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## Ivancie gives police to Schwab

Portland Mayor Frank Ivancie announced Tuesday that he is turning the Police Bureau over to Commissioner Mildred Schwab.

Ivancie said he is releasing the Bureau to devote full time to developing jobs for unemployed city residents. When asked by a reporter if the move was politically motivated, Ivancie said the question was inappropriate. However, a commonly held opinion is that Ivancie is unloading a political "trick bag."

Ivancie took the Bureau from Commissioner Charles Jordan following Jordan's dismissal of two police officers who had thrown opossums in front of a black-owned business, The Burger Barn. The Police Union, a strong political supporter of Ivancie, held a no-confidence vote on Jordan. At the same time revelations were being made regarding police criminal activity, drug dealing, planting drugs and falsely obtaining search warrants. One such falsification resulted in the shooting death of a police officer, David Crowther.

Ivancie named a new Police Chief, Ron Still, and regularly an-



**POLICE COMMISSIONER  
SCHWAB**

nounced that police morale and effectiveness had improved. However, Portland continued to climb higher on the FBI crime statistics. Ivancie responded with a "war on crime" directed at petty thefts, harassment

and vagrancy in the downtown area. His proposed ordinances were called unconstitutional by civil libertarians and the City Attorney.

A continuous series of lawsuits have been filed charging abuse, discrimination and denial of civil rights by police officers. The City has settled a number of these cases out of court, including a \$69,000 settlement to Vernon Powe, owner of the Burger Barn.

Commissioner Schwab will have the Police Bureau as well as the Fire Bureau, Emergency Services and Planning. This is the first time that Fire and Police, both major bureaus, have been under one commissioner.

Ivancie said he will devote his attention to creating jobs for unemployed Portlanders. In light of the passage of legislation requiring that city employees live in the city (referred to the voters by the City Council), Ivancie may have some success. His previous experience in job development includes creating an office of economic development, then disbanding it before it could complete its plan targeting Northeast Portland.

## Hazel Hays wins NAACP election

Hazel G. Hays won a landslide victory over Bernard Richardson in the NAACP, Portland Branch's election for president.

Mrs. Hays will take office in January. Current president Lucious Hicks IV did not seek re-election.

Ms. Hays has pledged to return the branch to leadership in the civil rights struggle.

Additional officers are: Geri Ward, first vice president; Isaac Payne, second vice president; Sher-

rian E. Haggard-Warren, secretary; C.C. McCorvey, treasurer.

Members elected to the executive board are: Carrie Cannon, U.P. Cannon, Ainslee Vicker-Clark, Janet Clemmer, Kenneth C. Dixon, L.C. Ellison, Bobbi L. Gary, John F. Heflin, Lorna J. Marple, Ora L. Lunley, Bobbie Nunn, Dr. Clarence O. Pruitt, Harvey L. Rice, Harry C. Ward, Gail E. Washington, and Betty L. White.

Retiring from his position as treasurer after many years of service is

L.C. Ellison. Ellison will continue to serve on the Executive Board.

"I look forward to appointing appropriate committees and getting the branch involved actively, letting people know we're back in business," Mrs. Hays told the *Observer*.

"One of the first things I'd like to do is have a good church committee—to work closely with the churches.

"Also, we will concentrate hard on memberships. Members are the lifeblood of the NAACP."



Students from Holladay Center visit Santa Claus.

(Photo: Richard Brown)

## Senior citizen Christmas planned

Seniors and handicapped persons of the near Northeast are invited to the Annual Albina Christmas Dinner and Party to be held Wednesday, December 22, 1982 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Matt Dishman Community Center, 77 N.E. Knott Street.

The dinner, a tradition since 1969, has been a volunteer community service project of the Albina Human Resources Adult Family Services staff under the leadership of Mrs. Juanita Woods and Mrs. Josephine Gant. Its broad community support has enabled nearly 400 persons to enjoy the dinner and program each year. Due to extremely heavy workloads, the Albina Human Resource Center staff volunteers were unable to carry out the project. They approached the Northeast District Advisory Committee of the Area Agency on Aging who agreed to sponsor the project. The District Advisory Committee, the majority of whom are senior citizens, is responsible for recommending, monitoring, and evaluating the programs and services of the Urban League Senior Adult Service Center and communicates the needs and interests of near Northeast senior residents. Mr. Jim Tufts is District Advisory Committee Chairman.

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## Nero wins performance award

Nero and Associates, Inc., a Portland, Oregon-based management consulting firm, was presented with an award for Outstanding Performance by the United States Air Force in recognition of the company's work over the past two years providing operating and maintenance services at AF Plant 42 in Palmdale.

Nero and Associates is a wholly minority-owned firm, certified by the Small Business Administration as a Section 8(a) contractor under provisions of Public Law 95-507. The 8(a) Program, named after a section of the Small Business Act, allows the SBA to serve as prime contractor for federal goods and services purchased by federal agencies. The Act provides that the SBA, in turn, may subcontract the federal work to small firms owned by socially and economically disadvantaged persons. The first year contract award to Nero and Associates amounted to approximately \$4.7 million and was extended for a second year in the amount of \$6.3 million.

This presentation is believed to be the first such award to a minority-

owned small business for management of a facility of the size of Air Force Plant 42. The award was received by David M. Nero, Jr., Chief Executive Officer, on behalf of Nero and Associates, from Colonel James Waite, Deputy for Contracting and Manufacturing, Aeronautical Systems Division, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

Nero and Associates, Inc., was originally awarded the AF Plant 42 contract beginning January 1, 1981. The Air Force has exercised the third and final option for the one-year period beginning January 1, 1983. Approximately 150 full-time employees of the company are engaged in performing the required services. According to Mr. Hall, Nero and Associates has demonstrated the value of the SBA 8(a) Program designed to assist small minority firms in entering the highly competitive federal contracting market. Their outstanding performance during the past two years under the AF contract provides clear evidence that socially disadvantaged firms can produce with effective re-

sults when given the opportunity to participate.

Nero and Associates provides operation and maintenance of all facilities and equipment on the Air Force installation except those belonging to the tenant contractors. These services also include procurement of materials and supplies required to perform the maintenance and operational services as well as design, award and supervision of Capital-Type Rehabilitation projects. The staff at Plant 42 provides fire protection and crash rescue; maintenance of buildings and structures, grounds, pavements, runways, taxiways, various mechanical and electrical systems, and maintenance of vehicles including firefighting vehicles and equipment. Other duties include procurement and supply; accounting and finance, sewage and water facilities; plant security; civil, mechanical and electrical engineering; contract administration and management; plant publication library; and plant management and administration. Logistics, scheduling and coordination of day-to-day and long-term activities are also part of the contract.



**DAVID NERO**