

Two Women Critical After Fiery Accident

Two severely burned women were in critical condition Tuesday after the car in which they were riding was struck from behind by another car Monday night near Highland Drive and Miller Avenue, Metropolitan Police reported.

Dorothy Rogers, 30, 1900 McDonald Ave., and Regina Sharpe, 29, 2005 Hanni Circle, Apt. A, were listed in critical condition at Southern

Nevada Memorial Hospital with third-degree burns over 80 percent of their bodies, a hospital spokesman said.

A 15-year-old boy was arrested on two counts of felony reckless driving and operating a vehicle without a driver's license in connection with the accident, police said. His name was not released.

The juvenile

allegedly was driving his father's 1969 Ford when he ran a stop light and plowed into the second car about 8:45 p.m. The car carrying the two women slammed into a parked car and burst into flames.

Witnesses told police the youth had been drag racing. A 14-year-old male passenger in the 1969 Ford also was treated at the scene for injuries.

STAFF TO HOLD BOOK SALE

The Clark County Library District Staff Association will hold its annual book sale at the Boulevard Mall April 14, 15, 16 and 17 during regular shopping hours.

Donations of used books are now being accepted by the Staff Association. Just drop them off at your nearest branch library.

Proceeds from the book sale are used to help purchase non-budgeted items for the library district.

Teamsters Stay On Job

Some 3,500 members of Teamsters Local 995 and Operating Engineers Local 501 continued working Tuesday, four days after their contract with the Nevada Resort Association expired.

Negotiators for the union and the employer's group continued to meet throughout the day.

Both sides have been extremely reticent about the areas of dispute, having agreed to give no specifics unless in a mutual release.

The union members voted to work under the terms of the expired contract while negotiations continue.

Union officials have given no deadline for reaching a settlement before calling a strike. However, Teamsters Local 995 Secretary-Treasurer Richard Thomas said they don't want to continue negotiating for 26 days past the contract expiration date as they did three years ago.

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The Race For Ward III

Part I

By George A. Burns.

For the next few weeks, up until the actual primary election which is to be held on May 2, the Sentinel-Voice will conduct interviews with the candidates vying for the office of City Commissioner representing Ward III.

The Ward, which entails West Las Vegas, has as its announced candidates, interim incumbent William Pearson, Bob Nolen and Sarann Knight Preddy. Others are said to be considering filing for the office.

It's with Preddy that we'll start off this series. The present president of the Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce and local businesswoman entered the primary race on April 1.

Preddy narrowly lost to former City Commissioner Roy Woofter in 1979 by some 72 votes. Just why is she reinvolving herself in another campaign for the city commissioner's seat? "It's simple", she states. "I'm concerned. That, along with the narrow margin by which I lost to the former commissioner clearly signaled to me that I was a strong second choice again in 1983. The voters of this ward will overwhelmingly give me their support as their next city commissioner."

Preddy feels that the main issues in the commissioner's race are two fold. Unemployment and crime. "I really feel that the overwhelming majority of all of the unemployed residents of Ward III want jobs.

Without them, (jobs) you just open yourself up in regards to crime." She felt confident that with unemployment comes crime. "If we get a firm hold on unemployment and in the process create some much needed jobs, to a degree crime should go down, but employment is the vital key."

The candidate also felt strongly towards



Sarann Knight-Preddy

creating a more "harmonious police/community relationship. "There should, in my opinion, be a police-community relations advisory committee. This committee shall entail giving both Metro and the community more suggestions as to how the backgrounds of each other could be learned and understood. Metro should see to it that all of its officers are knowledgeable of minority problems. This is essential! Special training in this regards that they should have injected within their organization would be extremely beneficial. It'll cut down tremendously, hopefully on harassment in minority communities."

Preddy felt strongly in her "hopeful" desire to see the youth of Las Vegas becoming more involved in the community. "We should look to them because

they are our future." She also felt a strong commitment to senior citizens. She stated, referring to them that, "they (seniors) being our past leaders have contributed so much to both us and our community. They are our responsibility."

The local businesswoman felt that she would be an extremely effective commissioner, and more valuable due to her past "contact" with the citizens of Ward III. That past working and residential relationship that she's shared for over 40 years here in Las Vegas has given her a "feel as to know what needs to be done, and I want to meet those needs head on." She goes on by sayin that, "I feel that my qualifications do speak for themselves, mainly being my involvement in the mainstream. From being involved, I've come to learn the needs of the citizens in Ward III, and the lack of real community involvement in all of the Ward has, I feel, been one of the problems of past commissioners representing this ward. The

representatives of anything that they represent should at least try. They must be committed to receive "feedback" from their constituents. For example, holding town and community meetings regularly thereby giving people opportunities to express their desires and needs, and I feel that the representatives should enforce those type meetings to hear new solutions and recommendations that we face in our Ward."

In regards to her "acceptability" to all in her ward, Preddy responded that she felt that she was. "What must be realized is that we have all types of people who need care and concern in this ward, not just a few. All whom I'll represent as city commissioner will have my undivided attention."

When the topic of economic development came up, Preddy said that she would seek the support of all groups involved in community development. "I'll do as much as I can to bring economic development into the city of Las

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