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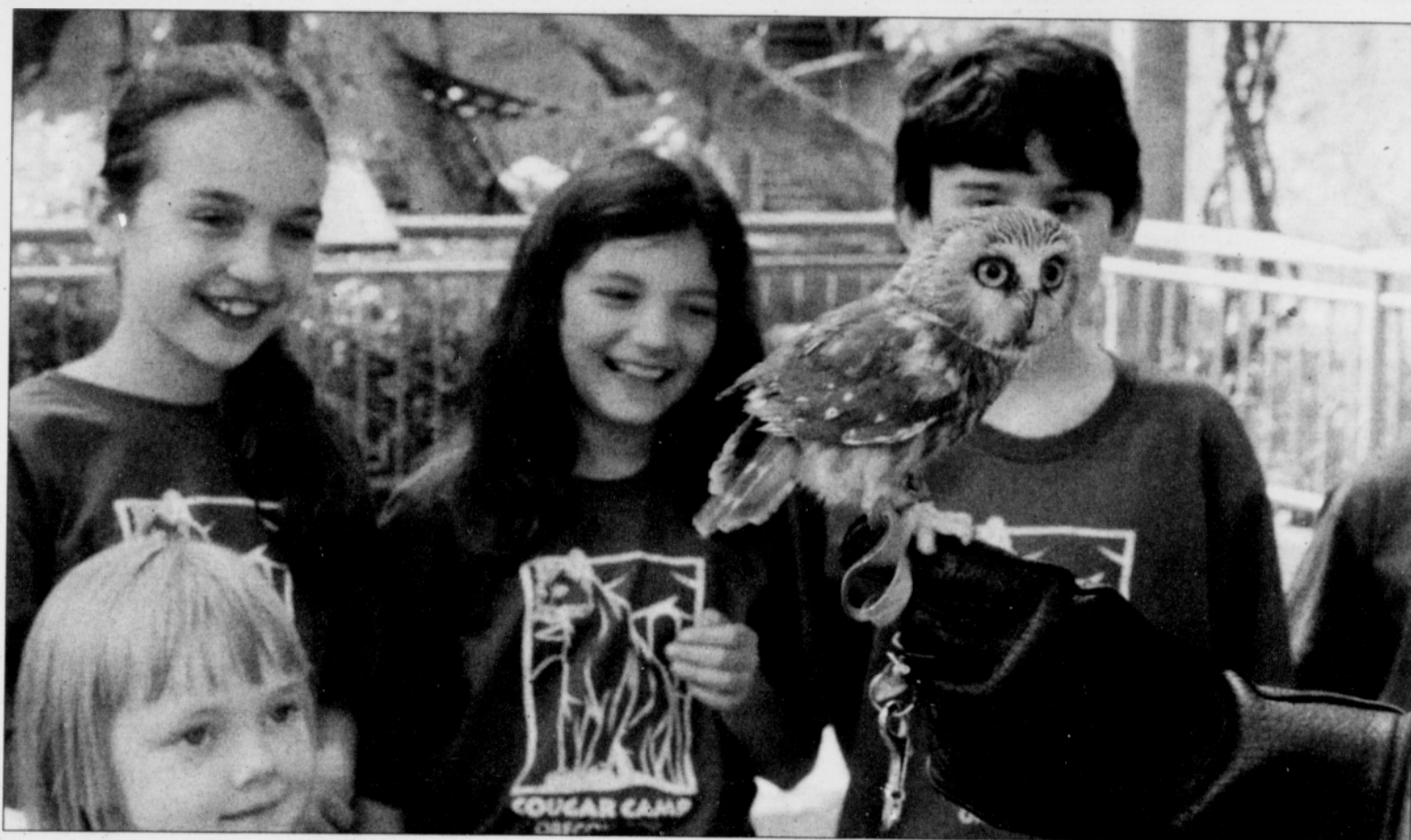


PHOTO BY MICHAEL DURHAM, COURTESY OF THE OREGON ZOO
Kids from the Oregon Zoo summer camp program get a close-up look at saw-whet owl. The zoo's popular summer camps are available for children 4 years of age through ninth grade.

Connecting Kids with Nature

Opportunities for summer fun and learning are going fast at the Oregon Zoo. The zoo's popular summer camps return this week and run through Aug. 29 with programs for children 4 years of age through ninth grade.

"We are dedicated to creating exciting and engaging experiences for the kids so they can explore nature in a fun and safe way," said Jennifer Whitener, program supervisor.

Each weeklong camp includes

crafts, songs, stories, snacks, animal visits and in-depth tours of the zoo.

Camp organizers say enrollment spots tend to fill quickly. For more information and to register for camp, visit oregonzoo.org.



Ruby Dee's career spanned stage, radio, television and film.

Legendary Actress Remembered

(AP) — Ruby Dee, an acclaimed actor and civil rights activist whose versatile career spanned stage, radio television and film, is being remembered after her death at the age of 91.

Her daughter, Nora Davis Day said her mother died June 11 at home of "natural causes."

Dee frequently acted alongside her husband of 56 years, Ossie Davis.

Her long career brought her an Oscar nomination at age 83 for best supporting actress for her role in the

2007 film "American Gangster." She also won an Emmy and was nominated for several others.

Born Ruby Ann Wallace, Dee, a graduate of New York City's Hunter College, appeared on Broadway before rocketing to national fame for her role as Rae Robinson in the 1950 film "The Jackie Robinson Story." She would go on to appear in films including "A Raisin in the Sun" and "Edge of the City," and TV shows including "Police Woman"

and "The Golden Girls."

Like her husband, Dee was active in civil rights issues and efforts to promote the cause of blacks in the entertainment industry. As young performers, they found themselves caught up in the fight for social and racial justice in the United States. Dee and Davis served as masters of ceremonies for the historic 1963 March on Washington and she spoke at both the funerals for Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcom X.

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