



Halibut's owner Dave Mackay welcomes customers to his restaurant on Northeast Alberta Street.

# Fish & Chips and the Blues

On NE ALBERTA Street

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Northeast Alberta Street's eatery Halibut's is a full-service restaurant with the soul of a simple fish and chip shack.

Ex-bartender and Portland native Dave Mackay opened Halibut's last April, adding a lounge, Halibut's II, earlier this year. Mackay said business is great, with his crowds so diverse "it's ridiculous," but he promises his menu won't stray from a traditional offering of fish, chips, chowder and cocktails.

Dishes hover around \$10 and are modestly served up in paper-lined baskets. But they pack a punch that Mackay says is worthy of fancier joints like Jake's Bar and Grill.

"I'm old school," he said. "I've got a good sized piece of fish cooked just right."

Mackay said a successfully cooked piece of fish isn't over breaded and is perfectly timed. He personally cuts his fish and makes the chowder, buys his batter weekly at Fred Meyer and tastes every cocktail sauce to come out of the kitchen.

"I don't know about an English or Irish style," he said, "mine is my own."

Halibut's has Friday night fish specials and live blues every Thursday. Mackay's musical acts are culled from his 35 years in the business, adding an element of entertainment to Alberta's monthly Last Thursday art walk.

"I want this to be a neighborhood place," he said, adding that as business progresses he'd like to donate to the community and help local schools.

Halibut's is located at 2527 N.E. Alberta. They're open Sunday through Wednesday 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Thursday through Saturday 11:30 a.m. to midnight.

# Nurse Locked Out

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ministration". "We have asked her to take a leave during a time of transition," Bylsma said.

He said the leave is unrelated to any other issue.

As for Taylor being locked out, Bylsma said he had the locks changed after clinic property showed up missing in December. He declined to comment on what was missing or who took the items.

Bylsma said the board's decisions are internal, but conversely mentioned that the clinic has received "many, many letters." He declined to comment on the origin or nature of the letters.

Bylsma also said the board is only encouraging Taylor to relinquish an administration role she already wanted to give up.

"She has said that's not her gift," he said. "She has said she's wanted to give up her role as administrator before we started the board."

In January, the board hired a human

resources agency to take an impartial look at administrative procedures within the entire organization, with Taylor's role as a part of that overview.

Both Taylor and Bylsma said they're waiting for a report from the consultant group and a decision on an attempt to solve their dispute through mediation, perhaps followed by a second attempt at mediation.

Bylsma said he's waiting for the objective party to make a decision.

"We're in the process of discussing what her role would be," Bylsma said. "We've offered her substantial severance, we're committed to being fair."

Taylor's attorney Nick Fish said there was never a question of whether she'll continue to service as a nurse practitioner at the clinic.

Meanwhile, Taylor sits in limbo, at home. She said she's awaiting a decision, and is trying to maintain her sanity by keeping physically and spiritually fit.

"I'm ready to go back," she said, "and if necessary get arrested."

# Rosa Parks Way Proposed

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honor of Parks. He said the idea came while he was developing Rosa Parks Plaza, a 63-unit apartment complex at 11814 N.E. Sandy Blvd.

Banks, a veteran Portland businessman, is currently petitioning the city for the name change on Sandy. He said he's prepared to meet with the city, after talking with several Portland businesses and gathering positive feedback from 50 local churches.

"A new street name of 'Rosa Parks

Boulevard' will change the air of northeast Portland and inspire businesses and individuals to build up and clean up the city," Banks stated in a letter to Mayor Tom Potter.

It is unclear whether Banks and Johnson will join resources, but both men individually expressed interest in communicating on the issue.

"What I'd like to see happen is to put our energy together and go for it," Banks said.

"We need to come together and say this is what we want to do."

# How Much Negro?

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countable. Most people read the book, and laugh and then feel horrible afterwards," said ayo, who lives in Portland and is working on her second book.

She toured the country earlier this year to promote her book and has re-

ceived equal backlash from whites and blacks. But ayo's goal is to bring forth dialogue about race relations in a mature way. One thing she does notice is that her audiences are diverse.

"When people in the audience start to talk to each other, that's exciting to me. Young people get a lot from the book so they can be well prepared to interact in a predominately white world," said ayo.

Ayo likes to have her name spelled in all lower case letters.

# Judge Nelson Takes Oath



Adrienne Nelson is sworn in as a state circuit court judge Tuesday with Judge Dale Koch presiding in the Multnomah County Courthouse. She is only the second African-American woman to hold the judicial post. Nelson most recently was an attorney in charge of student legal and mediation services at Portland State University.

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