

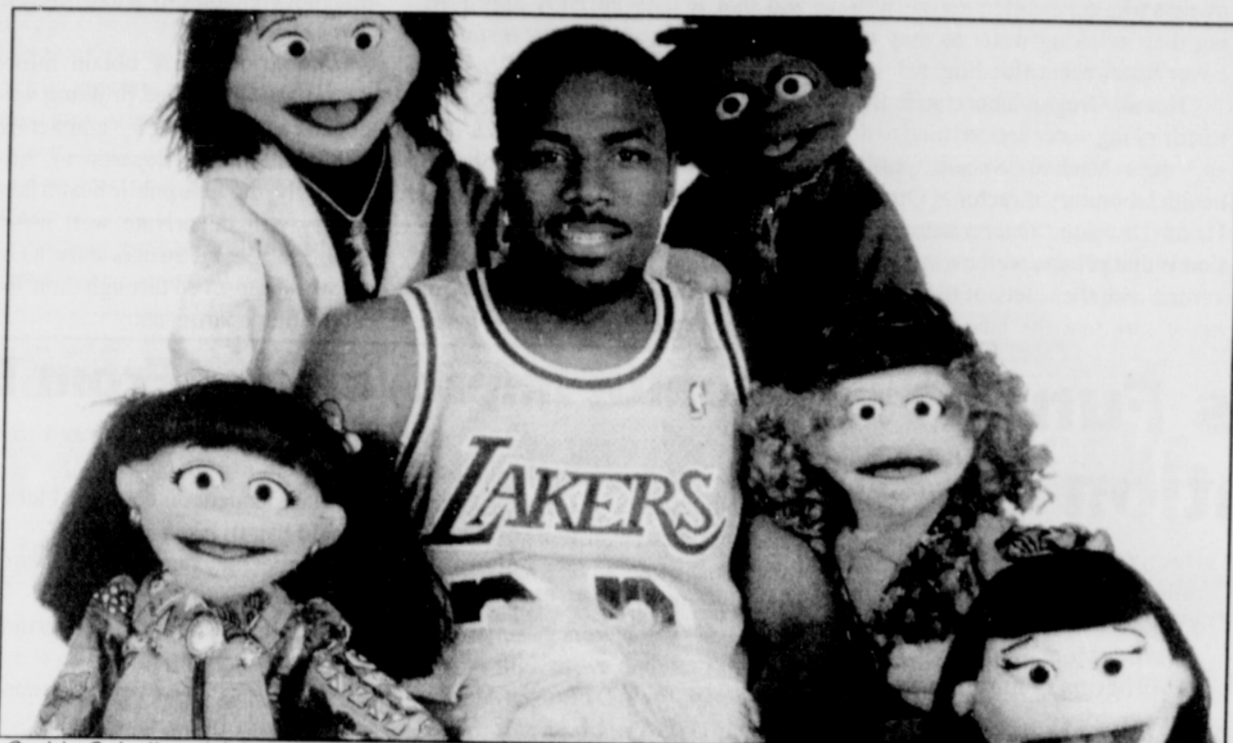
Family Living

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Girl Scouts Celebrate International Thinking Day

Thinking Day is an International Girl Scout holiday, in which Girl Scouts and Girl Guides gather to think of their sisters worldwide. This year the Rosewood Girl Scout neighborhood of Northeast Portland celebrated by holding an event at the St. Andrew Church Community Center, 4940 NE 8th Avenue, on Friday.

Each Girl Scout Troop in the Neighborhood represented one country with a craft, demonstration, and/or a food. The Girls also each participated in a World Association Pin Ceremony.



Cedric Ceballos, LA Lakers basketball star, visits The Puzzle Place kids, to provide tips on teamwork in a special episode entitled, "We Three Kings" airing on Friday, on PBS stations nationwide. Photo credit: Alan Shaffer.

Banking Comes To Classroom At King

Good savings habits make sense. Just ask the fifth grade class at Martin Luther King Elementary School in northeast Portland.

Through a partnership with the Lloyd Center branch of Key Bank of Oregon, fifth graders in Lolita Darby's class are learning about banking, savings, and managing their money. And they've established their own teller windows at Martin Luther King Elementary to accommodate weekly student deposits.

In addition, over a five week period, a representative from Key Bank's Lloyd Center Branch meets with students as part of their curriculum.

"This program is an excellent way for young people to learn good savings habits," said Scott Ringsage, manager of the Lloyd Center Key

Bank branch. "In addition to the weekly sessions we have with the students, we've also introduced a new savings program in which students are rewarded for establishing and continuing a lifetime of good savings habits."

Key Bank of Oregon's DinoSaver Statement Savings Account program is a savings program recently introduced to Oregon schoolchildren. Students who make an initial deposit of \$10 are rewarded with a Carnegie Collection dinosaur figurine and a certificate for \$5 savings deposit from Key Bank of Oregon.

Students are encouraged to add to their accounts and add to their dinosaur collection through twice yearly offers of new dinosaur collectibles with additional \$10 deposits.

Hands-On For Earth Day '96

In the spirit of community-building, organizers and volunteers for Earth Day '96 are distributing thousands of brochures all over the Portland metro region encouraging children and adults in neighborhoods, schools, communities and businesses to promote a healthy environment and participate in "hands-on" projects that conserve, protect and restore the environment during Earth Month, April, Earth Week, April 15-21, and Earth Day, April 20.

The number of Earth Day community-based projects is expected to be even greater than the 225 projects

and 40,000 people that participated in last year's Earth Day, a record for participation across the country.

Hands-on projects range from large, organized illegal dump and garbage clean-ups, wetlands restoration and educational conferences, to small decentralized events planting trees and community gardens, learning alternatives to hazardous household projects and building backyard compost piles.

To request a hands-On project Brochure or find out more about projects that you can sponsor, call the Earth Day Hotline at 224-9932.

Toastmasters Bring Confidence To Speakers

Most people find it difficult to stand up in front of a group and give a speech for more than two seconds. If you want to have any success in this world, whether it be selling a product, swaying voters, promoting legislation or talking to your neighbors, it is very important to have good public speaking and presentation skills.

Fortunately a club exists specifically designed to help people improve these skills. Toastmasters International was formed over sixty years ago to help people improve their speaking, listening and thinking skills. Today there are thousands of Toastmaster

Clubs all around the world. Toastmaster members are able to learn through hands-on projects, preparing and presenting speeches to their club, and receiving constructive feedback from other club members.

The best way to learn about Toastmasters, is to attend a club meeting.

There are nearly a hundred clubs in the Portland Metropolitan area with meetings every day of the week. Most clubs meet once a week. Guests are welcome to attend club meetings, and try it out. If you would like to learn more about Toastmasters, you can call the Toastmaster at 293-1820. You will be sent a list of clubs in your area.

Program Needs Helpers

The Arc of Multnomah County is recruiting providers for its respite care program.

The program serves families who live with and care for a child or an adult with a disability. Respite Care recruits, screens and trains individuals to provide short term relief care to families throughout Multnomah County.

While they encourage individuals with all level of skills to apply, training is provided for those who have little or no experience and is with few exceptions free of charge.

"There is a critical need," accord-

ing to Stella Bouldin, Recruitment and Training Coordinator, "for providers experienced with individuals who have medical needs, and especially those skilled in tube feeding, handling seizures, and familiar with behavior management." Also in demand are male providers to provide care for adult males as well as those in their adolescent years.

Care may be provided in the family home or in the provider home, following an on-site screening by Arc professionals. The Arc of Multnomah also operates an afterschool program.

Rule #1 of Banking

IF YOU REALLY NEED MONEY,

they won't give you any.

Rule #2 of Banking

IF YOU HAVE PLENTY OF MONEY ALREADY,

they'll be happy to lend you more.

Rule #3 of Banking

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