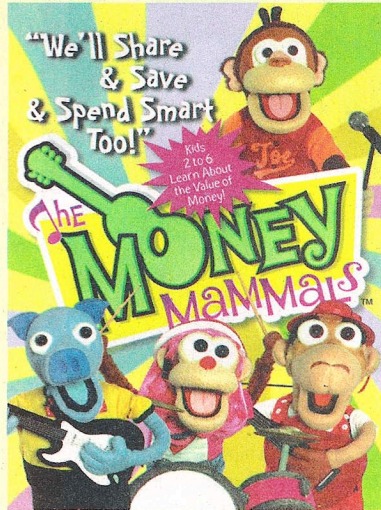


The Color of Money

DVD REVIEW

They may be animals, but they know their dollars and cents. Puppet stars of the new DVD, *The Money Mammals: Saving Money is Fun*, will present an interactive workshop May 5 at Children's Book World in Los Angeles where kids can watch a live show and then craft their own bank to take home to start saving.

The workshop is based on the new DVD from L.A.-based Snigglezoo, which was co-produced by John Lanza, producer of the Emmy® Award-winning show, *Life with Louie*, along with his wife, Eileen Lanza, and director Bert Ring. *Money Mammals* features critter friends Joe the Monkey and Piggs the Bank who want to get their friend Clara J. Camel a birthday present. Yet, they also want to spend money to get the newest Coconut Hero



Card – what a dilemma!

While the story plugs along – with simple characters who confusingly sound somewhat similar – the storyline weaves musical elements into the mild “action.” The songs – all seven of them! – are repetitive and catchy and are probably very much enjoyed by younger children. Older ones will probably drift off.

However, the overriding message of the story – how to share, save and spend smart, too – comes across loud and clear. In these days of kids’ credit cards and purchase power, here’s one video that makes finances fun.

Money Mammals Puppet Show and Workshop, 10:30am, Children’s Book World, 10580-1/2 Pico Blvd., L.A. Ages 3 and older. Free. 310-559-BOOK (2665). For information on the DVD, visit www.themoneymammals.com. (LA)

2066 Hillhurst Ave., L.A. Join in a kid-driven rhythm jam. Cost for three-month series to be determined. Reservations required. 323-665-8448. (LA)
Casino Night and Silent Auction, 6:30pm cocktails, 7:30 dinner, Sherwood Country Club, 320 W. Stafford Road, Thousand Oaks. Wager and win some big prizes as you raise money for local Conejo Valley Charities. \$125. 805-496-3036, www.westlakejuniors.org. (CV)

19 Saturday

★ **California Strawberry Festival**, 10am – 7pm today and 10am – 6:30pm May 20, Strawberry Meadows of College Park, 3250 S. Rose Ave., Oxnard. Enjoy all things strawberry. \$12 adults, \$5 children, free for 4

and younger. 888-288-9242, www.strawberrv-fest.org. (VC)

★ **Swan Lake**, 2pm May 19, Campus D, elegant so this prese Ballet The children.

★ **Toyota Symphonies for Youth: A Medieval Journey: Knights, Troubadours and Princesses**, 11am today and May 26, Walt Disney Concert Hall, 111 S. Grand Ave., L.A. Enjoy a feature performance by the L.A. Philharmonic as well as art and music activities. Ages 5-11. \$18. 323-850-2000. (LA)

★ **Actor and Author Henry Winkler at Mrs. Nelson's Toy and Book Shop**, 11:30am, 1030 Bonita Ave., LaVerne. Winkler

reads from his Hank Zipzer books. Free. but tickets are lim-

of Art. Free. 310-550-4796, www.beverlyhills.org. (WS)

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about research and space exploration. Kids can learn from hands-on activities. Free. 818-354-0112. (SGV)

Affaire in the Gardens Art Show, 10am – 6pm today and May 20, Beverly Gardens Park, Beverly Hills. Browse through more than 200 artists showcasing their work in photography, painting, sculpture, jewelry and more. Adults can enjoy music and entertainment while kids can get creative in the Avenue

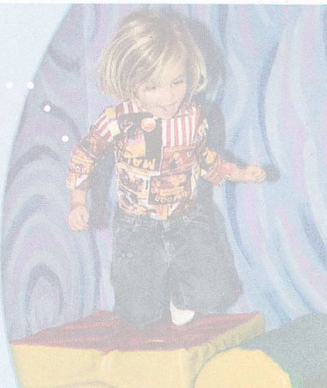
www.swmusic.org. (SB)

Weekend Recess, noon – 4pm, The Derby, 4500 Los Feliz Blvd., L.A. Kids and parents can enjoy up-and-coming musical talent, dance, play musical chairs, watch movies and play games. \$12. All ages. 323-664-9492. (LA)

Duck-a-Thon, 10am – 6pm today and May 20, Huntington Beach Pier, 315 Pacific Coast Hwy., Huntington Beach. Purchase a duck to race with more than 300,000 other rubber ducks with

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