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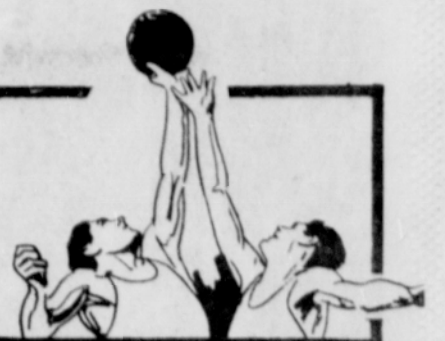


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Bogle wins City Council seat

Familiar name gets votes

by Lanita Duke

GRASSROOT NEWS, N.W. — The voters have selected the replacement for Charles Jordan. Our new City Commissioner is Dick Bogle.

Out of 240,895 registered voters, 59,370 cast their ballots in this special run-off election. Fifty-four percent voted for Bogle (32,086) and forty-five percent voted for Herb Cawthorne (26,760).

Ironically, the distance between Bogle and Cawthorne is similar to the lead Bogle maintained in the general election. Ken Gilliam, the Bogle campaign's publicist, said the victory pointed to the broad base of support Bogle received from all segments of the population and all areas within the city. He said, "Dick had a message that appealed to the people in this city."

Gilliam said name familiarity was not the reason Bogle won. "Sure, Dick's name is familiar. People have come to him throughout his 25 years

of public service (former policeman and television reporter). His name means trust and people trust him."

Clara Peoples, a Bogle supporter from the very beginning of the campaign, said she was attracted to Bogle because of his "honesty and self-respect. I believe he can help turn Portland around and do something for all the people."

Paul Knauls said Bogle's stand on the issues appealed to him. "I like his views about the city."

To Bogle his victory is like a dream come true. "It's a relief that the campaign is over and I spell relief w.i.n." He also noted that he harbored no grudges against Cawthorne supporters. "I'm going to respect and represent all the people, including those who supported Herb."

On January 1, Bogle will assume the title and position of City Commissioner. "I'm going to be a moderate on the Council. I'm going to be in the middle which will allow me to swing back and forth."

In terms of Bureau assignments, Bogle said the Park Bureau was interesting. "We need a tourist attrac-

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Cawthorne ran proud campaign

by Lanita Duke

GRASSROOT NEWS, N.W. — With tears, cheers and a little fear, Herb Cawthorne's supporters accepted their candidate's defeat.

Always confident but never sure Pam Smith, volunteer coordinator for the campaign, pointed to their tremendous volunteer effort that combined hundreds of Portlanders who answered phones and canvassed neighborhoods. Smith said in this election, people were not interested in issues, "They were into mediocrity."

Steve Rudman, canvass coordinator, said the Cawthorne campaign focus was on the inner city. He said he believed Bogle's victory was due to the powers of television. "Herb is a dynamic leader and Bogle is a nice guy. The City should look at this as missed opportunity."

Cawthorne, sometimes moved to tears, said his staff and volunteers ran

a proud campaign. "You can't set your goals only with winning because everybody can't win. We canvassed the Black community over and over trying to increase voter turnout, but we did not get the turnout we wanted."

Cawthorne attributed his loss to Bogle's name familiarity. "It is difficult to overcome 15 years on television. Had we not had that, the strength of our campaign would have come forward. Bogle ran a good campaign based on name familiarity. I don't begrudge him that."

What has Cawthorne learned from four months of campaigning? "I have learned we have a lot of friends and common feelings. We need to do more organizing and outreach and not allow our differences to come against each other. Personally, I'm a better person today than I was when I started."

Cawthorne said he plans to return to his administrative position at Portland State University and indicated that he has not made up his mind whether to run again for his School Board seat.

One Cawthorne supporter was upset over the election returns. Ollie Smith said, "Bogle does not know what is going on in the City. All he is is a familiar face and a name. Portland is a conservative city and Bogle's victory is a citywide defeat."

In consoling his supporters, Cawthorne offered a poem that a former

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Liban Jama, age 4, and his father Ahmed Mohamed join the picket line in front of the office of Portland's honorary consul to South Africa. See related photos on Page 2. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)



Mayor-elect Bud Clark was on hand to congratulate newly-elected City Commissioner Dick Bogle at his victory party at the Newsroom Cafe. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)



Herb Cawthorne, speaking to friends and supporters at his campaign headquarters following his loss to Dick Bogle, introduces Justin Lowe and Heidi Durow, two of the many young people who worked very hard during his bid for the seat vacated by Charles Jordan. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

Managua mayor visits Portland

by Robert Lothian

The mayor of Managua, Nicaragua, in Portland December 12 after a three-day visit to Seattle, met with city commissioners and called for peace and friendship between his country and the U.S.

Samuel Santos has just signed a sister city agreement between Seattle and Managua. Meeting with commissioners Mike Lindberg and Margaret Strachon in the Portland City Council chambers, Santos made a plea for "better relations between our city and our country and the American people. . . we hope to have you visit us in Nicaragua on some future day."

Lindberg said his trip to Nicaragua in August recalled "feelings of love" for Nicaragua and especially for the city of Corinto, which he hopes will soon be sister city to Portland.

"I'm hoping that by early spring, 1985, we will have a sister city with Corinto," said Lindberg, speaking to Santos. "We hope to have the mayor of Corinto standing where you are now."

The sister city idea is "a way to bring solutions to the lack of under-

standing between our two countries," Santos responded.

Santos, 45, mayor of Managua for five years and a member of the Sandinista Front, said he fought "for many years" in the revolution to overthrow the dictator Somoza.

"We have continually said that we do not want to be enemies of the U.S.," said Santos, who outlined Nicaragua's peace efforts at the United Nations and with the Contadora initiative.

The United States, on the other hand, he said, is waging war against Nicaragua on many fronts: funding



SAMUEL SANTOS (Photo: Kris Altucher)

the contra border war, the military build-up in Honduras as preparation for invasion, warships off both coasts, spy planes fly overhead, mining harbors and a propaganda war of which the "Mig crisis" is the latest example.

"No Migs arrived in Nicaragua. They were not on the boat, and the whole thing was a lie," said Santos. "It has been demonstrated that it was a pretext created by the Reagan administration to bring about an invasion."

"It was the rejection of U.S. intentions by world opinion that helped deter an invasion. We also feel that what helped deter an invasion was that the people of America do not want war."

Santos said that "a great amount of death and destruction" would result from an invasion of his country. Pentagon figures show that the taking of Managua by U.S. forces would take 7 days and cause the deaths of perhaps 50,000 Nicaraguans and 15,000 Americans. He reminded those present that the Pentagon was wrong when it predicted that the Nicaraguan people were incapable of

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St. Vincent de Paul to provide record number of Christmas dinners

by Meg Roland

While the majority of Americans who voted in the November election feel they are better off than they were four years ago, over 3,520 Portland households have already asked for help from the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas basket program.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society, affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church, has been gearing up in recent weeks to provide a record number of people with a Christmas dinner. "The number of requests received so far is 40 percent ahead of where we were last year," said Tim Hornbecker, executive director of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. "At this rate, even though we have collected more food, we are worried about having enough."

The Society has organized what Hornbecker believes is the largest door-to-door food drive ever conducted. Three thousand people in the Tri-county area have already helped solicit and collect over 40,000 pounds of food and have assembled hundreds of Christmas baskets for the needy as part of the Society's annual Christmas effort. Another 400 volunteers will be delivering the Christmas baskets to people's homes this coming Saturday.

Last year the Society provided 3,170 households with the Christmas baskets which contain an assortment of canned food, vegetables, bread and a Christmas turkey or ham. This year the Society hopes to serve 5,500 households. To meet this goal the Society has enlisted the aid of area Boy Scout troops, churches, high school students and families to mount a massive door-to-door drive to feed

Portland's hungry.

"We are hoping to be able to get 80,000 pounds of food just from the door-to-door drive," said Hornbecker in an interview last Thursday. Saturday the 16th was the final day of the door-to-door collection. To meet any remaining needs the Society will rely on individuals and local grocery stores for the needed food donations.

Notwithstanding claims of an improved economy, Hornbecker believes that Oregon's economy is still suffering. He cites the sluggish timber industry as a major factor in the increasing numbers of needy families. There has been an increase this year in the number of requests received from tradespeople who used to work in the timber or construction industries. These people, said Hornbecker, "have never had to ask for help before."

Also asking for help are families whose unemployment benefits have expired but, because they are a two-parent household, are not eligible for welfare in Oregon.

"There has been a big increase in the number of people coming in who used to have a household-supporting income but who have had to take minimum wage jobs in the service industries," said Hornbecker. "They are no longer able to support their families."

"People don't need charity, they need solidarity," said Hornbecker. "They don't want a hand-out but they do need a helping hand — to know that someone really cares and that they are not isolated."

With the need for assistance greater than ever, Hornbecker says that do-

nations of food will be needed "right up until the last minute." Donations can be brought to the St. Vincent de Paul Store at Killingsworth and Albina or to any Wendy's restaurant. Hornbecker said that volunteers and staff would be working right up until Christmas Day.

Some individuals and businesses have chosen to participate in the "Adopt-A-Family" program in which they provide one or more needy families with a complete Christmas dinner as well as gifts for the children. Over 300 families will benefit from this special program.

In North and Northeast Portland several area Catholic churches are serving as satellite centers for the Christmas food program and will be contributing additional baskets of food to the ones allocated by the Society. Participating churches include Holy Redeemer, St. Andrew, Immaculate Heart, Blessed Sacrament, Assumption and Holy Cross.

Families or individuals who have an annual income that falls below 125 percent of the federal poverty guidelines are eligible to receive a Christmas basket. The number to call for assistance is 232-9797.

Assistance is also available through the Salvation Army and the Police Bureau's Sunshine Division. All three agencies are jointly operating a clearing house to ensure that duplications of service do not arise.

Hornbecker also warmly praises the generosity, donations and volunteer time that has gone into the drive.