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PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS

ATKINSON GATES DEFEATS PEARSON IN PRIMARY

Sentinel-Voice

"We beat the big boys," shouted Yvonne Atkinson Gates after perhaps the most ruthless political race this election year, as she managed to defeat incumbent William Pearson in the Clark County Commission, District D, race Tuesday.

The final tally found Atkinson Gates gathering 4,456 votes (43.12%) to Pearson's 2,695 votes (26.08%). Also campaigning for the seat, City of Las Vegas Fire Department Training Chief, David Washington, had a very respectable showing, finishing just 8 points behind Pearson (1,858 votes-17.98%), while businessman Tom Weir tallied 1,325 votes (12.82%).

Washington's "Grass Roots" campaign in a race full of name calling and finger pointing had alot to do with his success, and he is expected to be a factor in Las Vegas' political future.

Campaigning between the two most prominent candidates,

Gates and Pearson, however, displayed little more than charges of illegal conduct and character assassination. After the election, though, Atkinson Gates did say there were no hard feelings between the two, whose families have been long time friends.

"It's unfortunate that people felt it was a dirty campaign," she said. Atkinson Gates is expected to win the November 3 general election when she goes up against Republican Victoria Austin of North Las Vegas and Libertarian Khary Sudan.

"This victory is for the residents of District D," Gates said during a victory celebration Tuesday evening at the Golden Nugget Hotel.

"Voters told us they wanted a change, and they got it. Now it's my turn, and I intend to represent my district like it never has been before." District D includes predominantly Black, West Las Vegas.

Two term incumbent William Pearson, on the other hand, stated that he would not run for office in the future, but said he would remain active in the community.

"This may be a blessing in disguise," Pearson said Wednesday, of his failure to gain reelection for his third term.

Pearson's failure to show up for debate last Friday night on KLVX- Channel 10 may have been what sealed the victory for Atkinson Gates, some say.

A Wednesday television report did say, however, that Pearson would now support Gates during the general election.

In other election news, incumbent Assemblyman Wendell P. Williams of District 6 overwhelmed opponent John 3:16 Cook, after gathering close to 90% of the vote.

A closer race though, could be found in Assembly District 7, where early on, incumbent

Morse Arberry held a slight lead over Rev. Marion Bennett. Arberry managed to hold off Bennett, though, to capture 43.29% of the vote to Bennett's 27.69% and Charles L. Smith's 25.29%. Arberry, who will run against Republican James Boren in November, hopes to chair the Ways and Means Committee next year.

The U.S. Senate Democratic race found Harry Reid with his hands full, as World War II veteran Charles Woods, with the help of a strong ad campaign, kept the election close in the early stages. Reid went on to win by close to 6 points, but that close of a race, especially during the primary, could mean that voters are also ready for a change at the Senate level.

Dora Harris collected almost 53% of the vote in the close Assembly District 12 race to beat Robert Hoban.

In another close race for School Board District C, Dr.



Yvonne Atkinson-Gates is expected to win November 3rd General Election Photo by Savoy/LVS-Voice

James McMillan narrowly beat incumbent John Rhodes, who took over for Yvonne Atkinson Gates when she stepped down to run for County Commissioner

earlier this year. McMillan had 45.42% of the vote to Rhodes' 40.24%. They will square off for the seat in November.

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LVMPD TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS COMMITTEE MAKES RECOMMENDATION

By W.G. Ramirez

In an attempt to better the relationship between the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and the community as whole, the Police-Community Relations Committee has announced that several adjustments will be made in Department policies and procedures. This past June, a survey was sent by the Committee to a cross section of members of the minority community asking them several questions dealing with the policies/procedures and programs involving Metro. As a result of this survey, the Committee presented a list of proposed recommendations to the LVMPD. These recommendations addressed policies and procedures which would have a positive effect on the relationship between Metro and the citizens of the community.

At a press Conference Monday, Reverend Chester Richardson and Undersheriff Eric Cooper discussed the fol-

lowing adjustments that will be made in Department Policies and Procedures:

1. Use of Force Board

This Department has utilized a Use of Force Board to hear cases of allegations of unauthorized use of force by LVMPD employees. The Department will expand the number of citizens on this Board to four (4) and reduce the number of commissioned LVMPD officers to three (3).

2. Quality Assurance Form

The Department will create a Quality Assurance Form to be available for citizens at all LVMPD facilities, as well as locations where citizens may optain them. The form will be designed to allow positive, as well as negative comments regarding services provided by this Department.

3. Affirmative Recruiting

The Department agrees, and has continually stressed recruiting efforts for the positions of Cadet, Corrections Officer, Police Officer and civilian support personnel will be a priority. Recruitment efforts will be directed toward community areas, service organizations and educational institutions which service a large number of potential minority applicants.

4. Field Interview Cards

Statistical data which was supplied to the Police Community Relations Committee showed that a very small percentage of these cards had been utilized in West Las Vegas and, in fact, (See Recommendations, Page 17)

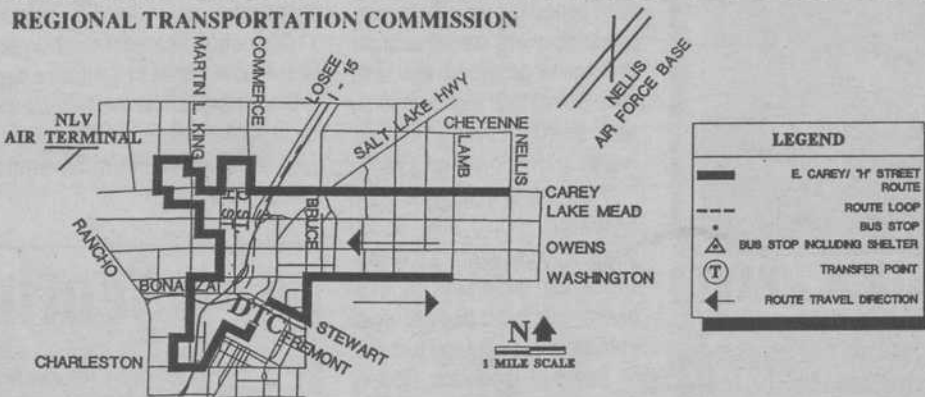
WEST AND NORTH LAS VEGAS TO RECEIVE NEW BUS ROUTES

by Joan Shepard

West and North Las Vegas will have at least 10 bus routes when the new public bus transportation system, Citizen Area Transit (CAT) becomes operative in November, according to Kurt Weinrich, director of the Regional Transportation Commission.

The new CAT system will replace the existing bus system operated by Las Vegas Transit which provides service on the strip and minimal service to residential areas.

Unlike the existing bus service, the new CAT system will have buses going in two directions on a grid system, replacing the current circular routes which require passengers to ride around in a circle. Currently a bus passenger can not walk across the street and catch a bus going in the opposite direc-



E. CAREY / "H" STREET NEW SERVICE ROUTE (OPTION B)

tion. City Councilman Frank Hawkins, pressured the Regional Transportation Commission to put into place a route specifically for West Las Vegas. The route endorsed by Hawkins, known as Option B, runs along Carey, Commerce, Martin Luther King Blvd., Bonanza, Charleston, Fremont and Stewart. Option B or the E.Carey/H

Street route will make at least three stops in the Charleston/Shadow Lane area, stopping at University Medical Center, the State Industrial Insurance System office (SIIS), the Health District office, where casino workers get health cards, as well as Valley Hospital. In addition, buses will stop at the Community College.

Other routes which will service West and North Las Vegas include: West Charleston, Vegas Drive, Cheyenne, Eastern, Pecos, and Salt Lake Highway. The new system is still subject to final approval. The next hearing, in which the new system should be wrapped-up, will be on Thursday, September 10, at the Bridger Building, 3rd and (See Bus Routes, Page 4)

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