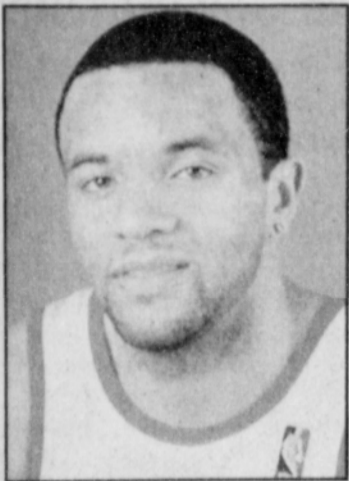


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Damon Stoudamire

## Stoudamire Trade Rumors Continue

(AP) — Trade rumors are still swirling around Damon Stoudamire. Through it all, the Blazers point guard has wavered between wanting out of Portland and wanting to stay and prove he can beat out recently acquired JeffMcInnis and Antonio Daniels.

But no matter what happens, Stoudamire says he's planning to have a big year on the court. Stoudamire looks more muscular than he did at the end of last season.

He says he has been diligent in his workouts on the court and in the weight room.

Blazers coaches said Stoudamire was impressive this weekend during a 20-minute scrimmage against Team USA at the Rose Garden.

Afterward, Blazers assistant Herb Brown said Stoudamire looked good.

## Congratulations Riverside Champs!



Riverside Little League Softball All Stars are awarded championship trophies on Saturday at the Riverside fields in northeast Portland. The team won the District 1 Championship for 9-10 year-old girls and went on to a third place finish at the state tournament in Milton Freewater. The team also won the District 1 Sportsmanship Award. Pictured in front (from left) are Erika Clark, Teona Clark, Promise Shelby, Corina Butcher, and Chelsey Thomas; and in second row (from left) Coach Derrick Butcher, Elizabeth Girres, Kamie Boggan, Endga Bailey, Diana Surgeon, Sara Evans and Coach RayClark.

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Serena Williams returns the ball to Corina Morariu during their U.S. Open match on Monday. Williams won 6-2, 6-3.

## Serena Dazzles in First Round

(AP) — Serena Williams dazzled New York's hot dog-munching, cat-calling U.S. Open crowd on Monday night, flooring fellow American Corina Morariu 6-2, 6-3 in a brutal floodlit first round display.

The world number one rated player waited patiently in the wings at the start of the night session as the Flushing Meadows crowd paid tribute to those killed in the September 11 attacks last year.

One of the two American flags recovered from the remains of the Twin Towers was carried into the

stadium in an emotional scene amid members of the New York police and fire departments. But once Serena, shimmering in a short-legged, all-in-one, black leather-look, skin-tight outfit, was let loose all eyes were on the court.

The younger sister and runner-up to Venus Williams here last year did not disappoint.

The brave Morariu, playing her first grand slam since recovering from leukaemia earlier this year, was powerless against a barrage of heavy hitting and vicious serving from the pink-shoed top seed.

## Brandon Gift Supports Matt Dishman Center

Home grown NBA All Star Terrell Brandon is donating \$25,000 to the Matt Dishman Community Center, located at 77 N.E. Knott.

Brandon will present the gift during a ceremony at the Portland Parks and Recreation facility on Thursday, Aug. 29 at 2:30 p.m. with Portland Parks Commissioner Jim Francesconi and Director Charles Jordan.

The NBA veteran of 11 years has played for Cleveland and Milwaukee and is currently with Minnesota, but he hasn't forgotten his roots.

Portland is and will always be Terrell's home. He graduated from Grant High School and the



Terrell Brandon

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— NBA star and homegrown talent Terrell Brandon.

University of Oregon

"I literally grew up at Matt Dishman between 1974 and 1984. I went there after school and on weekends. There was always so much to do there, from swimming, to ping pong as well as basketball," said Terrell. "Since I'm a product of Portland and Matt Dishman, I'd like to give back to the community center that instilled a positive impact, hard work ethic and dedication to other players and the game."

Terrell Brandon is a two time NBA All Star and a 1997 recipient of the Sportsmanship Award. He continues to make his home in Portland during off-season.

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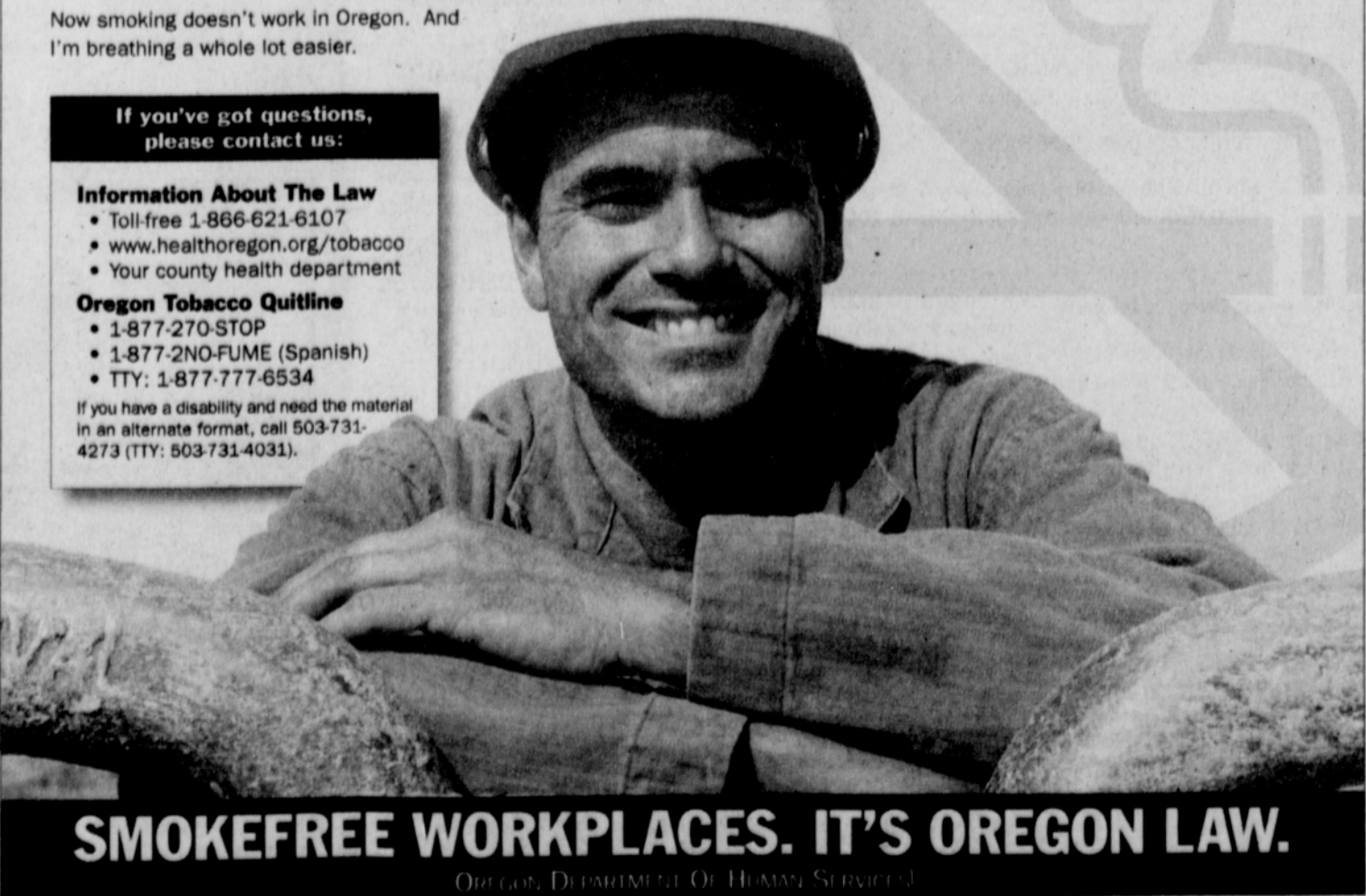
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