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Tall Tale and Japanese Culture

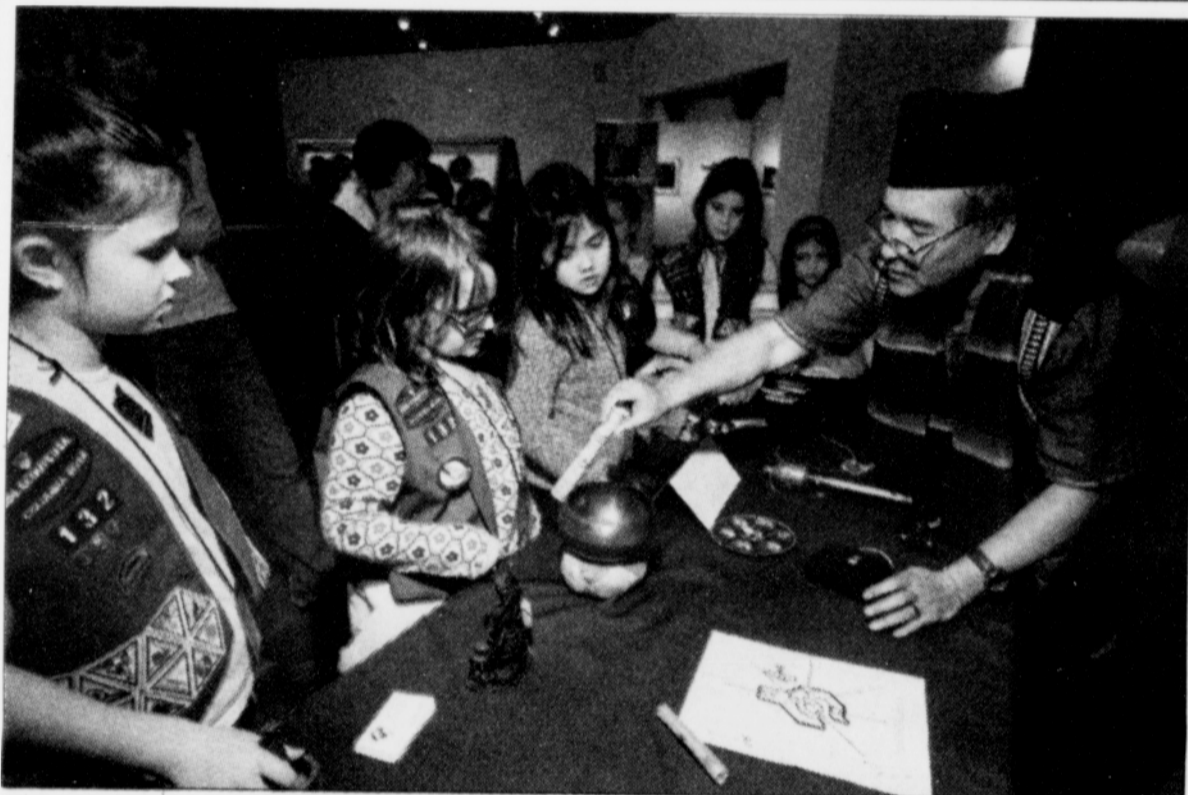
Tears of Joy Puppet Theatre presents "Little One-Inch," a very tall tale about a very small boy who sets out to save Japan from an evil Ogre. Armed with a needle for a sword, and a wooden bowl and chopstick for a boat and oar, small Issun sets off to find his fortune. In his adventures he battles a rat, befriends a kappa, rides a koi down the rapids, and becomes friends with a princess before defeating the ogre in a

hilarious battle. Based on a classic Japanese folk tale, Little One-Inch was adapted to puppet theatre by local bilingual resident, Leo Tanaka Kominz who received the 2005 Portland Drammy award for writing this play for Tears of Joy Theatre. The development of the play was also greatly influenced by the help of cultural experts who shared their expertise and artistry to the design



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of the play. Performances are scheduled Friday, Feb. 5 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 6 at 11 a.m., and Sunday Feb. 7 at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.; at Dolores Winningstad Theatre, 1111 S.W. Broadway, Saturday, Feb. 13 at 11 a.m. and Sunday, Feb. 14 at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.



Museum Salutes Girl Scouts

The World Forestry Center Discover Museum will host its third annual Girl Scout Day on Saturday, Feb. 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Any female scout troop is invited to attend. The cost is \$4 per scout and that includes admission to the museum as well as a special commemorative patch.

Grammys Plan Jackson Tribute

Michael Jackson will be a focal point of Sunday's Grammys. The music awards show will broadcast a 3-D clip the singer made for his hit "Earth Song," a video that was to be integral to his comeback concerts in London last July — shows that never happened because of his June 25 death in Los Angeles. Usher, Celine Dion, Carrie Underwood, Jennifer Hudson and Smokey Robinson will perform alongside the clip, which will be the first time an awards show will feature 3-D. "Whenever we would do a show with (Jackson), the first thing he would say to me was, 'How can we do something that we (have) never done before?' And now we're doing something that hasn't been done before," said Ken Ehrlich, the telecast's executive producer who worked with Jackson for almost 30 years.

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Bleeding Hearts Dance -- A pre Valentine's Day Bleeding Hearts Dance to benefit Haiti earthquake victims, will take place Saturday night, Feb. 13 at Holocene, 1001 S.E. Morrison, with DJs E3 and the Incredible Kid. A percentage of the proceeds will go to Mercy Corps.

Fertile Ground Festival -- Portland's citywide creative festival runs through Tuesday, Feb. 2, featuring over 50 world premier works in dance, theater, music and art. For a complete schedule, visit fertilegroundpdx.org.

Gospel and Fashion -- Totally Gospel II invites you to a night of live music and fashion at Peninsula Open Bible Church, 8225 N. Peninsula, with all styles of gospel, country and contemporary music and host Riny Horst on Friday, Feb. 5 and every other month on the first Friday from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Live Jazz -- Every Friday and Saturday from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., the Third Degrees Lounge at the River Place Hotel, 1510 S.W. Harbor Way. No cover or minimum purchase. For more information, visit pdxjazz.com.

Predators of the Serengeti -- Come hear the roar as the Oregon Zoo shows off its newest and most ambitious exhibit with three African lions and other animals that are home to the Serengeti.

Oh What a Tangled Web -- Agatha Christie's "Spider's Web," is now showing through Feb. 21 at the Lake-wood Theatre Company in Lake Oswego.

Mel Brown Live -- Portland jazz giant Mel Brown performs at Salty's on the Columbia every Friday and Saturday night. Known as the "Gentleman of Jazz," Brown has a career spanning over 40 years.

Homemade Valentines Arts Show -- A Susila Dharma benefit arts show with locally produced, unique and affordable gifts with live music, chair massage and refreshments, Saturday, Feb. 6, 11 a.m. to 6 pm., 3185 N.E. Regents Drive.

Normal Sylvester -- The Normal Sylvester Band plays Saturday, Jan. 30 at the Tillicum in Beaverton.

Samson the T. Rex -- A magnificent 39-foot-long Tyrannosaurus rex skeleton, one of the most fearsome carnivores ever to walk the face of the earth is on display at OMSI. The 66-million-year-old fossil known as Samson is one of the most complete Tyrannosaurus rex specimens in existence.

Music Millennium Free Shows -- The Music Millennium, 3158 E. Burnside, hosts in-house live performances. Enjoy free music and the opportunity to meet artists. Call 503-231-8926 for a schedule.

OMSI After Dark -- OMSI After Dark is a night at the museum for the 21 and over crowd filled with food, drink and science fun; \$10 fee. For more information, call 503-797-4000 or visit omsi.edu.

Food and Entertainment -- Sliders Grill, 3011 N. Lombard, features an eclectic assortment of performers on the main stage, accompanied by delicious food. Call 5459-4488 for more information.

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