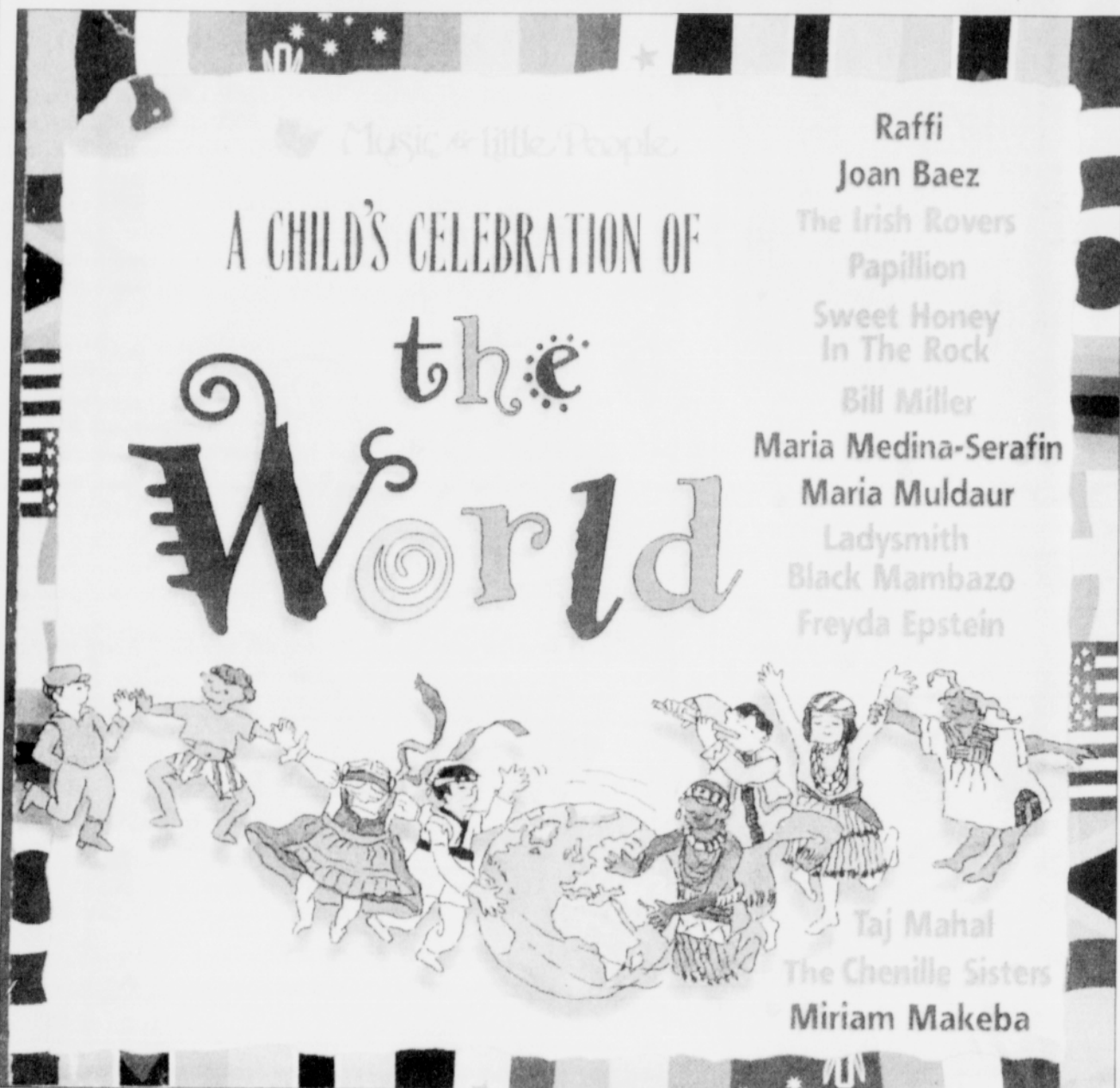


Family Living

Little People' Spans the Globe A Child's Celebration of the World



Music For Little People is hosting a world party, with a dozen top recording artists in the business, inviting children and families to join in the fun, singing and dancing to music that spans the globe. From South Africa to the bayou and beyond, "A Child's Celebration of the World" includes Folk, Cajun, African American, Italian, Calypso, Irish and even a Latin rap song—all presented in a fun and educational way.

This is the ninth album in Music For Little People's popular *Child's Celebration Series*, creating a musical mix of global traditions and cultures. The album features songs performed by Raffi, Taj Mahal, Miriam Makeba, Joan Baez, Irish Rovers, Sweet Honey In The Rock, Ladysmith Black Mambazo, Maria Medina Serfin, Chenille Sisters, Papillion, Bill Miller and Freyda Epstein. The theme of celebrating diversity and appreciating the uniqueness of every culture around the world is reflected throughout the album.

Albina Rotary is Having a Party and You Are Invited!

Albina Rotary is sponsoring its twelfth annual Peninsula Park Rose Festival and Family Fun Day at Peninsula Park on May 30 from 1 pm to 4:30 pm. The Rotarians are planning a full afternoon of fun, food and entertainment for the whole family.

The festivities start with a picnic provided by Albina Rotary and Northwest Natural Gas, then check out the face painting and bingo. Everybody loves a parade and what a parade is planned! Groups from local schools, churches and other organizations will provide the afternoon's entertainment. June is officially Black Music Month so we will have singer, Sheila Wilcoxson, play for your entertainment.

The Rose Festival Queen and Princesses will acknowledge four individuals from the community for their service by planting roses in their honor in the historic rose garden. This is the only Rose Festival sanctioned event in NE Portland. Here's a chance to meet the Senior Court for 1998.

Please join Albina Rotary in Peninsula Park, at Portland Boulevard and Albina Street, on Saturday, May 30th between 1 pm and 4:30 pm for a wonderful, family oriented, afternoon to celebrate Spring!

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Costs of raising A Child Continue to Rise

BY ALICE MILLS MORROW

The cost of raising a child continues to rise and is highest for families living in cities in the western United States, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

In its annual report, "Expenditures on Children by Families," the USDA estimates a middle income (making \$35,200 to \$59,300 a year before taxes), two-parent family in the urban West will spend \$165,360 to raise a child born in 1997 to age 18.

Child raising costs in the urban West are higher than the rest of the country primarily because housing is more expensive, according to Alice Mills Morrow, Oregon State University Extension family resource specialist.

Housing is the largest expense across all income groups and accounts for 33 to 37% of child rearing expenses. Food is the second largest average expense, approximately 15 to 20%.

Because single parent households account for an increasing percentage of families with children, the USDA

prepared separate estimates for these households.

These estimates show that a single parent family with before tax income of less than \$35,000 will spend \$107,100 to raise a child born in 1997 to age 18. While the actual expenditure is less, it represents a larger percentage of income.

"Single parent families have lower average incomes and spend a larger percentage of their income on children," Morrow said.

Because the USDA estimates are based on averages, they are not useful in predicting what a particular family will spend. However, they do illustrate useful trends. For instance, the overall cost of raising a child increases as a child gets older, a signal for parents to continually find ways to add to their income.

"That's probably not good news for parents of pre-school children who think financial pressures will be less when day care is no longer required," Morrow said. "Unfortunately, the savings in child care as youngsters grow older is more than

offset by increases in other expense categories."

What can new parents do to reduce the "sticker shock" of a new baby?

"New parents really need to sit down and put their finances on paper," Morrow said. "Good budgeting and financial record keeping can help." For computer savvy parents, financial software programs may make the job easier.

"Families also need to look for ways to cut back on expenses," Morrow said. "The challenge is to identify what they are willing to go without." She suggests having each spouse separately make a list of expenses they would be willing to give up or reduce. Then compare the lists and find items in common. "If nothing else, these lists can be a starting point for discussion," Morrow pointed out.

To receive a copy of the 1997 estimates of raising a child, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Morrow at OSU, 161 Milam Hall, Corvallis, Or. 97331-5103.

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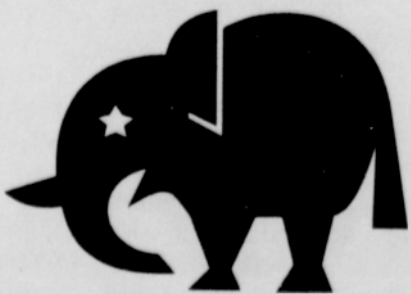
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Metro Gives a New Name to an Old Tradition!

Elephants always remember, but this time there's something they need to forget—the name of where they live! Today, the Metro Council voted to change the name of the Metro Washington Park Zoo to the Oregon Zoo.

"Our zoo is a world-class facility, and we are very proud of it. This name change will help us to better identify the zoo to the people of Oregon and to people across the United States,"

said Metro Council Presiding Officer Jon Kvistad. "As I was growing up, the zoo was a great place to visit and



to learn, and we just want to keep it that way for future generations."

The new name will also reflect the growing importance of native exhibits at the zoo. "We are working to build a wonderful program that will bring people in touch with the animals that are native to this region. the name change simply reflects our changing priorities," said Metro Councilor Ruth McFarland (District 1). Voters in the Metro region approved the funding to build the Oregon Exhibit in 1996.