

Minority Trade Show Coming

Event to promote networking and resources

Small and large businesses will join state, county and federal government agencies providing business development resources that assist minority, women and emerging small businesses at the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs trade show.

The 25th annual event with over 120 exhibits will be held Thursday, May 9, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Oregon Convention Center. Admission is free and luncheon tickets are still available for \$75.



Sam Brooks

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This year's theme is Past, Present and Future. A retrospective presentation titled "OAME: A Media History" will be hosted by Michael Lewellen, senior vice president of communications and public engagement for the Portland Trail Blazers.

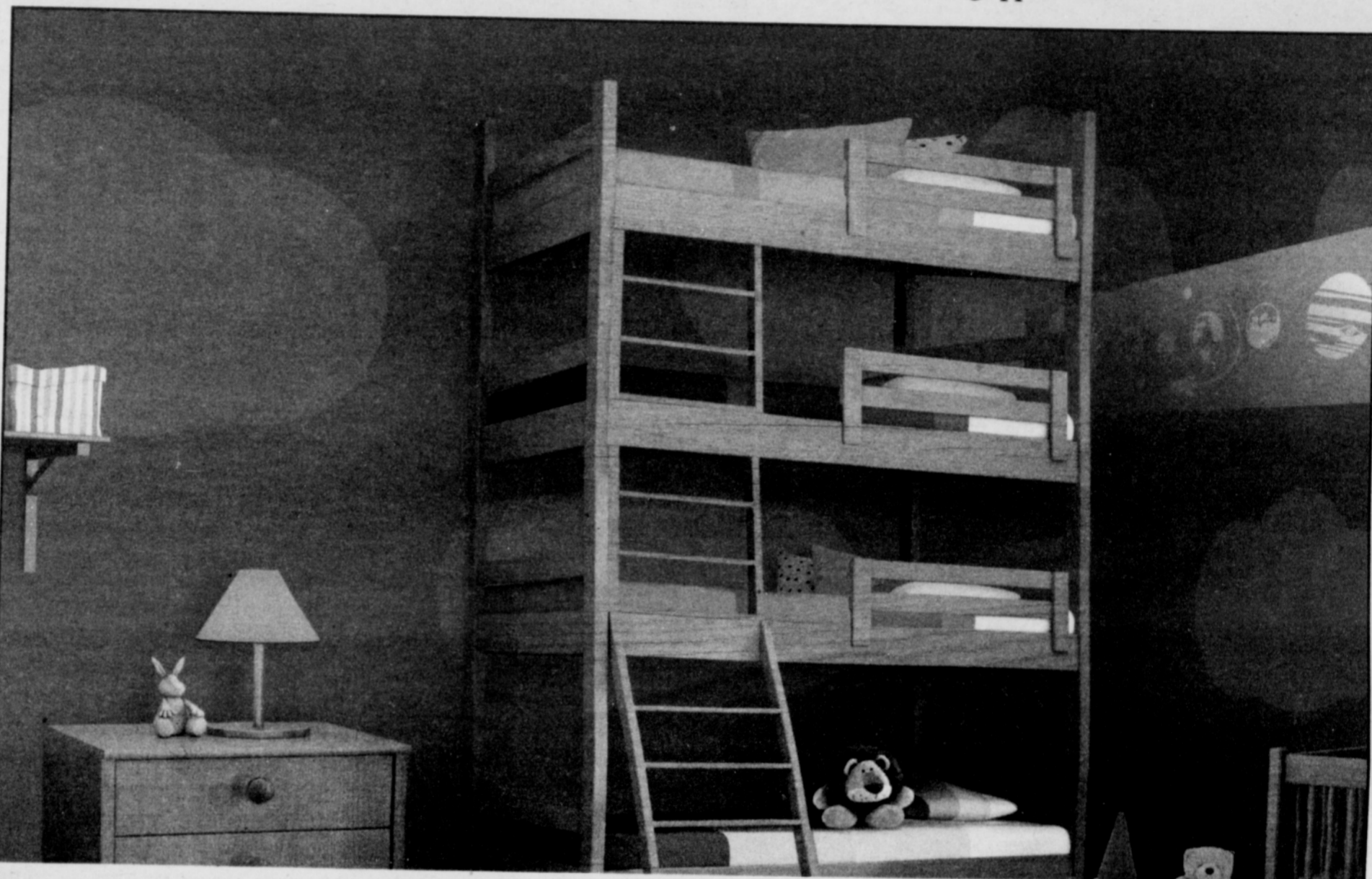
For registration, exhibit and luncheon information or reservations, visit oame.org or call Modena Perry at 503-249-7744.

The Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs was founded in 1987 to promote minority, women, emerging small business owners, entrepreneurship and economic development. OAME has grown to over 800 members in Oregon and South-west Washington representing 56 countries.

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The organization is housed in a 40,000 square foot business campus with 30 tenants, meeting space and staff facilities. The group offers businesses and entrepreneurial technical assistance, access to capital, administrative support, business incubation and networking opportunities.



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