



Family Living

Hot Shot Tap Dancers

Hard Working Dance Group Earn NIKE Support

The Hot Shot Tap Dancers of northeast Portland have earned a grant from Nike, Inc.

Randy Massey, the manager and father of the group, said the funds will help the Hot Shots pay some everyday expenses such as new tap shoes, dance wear, and more dance and vocal training.

This fall, the members will also study guitar, drums and trumpet.

The Hot Shot Tap Dancers are three brothers and a sister: Carl, 16; Bethany, 14; Lloyd, 13; and Kyle, 9.

They began performing nine years ago at the Portland Saturday Market.

Currently, their summers involve travel around Oregon and Washington, entertaining at numerous county fairs, conventions and community events. They will



Carl, Bethany, Lloyd and Kyle make up The Hot Shot Tap Dancers of northeast Portland.

perform at more than 40 events in 2000, making them one of the hardest working dance groups in

the State. Massey said the NIKE grant was a great assistance to the group. "It

allowed us to move The Hot Shots forward to reach that next level of performance", he said.



Home Show Opens Thursday

Guests view the many gardens at the Portland Fall Home and Garden Show, which runs Thursday through Sunday at the Portland Expo Center.

Middle, High School Kids Plan Academic Careers

Portland's 21st Annual Black Colleges Conference will be held on Saturday, Oct. 21 at Portland Community College, 705 N. Killingsworth from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The theme of this year's conference is Creating Leadership for 21st Century.

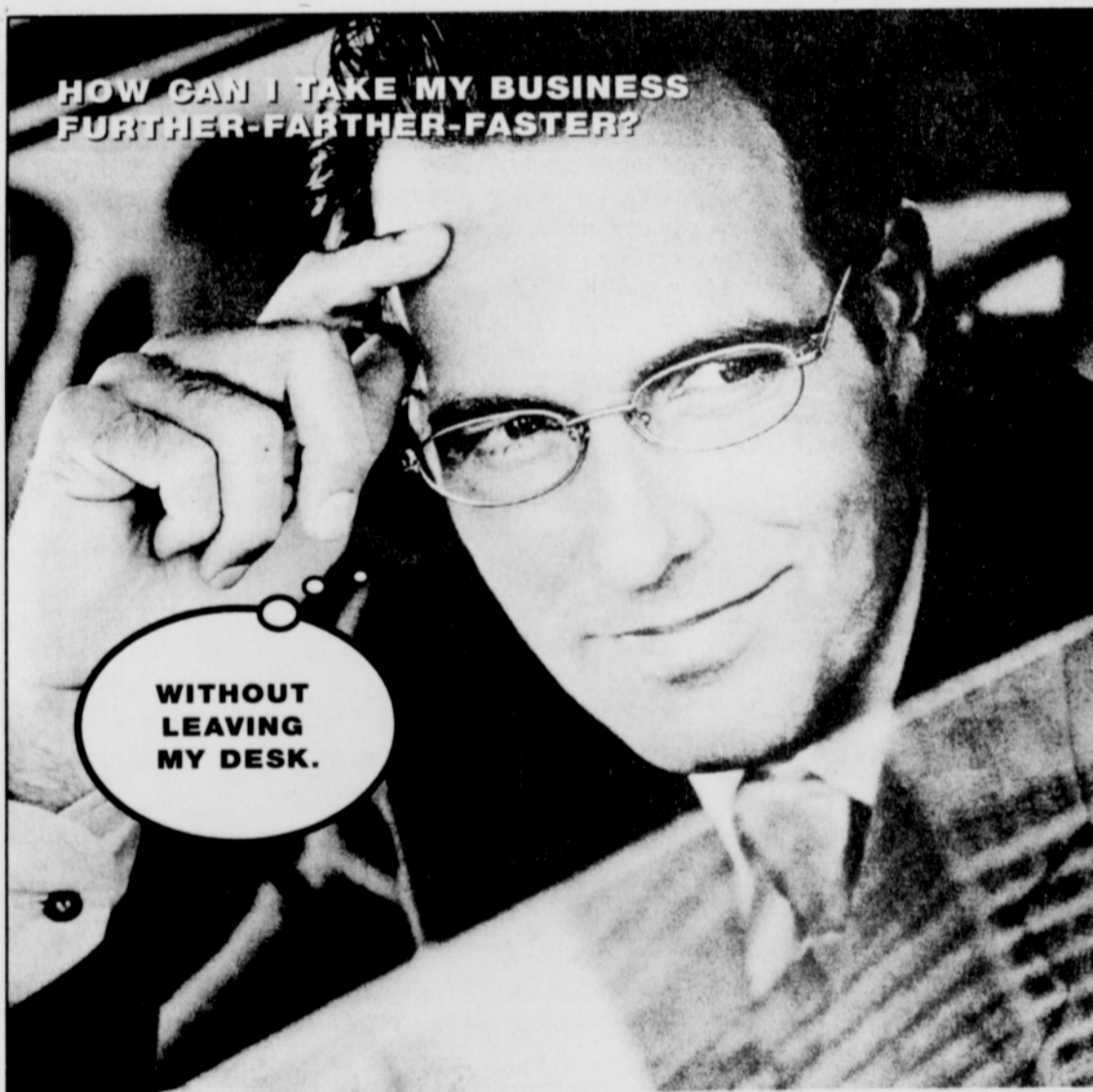
Representatives from the nation's Black colleges and universities will inform middle and high school students of opportunities available at these historical institutions. This year's conference will feature Linda Oliphant, program manager of the

United States Department of Agriculture National Scholars Program located at the seventeen 1890 Land Grant Black colleges. Recruiters from these schools will provide students with information on careers in agriculture and related fields and scholarships. Registration is \$5 for students and \$10 for adults. Students are encouraged to register by Friday since space is limited. Students should check with their school-counseling department for registration forms or call 503-249-7744 and leave a message.

English Skills Up, Math Down

Oregon 10th graders scored higher in 2000 than in 1999 on the state writing test but lower on the math problem-solving test.

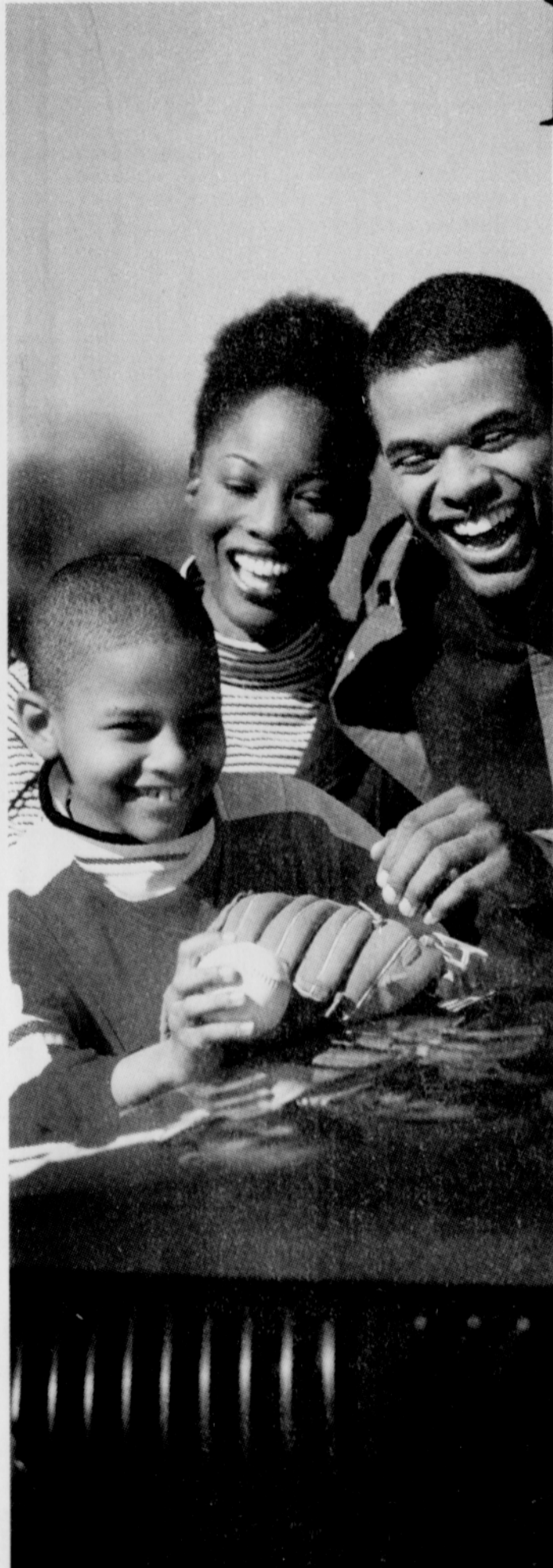
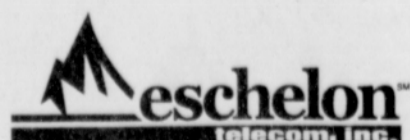
Seventy-seven percent passed the writing test, up 5 percent from 1999, while 45 percent passed the math problem-solving test, down 5 percent.



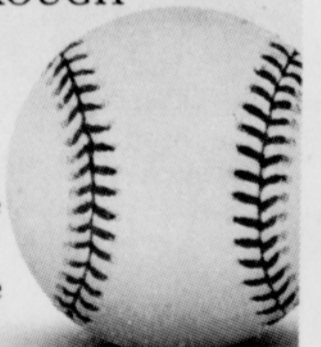
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