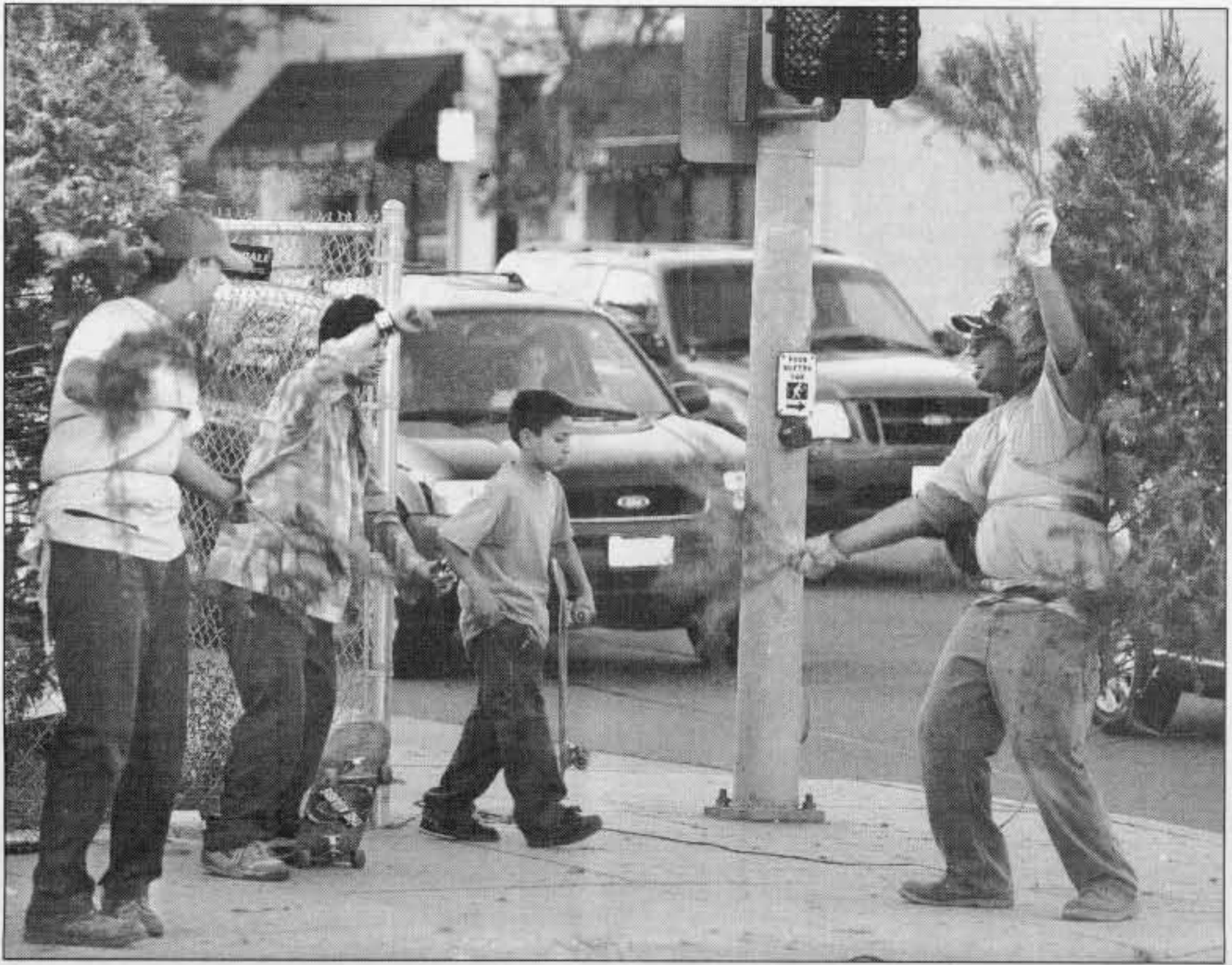


A HOLIDAY DANCE



Christmas tree sales benefit Delancey Street Foundation

Boyd Rogers of Delancey Street Foundation, above left, and Vester Johnson, 44, right, dance with Christmas trees strapped to their backs, hoping to attract drivers to buy Christmas trees at Fremont Avenue and Mission Street in South Pasadena. Tree sales will benefit the Delancey Street Foundation, considered the nation's leading self-help residential education center for former substance abusers and ex-convicts. The Delancey Street Foundation has about 2,000 residents in five facilities throughout the nation. At right, Johnson, who is from Dallas, Texas, offers Christmas greetings to a child. The foundation supports itself through training schools — such as a restaurant, bookstore and catering services — that provide vocational skills to residents and generate income for the foundation. Below, Johnson attracts the attention of drivers trying to get them to stop and buy a tree.

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