



Betty Garner and Attorney Mark DeLapp review letter from Dep. City Attorney. (Photo by Richard J. Brown)

## Sabin-Irvington Heights Group Gains City Recognition

By Bob Lothian

Betty Garner and her Sabin-Irvington Heights Neighborhood Association are claiming a victory of sorts in their eight month effort to gain official recognition.

Garner received a letter dated Feb. 26 from Paul Elsner, Deputy City Attorney, stating that SIHNA's by-laws appear to meet the requirements of the city code covering neighborhood associations.

"The city will hereafter treat that neighborhood association (SIHNA) as it does every other one," Elsner wrote. He added that the Office of Neighborhood Associations in City Hall has been informed of his conclusion.

Garner was president of the Sabin Community Association, but broke with that group in a dispute that involved personality conflicts and disagreements over neighborhood crime-fighting methods. After she started the Sabin-Irvington Heights association, SCA and ONA charged Garner with dividing the neighborhood. ONA and the city attorney's office, worried that Garner's efforts could start a rash of new neighborhood associations, had apparently played a waiting game, putting off recognition in the hope that SIHNA would disband or go away.

It took a phone call to the mayor's

office to get some action, Garner said. Elsner's letter came just a short time after the call, she said.

"It really was a victory," said SIHNA's volunteer attorney, Mark L. DeLapp. SIHNA's effort shows that a neighborhood association can grow out of a grassroots initiative, which is what the city code allows for, DeLapp said.

"The whole purpose is to get recognition among the people. If that's the avenue that people take, then that's great," he said. DeLapp said that new neighborhood groups probably wouldn't form unless there were problems with existing groups.

Both DeLapp and Garner agreed that the real test to come is whether SIHNA will be able to get money and services available to neighborhood associations within the official network. Garner said she has made a request for newsletter funds, but so far no action has been taken on her request.

Garner agrees with several other neighborhood association leaders who feel the Office of Neighborhood Association has become an impediment to grassroots neighborhood organization. "The bottom line is that people are saying, why waste the money," Garner said.

In the meantime, she said, SIHNA

will go ahead with its agenda. The group kicked off its spring anti-crime drive with a Feb. 14th meeting at Vancouver Ave. Baptist Church attended by representative Margaret Carter and Chief of Police Penny Harrington, she said. SIHNA made an offer on a former laundromat at the corner of 15th and Prescott for a neighborhood anti-crime center, and they initiated an anti-crime and anti-litter campaign at Irving Park. The group will also host a town hall meeting April 7th at Portland Community College, Cascade Campus, 7-9 p.m., for "Justice for All," a non-profit organization working for reform of the criminal justice system, featuring founder Art Nicoletti. In addition, SIHNA is planning a fund raising dance for May.

Garner said up to 30 people have been attending SIHNA meetings. The group's six person board includes Betty Garner, chair, Donna Krossman, vice-chair, Annette Pettit, secretary-treasurer, Joanne Travis, crime prevention chair, Ellen McFadden and Evergie Harris.

In Krossman's words: "I would personally like to see the city set up guidelines to be passed by all neighborhoods to further expedite or just plain deal with needs such as SIHNA has gone through this past year."

## Announcement

The Rainbow Coalition Health Care Task Force will hold its next meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 27. The meeting will take place at the Martin Luther King N.E. Neighborhood Center. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend the meeting.

Contact Mary Cavill, 223-2981 (work), or 281-8142 (home).

## Physicians Praise Nuclear Test Vote

On February 26, the House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly to urge that President Reagan resume talks immediately with the Soviet Union to ban all nuclear tests. "Congress has told the President to negotiate, not procrastinate," said Dr. Robert McFarlane, of the Portland Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR).

The House approved House Joint Resolution 3, 268-148, calling for immediate negotiations towards a comprehensive test ban (CTB) treaty. "There can be no doubt now that a nuclear test ban is on the national arms control agenda," Dr. McFarlane added. "The Administration should be talking about a test ban in Geneva and at the upcoming summit, while actively pursuing deep reductions in nuclear

## NAHRO Looks for Cooperative Effort to Resolve Public Housing Segregation

Stating that the time has come to stop pointing fingers at who is responsible for racial segregation in some public housing, the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) today called for a cooperative effort to resolve the problem.

In testimony before the House Housing and Community Development Subcommittee, Robert C. Wilson, Executive Director of the Housing Authorities of the City and County of Fresno (Cal.), put the issue in its proper historical perspective, saying it is important to fully understand the problem and to determine what remedies are appropriate to the situation.

Wilson, who chairs NAHRO's Desegregation Working Group, noted that approval of some public housing projects was made by the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) predecessor agencies with specific indications that projects would be "white" or "black."

He said: "There were legal determinations in the 1930s by federal housing officials that residential segregation was permissible and in fact made in accordance with the law of the time; i.e., separate but equal."

Wilson noted that because so many public housing units were constructed prior to latter court decisions, such as *Brown v. Board of Education*, the pattern was well established. Also, federal officials were reluctant to insist on fundamental changes required by these latter court decisions, which ruled that governmentally sanctioned racial discrimination was unconstitutional.

Wilson also acknowledged that local officials showed some reluctance to voluntarily make these changes. "In many cases, it appears the determination was made that it was easier to retain the status quo than to effect a change," said Wilson.

remarking on HUD's role, Wilson

said that HUD's enforcement role over the years "has been lax, to say the least." He stressed that this has been the case whether a Democratic or Republican administration held office. The fault, Wilson said, did not lie with HUD's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Administration. "Sporadically, memoranda and directives would come out of that office, but, more frequently than not, they have been disregarded by both HUD and local staff," said Wilson.

The NAHRO official said that HUD has been so indefinite in its directives to the field that public housing authorities (PHAs) "have the feeling that HUD's definition of a segregated program is 'when you find it, you'll know it by its smell.' Further, it appears to be the HUD position that a segregated program is a local problem to correct and HUD has little responsibility to share the remedial action."

## Send in the Clowns

Join the circus... when Portland Saturday Market opens for the season with a fun-filled day of circus acts on Saturday, April 5.

This exciting celebration of amazing feats, crowd-pleasing clowns, and mysterious magic marks the beginning of a lucky thirteenth season for Portland's outdoor marketplace.

Under a fantastic big top (the Burnside Bridge), a masterful ringmaster will direct two rings of Northwest talent between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Expect to see some clowning around.

Portland Saturday Market will send in clowns who juggle, who entertain with magic, who sculpture balloon animals and who express ideas through mime and acrobatics.

The public is invited to join in with this clownish behavior. Any visitor who attends the Market in clown costume on April 5 will receive a free colorful clown poster.

Clowns will be mingling with the public, passing out helium balloons and pleasing with sleight of hand skills.

Portland's weekend market welcomes the marvels of Moz Wright, fire-breather and sword swallower, "The Elegant Scoundrel", one of the Northwest's masters of magic, the Galileos, a team of jugglers in the style of Vaudeville, and actors from the New Rose Theatre, performing episodes in full animal costume of "Frog and Toad, On the Road".

Portland Saturday Market serves Northwest artists, craftspeople and growers, creating an opportunity for over 300 talented artisans to sell products that they create themselves.

The Market is open every weekend between April and Christmas, operating from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

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## 7th Grade Boys Wins Championship

The Urban League/Matt Dishman Basketball Team won the city championship in the boy's 7th grade division with a convincing 77-56 victory over the Columbia Boy's Club, Saturday, March 15. The victory moved the team's season record to 17 wins, 1 loss.

The team is comprised of seventh graders from schools throughout the community. Team members include: Damon Stoudamire, Greg Washington, Ronald Briggs, Chris Tyler, Jeff Stuart, Steve Lawrence, Earl Leonard, Diarmuid Houston, Scott Petersen, and Granville Keys.

In addition to the city title, the team finished first in the Jesuit Holiday Tournament and the Fred Meyer/Portland Trailblazer Tournament, where they performed before 12,666 fans in the Memorial Coliseum.

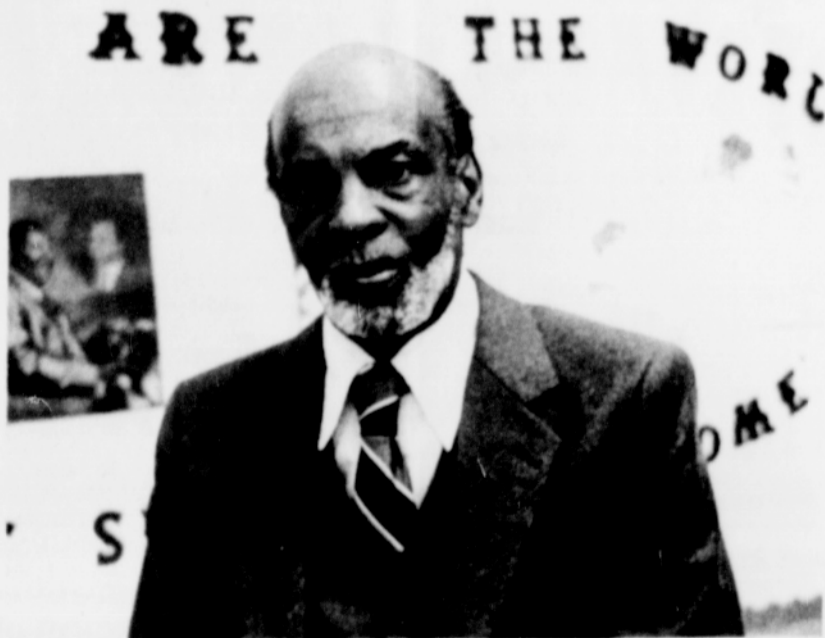
The team, coached by Charles Stoudamire, will be heading south to Albany for the USA/AAU State Championships March 21, 22, and 23. Barring any misfortunes, the team will pack their bags for the USA/AAU National Championships August 3-9 in St. Louis, Missouri.

The team is currently doing fundraising for the Albany and St. Louis trips. If you would like to help support the team, send your tax-deductible contributions to: Rose City Connection AAU Basketball Program, P.O. Box 5101, Portland, Oregon 97208.

## State Simplifies Certification

The State of Oregon has made a major move toward simplifying the certification of minorities. Under new administrative rules approved in January, a one-step certification program for minority and women-owned businesses has been established. As of January 1, any minority or women-owned business certified by the Oregon Department of Transportation must be

recognized by all public contracting agencies. The result of the rules will be a standardization of the application form, and procedures, to document certification of businesses as minority and women owned enterprises. The ODOT will maintain a directory of certified firms, updated monthly. This directory will be available free of charge, except for those receiving the monthly reports. The State's certification program does not affect Federal certification programs.



Retired Professor McKinley Burt, Jr., authority on African history will speak to members and potential members of the Black United Front, Portland Chapter at the weekly meeting held on Thursday at the King Facility, 7 p.m. Photo by Richard J. Brown

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