

RENO HAPPENINGS

Reno Mayor wins easily in Congressional race

CARSON CITY—To the surprise of no one, Reno Mayor Pete Sferrazza raced to an overwhelming victory Tuesday over unemployed Sparks handyman Tom Noblett in the Democratic primary for the 2nd Congressional District seat.

With all the votes counted, Sferrazza was the choice of 69.65 percent of the Democratic electorate, or 29,666 voters. Noblett drew 12,930 votes, or 30.35 percent.

"I feel good about winning," Sferrazza said. "At the same time, I feel

optimistic about the upcoming general election."

A former Nevada Democratic Party chairman, Sferrazza will face two-term Rep. Barbara Vucanovich, R-Nev., in the November general election. Vucanovich faced no primary opposition.

"I reiterate my challenge to my opponent to debate the issues," Sferrazza said.

So far, Vucanovich has not agreed to any debates. She has said she will be busy with congressional business until late October.

In the primary election campaign, Sferrazza rarely even mentioned Noblett, a political unknown who barely campaigned after his car broke down.

"We have tried these professionals," Noblett said. "Why not try a common working man now?"

Laxalt's son wins first political race in Nevada

CARSON CITY, NEV.— Sen. Paul Laxalt's son, John Paul Laxalt, won his first political race, capturing the GOP nomination Tuesday for the state Assembly from his hometown of Carson City.

Laxalt, 33, nipped William Van Patten, an optometrist, 1,495 to 1,463 and will take on Democrat Ernie Adler. Adler, a former chief criminal deputy attorney general, beat drug and alcohol abuse counselor Pat Bates 1,463 to 972.

Assemblyman John Marvel, R-Battle Mountain, easily won renomination defeating Philip Thomas in the district that includes Humboldt, Pershing and parts of Lander and Washoe County. Marvel will face Lanada James of Wadsworth in the General election.

Here is a rundown of northern Nevada Seats:

Capitol Senatorial District: Republican Charles Joerg and Democrat Penny June Pierce were both unopposed in the primary election.

Western Senatorial District: Sen. Lawrence Jacobsen, R-Minden faces Democrat Graham "Gim" Hollister of Genoa. They were unopposed in the primary election.

Washoe County District 1: Assemblyman Erik Beyer, a Republican, faces Bob Fulkerson, a Democrat. They were unopposed in the primary election.

Washoe County District 2: Sen. Don Mello, D-Sparks is challenged by Republican Martin Clayton. There was no primary race.

Washoe County District 3: Sen. Randolph Townsend, R-Reno, faces Democrat Paul Prengaman. Both were unopposed in the primary election.

Assembly District 23: David Nicholas, a Republican incumbent from Incline Village takes on Janis Higginbotham, of Reno, a Democrat. There was no

primary election.

Assembly District 24: Democrat Vivian Freeman who was unopposed in the primary faces Robert Owens, 34 of Reno who beat out three other to succeed Beyer who is running for the Senate.

Assembly District 25: Incumbent Bob Kerns is faced by fellow Republican Thomas Purkey. There was no primary.

Assembly District 26: Attorney Charles Weller defeated Union business Manager Bob Foley and Marie Riolo in the Democratic primary election. He faces Republican incumbent David Humke and Libertarian James Frye in the general election.

Assembly District 27: Republican incumbent Bruce Bogaert faces democrat Ken Haller. There was no primary election.

Assembly District 28: Two-term incumbent democrat Courtenay Swain meets Madelon Copeland who defeated Sharon Squire, Larry Pizornia and Eleanor Waugh in the GOP primary.

Assembly District 29: Incumbent Republican Joan Lambert of Reno goes against Democrat Margaret Lake. There was no primary election.

Assembly District 30: Jan Evans who works for the University of Nevada School of Medicine defeated former University of Nevada professor Robert McQueen for the Democratic primary election in Sparks. She faces Republican Marc Fowler, who works for the Washoe County sheriff's office. The seat was vacated by Republican Jim Stone who ran unsuccessfully for governor.

Assembly District 31: Democrat incumbent Len Nevin of Sparks meets Real Estate man Eric Cronkhit who beat Hugh Lantz in the Republican primary election.



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Plan would hold utilities one change a year

CARSON CITY—Public Service Commission Chairman Scott Craigie said he will ask the 1987 Legislature to limit rate changes sought by major utilities to one a year.

"People are getting the impression that rate increases are coming in all the time and that simply isn't true," Craigie said. "The number of rate cases has been reduced dramatically."

In fact, Nevada Power Co. has not received a general rate increase since Dec. 20, 1983, and South Gas Corp.'s last increase in Southern Nevada was April 9, 1984.

In Northern Nevada, Sierra Pacific Power Co. received its last rate increase on Oct. 28, 1985, while Southwest's most recent increase came on Nov. 24, 1982.

Although rate changes have been few in recent years, any change in rates receives massive publicity and citizens become angry, Craigie said.

Their impression that utilities always ask for rate increases in caused in part by legislation that allows utilities to seek fuel cost rate adjustments every six months.

By law, utilities can increase or reduce rates twice a year to reflect the changes in prices they pay for fuels, such as coal or natural gas. Those rates changes, however, have no bearing on the profits utilities pay to their shareholders.

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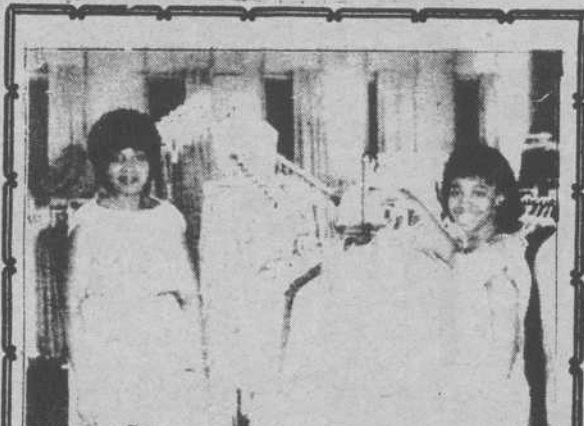
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