



RUBY SAYS

Well, the November 2nd election is over and I would like to say that the Westside Black people played a really important roll.

You must know that Welfare Rights women were very proud to have nineteen winners in its political education effort.

We would like to thank each and every one of you for going to the polls and voting. We also want to thank each and every person that was at the poll from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. that day, and thank each and every person that walked from door to door.

There were many people out door knocking that day and previously registering people to vote - and then carrying through to casting that vote. This was part of the whole effort from the beginning - registration, voter education, and actual voting. I am just so proud of our community!

The Operation Life Community Health Center has seen thousands of children since it first opened its doors in August of 1973. We feel that it has proved the intent of the legislation for the Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment program set out by congress because we have found and detected illnesses in children before they became illnesses that could not be controlled.

Many who came to the center were referred to physicians for medical reasons, i.e., hernias, anemia, colds, and sickle cell. Almost 18% of those referred for medical reasons, were referred because the clinic detected sickle cell. That's quite a large amount. Almost 60% of those children referred were due to anemia - which indicates to us the need for good diets and protein.

The clinic has been the most successful in terms of screening the most children in the nation. Some states have only seen about 10% of the eligible children while Nevada has seen more than any other state. This is due to the Operation Life Clinic and the outreach provided by the women of Operation Life.

We have helped many people and they have been very grateful - for instance, we recently detected sickle cell in a child and was able to get him treated before it was so serious. Now it can be controlled and the child can lead a normal life.

Another incident was a young pregnant woman who came in for a check-up...We tested her blood and found it dangerously low so we sent her to the hospital for further diagnosis and treatment. She received a blood transfusion. If this had gone undected any longer, chances for the woman and her baby for a successful delivery would have been slim. She was grateful and happy that she came to our center and returned to us to tell us so.

It is events like this that make us feel very worthwhile and know that we are doing a great job. We are also proud of the great many mothers who have brought their children in for screening because we know that they care about them and want them to grow to be strong and healthy adults.

We urge everyone to bring their children in so that they too will not be taking any chances. All Medicaid children and young adults are eligible for treatment under EPSDT at the Operation Life Health Center.

It's free and all you have to do is call either 648-2886 or 648-0012. We provide transportation!

LONG LIVE THE KING!



**V*A FACTS

Q - I have been separated from active service for seven months. Am I eligible for VA dental treatment?

A - Veterans have one year from separation date to apply for dental treatment from the VA.

Any treatment thereafter can be granted only for conditions resulting from combat injuries, service training or prisoner of war status or as an adjunct to a service-connected disability.

Q - What is required to obtain waiver of premium on an NSLI policy and can it be retroactive?

A - Waiver of NSLI premiums may be granted when the insured becomes totally disabled before his/her 65th birthday and continued for six or more months while the insurance premiums are still being paid. Total disability is defined as any impairment of mind and body which continuously renders it impossible for the insured to be gainfully employed. Waiver can be retroactive up to one year if the six-month requirement is met.

Q - May a student buy back his entitlement for training under the GI Bill?

A - Yes. If benefits have been paid for one or more intervals between terms, without specific request from the student and the checks have been negotiated, the student may reimburse the VA and have entitlement restored for as many such intervals as may be required to allow payment for enrollment in one additional term. Only one such election is permitted.

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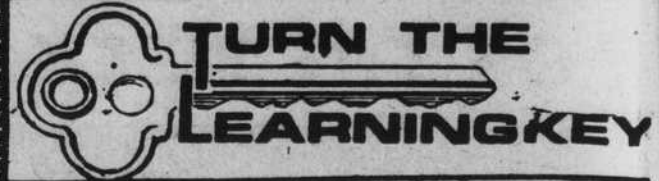
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