

# Carter Raps Goldschmidt Record on Minorities and Women Issues

by Jerry Garner

District 18 Representative Margaret Carter said it's time for Gov. Neil Goldschmidt to stop ignoring minorities and women issues in the state. "It's time for the governor to take issues important to minorities and women off the back burner and put them in the forefront of the state's economic development plans," Carter said.

Carter made these statements before a crowd of about fifty people who gathered at the Westminster Presbyterian Church. During the meeting, Carter and citizens gave their opinions on economic development in the state.

Although Carter praised the Governor for his leadership and skills, she criticized Goldschmidt when it comes to issues pertinent to minorities and women. "His listening skills would rate only a 'B' or 'C plus', and for dealing with African American men, he receives a 'D'." Unequivocally, this administration is better than the previous one. However, the Governor must address the issue of minorities and women in the economy."

Carter said the issues have been placed on the back burner and feels they're starting to simmer over, particularly in regard to Black men. Carter also voiced her concerns regarding the awarding of public contracts to minority businesses. She was referring to government set-aside programs designed to draw women and minorities into public work projects and to the federal bidding process.

The program has been plagued by controversy, especially in the highway construction industry. Government regulations call for 10% "attainment goal" for minority participation in federal highway projects. In 1983, one federal study estimated that 30% of the set-asides guaranteed nationally were going to firms not entitled to the awards. Some in the highway construction industry claim the fraud level is much higher. Carter says a thorough investigation is warranted to look at the process, because many of the so-called businesses are fronts and are only figuratively controlled by a member of a minority group or a woman.

Rep. Carter also called for more opportunities to send welfare mothers to school and would like to see financial aid for college students increase. She said funding for the programs could come from surplus state taxes that Goldschmidt plans to return to the public.



Margaret Carter, Representative from District 18.

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## Grandmaster Visits Portland

The honorable Joseph L. Harvey, Grandmaster of Prince Hall Masons for the State of Oregon and It's Jurisdiction, Inc., will make his annual official visitation to the Prince Hall Masonic Lodges of the Portland area March 12, 1987.

He will preside at the annual District meeting of Lodges at the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, 116 NE Russell St., Portland, OR 97212.

Grandmaster Harvey is returning from Tacoma, Washington, where he served as chairman of the West-Northwest Regional Conference of Grandmasters for the states of Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Washington, California and Alaska.

A banquet is being held in his honor at the Pang Club of the Portland Air Base, March 12, 1987, 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$16.50 per person and the public is invited. For reservations, call 285-4771.

## PCC to Present Eastside Class in 'Writing for Publication'

Although it does not appear in the Portland Community College spring schedule, PCC will offer a class in Writing For Publication, starting Monday, March 30, at Cleveland High School, 3400 S.E. 26th Ave.

Instructor will be Kay Rizzo, a Portland writer whose recent sales have included two books and an article for "Redbook" magazine.

The class will meet Mondays for eight weeks from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in room 378 at Cleveland. Cost will be \$28.

Further information and registration are available from PCC Community Education, Southeast Center, 777-6904.

## Babysitting Safety

Babysitting Safety is an eight-hour course sponsored by the American Red Cross for youths 11 years and older.

During Spring Break, the Babysitting Safety classes will be held at Peninsula Park Community Center, 6400 N. Albina Avenue (at N. Portland Blvd. & Albina, on Tri-Met bus lines No. 4 and No. 40), March 25 & 26 (Wednesday & Thursday), from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

## Car-Care Clinic

A "Car-Care Clinic For Women" will be held at Woodstock Community Center, 5905 SE 43, on Wednesday from 7-9 PM on May 5 OR May 13. FREE! Pre-registration required. Clinic will cover preventive maintenance as well as basic auto systems and professional service. Taught by Jim McNally and staff from K & M Goodyear.

Call 771-0784 to register.



United Way

## Public Service Announcement

A local coalition has formed to build support for the Western States Mobilization March and Rally to be held in San Francisco on April 25, 1987. The demonstration is demanding "No to U.S. intervention in Central America and the Caribbean!" and "End U.S. support for South African apartheid!" A bus caravan will be sent off with a rally on Friday, April 24, at 5:00 p.m. at the King Neighborhood Facility at 4815 N.E. 7th. Bus tickets will cost approximately \$65 round-trip. The Portland April 25 Coalition will meet at the King Neighborhood Facility at 7:00 p.m. on February 18, March 4, March 18, and every Wednesday in the month of April. Come join us! For more information, call 233-9223.

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