

METROPOLITAN

Fish fryers mark fourth anniversary

by Lanita Duke

Grassroot News, N.W. Oregon's only Southern style fish fry is looking proudly at their past years in business as their fourth anniversary approaches.

Alberta Fish and Poultry, located at 1824 N.E. Alberta, is a family owned and operated business which used common sense and mother wit in 1976 to start their business.

Ida Johnson said for two years they bought capital and paid for their building prior to opening up. "When we came to Portland there wasn't a fish fry here. I didn't think there was a large enough Black population to support a restaurant that catered to Black taste buds."

The Johnsons overcame the demographic with financial self-control. "We developed skills of using the money that came through as wisely as we could. We put it back in the business."

Johnson said that last year was their toughest year. "In 1983, the economy was at its worst and a lot of our customers were out of work. We were getting the same customers but their orders were smaller."

They compensated the bad year by living off the "cookie jar" they saved during the good years.

The Johnsons expanded their business as time went by. Not only do they cook fresh fish but they sell it as well. Sole, sturgeon and buffalo are among the catches that keep their customers coming back.

Robert Johnson is an outdoorsman and avid fisherman who has a following of peers frequenting his restaurant to discuss their "catch of the day".

Their daughter, Tayranette Johnson, was a Rose Festival Princess for Jefferson High School. "That year was a lot of hustle and bustle," Ida Johnson said. "People would



Bob and Ida Johnson help a customer at their Alberta Fish and Poultry.

(Photo: Richard J. Brown)

come by to see who we were and what we were like. I think they liked what they saw."

Their son Iren can be seen in front or behind the counter as his parents pass on their family business wisdom to him.

Mrs. Johnson not only works at the grill but has become a neighborhood counselor. "Any child that comes through that door is mine. If

I have a chance to help him or her out, I do. If every parent takes that kind of time with each child they came in contact with, we would be able to get back to the family structure of all black people being one family."

The Johnsons offer three points of advice to the future businessman and woman in our community. "Make sure there is a need for the

business you want to start. Don't expect to get rich overnight. And, when income comes into the business, hold on to it. Every year is not going to be a good year for small businesses. Therefore, the profits you make from one year should carry them over to the next. Try to stay away from loans of any sort because they could loan you just enough to fail."

Angela Davis speaks

Angela Davis and Jonathan Kozol are among the speakers to be featured in Lewis and Clark College's Winter Forum Series: "Equality and Quality: Obtainable Goals of the U.S. Educational System."

Angela Davis, professor of ethnic studies at San Francisco State College and member of the National Alliance Against Racism and Political Repression, will address "Racism in Higher Education: Alternatives for the 1980's" on February 14th. She is frequently published on issues of Black liberation, political prisoners, the penal system, women's issues and U.S. History. She is a candidate for Vice President of the U.S. on the Communist Party U.S.A. ticket. She will appear at 7:30 p.m. at Pamplin Sports Center.

On February 15th, Aurora Levine Morales will discuss "The Need for Alliance Among Minorities in Creating a Just Educational System" at noon in Templeton College Center. A Puer-

to Rican Jewish writer and teacher, she has been active in feminist and third world cultural movements.

Sarah Evans will discuss "Women and the Liberation of History" February 14th at 3:15 p.m. She is author of "Personal Politics: The Roots of Women's Liberation in the Civil Rights Movements and the New Left."

Jonathan Kozol's latest book is "Prisoners of Silence", which examines the plight of U.S. adults who are illiterate and presents a specific plan to fight illiteracy. In addition to his personal experiences in the Boston public school system, Kozol has researched the successful literacy campaigns in Cuba and Nicaragua. Kozol will discuss "Illiterate America: The Politics of Education in a Decade of Dispair", at 7:30 p.m., February 15th in Agnes Flannigan Chapel.

All events are free and open to the public.

Magnet schools recruiting

Portland's magnet high schools begin their annual recruiting drives next week, offering next year's freshmen educational choices beyond their neighborhood schools.

Specialized programs exist at Cleveland, Jefferson, Lincoln and Benson Polytechnic high schools and at Metropolitan Learning Center (MLC).

Each of the five magnet schools will host an informational assembly and open house for eighth-graders and their parents during this month.

The assemblies-open houses, all timed from 7:30-9 p.m., are scheduled next Wednesday (Feb. 8) at Cleveland, 3400 S.E. 26th Ave.; next Thursday (Feb. 9) at Lincoln, 1600 S.E. Salmon St.; Feb. 14 at Jefferson, 5210 N. Kerby Ave.; Feb. 15 at MLC, 2033 N.W. Gilsan St. and Feb. 24 and 25 at Benson Polytechnic, 546 N.E. 12th Ave.

Several specialized programs are offered:

--Cleveland specializes in business management and marketing.

--Lincoln offers specialization in international studies and advanced foreign languages.

--Jefferson specializes in performing arts, television production, legal secretarial/word processing and computer science.

--MLC offers individualized education so students can build programs to meet their own needs, abilities, interests and learning styles.

--Benson Polytechnic specializes in science, engineering, vocational technology and health occupations.

Acceptance into one of the five specialized programs depends on three factors:

--Interest and ability to succeed in a specialized program

--Meeting the specific admission requirements developed by the program.

--Available space in the specialized program

Students and parents will be notified of admission or non-admission by April 20.

While students are encouraged to enroll for four years on a full-time basis at a magnet high school, they may attend part time through a cooperative program with their neighborhood high school.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT: Glenn Hill, director of pupil services, 255-7210 or James M. Voigt, public information specialist, 249-3304, Portland Public Schools.

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at 6 p.m. _____

This wonderful film on Gospel Music focuses on two of its founders, Thomas Dorsey and "Mother" Willie Mae Ford Smith. "It's terrific, joyous, funny, unabashedly emotional..." "At the Movies".

CHICAGO BLUES and FACTS OF LIFE - Thursday February 16 at 8 p.m. _____

"Chicago Blues" traces the evolution of electric urban blues including performances by Muddy Waters, Buddy Guy, Junior Wells and more. In "Facts of Life", Willie Dixon claims he knows "just about everything about the blues".

JAZZ KITCH-Friday, February 17 at 8 p.m. _____

Los Angeles jazz film collector Mark Cantor presents personal favorites that fall into the category of the offbeat, comic and bizarre.

JAZZ PREMIER-Saturday, February 18 at 2 p.m. _____

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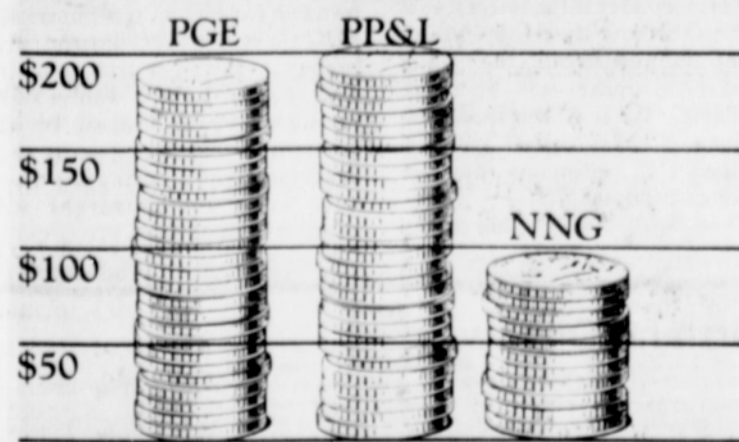
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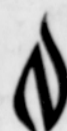
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