon to the next step. Many of the challenges that face the visitor industry were addressed. Our goal is to develop the partnerships necessary to ensure that tourism works for Oregon and will continue to play an important role in the economic diversification of the state well into the future," said Joe D'Alessandro, tourism division director.

The Tourism Conference was one of the largest conferences ever held in eastern Oregon, and local host communities had been working for months to make certain local heritage is shared with the delegates.

Ethnic meals and entertainment were showcased in Baker City, host site for the conference. Nine eastern Oregon counties helped prepare menus and entertainment to display the diversity of culture found in the region.

Governor Barbara closed the conference on Tuesday in La Grande with an awards dinner at the Eastern Oregon State College campus. Following the dinner, an adaptation of the Oregon Trail musical "Voices of the Trail" performed at the Performing Arts Center, Mary Jane Losa Hall.