



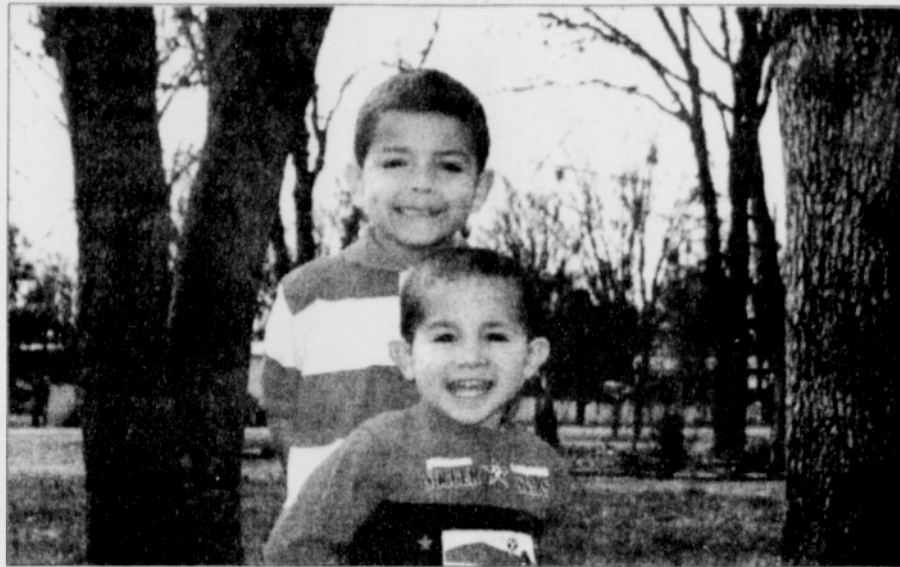
Family Living

Looking for a home

David and Emilio are adorable brothers of African-American/Guatemalan/ Caucasian heritage. Despite their rough beginning in life, they have made much progress with their foster family.

Well-rounded, curious and competent are qualities that describe David. Reading books, watching movies and playing with toy cars keep him occupied. A train aficionado, he is quite proud of his toys and collectables. David enjoyed attending Head Start this past year. Emilio's smile beams so big and bright that it melts hearts. His foster mother describes him as a happy and laid back toddler. Loving to play, he can entertain himself easily for hours. He also adapts positively to group and peer interactions and plays well with both children and adults. Emilio is learning to feel comfortable with physical affection, and for this reason he hugs the legs of his caretakers as they read to him.

David and Emilio would do best as the youngest in a household where they could receive lots of love and attention. These brothers come with their challenges, including the possibility that they were prenatally exposed to drugs; however, their current development shows that they are doing well and have positive futures ahead of them. They are delightful boys and will bring their new family many rewards.



Educational progress needed for teens to drive

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Beginning September 1, Oregonians under 18 years of age who apply for their first driving privileges will need to show proof of school attendance, completion of school, or exemption from attendance before DMV will issue them a permit or driver license. "There are certain documents people can bring in to show they're in compliance with the law," said Lorna Young's, ODOT Deputy Director for DMV. "That includes a diploma or a GED certificate, a statement of

enrollment from attending school, showing—in the words of the law—the student is making satisfactory progress toward a GED or a high school diploma. If person is home schooled or is exempt from attending school, they also need to obtain the form through the school district or ESD. Young's added that it isn't up to DMV to determine what constitutes "satisfactory progress." That definition is up to the school district or educational service district. Teenagers will need to show compliance with the new law when

applying for an instructional permit, a provisional driver license, a special student driver permit, an emergency driver permit or a moped restricted driver permit. It won't be necessary for someone applying for an identification card.

"A person will only need to show the form the first time they're issued a driver license or a permit," Youngs said. "If a person applies for a permit or a license for the first time after September 1, they need to bring it in for that transaction. That should be

it, unless their license is cancelled, revoked or suspended for non-attendance at school."

The law also gives Oregon schools districts and private schools the option to have DMV suspend the driving privilege of a student who withdraws from school. According to this law, a student is considered to have withdrawn from school if he or she has ten consecutive school days of unexcused absences or 15 days of unexcused absences during a single semester.

Briefs

Senior Art Show at Woodstock Festival

Senior will have the opportunity to display and/or sell their artistic creations at the Woodstock neighborhood Festival on Saturday, August 19. Hosted by Portland Parks & Recreation's Senior Leisure Services and the Woodstock Community Center, the senior art show will run 1:00-4:40 PM at the center, 5905 SE 43 Ave. If you would like to submit your work, please contact Mary Drennen at 659-4180.

Fred Meyer KidsFair will take place August 19th

Scooby Doo, George Jetson, Yogi Bear and Marc Weiner to provide entertainment

The Fred Meyer KidsFair, which will take place at the Rose Quarter Commons on Saturday, August 19th from noon to 5 p.m., combines entertainment, information and fun for children ages 12 and under. Kidsfair is free to the public, but donations to SMART (Start Making a Reader Today) are welcome. Kidsfair will provide fun-filled activities including nationally known entertainers and beloved cartoon characters as well as music and games. Dozens of Fred Meyer vendor will provide fun, interactive activities and information. Portland Art Museum, Oregon Coast Aquarium, Oregon Zoo and other non-profit organizations will be participating as well.

Tri-Met offers free ride home from 'The Bite'

Avoid traffic & parking hassles at waterfront festival.

With 200,000 people expected at "The Bite" along Portland's waterfront this year, Tri-Met can help you avoid traffic and parking hassles and will give you a free ride home, too.

Waterfront Park is within easy walking distance of MAX light rail or any of 47 bus routes serving the downtown Portland metro area. MAX trains run at least every 10 to 15 minutes during the festival, which starts Friday, Aug. 11 and continues through Sunday, Aug. 13.

In order to get a free ride home ticket, just stop by the 1190 KEX radio booth and show your Tri-Met receipt. Free tickets are limited to one per customer each day, while supplies last. The food and music festival hours are 12 PM - 10 PM daily. For information on

routes and times, check Tri-Met's website at <http://www.tri-met.org/schedule/> or call (503) 238-RIDE for trip-planning assistance on weekdays, 7:30 AM - 5:30 PM, TTY 238-5811.

Lents area to hold community parade.

All veterans are invited to participate in Lents Founders Day parade: "March Through the Decades" The parade will start at noon on August 13th at 92nd and Foster Rd. in Portland. Organizers hope to have representation from all services, conflicts, and age groups. To participate, contact Ken Turner at 771-3817.

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