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## Shag Thomas returns

Mr. James Thomas, the short stout man known to us all as Shag Thomas, is back on the wrestling scene again after a 6 months vacation. It was Shag's first vacation in 20 years.

His wrestling career began 17 years ago while attending Ohio State College. When asked if professional wrestlers really do all you see on television, Shag replied, "Nobody's giving away money. Believe me, it's real."

During his career Shag has wrestled with the toughest and the best. He has wrestled alongside such names as Gene Caneski and Pat O'Connor. He wrestled for the world championship 5 times and, although he never captured the title he has gained popularity and respect the world over.

Shag is now the referee at Portland Sports Arena every Saturday night. Sports announcer for KPTV wrestling coverage, Frank Bonema, commented in regard to Shag's refereeing abilities: "Shag is one of the best, if not the best, wrestling referees on the West Coast."

On April 7th of 1972 Shag opened his own Arena. A combination restaurant, bar and nightclub at 1470 N.E. Killingsworth. Shag has now, however leased out his restaurant. James Thomas Jr. manages the nightclub in which live entertainment is offered on weekends.

James Thomas Jr. is one of Shag's six children. None of his sons have followed him in the wrestling world. Shag is pleased at this. He ex-

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## Pageant schedules Johnson

The eighth annual Miss Black Oregon Pageant will be held this Friday, June 22, at the Memorial Coliseum. For the first time T.V. coverage of the Pageant will be provided by KPTV Channel 12. Television viewing of the affair is being planned for the following evening.

Highlights of the Pageant feature ventriloquist Grover and his partner Joe; Rosalie Booth, vocalist; and Channel 12 newsman Harold Johnson as Master of Ceremonies.

The Portland pageant is produced by Jimmy "Bang Bang" Walker.

The four contestants will compete for the title in swimsuit, talent and evening wear competition. The winner will make the traditional trip to New York where she will compete with young ladies from all over the United States for the honorable title of Miss Black America.

Previous winners include: Carolyn Randolph, 1966; Jo Ann Twitty, 1967; Debbie Davis, 1968; Jennifer Wason, 1969; Betty Harris, 1970; Tina Lathan, 1971; Jo Ann Bryson, 1972

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## Grandparents serve children

by Rosemary Allen

If you've reached the age of 60, and it suddenly dawns on you that you're 'Over the Hill', don't be alarmed. There is plenty going on 'Over the Hill'. The following is a little bit of the action.

The Foster Grandparent's Program, the first of its kind in Oregon and the entire nation, began in 1965. Its purpose is twofold: Directing itself to the individual and social needs of both older adults and deprived children.

Adults ranging from the ages of 61 to 84 who meet poverty criteria receive stipends (a fixed pay unrelated to the amount or value of services rendered) of \$1.60 per hour and transportation. They work five days a week, 4 hours a day. Supportive services including social security information, help with housing, free physical examination's free medical care and cold, influenza and other immunization shots are provided.

Foster Grandparents is 90% funded by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. 10% of the funding comes from non-federal sources. All Foster Grandparents must work in a licensed facility. They provide individual attention and personalized care for children with special needs in institutionalized settings. Three facilities now being utilized are Providence Child Care



Mrs. Hayes, foster grandmother at Providence Child Center, plays with one of her special children.

Center and Waverly Children's Home.

The program is funded for only 36 grandparents and a waiting list exists. However, it is to be acknowledged that the love and happiness

brought to the children and received by each foster grandparent is as priceless as the rarest of gems. (Please turn to p. 8 col. 6)

## Black officials ask equitable revenue sharing

Aroused Black elected officials across America have fired the first volley in their organized assault on the Treasury Department's ho-hum response to appeals for an adjustment in equitable revenue sharing allocations policies.

Current allocations formulas, based in part on population statistics, fail to take into account the 1.88 million Black

Americans who are not included in official population figures resulting from the 1970 census, the Black officials argue.

Thus, they say in a 2-page formal letter of appeal to Secretary of the Treasury George Shultz, a hard-nosed refusal by government to reflect the Black undercount in revenue sharing allocations "results in one of every 12 Blacks being literally relegat-

ed to the status of 'invisible man'."

At the forefront of this latest initiative are past and present leaders of the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (NBC/LEO), the national political organization that is the watchdog in Washington for the nation's approximately 2,700 Black elected officeholders.

A letter of challenge to Secretary Shultz was signed by Mayors William S. Hart, Sr. of East Orange, N.J., current president of NBC/LEO, and Robert B. Blackwell of Highland Park, Mich., another past president of NBC/LEO.

The three Black municipal executives reminded Shultz in their letter that he is empowered by revenue sharing regulations issued by his office to take corrective action. They refer to a regulation that states that where data used in the allocation formula "are not current enough or are not comprehensive enough or are otherwise inadequate to provide for equitable allocations," the Secretary of the Treasury "may use other data, including estimates..."

The Black political leaders emphasized the broad implications of the problems. "At first blush," they observed, "it might suggest that Black Americans are being shortchanged. This is, in part, true. But of greater consequence is the fact that all persons - Black and White, poor and rich - in those cities (Please turn to p. 3 col. 3)



Bob Hughes, Ebony's Eligible Bachelor from Portland.

## Ebony selects Hughes

Ebony magazine, published by Johnson Publishing Co., Inc., a Black-owned Publishing Company, each year selects 50 Black eligible bachelors of the year. The bachelors generally range from the age of 21 to 40 and their annual salaries range from \$10,000 a year to an affluent \$100,000.

This year, for the first time, an eligible bachelor has been selected from Portland, Oregon. Read the following closely ladies: His name is Bob Hughes. He's 33 years old and a resident of Portland for 22 years. He graduated from Jefferson

High School, attended Portland Community College, Multnomah Junior College and Portland State University for 2 years.

Bob is a professional high fashion model for commercial agencies, working strictly in Portland.

In the 1960's Bob was very active in the Albina Citizen's Together Committee, was on the Board of Directors of PMSC and was active as a citizen in many other community organizations. However, Mr. Hughes says "Because of a lack of support

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## Salute to Black Business

by Rosemary Allen

Many of us in the community are working at different jobs because that's all we know how to do. At the time we should have been going to school we were forced to stay home and raise our children or work in order to survive.

This week's Salute to Black Business turns out north to Budget Cleaners, 7230 N. Fessenden. Budget Cleaners' success story applies to the statements above. Ada and Langston Walker opened their business on November 20, 1973.

Ada, a nurses aide, had hurt her back and was ordered by her doctor to only do light work. She worked for someone else at another Cleaners for a short while; however, she didn't particularly like one person as her boss. She found that "Working for one man, although you may have ideas of your own, you must go by only what he says."

Therefore, the Walker's entrance into the cleaner's business was twofold: One, lighter work for medical reasons; and two, a new independence in doing for self. Mrs. Walker, manager, now employs three people and claims that the public is now her boss.

Budget Cleaners also supply laundry facilities. It was when she saw the complaining frowns of bachelor's when they were doing their laundry that Mrs. Walker got the idea of Bachelor's Laundry. In bachelor laundrying, Mrs. Walker actually does the washing and drying of soiled laundry for bachelors. This service caught on pretty well. (Please turn to p. 8 col. 4)

## Minority workers ask greater job percentage

The new Piedmont Plaza, bounded by North Mississippi, North Michigan, North Jessup and North Simpson, is a \$1.2 million rental housing rental project for low or moderate income families. The project, which is being built by Hammond Development Corporation, a subsidiary of Ross B. Hammond Company, Inc. of Portland, is financed under the FHA 236 program. This is the first sizeable 236 project in the Model Cities area.

On Friday, June 15, members of the United Minority Workers shut construction activities down at the Piedmont building site. UMW claimed "Equal employment

plans are not being implemented," as the reason for their closure.

It was originally planned that the project would use four minority sub-contractors: Christian Electric, William T. Flemming Company, Complete Grading Service and Baldwin Sanitary Service. In an article in a daily newspaper, J.M. Miller expressed astonishment that the project was the first target of UMW pickets. He said "What we are doing has been with the cooperation of the Black community and minority group people."

Mr. George Christian, president of the Albina Con- (Please turn to page 8 col. 3)

## Black doctor performs first heart surgery

Eighty years ago this summer, in a stifling little operating room on Chicago's south side, a Black surgeon opened the chest of a young man - and opened an era in medicine.

With that swift stroke of his scalpel, Dr. Daniel Hale Williams also brushed aside fear of censure and ridicule by his colleagues, which he definitely risked. For prevailing medical dogma said that one did not operate on the heart. But Dr. Williams, 37, decided that sweltering night of July 9, 1893, that operation was the only way to save the patient's life. So he went ahead, leading the way into a field of surgery that has since saved countless thousands of lives.

On the sultry night of July 9, 1893, a young Black expressman named James Cornish got into a fight in a saloon and was stabbed in the chest. He was taken to nearby Provident Hospital, which Dr. Williams had founded in 1890.

The wound appeared to be minor - an inch-long cut just to the left of the breastbone, between the fourth and fifth ribs. There was little bleeding to be seen. But soon Cornish complained of pain over the

heart and showed signs of shock. Dr. Williams decided that either a major blood vessel, or the heart itself, had been damaged. If it was the heart, there was only one accepted course of action: hands off. The only advice offered to physicians then was to keep the patient cool and quiet, pack him in ice if it was available and, if not, to put him in a cool cellar.

No one, therefore, would have criticized Dr. Williams had he chosen merely to keep the patient cool. But he decided to try and save Cornish's life. He sent an aide to round up any interested observers and six physicians - four white and two Black - crowded into the operating room to watch.

Working without sophisticated anesthesia methods, blood transfusions, anti-infection measures or any of the surgical tools taken for granted today, Dr. Williams began. To minimize shock, he knew he had to work fast, and conservatively.

He first lengthened the stab wound into a 6-inch incision between the ribs, then cut the cartilage of the rib away from the breastbone, making an opening (Please turn to p. 8 col. 6)

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