

BLACK VOTE

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Adrian Raphiel in the District 7 race. Arberry received 3,686 votes against Raphiel's 1,111. Gamishing an impressive 76% of the vote, voters provided Arberry with a resounding vote of confidence as he returns to chair the state's powerful Ways and Means Committee. The committee provides stewardship for all major state funding measures. Arberry returns to retain the most prominent position in the Assembly held by

an African-American.

Attorney David Phillips withstood a tumultuous race with fellow African-American Linda Howard to gain the District A University of Nevada-Las Vegas Regent seat. The seat, upon the announcement of the retirement of long-time Regent June



WENDELL WILLIAMS



MORSE ARBERRY

Whitley, was sought by several prominent members of the African-American community. The campaign proved, however, that the African-American community is not devoid of negative campaigning and smear tactics. Both admitted to distributing negative campaign literature

which questioned the personal and professional ethics of their opponent.

Northern Nevada African-Americans made successful strides in the political arena as well. An area typically known for its non progressive attitude towards minorities, Washoe County produced two state senators in both Districts 1 and

2. Reno City Council member Bernice Matthews will represent District 1 in the next session of the legislature. Matthews defeated Kendall Matting by securing nearly 5000 votes in her route to the office. In addition, Maurice Washington upset Democratic Senator Len Nevin by nearly 2000 votes to become the first African-American

Republican in recent times to serve in the legislature.

ELECTION RESULTS

Assembly Dist 6		
Wendell Williams(D)	3,337	65.9%
Arlene Southard(R)	1,724	34.1%
Assembly Dist 7		
Morse Arberry(D)	3,686	76.8%
Adrian Raphiel	1,111	23.2%
Regent Dist A		
David Phillips	6,833	52.0%
Linda Howard	6,302	48.0%

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The campaign did mimic the national trend by its negativity, however. "Certainly, I'm going to listen to what the public has said," says Miller when questioned about his agenda for the next four years. Millers says the overwhelming success of Republicans both locally and nationally provides a stimulus for party Democrats. "We're going to focus on what's important to Nevada."

SHERIFF

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the position. Oats, who received the most favorable results of all other Metro hopefuls, shocked many by endorsing one-time sheriff Ralph Lamb's candidacy. "I stand by my decision. It was the right thing to do. Ralph Lamb had a better plan to bring Metro back to basics," says Oats. Oats says he is willing to work with Keller despite the politics of the sheriff's race. "I'm a team player, and if at the end of this night he's (Keller) the sheriff of Clark County, I'll be in that team."

Twenty-four percent of the voters in the race for the Nevada Supreme Court responded to the none of the above category. The race placed incumbent Supreme Court Justice Bob Rose against District Court Judge Myron Leavitt in what has been called the nastiest campaign to date. Each candidate bombarded the public with television and print media which assaulted the integrity and character of the opponent. "It's a sign that there needs to be a drastic change in the election process," comments Rose about the campaign process for judges. Rose advocates an appointment for state judges which mimics the federal process. He received 151,134 votes to capture 41% of the vote while Leavitt took 130,120 votes for 35%.

Richard Bryan won handily over Republican challenger Hal Furman. Bryan captured

114,547 votes for Furman's 85,187 for percentages of 53.2 and 39.6 respectively. In his second term as U.S. Senator, Bryan will retain his seat and return to the Senate to chair the Ethics Commission which reviews ethical issues involving members of Congress. Ethics, ironically enough, was the focus of Bryan's campaign against Furman, which also followed the trend of negative campaigning.

ELECTION RESULTS

U.S. Senate		
Richard Bryan(D)	114,547	53.2%
Hal Furman(R)	85,187	39.6%
Congress Dist.1		
James Bilbray(D)	72,332	47.5%
John Ensign(R)	73,768	48.5%
Governor		
Bob Miller(D)	125,206	58.4%
Jim Gibbons(R)	76,973	35.9%
District Attorney		
Stewart Bell(D)	123,988	62.1%
Ulrich Smith(R)	75,725	37.9%
Sheriff		
Jerry Keller	144,763	68.3%
Ralph Lamb	67,341	31.7%

SCHOOL BOND

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which were inclusive of construction and development companies.

Major opposition to the bond issue was provided by the African-American community. The group, Unity in the Community, launched a full-scale effort to combat passage. The organization is comprised of a coalition of predominantly African-American organizations. It questioned the district on issues of fairness and hiring practices towards minorities.

The group delivered a list of demands to the district several weeks ago. The demands cited minority concerns which would prevent a protest if the district took action. The district responded in writing to the demands, yet failed to take action upon any of the demands submitted.

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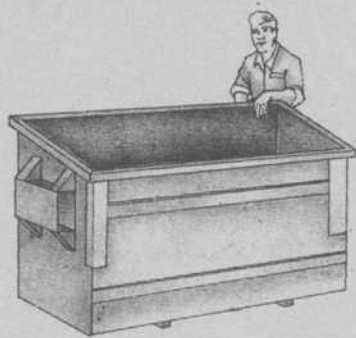
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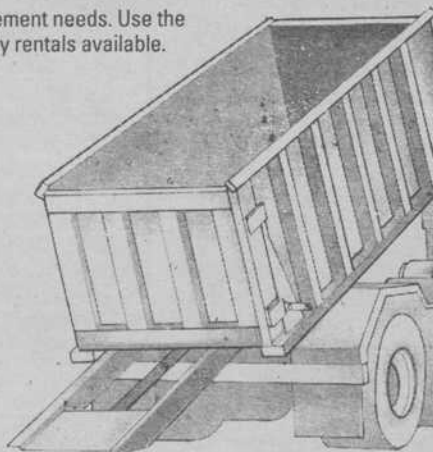
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