

# METRO *Life*

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SECTION B

## Community Calendar

### Free Sports and Movie Night

Buckman SUN School and Portland Parks and Recreation will present a free family sports and movie night on Thursday, July 20 at Buckman's south field area, 320 SE 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be a potluck at 6 pm., followed by Sports and Games, and then at dusk the movie Tarzan, will be shown. For more information, call Diane at 916-6233.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual N/NE

#### Community Festival at Kenton Park

If you missed it last year, the PROPER Event is returning to the historic Kenton Park for its second continued year. Experience nonstop music and performance arts showcase with poetry, storytelling, drama and dance. Enjoy food and fun with new friends, games and prizes for all. Establish relationships through the information alley for whole person healing (financial, legal, educational, mental, spiritual booths, it goes on). Call Pastor Tyrone Sampson, director at 503/286-1488.

#### Camp Ky-o-Wa Offers Fun for All Kids

Camp Ky-o-Wa, a summer day camp for children ages 5-11, serves children with and without disabilities. Three one-week sessions are being offered: July 17-20, July 24-27, and July 31-August 3. The camp is located at Roslyn Lake Park, near Sandy, OR. Bus transportation to and from camp is provided from Portland and Gresham. Activities include swimming, fishing, boating, trampoline, songs, field games, and many other fun activities. Cost is \$115 for residents of Portland, \$173 for non-residents. There is limited scholarship money. Call 823-4328.

#### Women and Sports

Join Radical Women for a public discussion about women and the politics of sports. Special video clips will be shown from the film, "We Got Next," highlighting the inaugural season of the Women's National Basketball Association. The free meeting will be on Wednesday, July 12, 7 pm., at the Northwest Neighborhood Cultural Center, Lower Level, 1819 NW Everett, Portland. Call 503/228-3090.

#### Summer Tennis Camp

This summer Kids N' Tennis, Inc. will sponsor two tennis camps. One will be held at Irving Park and the other at the St. Johns Racquet Center. Both camps will offer a series of three sessions for you to select from. All sessions that will start have just begun with programming running Monday through Thursday. The Irving Park camp is for beginners to advanced players (check registration form for times). The camp at St. Johns is for Tournament Players (Junior "A" and Champs). Call 503/823-3629 or 503/823-3630.

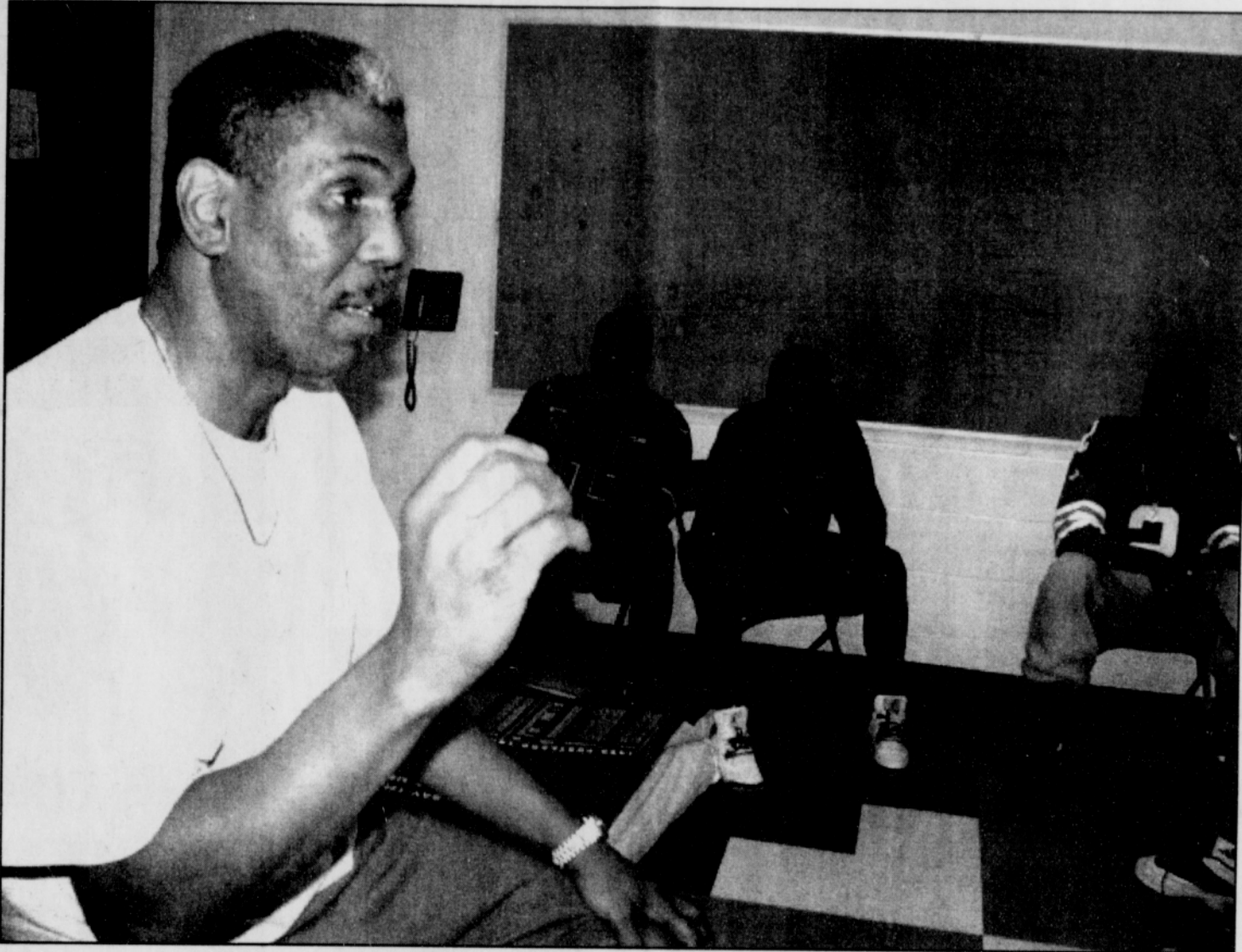
#### Save On Your Water/Sewer Bills!

The summer garden season is upon us, and soon after: high water and sewer bills. Learn how to keep these bills lower by attending a free Water Conservation Workshop. We will discuss the changes in the water and sewer bill that give you more control over your bill. Call the Community Energy Project at 503/284-6827 with questions or to register.

#### The Comedic Tragedy of Macbeth

Six On Shakespeare presents "The Comedic Tragedy of Macbeth". This original comedy version of the play, found in the Bard's lost "Port Folio", follows the hilarious hijinks of the ambitiously impaired Thane of Glamis as his quest for the crown goes horribly awry. Will the most notorious and cursed play have its day? Will the brave actors survive theatrical superstitions? Find out Thursday-Saturday, July 13-August 5, 8 pm. at the Miracle Theatre, 525 SE Stark. Tickets are \$10 general/\$8 students and seniors. Call 788-8558.

## Keeping it real with at-risk youths



Billy Moore guides youths in his "Life After Sports" program at Self Enhancement Inc.

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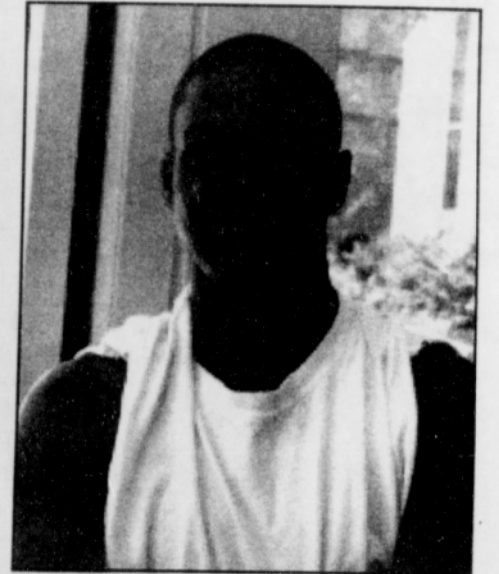
When you've been to the top in professional basketball, you get to be around teammates and opponents who are NBA's (Never Been Anybodies), jokes Billy Moore. His assessment is brutally honest and right on target. For young men who dream of making it "big" in professional basketball, his dramatic and outspoken style will either offend or be just the right wake-up call they need. Unfortunately with thousands of young hoopsters nationwide seeking the "brass ring", only a little over 400 make it to the NBA. For Moore, 'keepin' it real with kids' helps to

break down their negative attitudes and redirect their lives so that they balance playing sports with gaining a solid education.

Billy's class within Self Enhancement's Senior Men's Camp 2000 is aptly called, "Life After Sports". He along with other instructors and supervisors rotate as mentor/instructors to give a well-rounded approach to helping ground young men. They lead daily discussions with topics ranging from peer pressure (positive and negative) and the importance of family to manhood responsibilities and the role of community. Giving hope to disadvantaged kids is Moore's life passion. He also works at THE KIDS IN PROGRESS HOUSE which is a supportive

self-help program that provides a holistic and nurturing environment. His clients are described as those having an "I don't care" attitude about their self-destructive nature or raised without compassion or understanding that is necessary to cope with the many situational crises that life can present.

Billy was recruited in 1988 by Self Enhancement Incorporated as a living testament to at-risk youths that life has options. Tony Hopkins, president of SEI recognized how catalytic and phenomenal Billy is as a motivational speaker that he has for the last five years, chosen him to research, design and implement a "life after sports" curriculum. For many of his students, he is a



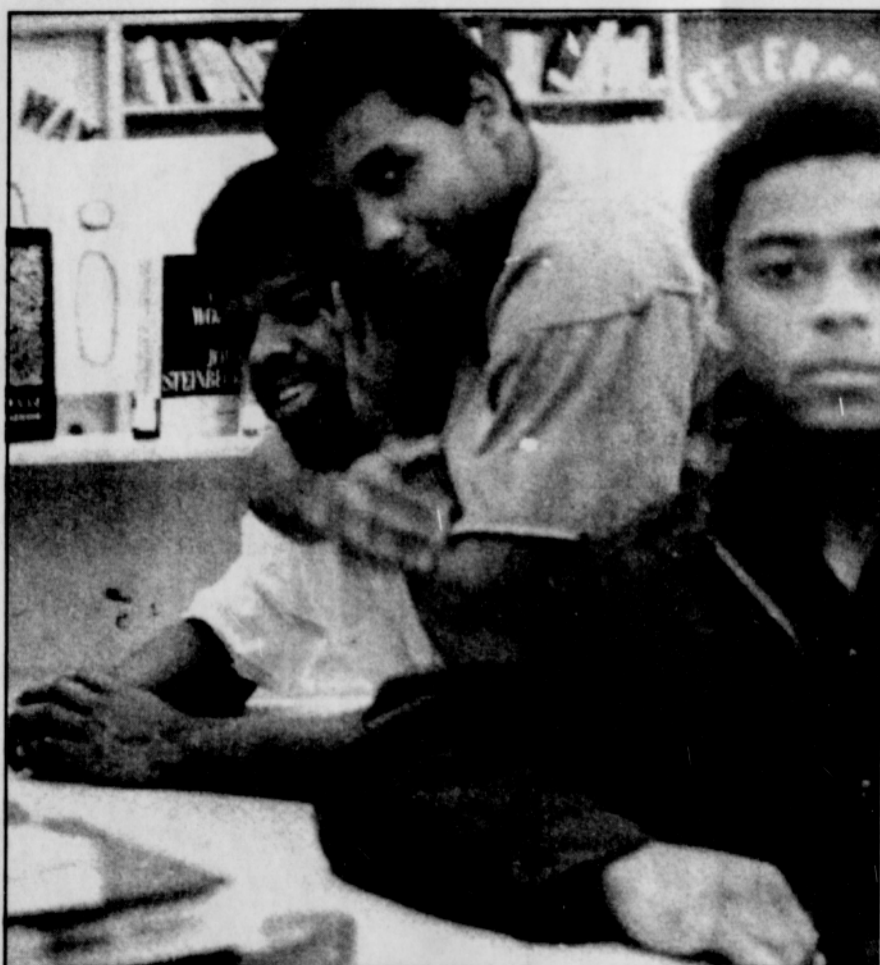
Brandon Brooks, a national basketball phenomena is a college-bound graduate from Jefferson High School's Class of 2000. He will be attending Arizona State University this fall.

lesson in values and life processes. As part of his weekly sessions during the Senior Men's Camp, he involves teenage boys in a "gut check" where they look inside themselves to understand their inner dynamics.

Brandon Brooks, rated by basketball league critics as one of the Top 5 Point Guard players in the country, took his "Life After Sports" instructor's example and message to heart. Once considered a problem student at Grant High School with little hope of going to college, Brandon "buckled down" because of the positive mentorship of people like Billy Moore. He especially liked Moore's way of 'keepin' it real by not "sugar coating" the realities of getting into the NBA. Making it to that level is "a long shot for anybody," explained Brooks.

In the last two years, this All-Star player from Jefferson met the minimum academic requirements to pass his courses and do well enough on college exams to be accepted at 5 major universities throughout the country. This fall, he will be attending Arizona State University, majoring in Television Production.

## Thirty years have come and gone, but it is time to return home



Woodrow Gretin, Tony Warren, Victor Williams

### The Jefferson High School Class of 1970

will be celebrating their 30 year reunion on August 25, 26 and 27, 2000. Memorabilia night will be on Friday, August 25 with a dinner and dance at the Red Lion Thunderbird on Saturday, August 26. On Sunday,

Nicki Nosaki



August 27, there will be a picnic at Oaks Park. If you are a classmate interested in attending, please call Ralph at 249-1721 X290 before July 1, 2000. We are planning a fun event. We hope to hear from you soon!!