

Split vote viewed as catalyst

WILLIAM PEARSON-BOB NOLEN IN WARD 3 GENERAL ELECTION

Incumbent dentist William Pearson, who was appointed to the Las Vegas City Commission post last October, is slated to face challenger Bob Nolen, a North Las Vegas Municipal Court bailiff, in the June 7 general election for the Ward 3 seat. Both failed to capture 50 percent of the votes cast.

Sarann Knight Preddy, president of the Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce and owner of People's Choice Casino, 805 W. Owens, finished third drawing 996 votes

(23.7%)

Pearson, 63, was appointed to the post from among 22 candidates who sought it. He was the first black ever to serve on the City Commission.

Nolen, 41, was a policeman and polygraph examiner before working as a court marshal. He was chief investigator for Roy Woofter when Woofter was district attorney. Woofter later became a City Commissioner and resigned to become city attorney in North Las

Vegas.

With all 19 precincts reporting, Pearson received 1,171 votes (27.9%) against Nolen's 1,897 votes (45.2%).

A number of Sentinel-Voice readers called the office Wednesday to express their views on the outcome of the City Commission election. Most speculated that the percentage of votes received by both Pearson and Knight when combined would have meant a sweep for either candidate. They claimed the split votes played the role as the catalyst.

Davis, Robinson Face Kincaid-Waite In NLV General Election

Odell Davis and William Robinson face former North Las Vegas council members Mary Kincaid and Wendell Waite in the June 7 finals.

Kincaid, 44, served on the council for four years before resigning in 1981 to run for mayor. She campaigned on a platform of industrial growth for the city and more housing construction.

Davis, 43, is a plumber with Reynolds Electrical and Engineering Co. and has lived in North Las Vegas for 22 years.

"I support programs for the youth and senior citizens," he said. Davis also pledged to support new businesses who would locate in North Las Vegas and provide increased public safety for all citizens.

Robinson, 42, is a human relations coordinator for the Clark County School District. He ran for the council in 1979 and 1981.

Industrial growth and more jobs were some of his more forceful campaign issues. He also favored reducing the

apathy many people have toward city government by making government more responsive to the citizens.

Waite, 54, served 10 years as a councilman before being recalled in a special election in 1976. A lifelong resident, he is a teacher at Jim Bridger Junior High School.

Waite said his experience will be useful in budgeting decisions and also favors having city hall open Monday through Friday.

National Goodwill Week

A Look At Goodwill Industries

"Contrary to popular belief, Las Vegas is not really the gambling town that most people think. For the residents, Las Vegas is a nice comfortable place to live. All of the gambling is left to the tourists", commented George Sapphire, Executive Director of Goodwill Industries of Southern Nevada. "In relation to the population, Las Vegas has more churches and religious organizations than any other place in the U.S.", George added. For George, Las Vegas is a good town in which to carry out the Goodwill mission. George has the background and expertise to run a large scale agency, but he chose one of the smallest Goodwills. He is well versed in retail sales, finance, accounting, social services and business administration. Even though his facility, including the retail store, has only 8500 sq. ft. and 3 full time executive staff members (including George), the Goodwill under Sapphire's direction is recognized in the community, as a leader in helping the needy in the area.

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This series will entail a great amount of investigative research, and we will make it our aim to interview lawyers, judges, parole officers, law enforcement agents and officers, penal system authorities, experts on laws, and criminals and their victims.

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