

A photographer's journal of Nicaragua



Richard J. Brown, photographer for the *Portland Observer*, spent seven weeks in Nicaragua learning about and meeting its people.

Daniel Ortega, President of Nicaragua, usually serious and "even stiff at times," warms to youngsters as they gather in his presence waiting for a chance to shake his hand, receive a pat on the head, or even a hug.

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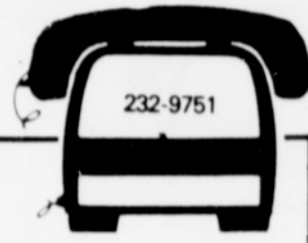
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Donated shoes stolen

by Jerry Garner

Last Monday two thieves stole 80 pairs of donated shoes from the Mariah Taylor Pediatric Clinic at 5311 N. Vancouver. The shoes were a portion of 300 pairs of shoes donated by the Nike Company which were intended to be distributed to low-income residents.

According to the owner, Mariah Taylor, a man and a woman came to the clinic seeking shoes. They were told by Taylor they could have a pair each and were directed to a room downstairs. Taylor was talking on the phone for several minutes when she heard the back door open. Taylor went to investigate and observed both the man and woman running away

from the building with boxes of the donated shoes in their possession. Taylor followed the two suspects to an apartment house at the corner of Williams and Emerson. At that point she returned to the clinic and took a policeman back to the house in which this man and woman fled. Taylor said the door was locked and the manager refused to open it for the officer. At that point, the officer left the scene.

Taylor said neither of the two suspects were arrested, nor were the stolen shoes recovered. In fact, Taylor said the two thieves were selling the shoes to residents in the community. Outside of the police taking down the report, Taylor has no knowledge of anything else being done about the incident.



Margaret Carter enjoys a laugh during VIP day at Camp Rosenbaum, where 97 young girls and boys spent a week on the Oregon coast.

(Photo: Richard J. Brown)

Summer youth camp completed

by Jerry Garner

The Housing Authority of Portland (HAP) and the Oregon Air National Guard have just completed sponsoring their 15th summer youth camp at Camp Rilea in Warrenton on the Oregon Coast near Astoria. Ninety-seven low-income girls and boys ranging from 10 to 12 years old, coming from mostly one-parent families, attended the camp.

Staff from the Housing Authority donated one week of their time to live at the camp as counselors. Members of the Air National Guard will continue to stay in contact with the youths after they return home helping to supplement parental support.

Besides taking part in recreation activities, the youth are taught how to deal with problems they will face in life and to make them more aware of the power they have to take charge of their own lives. Camp Director Lt. Col. Arnold Leppert said, "If these youngsters are to continue their interpersonal skills gained at the camp, they'll need to recognize the lessons learned here are only stepping stones towards greater self-improvement." With the newly acquired mental and

physical stamina, the camp offers a different side of the military to the children, such as potential educational and job opportunities.

Over 1,400 youngsters have attended the camp since 1969. The parents of applicants must apply for admission to the camp through the Housing Authority. The camp has won several prestigious awards, among them are the Freedom's Foundation at Valley Forge Award, and the Minuteman Mike Award from the Adjutants General Association of the United States.

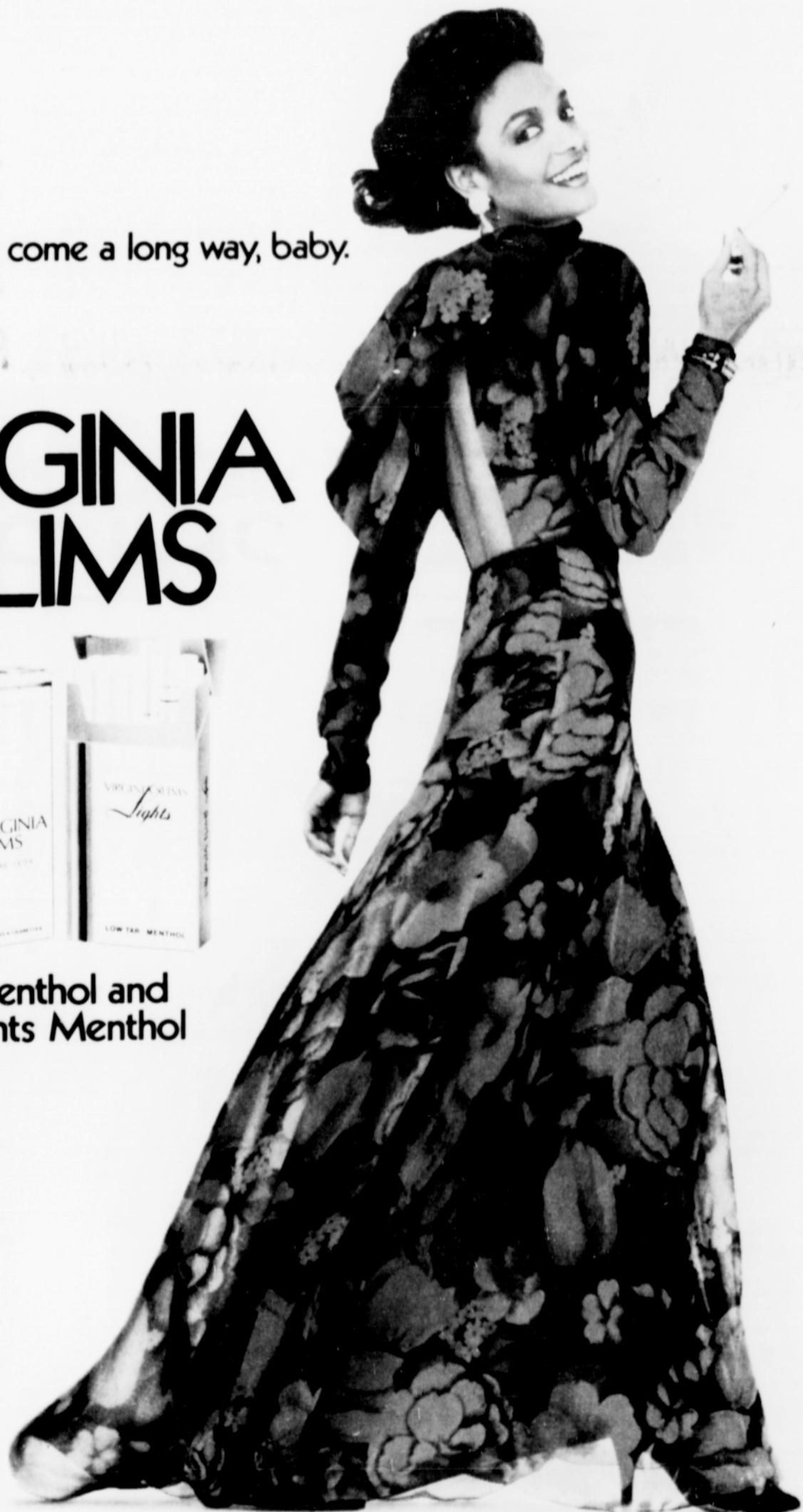
Last Wednesday was VIP Day at the camp. Members of the press and various dignitaries were invited to attend the renaming of the camp from Camp Rilea to Camp Rosenbaum in honor of Fred Rosenbaum, who started the camp 15 years ago. Rosenbaum was chairman of the Board of Directors of the Housing Authority until his retirement in 1980. Those attending VIP Day included Governor of Oregon, Vic Atiyeh; District 18 Representative, Margaret Carter; Executive Editor of the *Oregonian*, William A. Hilliard; Director of Portland Housing Authority, John Hunter.

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