

# METROPOLITAN



Dr. Asa Hilliard, nationally respected authority on multi-cultural curricula, spoke recently at Black United Front forum. Dr. Hilliard chats with Michelle Gerald and Vivian Richardson. (Photo: Richard Brown)

## Energy issues Fair Share priority

by Catherine Siegner

Oregon Fair Share held a "Legislators' Night," on Tuesday, March 29th, in S.E. Portland. Although only two of the six state legislators invited showed up, they and the crowd got a spirited earful on the group's priority issues.

These included a comprehensive package of "Energy Justice Legislation" and general discussion of the proposed sales tax, which Fair Share opposes.

State Senator Walt Brown, (D-Lake Oswego), and Rep. Rick Bauman (D-Portland), shared their views with the audience. Invited legislators who did not attend are: Reps. Ed Leek, Wally Priestley, Dick Springer and Sen. Rod Monroe.

Fair Share member Jeanelle Russell presented a portion of the energy legislation priorities for the group, which include:

- House Bill 2527, a bill sponsored by Rep. Bauman, which would help plug loopholes in the Utility Shutoff Law passed in 1979. HB 2527 would also limit deposit amounts, now sometimes as high as \$140, and ban shut-off of electricity during winter months.

Bauman indicated this bill "could go either way"—be voted up or down—in this session.

- HB 2802, which would change the 1-person, appointed-by-the-governor Public Utility Commissioner, to an elected 3-person commission, similar to most other states. Fair Share has supported this change for several years in order to make the PUC more accountable to the public. Sen. Brown said he has "mixed emotions" about HB 2802, fearing that if it passed, "the utilities would try to get all three elect-

ed." Rep. Bauman was of the opinion that "it isn't going to go anywhere" this session.

Albina Fair Share member Gypsy Hopkins said she'd rather take the chance of utilities running PUC candidates than have "no vote at all, like it is now."

- Senate Bill 239, requiring that electric co-ops operate under the Public Meeting Law. (Fair Share members in Salem forced their co-op to hold open meetings after being barred from past meetings where hot topics such as WPPSS were discussed.) SB 239 passed the Senate Energy Committee unanimously and now sits in the House. Rep. Bauman said it is "sure to pass."

- Senate Joint Memorial 4 deals with the WPPSS situation, calling for a Congressional investigation of the "scandal," as Fair Share puts it. Members of the group in Springfield were involved in the successful rate-payers suit last year which questioned whether local public utilities that invested in the WPPSS nuclear plants must pay the huge bill of mothballing them. Since SJM 4 is only a recommendation, "I guess it would go," Bauman said.

- SB 515 would address the so-called "7 Percent Solution," whereby PUC John Lobdell receives a rate hike request from a utility for, say, 15 percent. Lobdell bypasses the public hearing process and opts for an "interim rate increase" of 7 percent. Fair Share claims this denies public participation and scrutiny of rate requests, and that utilities really only want the 7 percent increase anyway. The legislators expressed uncertainty about SB 515's fate.

- SB 586 would extend the inverted lifeline rate structure to natural gas and public electric utilities. Adopted in the 1981 session, in-

verted lifeline rates mean the more you use, the more you pay. Fair Share believes energy conservation should be rewarded. It's a "real close call" on SB 586, said Bauman.

The remainder of the meeting consisted of discussion on the sales tax. Fair Share member Ed Benedict presented the issue, saying the group is "opposed to a sales tax as well as to referral" of one.

"How many times do we let the people vote on this?" he asked. "Why should we have to drum up the money to have an election on this and to combat business advertising?"

Both Sen. Brown and Rep. Bauman said the votes are there to refer a sales tax to the voters. There are "only about 10 Senators not willing to refer," Brown said, including himself in that group.

Bauman was less decisive on the referral issue, indicating he might vote to refer if other legislation providing social service budgeting was in turn supported by those pushing for referral. He said he does not believe Oregon voters, who have rejected a sales tax six times in the past, will accept one now.

"I have no doubt, regardless of the campaign, that the people will vote it down," he said. But, he added, "I am in the column that says when push comes to shove, there may be a moment when it is necessary to refer it."

Sen. Brown is less sanguine on referral. "A million-and-a-half will be spent to support it," he predicted. "You might think people know enough to vote it down. Well, they voted for Nixon and Reagan, too."

Fair Share plans to participate in a Stop The Sales Tax rally at noon, Friday, April 15, in front of the Capitol Building in Salem.

## Drug council needs volunteers

County Executive Dennis Buchanan announced Tuesday that the County is seeking nominations for the newly-created, 15-member Multnomah Council on Chemical Dependency.

The Council will be composed of citizens knowledgeable about the problem of misuse of alcohol and other drugs. Members will be appointed to one and two-year terms.

Buchanan said that the Council will be selected from the list of nominees by late April. Appointments are made by the County Executive and are approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

For further information and a nominating application form, contact Anne Greenfield, 248-3308, at the Office of the County Executive.

### Attention Kathy Lorenz

I've been looking all over town for you. I can't seem to find you anywhere. I want you to know we care about you.

Call Mr. Bill

## NAACP joins 7-Up boycott

The Portland Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, at its recent executive board meeting, voted to support the Black United Front and the Albina Ministerial Alliance in their boycott of the products of their Portland Bottling Company—7-Up, R.C., Nehi, A&W Root Beer, Squirt, and Natural Sun Juices.

The Portland Branch NAACP is requesting its membership and friends to support this boycott.

Economics is understood by all races, colors and creeds. This is the most expedient way the concern for the blatant racist employment practices that have denied blacks employment opportunities in the heart of the black community can be expressed.

## Students compete

Eleven student musicians from three Portland high schools will compete April 30 in the state solo contest co-sponsored by the Oregon Music Educators Assn. and Oregon School Activities Assn.

Seven instrumental students from Jefferson High and two each from Wilson and Grant highs won the right to compete at the state level during Feb. 26 district competition with 450 students from public and private schools in the city of Portland.

Representing Jefferson are Erika Wong (flute), Ronnie Tolbert (bass clarinet), Richard Ellis (alto saxophone), Hurlis Hadley (tenor saxophone), Carl Gibson (trumpet), Liz March (trombone) and Robert Lockard (tuba).

Representing Wilson are John Jenness (rudimental snare drum) and Fred Morganstern (mallets, tympani and multiple percussion). Stacey Caldwell (oboe) and Joey Seifers (bassoon) will represent Grant.

## Jackson nets 3-year term

Larry Jackson, Jr., 35, was sentenced to up to three years in prison by Judge Philip J. Roth last Tuesday.

Jackson, an accountant, pleaded guilty to first degree theft. Jackson performed tax work for chiropractor Daniel Beeson and made payments to the employees' retirement

fund. Numerous checks were written to the retirement fund that did not reach the insurance company.

Although the exact amount missing during 1981 and 1982 was not determined, Jackson admitted owing Beeson more than \$60,000.

Jackson had pleaded guilty in civil proceedings brought by Beeson.

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## High Society Restaurant

517 NE Killingsworth  
284-3525

## DINNER

is served with soup, salad, and fresh vegetables.

"BAJOU" *Scalops, Shrimp, Snapper + Crab*  
\$6.75 with herbé + spice, tomato + rice

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"PARIS" *fresh Filet of sole stuffed with*  
\$6.75 shrimp + mushrooms

"CARPETBAGGER"  
\$10.75 NY Steak topped with oysters

"NEPTUNE"  
\$12.50 Filet of Beef + Lobstertail

*BIG HIT DINNERS*  
with salad, vegetables + fries

*Society Burger* 1/2 lbs beef, with Ham + cheese  
3.75

*High Omelet* with chicken, ham + cheese  
4.25

*Seahorse* shrimp saled with fruit + soup  
5.00

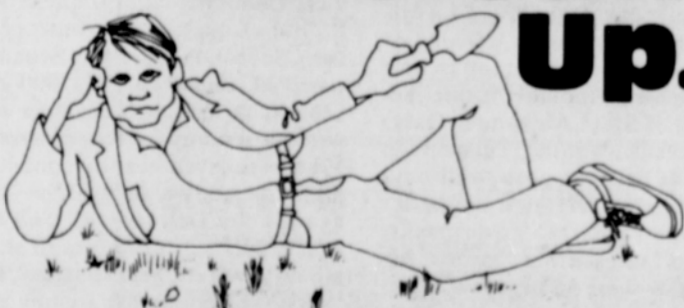
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**Yard Debris Collection Centers** (Please, no rocks, metal, glass or garbage)

| Southwest  | South  | West  | North  |
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| Grimm's Fuel Co.<br>Hwy 99W and Cipole Rd.<br>South of Tigard<br>Monday - Friday<br>6:30 am - 5:30 pm,<br>Sat. 8 am - 4 pm | McFarlane's Bark, Inc.<br>13345 S.E. Johnson Rd.<br>(Hwy. 224 off of I-205)<br>Clackamas<br>Monday - Sat.<br>8 am - 6 pm,<br>Sunday 10 am - 4 pm | The Wood Yard, Inc.<br>2830 SW 219th (500 ft.<br>North of TV Hwy.<br>on 219th).<br>Alaha<br>Monday - Friday<br>8 am - 5 pm,<br>Saturday 8 am - 1 pm | Waste By-Products, Inc.<br>8500 N. Albina<br>(near I-5 and<br>Columbia Blvd.)<br>Portland<br>Monday - Sat.<br>7 am - 5 pm,<br>Sunday 9 am - 4 pm |



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