

Assembly race results contested

Wendell P. Williams, who is slated to face incumbent Gene Collins in November for a seat in the state Assembly, faces a challenge today from Rev. Marion Bennett, the man he vanquished in the Democratic primary by 20 votes.

Bennett will appear before District Judge Joseph Pavilkowski today to argue that ballots cast in three precincts should be thrown out.

In a formal "statement of contest" to Williams' 853-833 victory, Bennett contends that because Madison Sixth Grade Center did not open on time and because Election Department officials made errors in marking ballots, the precincts' ballots should be thrown out.

Even if those precincts were eliminated from the election, Williams would still win by 16 votes, according to Election Department figures. In the three contested precincts, Williams defeated Bennett by only four votes, 368-364, not enough to change the outcome.

The Assembly District 6 race, which encompasses much of the city's Westside, is expected to be one of the tight contests that determine whether the Republicans retain a 27-15 edge in the Legislature's lower house.

Collins, a former Democrat who became a Republican after the 1985 legislative session, is considered vulnerable because of his party switch.

Bennett filed his official protest with the county clerk just five minutes before the deadline, which was at 5 p.m. on Sept. 16, two weeks after the primary.

Clark County Registrar of Voters George Ullom said he believes the official primary election protest is virtually unprecedented in county history. Ullom said Bennett also could have demanded a recount, but that he did not do so before the deadline, which is five days after the election.

Ullom would not comment on Bennett's allegations until the case is resolved.

Sources said, however, that the school did not open on time because an employee who was supposed to open the doors overslept.

Election department employees also apparently marked voter identification numbers directly on ballots, which potentially could allow

Minority Enterprise Development Week Oct. 5-11

President Ronald Reagan has declared October 5 through 11 as Minority Enterprise Development Week. He calls "upon All Americans to join together with minority business enterprises across the country in appropriate observances." In keeping with this, the Nevada Economic Development Company (NEDCO) will herald in the celebration with a luncheon on Friday, October 3 at the Moulin Rouge Club on Bonanza Road. This will be the thirteenth annual businesspersons awards luncheon which NEDCO will hold to honor outstanding minority entrepreneurs in Nevada.

Sponsoring the event along with NEDCO are the U.S. Small Business Administration, Nevada Minority Purchasing Council, Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce, Latin Chamber of

Commerce, Greater Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, New Ventures Inc., and the Nevada Office of Community Services. Awards will be presented by these organizations during the luncheon to select businesspersons for their business achievements.

Special guest speaker will be the Honorable Melvin Bradley from the White House, Washington, D.C. He serves as special assistant to the President. In this capacity, one of his many responsibilities is to ensure that the policy options developed for the President and the Administration take into consideration the unique interests and perspectives of Blacks, other minorities, and the disadvantaged.

The public is invited to the luncheon. For tickets and information, call the NEDCO office at 384-3923 or the SBA office, 388-6611.

North Las Vegas Beautifies

Beautification is more than a catchword in North Las Vegas according to councilwoman Mary Kincaid. "From the major entrances to the city to the atrium in city hall, we're undertaking significant beautification projects," she stated.

The city council has engaged landscape architect them to be traced to the persons who cast them. Bennett's complaint alleges that because the numbers were on the ballots, the constitutional guarantee of a secret ballot was subverted.

Frank Porter to develop a North Las Vegas Roadway Corridor Beautification Master Plan. The plan will include the design of city identification monuments and landscaping at four major entrances to North Las Vegas: East Lake Mead Boulevard at Interstate 15; Pecos Road at Owens Avenue; Las Vegas Boulevard North at Owens Avenue; and Main Street at Owens Avenue.

"These locations are important 'windows' for our

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200 black miners disrupt memorial service for miners

EVANDER, South Africa -- About 200 black miners, shouting union slogans and tribal chants, on Monday disrupted a company-sponsored memorial service for 177 men killed in a mine fire last week.

"We're not going to pray with whites today. We've never been allowed to pray with whites. We'll have our own rites," miners shouted.

Holding clubs and steel rods over their heads, they ran through the outdoor service 10 times, drowning out sermons by white and black preachers. Hundreds of other workers who came for the service poured out of bleachers and chairs to join the dissidents.

After the service, they continued to race around a field near the No. 2 shaft of Kinross gold mine until officials from the National Union of Mineworkers calmed them down.

A fire in the shaft last Tuesday killed 172 black and 5 white miners, and injured 235, mostly blacks.

Regional union organizer Tshidiso Mothupi said the

union would hold its own memorial Wednesday at nearby Secunda.

In Johannesburg, the United Democratic Front, South Africa's main multiracial anti-apartheid alliance, said in a statement it joined trade unions in holding the mine owners "fully responsible for this tragic loss of 177 precious lives, lives that have made possible the millions in

riches that the mining bosses have today."

In Pretoria, President P.W. Botha said foreign government and mining industries were welcome to send their own representatives to South African mines to check the safety standards.

Botha said in a message to the International Confederation of Free Trade

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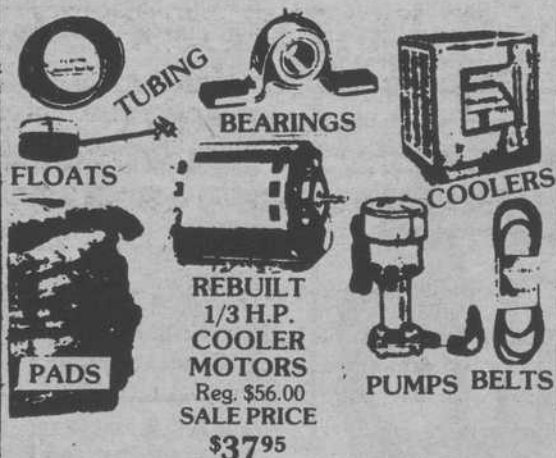
1. She has fought against discrimination in the School District for many years.
2. She filed and won a discrimination Lawsuit against the School District for discrimination against black female students.
3. She has gotten more Blacks hired as administrators and principals.
4. She has gotten more Blacks hired as School District employees.
5. She has fought to protect Black children and Black employees from unfair treatment.
6. She has put on seminars and school fairs for Black parents and their children.
7. She started a pre-school preparation program for Black children that had not gotten a chance to go to pre-school.

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