



**BOOST program, which assists young people applying for college and identify financial aid, held a work session at Matt Dishman Center with students and their parents. Glenn Herman, with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Herman N. Green and brothers Mare and**



**Steven, completes application forms. Norma Freedman receives help and advice from BOOST counselor. (Photo: Richard Brown)**

## Willie Brown seeks City Council seat

By Nyewusi Askari

Willie Brown, a concerned citizen, is running for City Council; the seat vacated by Mayor Frank Ivancie. Although new to the arena of City government, he has some very definite ideas about how City government should be run. In this interview, he discusses some of those ideas.

**Observer:** Just who is Willie Brown?

**Brown:** Willie Brown is a concerned citizen who decided to get involved with politics because of the kinds of things that's been going on. I'm referring to the high taxation, Tri-Met, Metropolitan Service District; they want to become a taxing body, Port of Portland already is, and I just think it's time that the citizenship got involved with City government. They are talking about they are not making enough money or they are spending too much money, well, if the citizens got involved they'd know why.

So Willie Brown is the type of person who've worked all of his life on a couple of jobs, has owned a couple of businesses in the area, graduated from Roosevelt High School, Portland Community College with a degree in Business Administration with emphasis on economics. In all I'm looking at going to school, and at the same

time, obtain my bachelor's degree and hopefully my master's degree in Business Administration and Business Law.

**Observer:** What motivated you to run for City Council?

**Brown:** I got involved with weatherization, first to stop the mandatory aspect of the weatherization act that the City Council was trying to push through. Because I don't think that people need to have mandatory weatherization. They know certainly if they are cold and they don't need the sheriff to come out and tell them to put some insulation in their homes.

One of the Council's favorite words is mandatory. They want to make everything mandatory. They act as if the citizens don't have the intelligence to understand the difference. City Council needs to give the citizens more credit; after all, the citizens are paying their wages, so the Council work for the citizenship and not the other way around.

**Observer:** What are some of the changes you'd like to see take place in the policy of Council members?

**Brown:** I'd like to see more Council involvement with the citizens to the point where Council members get out from behind their desks, go out and listen to what citizens are talking about.

**Observer:** What are some of the things that the citizens you've talked with would like to see changed in

terms of the policies that come from City Council?

**Brown:** Well, the biggest thing I've seen is that they want to be involved. When they say no they don't want that, they don't want to be forced into having whatever kind of project they want them to have. Union Avenue is one of the examples and certainly there are many, many more.

There are many things the citizens want to do and when they go to testify, and like I've been in front of the City Council and they make you feel like you are stupid. Being concerned you feel like you're on trial and my God that's got to change.

I think that's all a part of it so if they belong to the City, they've got to feel like they can make some of the decisions. Some of the businesses downtown, they have been in business for a number of years, in fact, they've made downtown what it is today. And what the City Council wants is to allow companies to come in from out of the state, to go in and demolish the buildings and businesses. That's the people life blood. They're trying to move the folks out and that's the wrong way.

**Does this apply to the Union Avenue Project as well?**

**Brown:** The Union Avenue Project is just one aspect. What the citizens and business people of the

area are saying is, it's a beautiful street to drive on, but it's not bringing any business into the area. What it did was strip the business in the area from the small businessman. People told Mayor Ivancie and some of the other people involved, that they didn't want the project, that they needed parking. Certainly they can't park on the street.

This choice to ignore what the citizens and businesses were saying has affected a lot of the businesses. 50% of the business is gone. If they have no place to park, certainly they can't get in. I know myself because I've spoken with a number of small businessmen who are located on Union Avenue. Questions are asked: Why leave the area? Is there something that the area can do to keep the jobs in the community? The City Council says no, we can't expand or we can't change our parking status here. Those are the kinds of things I've been asked and have heard the people talking about. I think City Council needs to get out of their easy chairs, get on their feet, get out there and talk to these people, instead of trying to make those decisions behind the desk.

My advice to citizens is, "get involved." People have criticized people like Ron Herndon, but whether you like Ron or not, he has chosen to get involved. He has chosen to participate. If more citizens would have gotten involved earlier, the schools would be in better shape. One cannot criticize from his/her easy chair, while watching television.

I'm for citizen involvement in City government. But most of all, I'm for political honesty. Those who are supposed to be making political decisions must begin to be more honest with the people who elected them; the people who pay their salaries. I'm for honesty, the restoration of the peoples trust in local government.

## Workshop studies teenage parenthood

Which girls are most likely to grow up and find themselves pregnant and alone as teenagers can almost be predicted by pre-school age according to professionals who work with pregnant teens.

But, there are ways to prevent that grim forecast from happening, says Mary Erlandson, co-chairwoman of the Oregon Alliance Concerned with School Age Parents (OACSAP) and discharge and follow-up coordinator for the Neonatal Intensive Care Center at University Hospital.

A full day workshop will be held Monday, February 16, at the Child Development and Rehabilitation Center at the University of Oregon Health Sciences Center. The workshop will focus on understanding early adolescence as a means to prevent teenage pregnancy. Teachers, nurses, counselors and other professionals are invited.

The workshop is sponsored by several groups, including the OACSAP, the Oregon Program for

Sexual Health, the Crippled Children's Division and the Division for Perinatal Medicine, all at the UOHC. Also involved are Planned Parenthood and Continuing Education for Girls, an alternative school for pregnant teens and young mothers and a part of the Portland Public School District.

"We have to look back at our own adolescence and see what our family values were and how they affected our decision making," Erlandson said, "and how peer pressure affected our decision making." She believes that many teenage pregnancies would be avoided if the girls were helped when they were young, and before they find themselves pregnant.

"When I see young kids in our obstetrics clinic, they just stand out. They are the kids with low self-esteem, kids with poor family role models, the kids that never fit into the mainstream."

Lecture topics will include talking to children about sex related topics,


value exercises in attitude changes and dealing with parents and teenagers living together.

Erlandson stressed that the focus of the workshop goes beyond distributing contraceptive devices. "Girls won't talk to you about that, because they think it immoral to prepare for sex." She said for most girls, sex is something that generally overwhelms them.

There will be a \$20 fee for the workshop.

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## From the Board Room

By Gladys McCoy County Commissioner

Today the Multnomah County Animal Control (MCAC) allows the animals to "Die with dignity", using sodium pentobarbital, a drug that puts them peacefully to sleep. No longer are animals euthanized in a decompression chamber.

A study by the Board of County Commissioners has shown the sodium pentobarbital method to be a more humane treatment of the animals. It has also proven to be less expensive for the county. Fewer person-hours are needed to administer the drug and machine maintenance costs have been eliminated.

Even with this drop in costs, overall inflation problems are affecting the shelter and ultimately the animals. An increase in fee schedules for the MCAC was recently approved by the board.

1) Dog licensing has risen from \$12 yearly for fertile dogs to \$15; \$5 for sterile dogs.

2) Replacing a license now costs \$2.

3) Freeing impounded pets will cost \$20, and each succeeding impoundment is \$40.

4) Daily care costs are an additional \$3 for dogs and \$10 for livestock.

5) Licenses for dog facilities are up from \$30 to \$50, and the cost of a facility for exotic, wild or dangerous animals has jumped 100% from \$50 to \$100.

A status report on the results of

the increase will be made in June. Further, Ms. Betsy Williams, manager of the shelter, has requested time to review the full Animal Control Ordinance with a thought of other revisions.

The shelter facilities, located at 24450 W. Columbia Hwy., Troutdale, serves all of Multnomah County. Its purpose is to protect human health and life from animals; animals from other animals; animals from the cruelty of some people; property; and to protect the environment.

MCAC has five functions in reaching these goals: educating the public; maintaining health and welfare of the animals sheltered in the facility; enforcing laws in the community and mediating neighborhood differences over animals; licensing animals and animal facilities and registering livestock; and euthanizing unclaimed animals brought to the shelter.

The shelter was built in 1971 when the City of Portland contracted the county to enforce city leash laws and shelter animals. A second wing was built in 1973.

In 1975, the program expanded to include a veterinarian, an education coordinator who educates the staff and prepares informational material, a spay/neuter rebate and a licensing program. It also began working with national humane societies and attracting national attention.

## NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED WAY OF THE COLUMBIA-WILLAMETTE

To the members of United Way from Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties in Oregon and Clark County, Washington.

You are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting will be held Wednesday, February 18, 1981 at noon at the Marriott Hotel, Salon E, Portland, Oregon.

Make reservations in advance with June Allen at United Way, 718 West Burnside St., Portland 97209, Tel. 228-9131.

A total of twenty-six directors will be elected to serve terms of three years. Anyone who contributes to United Way is a member. Members who cannot attend the lunch at noon are urged to attend the business meeting at 12:25 p.m.

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