

Charles Jordan:

# Chance for Black on City Council slim

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**Q:** "Who among the Afro-American community has earned your respect?"

**Jordan:** "Ronnie Herndon and Freddy Petett. But the Urban League was not the vehicle Freddy could use to showcase her talents. The resources just aren't there. Ronnie has gained my respect because of his stick-to-it-ness. He gets the job done differently from the way I would have done it. But Portland has benefited from our different styles."

**Q:** "There are seven Blacks running for your council seat. Do you think they consider it a Black seat?"

**Jordan:** "It's unfortunate but I think they do. I really thought we had moved to a point where we were more sophisticated in the political arena. It is a mistake for that many to run, but I'm not the one to tell them that it is. Anything is possible, but common sense dictates that the chances are very slim for any Black to win. This is not a Black seat and white Portland is not going to roll over and play dead to give this seat to a Black."

**Q:** "In your opinion, who among the candidates are most electable?"

**Jordan:** "You have to give the nod to those who have run political campaigns before: Gladys McCoy and Herb Cawthorne. They have a political base, but it does not mean they will be victorious in a city-wide race for city commissioner."

**Q:** "Herb has received the endorsement of the Rainbow Coalition. Do you think that endorsement will make a difference?"

**Jordan:** "Not to greater Portland it won't. I'm hoping that Herb or any other of the candidates will not give too much weight to those endorsements. There is no compensation for hard work or self-denial. The Rainbow Coalition has not been around long enough to establish itself as a major political force; so it won't make a difference."

**Q:** "As city commissioner, what issue was most difficult to solve?"

**Jordan:** "Economic development and finding residents jobs are



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(Photo: Richard J. Brown)

very difficult problems to solve. There is no state plan. Everyone is traveling around the world trying to attract jobs, but we have yet to see any.

"I don't think we are dealing with the unemployment problem effectively. That is why I wanted to be mayor. I had a plan where the legislature, governor and mayors of cities would move in concert to bring in jobs to the state. We would have reached a balance between the economy and the environment. We (Oregon) have given the impression that we are too far out on the environment side and businesses have said they are not going to contend with that."

**Q:** "Because of the increase in voter registration brought about by Jesse Jackson, many felt those new 1984 voters would have given you that extra edge to defeat Ivancie. However, if you had decided to run, Ivancie would have launched a more aggressive campaign. What are your feelings about that now?"

**Jordan:** "Both of those are true.

He would have launched a more aggressive campaign, but I would have won anyway."

**Q:** "Do you think that was opportunity lost?"

**Jordan:** "No, I have no regrets. Once I make up my mind, I don't look back. Just look at where I'm going and that Frank lost the election."

**Q:** "Explain the concept behind your luncheon forum, and do you

see another individual or organization gearing up to fulfill the communication gap?"

**Jordan:** "No, I don't see another organization picking up and implementing the concept. I did the forums as a means to network the Black community. Portland can be a very cold place if you don't know anyone."

**Q:** "Looking back on the grassroots community, what are your thoughts?"

**Jordan:** "My political base is the grassroots community. I spent a lot of time with the little people. And that is not where the political mileage is. It made me work harder and working hard gave me a stronger political base. It feeds on itself."

"Politics is not a way of life for me. It's a means to an end. It was an honor given to me by the people and it could have been taken away. That is why I disagree with *The Oregonian* when they said I had an obligation to stay here. Elective office is an informal contract between me and the voters. They can put me in and they can take me out. I should be free to go in and go out."

**Q:** "When Dr. Millner puts the Black BiCentennial together, what would you like it to say about Charles Jordan?"

**Jordan:** "Charles was the first. He was a pioneer. He did his job and he did it well. He opened the doors for others and demonstrated the capabilities of Blacks to function in higher levels of government."

## Rainbow gets out the vote

The Oregon Rainbow Organizing Committee is working hard to defeat Reagan in Oregon.

The Rainbow Committee will hold two "Get Out the Vote" days as part of its organizing drive between now and election day.

On Saturday, Sept. 29, and Saturday, Oct. 13, volunteers will meet at the St. Andrews Community School located at 4919 NE 9th.

There will be two shifts for both dates. The first from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the second from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Training will be provided and refreshments served. We will be carrying out voter registration in the community.

## Mayor-elect visits Burnside

by Nathaniel Scott

"It's been many a year since a mayor has come down to visit with people of the Burnside community," Michael Stoops, co-founder of Baloney Joes said, as he introduced Mayor-elect Bud Clark at skid road's town-hall meeting, Thursday of last week.

Mayor-elect Clark emphasized that, for him, the visit was a fact finding mission; that he did not have all the answers or solutions to problems, but more importantly, he said he was willing to listen and, come January 1st of next year, the doors of City Hall will be open. The Burnside neighborhood is only one of numerous neighborhoods he has visited.

He said he was shocked to find that Portland had more people sleeping in doorways than many of the cities he had visited. (After being elected mayor, Mayor-elect Clark visited several eastern cities). "I'd like to get people off the streets and into homes," he said.

Shortly after the "town hall meeting got started, Krishna Deva, mayor of Rajneeshpuram, Attempted to vindicate the Rajneesh Humanity Trust's effort to attract homeless people to Rajneeshland on the Big Muddy.

The effort, soliciting people to come to Oregon from different sections of the nation, prompted Stoops to voice the opinion that Portland's number of homeless people will increase as a result of the immigration effort.

"There is no question a number of the homeless will end up here in the urban area of Portland," he said, adding, "having the Rajneesh in charge of caring for the homeless is like having Dracula in charge of the blood bank."

Deva maintained that anyone imported to Oregon, would be returned to their original site, if they desire to do so. He added, the Rajneesh will bear the expense.

Many of the residents from the Burnside community were appalled that "the Rajneesh would attempt to storm the meeting."

At one point, Mayor-elect Clark

commented, "We have two news conferences going on here."

Most of the meeting was devoted to the plight of the homeless, and other concerns, facing Portland's innercity neighborhoods.

Residents from the Burnside community asked why they were harassed by members of Portland's Police Department; why they were not able to get police protection from "thugs, dope dealers, jack rollers" and the lot, congregating on NW 6th Avenue; and one resident, who did not identify himself, said he had been assaulted by police officers; both mentally and physically.



Bud Clark

Mayor-elect Clark said "there should not be any police brutality," and maintained that, as of January 1st, he will become the overseer of Portland's Police Department.

There were many concerns voiced, including some about drugs, a nuclear freeze, teen jobs, and safe neighborhood streets, by a group of youngsters from St. Francis Catholic School.

Jean DeMaster, director of the Burnside Project, said the Burnside community is being cut apart. "Our fear," she said, "is the people will be pushed aside when all the transportation (construction of Continental Trail Ways' bus depot) is implemented."

Steel and concrete structures are closing in on residents in the Burn-

side community.

Two helping agencies, the Sisters of the Road Cafe, 133 NW 6th Ave., and the Salvation Army Harbor Light Center, 134 W. Burnside, were recently reported to have moved or be in the process of moving. "Pressure? You better believe it," an anonymous source said.

A spokesperson for Sisters of the Road preferred not to comment at the present time, adding, "We want the public to know we have not moved."

Lt. Col. David P. Riley, division commander of the Salvation Army, and Harbor Light's commanding officer, Capt. Ross Allemang, were concerned about inaccurate and misleading statements.

Col. Riley said, "Basically the transient services, food, shelter and hopefully a daily drop-in center, have to remain where the transients are. Pressure to move is not coming from any specific source, but we are receiving calls relative to our intentions to the future of this site. We understand that!" he added. "(But) we own this building and the bottom line is, we don't have to move."

Col. Riley maintained that within the past year, the Salvation Army has invested \$100,000 in renovating the inside of the structure on Burnside, emphasizing that consideration has been given to investing an additional \$100,000 to refurbish the outside of the building. Moreover, he said, we would like to expand into the empty building next door to us, but a bidding war is on. Our offer was said to be foolishly low," he added.

Capt. Ross Allemang said Harbor Light's soup line, consisting of men, women and children, average 300 people a day; and the transient lodge sleeps 54 men. Women and children are sent to a hotel.

In addition to those services, he said, the 20-year-old transient center sees approximately 800 people daily, providing "spot jobs, alcohol rehabilitation services, mail drop (for people who do not have a permanent address), job placement," and socialization, in addition to healthcare services.

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