

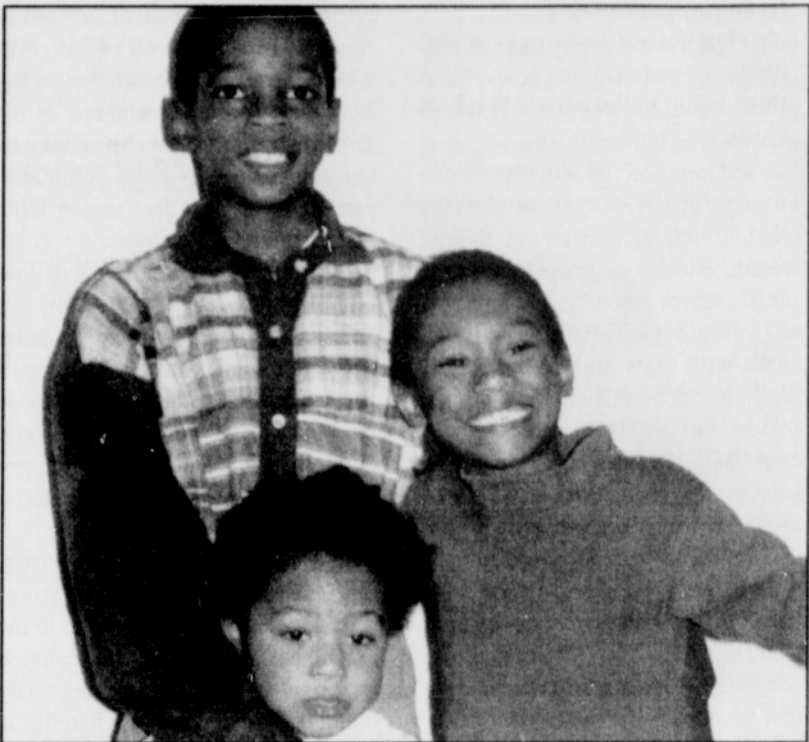
Family Living

Boys Awaiting Dads!

This Fathers' Day, consider becoming a dad through adoption! Over 200 abused and neglected Oregon children are currently awaiting adoptive homes. Many are boys who have not had appropriate male role models in their lives, and would greatly benefit from having a stable dad they can count on.

As an example, look at handsome brothers Dominique and Tommy, ages 9 and 4, who, along with little sister Latasha, are hoping to find a dad (and a mom too) who would be involved in their activities. Dominique is bright and learns quickly. Tommy is curious and likes to explore his environment. Latasha is a typical toddler - into everything! All three children play well together and are very attached to each.

Potential fathers, single as well as married, are encouraged to inquire about adoption. (Moms too are encouraged to inquire!) The State Agency charges no fees for adoption; the private member agencies



Dominique, Tommy, LaTasha

charge minimal fees which are refunded when families adopt children in state custody. Foster parents are also urgently needed to care for children on a temporary basis. To learn more, con-

tact The Special Needs Adoption Coalition at The Boys and Girls Aid Society of Oregon 222-9661, or the State Adoption and Foster Care Inquiry Line at 1 800 331-0503.

Kids "Act Out" To Help Other Kids In Growing With Dramatics Program

On Thursday, June 4, a group of twenty 6th, 7th and 8th graders "Act Out" as they presented a series of playlets to 5th graders, parents and teachers about what kids can expect when they become middle-schoolers in September. Entitled, "Life at Portsmouth School," the presentation dramatizes students' fears and insecurities, how to respond to the temptation of drugs and alcohol, and where to go for academic help. The playlets also describe how to learn vocabulary with rhythm and music association and allow the students to act out public speaking skills in a way that is fun, not intimidating.

The presentation is part of a new program in Portsmouth School called Growing with Dramatics, which helps children build self-esteem and social skills through the creative dramatics process. "This program is about kids teaching kids, and also finding their own voices as they discover new

roles," says producer, Dr. Gary Dombroff. Growing with Dramatics is under the auspices of Morrison Center Child & Family Services, a local non-profit organization that provides social, mental health and educational services to more than 2,000 at-risk children and families each year. Dr. Dombroff, Director of Training for Morrison Center, works hand-in-hand with Growing With Dramatics creator and project director, Dr. Pauline Furness, who has coordinated several similar programs over the last 15 years.

"The goal of this program is to pair up culturally and academically diverse students in a positive mentoring situation, assign roles to the kids and "let them grow with dramatics," says Dr. Dombroff. There are no stars in the show, according to Dombroff, all students have equal status which allows them to excel individually.

"It is incredible to watch the growth and change in the children; their self-

esteem soars as they take on new and different roles. And to have the reinforcement of their peers, parents teachers and counselors only adds to the feelings of accomplishment for these kids," Dombroff adds.

"Life at Portsmouth School" presentation took place on Thursday, June 4, at Portsmouth Middle School. A highlight of the show was a segment of William Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew."

The Growing with Dramatics program is funded through a generous grant from the Herbert Templeton Foundation. The vision of the program team is to expand the project by training parent and community volunteers to bring Growing with Dramatics to other elementary and middle schools in the Portland community and beyond.

For more information, please contact Dr. Gary Dombroff at (503) 232-0191, or Dr. Pauline Furness at (503) 636-2022.

Tri-Met offers "youth summertime" bargain

Youth can again enjoy unlimited travel at a bargain price this summer on Tri-Met. "The Pass," which went on sale May 20th, also offers discounts at local merchants.

For \$40-half the regular price-people age 18 and under can purchase the summer youth pass. It's good for travel on Tri-Met anywhere, anytime, June through Au-

gust. The special pass is available at participating schools, and Tri-Met sales outlets including Fred Meyer, Safeway and most Albertson's stores in the Portland metropolitan area.

Pass holders qualify for these special discounts:

*McDonald's: Free dessert with purchase of an Extra Value Meal
*Oaks Park: \$2 off any limited or

deluxe ride bracelet, Tuesdays through Fridays

*OMSI: \$1 off general admission

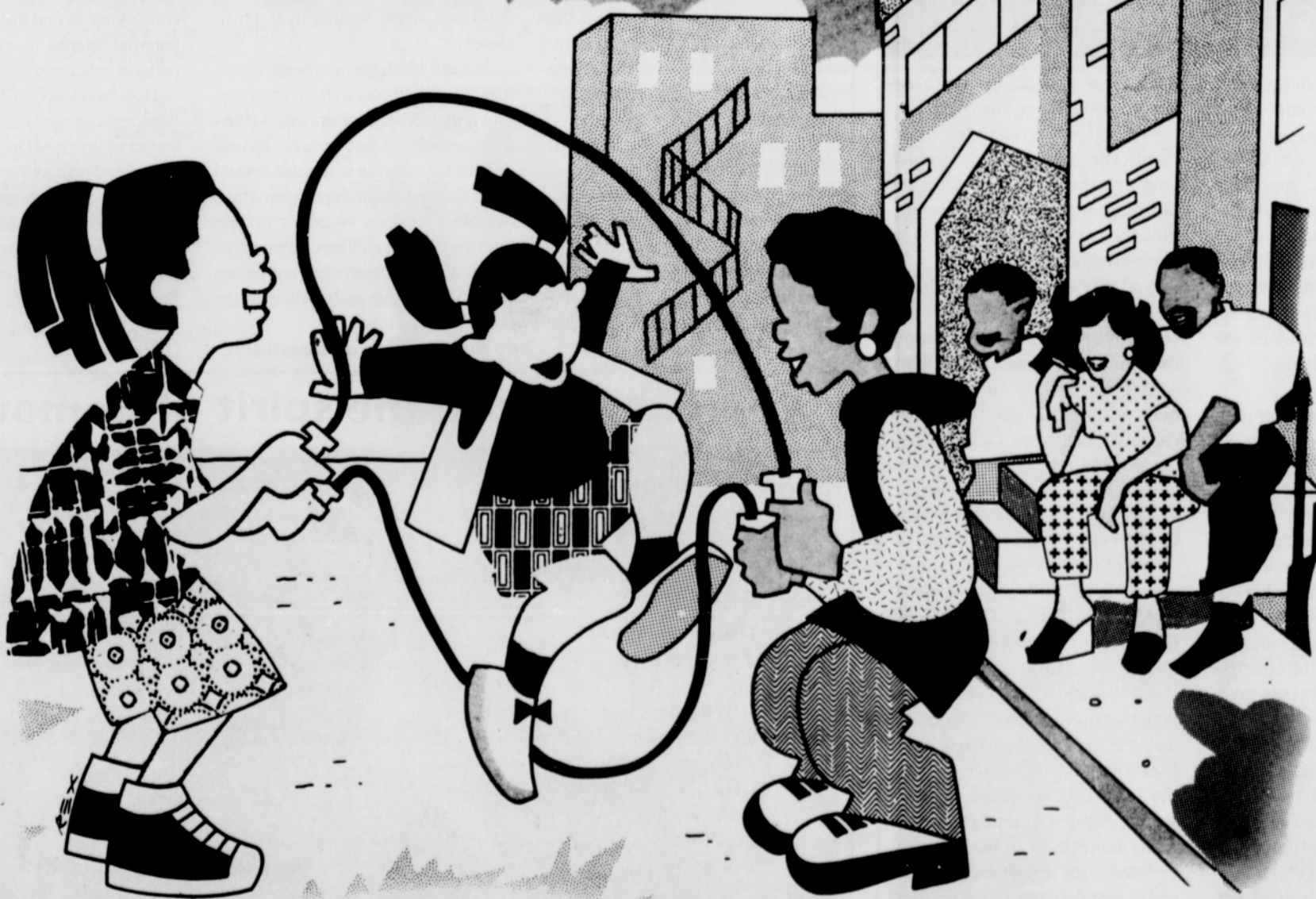
*Videoland: Free video rental, when you rent a movie of equal or lesser value

For more information about The Pass and Tri-Met please call 238-RIDE.

Reunion News

Jefferson High School Graduates of 1933 will hold their 65th Reunion at Columbia-Edgewater Golf Club located at 2200 N.W. Marine Dr. on July 30th at 11:30 A.M. It will consist of a social hour with open bar followed by a buffet luncheon. Graduates of other classes are welcome to attend this last organized Reunion of this class, in the twentieth century. For further information, contact either Leone Henry at 238-1418 or Helen Allara at 232-7020.

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