

# Family Living

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## National Nursing Home Week

### Special Seating For Grand Floral Parade

Commissioner Gretchen Miller Kafoury announced special seating will be available for senior citizens and individuals with special disabilities who want to view the Rose Festival Grande Floral Parade, Saturday, June 8.

Seating is available on a first come, first serve basis at two locations. The east side location is on N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in front of the Convention Center and offers park bench seating and an open area. Five portable toilets will be at this location, with two accessible to the handicapped. On the west side, park bench seating only will be on both sides of S.W. Stark, between Broadway and Park in downtown Portland.

Parking for vehicles with disabled parking permits has been reserved for both areas. The east side location is in The Convention Center Parking Lot for a \$5.00 charge for passenger cars. (This parking lot is not limited to handicapped access only) The west side location is on S.W. Ninth between Park and Oak, and can accommodate about 30 vehicles on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Monitors from the Police Explorer Pos will be on duty to assist. Oregon National Guard volunteers assist with the procurement and placement of the benches for these two areas. Commissioner Kafoury urges people to come early for the best viewing points.



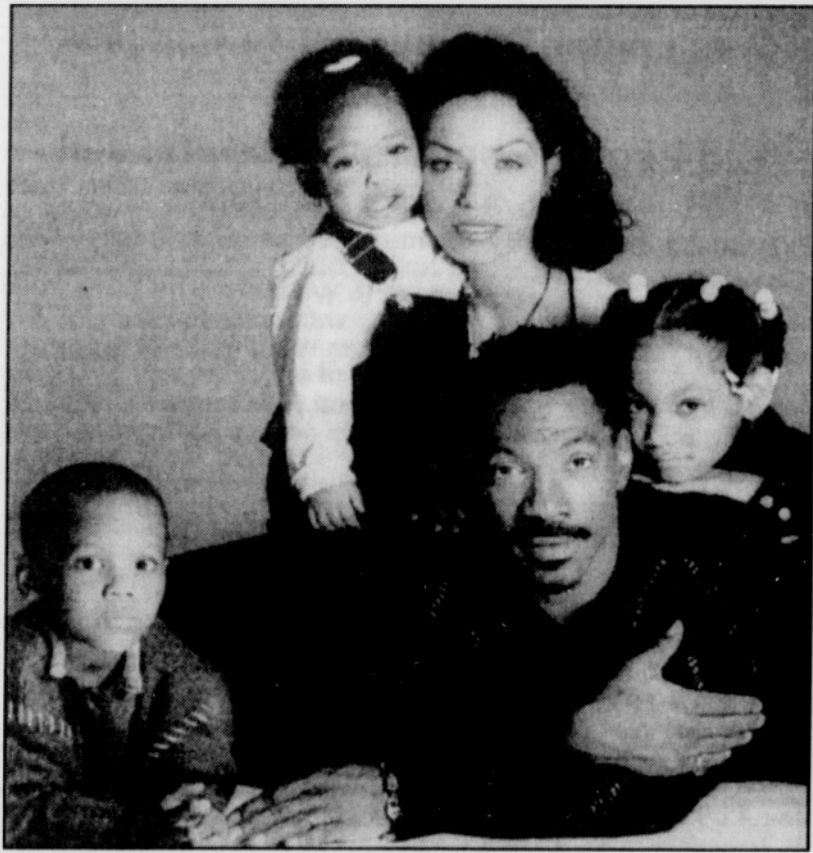
Staff and residents celebrated National Nursing Home Week May 12-18 with many activities. The "Crowning" glory was our Del's Biggest Ever Banana Split, where staff and residents built a 3 foot banana split with all the toppings - and then enjoyed eating it.

**Above:** Leah Kreiter with staff.

**Top Left:** Mary Robinson, Claude Sumpter, and Jane Chiodo with staff.

**Bottom Left:** Residents and staff of Del's Care Center prepare for National Nursing Home Week Sock-EE Game. **(Back Row L-R)** Claude Sumpter, Jane Chiodo, Anna Kernery, Della Greenhaw, Margaret Rich, Gertrude Kneiger, Lillian Williams, Leah Kreiter. **(Front Row L-R)** Eva Gette with staff and Jewel Waller with staff.

### His 'Phobias' Saved Him Comedian Maintains His Former Reputation as a 'Brash, Young Womanizer' Was Exaggerated



"My home life is normal-not funny," says Murphy. At left: with his wife, Nicole, and children (l-r): Myles Mitchell, Shayne Audra, and Brianna Lianna.

Maintaining that his reputation as a brash young womanizer, with a huge ego and a large entourage was grossly exaggerated, Eddie Murphy asserted, "My phobias saved me."

In an interview to be published this Sunday in Parade magazine, Murphy explained, "I lived at home. I didn't drink or do heavy-duty drugs. I'm a clean freak, so I was always afraid of catching things in a sex scene. I'm not a saint or anything, but I wash my hands 100 times a day."

"I was never buck-wild," he added. "I like normal girls. I got to meet a lot of people, but I met them like a regular guy, not like a movie star. I'd read that I was a ladies' man. Well, I did love the ladies. You're supposed to."

Recalling one story that was damaging to his reputation, which he calls "The Elevator Story," Murphy said, "It never happened." He explained, "There's a story I was on an elevator with 10 bodyguards. An old lady was there. One bodyguard said, 'Hit the floor,' as in press the button."

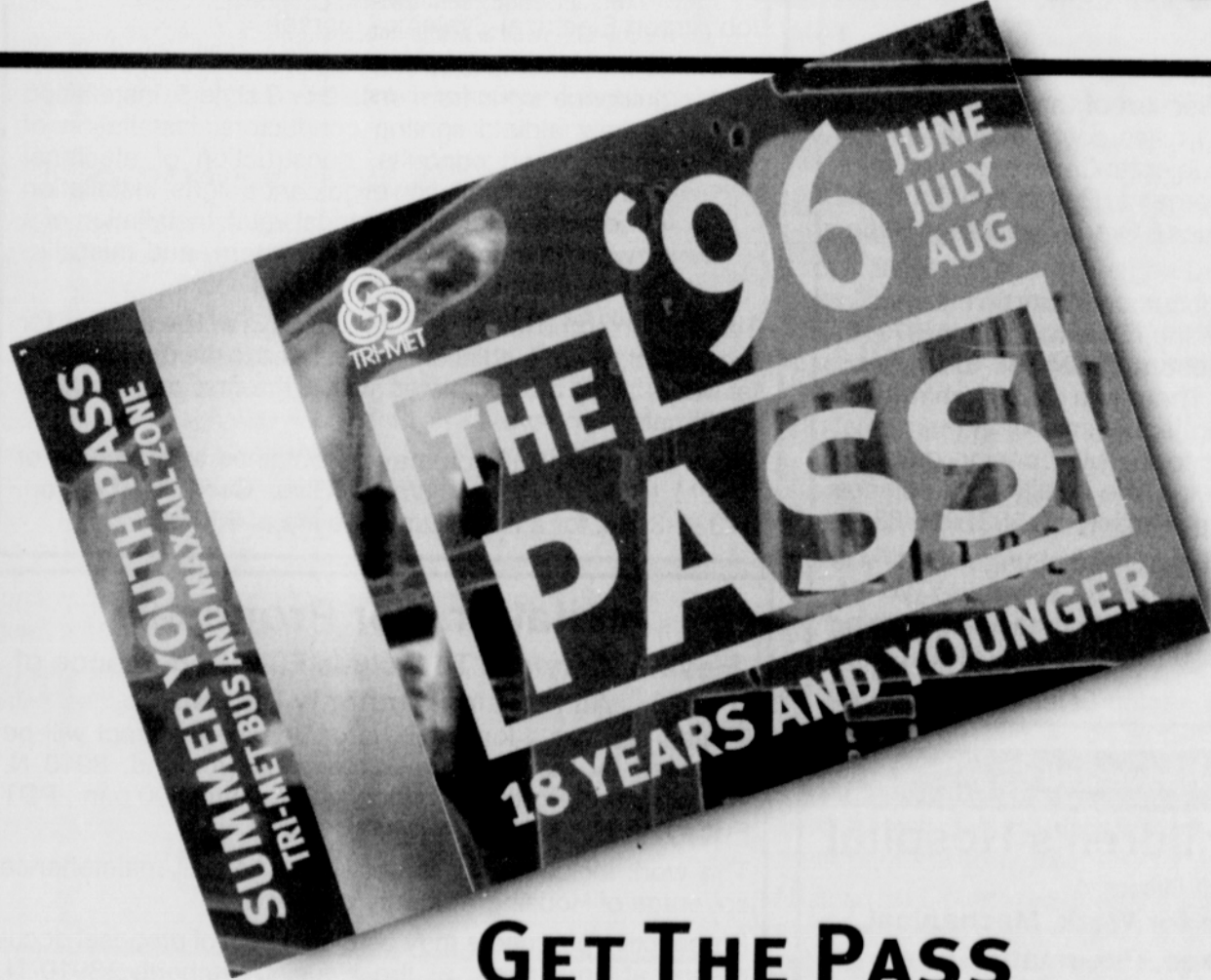
The old lady got scared and dropped to the floor. And we were so embarrassed, and we helped her up, and I sent her flowers and paid her hotel bill, and it never happened! Here's the clincher: Whenever I go, 'No, it never happened,' they always say, 'Yes, it did, my cousin was there.'"

As for the so-called entourage that contributed to his air of "self-importance," Murphy insists those accusations were unfair. "When people say 'entourage'-- that was the people I was friends with in high school." All he did, Murphy said, was offer jobs to his out-of-work pals.

"The only way you can stay in touch with real emotions is to have a real life," commented Murphy, who described his home life as "normal." "We're just a boring couple," he said of himself and wife Nicole, who spend time together between 4 p.m. and midnight every day.

Murphy, who will be seen later this month in a remake of the 1963 classic, "The Nutty Professor," said, "I haven't felt this proud of a movie for a long time."

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