



**HOT DOG! IT'S LUNCH TIME!** The staff of Pleasure Valley cooked up a storm for more than 350 hungry children last Friday. In addition to the ever-popular hot dog, there were hamburgers and cold drinks to satisfy those voracious appetites.

# These carriers appreciated



Twenty-three month-old Brandon Sanders doesn't relish the thought of a camera intruding on privacy as he enjoys his lunch. His big sister Angie is a carrier, and his mom let him come along for the fun and food at the third annual Carrier Appreciation Day.

**By MAXINE SHARE**  
Hundreds of young boys and girls bounced, jumped, splashed and munched their way through a perfect summer day as they participated in Carrier Appreciation Day at Pleasure Valley last Friday, sponsored by The Economist and Sun and The Tribune.

When 180 carriers — most accompanied by a friend — showed up for the third annual event, District Manager Sandy Kiteley was delighted. "There're 352 kids here today altogether," she said, urging a pair of young boys to try out the mini-trampolines provided at the park. "That's a terrific turnout."

A huge waterslide was the most popular attraction of the day. "It's amazing," said carrier Chad Willis, who was enjoying his third Carrier Appreciation Day.

David Teoli, who delivers the Economist and Sun, agreed. "I like it because you almost fall off."

Nine-year-olds Chris Brommet and Andrew Clair were partial to the trampolines. This is their first year as carriers. "They area lot of fun," said Chris.

Most of the children said they'd been looking forward to the special outing.

"I've been waiting for it all year," said Andre Pagliaro, 12.

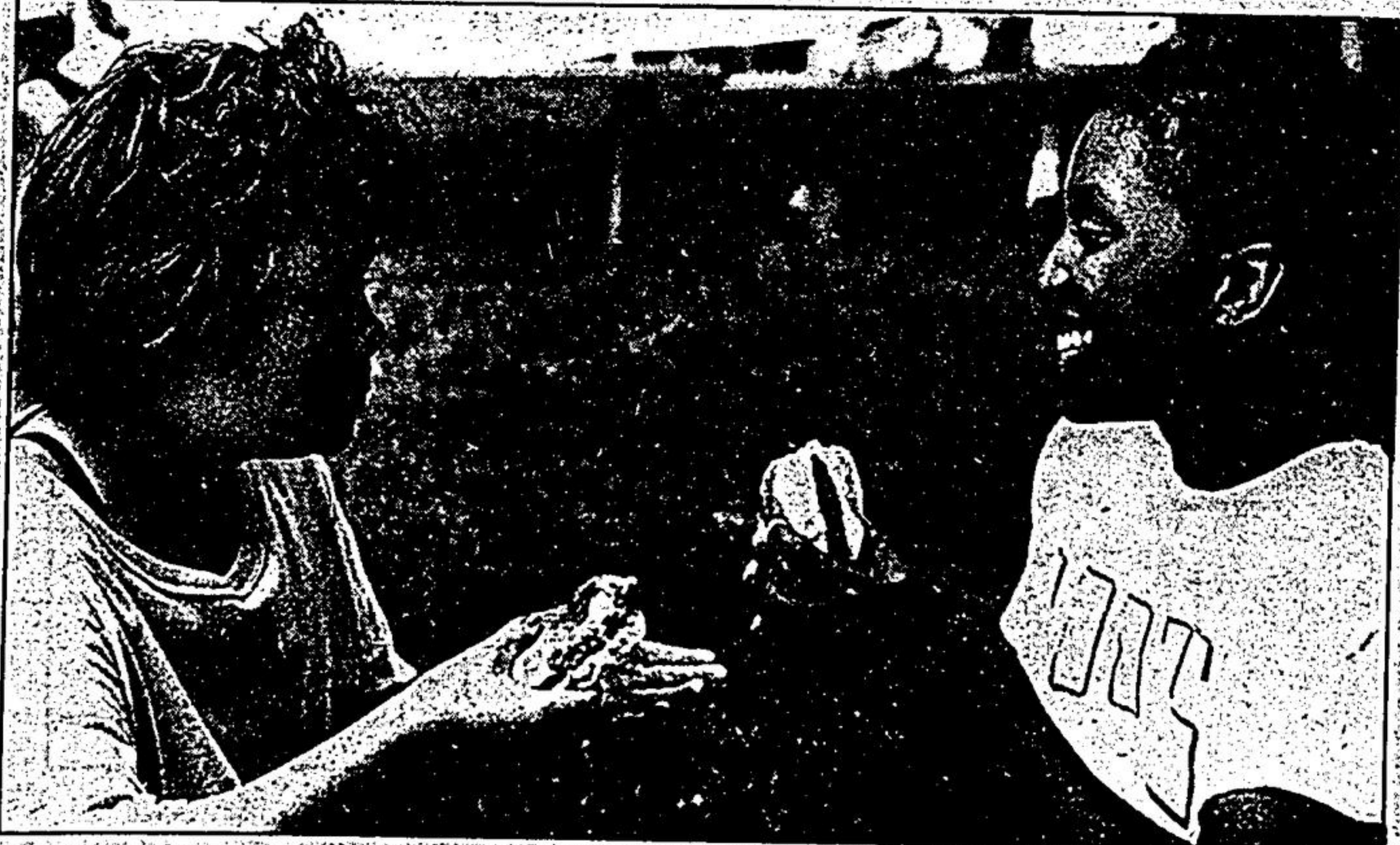
He manages a small route and socks away "about \$40 a month" for his efforts. "Carrying for the Economist and Sun (or The Tribune) is a good deal," he said.

Might that have anything to do with the waterslide, Andre?

"It is amazing!" he said, reiterating a popular phrase among the pre-teen set.

Other participants enjoyed the rollerskating and hiking trails at the park as they worked up an appetite. Organizers had enough drinks, hot dogs and charbroiled burgers to satisfy everyone.

"I'm going to keep being a carrier to come back next year," joked David Teoli.



Carriers Angie Sanders, 13, and Caroline Wallace, 12, had lots to discuss over lunch as they took a break from the many activities offered on Carrier Appreciation Day. Between climbing stairs for the waterslide, rollerskating and jumping on the trampoline, the girls were ready for a rest when lunch was served at noon.



This friendly goat wasn't kidding around - he wanted something to drink and Marissa Brennan's orange pop was just what he had in mind. The agile fellow roams the ground of Pleasure Valley to the delight of both children and adults.