

Rock 'n Roll Blood Drive Saturday

Every two seconds someone in America needs blood, yet only five percent of Americans donate, according to the American Red Cross.

One group that is in dire need is African Americans. For example, sickle-cell disease affects more than 80,000 people in the U.S., with 98 percent of the patients black. Sickle cell patients can require frequent blood transfusions throughout their lives.

The local community is encouraged to make a difference in giving the gift of life by donating blood on Saturday, Aug. 25, from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. during a Rock 'n Roll up Your Sleeves blood drive at the Red Cross Portland Donor Center, 3131 N. Vancouver Ave.

For more information or to make an appointment, call 503-284-4040 or visit givelife.org.



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American Red Cross workers Shelley Perry (from left), Charletta Malone and Raymond Paschal reach out to the community at a health care event at Irving Park. Local residents are encouraged to participate this Saturday in a Rock 'n Roll blood drive at the Red Cross Portland Donor Center, 3131 N. Vancouver Ave.

Fading Tribute to War Dead

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church, but this is fine," Larkins said.

The couple has been approached with some resistance, most recently by city park workers at Irving Park at Northeast Seventh and Fremont. They were told the names were

graffiti and asked to stop. Hiss was halfway through two names, Dickens and LaWare, so she washed out Dickens' name, rewrote it across the street and returned later to fill in the outline of LaWare.

The project has also been met with significant support. Hiss said about 85 people have helped out so

far, some just stopping long enough to write a name or two, others returning again and again.

Photos, accounts of progress and more information about the U.S. servicemen and women can be found on the Iraq Names Project website, iraqnamesproject.wordpress.com.

Native Plant Gardening

Portland Community Gardens and Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon will plant and maintain the native-habitat area at the Patton

Community Garden, 4619 N. Michigan Ave., on Thursday, Aug. 23 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Area residents are invited to join

the group to learn about native plants of the Pacific Northwest and learn how to design and maintain a drought-tolerant garden.

Information at 503-823-1612 or comgardens@ci.portland.or.us.

Brothers Await Adoption

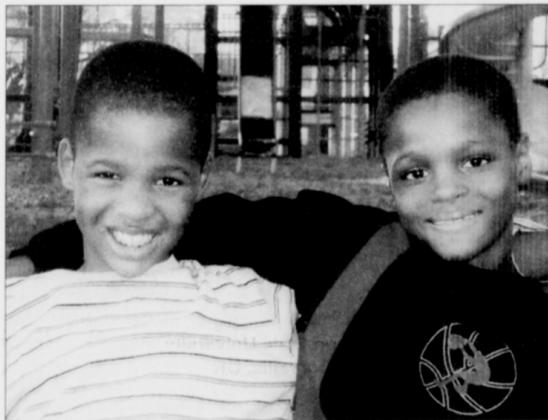
Wide, irresistible smiles and laughing brown eyes are windows into the warm personalities of Bobby and Anthony, a dynamic duo!

These brothers are among approximately 300 Oregon children available for adoption through the state, generally because of abuse and neglect.

Energetic and spry, Bobby and Anthony can be found racing scooters, playing basketball or just horsing around outside. They also like listening to music or spending time with friends.

Assertive and social, Bobby is a natural born leader. Anthony can be a little shy, and is usually content to follow his older brother's lead.

Both young men require enrichment, new experiences and role-modeling so they can develop skills and self-confidence. It is necessary that they have a variety of organized, physical outlets for their energy.



Bobby and Anthony, ages 11 and 9

Bobby and Anthony need the emotional support and security of a family who loves them and can keep them safe.

For more information on the availability of these brothers for

adoption or on how to become a foster or adoptive parent, contact the Special Needs Adoption Coalition at 503-542-2392 or the Department of Human Services at 1-800-331-0503.

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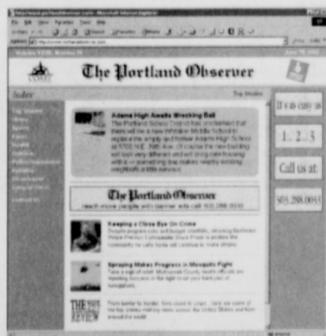
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Abby Blagg

Age: 6 Photo Progression Age: 8 Current Age: 12
Date Missing: Nov. 13, 2001
Missing From: Grand Junction, CO
Abby and her mother were last seen in their home on Nov. 12, 2001. Abby's mother was located deceased in June 2002 but Abby is still missing.



Kynande Bennett

Age: 4 Photo Progressed to Current Age: 8
Date Missing: Sept. 29, 2002
Missing From: Whiteville, NC
Kynande was last seen at the Kmart department store in Whiteville, North Carolina, in the company of her mother.

If you have any information please contact:
The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children
1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678)

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Mt. Hood Community College is offering a special course, HD100 College Success, to help new students make the most of their college experience.

The course introduces students to strategies for success, including library orientation, educational planning, self-management and working with others in a cooperative environment. It also provides students an opportunity to get acquainted with other students and faculty.

Classes are available evenings, weekends and before fall term. An extra bonus is a grand prize drawing to be held at the New Student Orientation Day luncheon on Sept. 18. Students who attend the orientation and sign up for HD100 have a chance to win a full waiver for winter 2008.

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