

SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN

For 66 years Shriners Hospitals for Crippled children have been dedicated to providing expert medical care to crippled and burned children totally without charge. Each child helped at a Shriners Hospital or Shriners Burn Institute is special, and today, more than 380,000 of these special children have received free, expert medical care at a Shriners Hospital.

While statistics alone can't tell the whole story of these children who have benefited from specialized care at Shriners Hospital, the record of impressive patients statistics compiled over the years shows the extent of the Shriners commitment to helping children.

In the 66 years from the opening of the first Shriners Hospital in 1922 through December 31, 1988 there have been approximately:

- 4,641,576 X-rays
- 3,443,169 Out patient clinic visits
- 415,878 operations performed
- 436,074 braces and prostheses applied
- 7,803,815 physical therapy treatments given

During 1988, 22,166 applications were approved by Shriners Hospitals. Currently, there are approximately 107,756 active patients at the 22 units.

JONES CALLS FOR MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE TIED TO HEALTH CARE

Salem--Oregon's minimum wage would be increased and employers who do not presently have health insurance programs would be allowed to use a portion of the increase to pay for basic medical coverage under legislation introduced by Representative Delna Jones (R-Aloha). "Oregon's minimum wage has not been raised since 1981 and people who are struggling to survive on \$3.35 per hour find that it buys 37% less than it did eight years ago. We should increase the minimum wage to \$4.00 on Oct 1 this year and then raise it to \$4.25 next July.

Republican Leader Larry Campbell, who is strongly supporting the bill, said that an important feature of the bill is its provision that will allow employers, who don't presently provide health care insurance to employees, to use up to \$.40 of the first increase for purchase of a health care policy. "People trying to live on the minimum wage need a great deal more than a rise in the wage floor. There are presently 400,000 working Oregonians who don't have any kind of medical insurance. Many of them are heads of households with dependent children," Campbell said. "A single illness or accident will wipe them out. It is especially important to encourage coverage of children and expectant mothers." Representative Jones added that the Minimum Wage With Health Care Option would be a major step forward in providing affordable health insurance for the uninsured without placing an undue burden on employers or taxpayers.

According to Jones, the work of the Republican Policy Development Committee was significant in developing the plan, which would give the employer a choice of either offering medical coverage of up to \$60 per month for a full time employee or paying all the increase in wages. "This program, when combined with existing incentives and tax credits for small businesses would mean that many employers could afford coverage that is now beyond their reach," Jones added. "In addition, the worker wouldn't have to pay income taxes on the amount used for health insurance. It is a way to encourage small businesses to provide important benefits for minimum wage workers."



News Around Town

NEW BLACK BOUTIQUE

Donnie James Fashions is proud to announce the opening of a new Mens' & Womens' Boutique in Northeast Portland. We are located at 517 NE Killingsworth in the Portland Observer complex. Donnie James is a black owned and operated business dedicated to providing the Albina Community with a quality store and fashionable merchandise at affordable prices. We believe that as consumers who spend thousands of dollars in retail stores, we deserve to be treated with dignity, respect and a commitment to serve our special needs.

At Donnie James we are committed to providing the community with the latest designs in Men and Women fashions. Our store hours are 11am to 6pm Monday thru Saturday.

This Saturday April 29th, we invite you to join us for demonstrations of African Head Ties presented by Deborah. The Head Ties will be accented with a line of Heritage Jewelry exclusively designed by Deborah. The demonstrations will begin at 1pm and continue until 3pm.



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Minority Youth Concerns Action Program

— Present —

Straight Talk & Frightening Realities YOUTH ANTI-GANG FORUMS

FORMAT: • Skits
• Ex-gang member forum/panelist
• Anti-gang rap (performed by panelist)

DATE	PLACE	TIME
April 26	Whitaker Middle School 5700 NE 39th	1:30 - 2:45 pm (School Assembly)
May 3	Self-Enhancement Spring Rally Whitaker Middle School 5700 NE 39th	7:00 - 9:00 pm
May 10	Tubman Middle School 2231 N. Flint	9:30 - 10:45 am (School Assembly)

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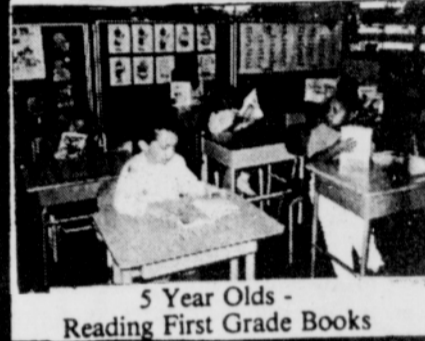
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