

NEWS CLIPS

WILLIAMS ASSUMES CITY POST

Assemblyman Wendell Williams, D-District 6, has assumed a \$53,000 a year job with the city. Williams starts work today as a senior manager in the City of Las Vegas Office of Business Development. Williams, a five-term assemblyman, left a job at the Clark County School District where he made \$40,000 a year. Jon Ralston, a local political columnist, called Williams' hire the latest in a series of hiring coups for the city, which he expects will capitalize on Williams' presence during the 1996 Legislature.

KIRK-HUGHES INDICTED ON BANKRUPTCY FRAUD CHARGES

Local general defense practice lawyer Geraldine Kirk-Hughes was indicted Tuesday by a federal grand jury on bankruptcy charges. The charges connected to a 1992 case where she reportedly did not disclose the assets of clients Robert and Janet Waffle. Prosecutors also accuse Kirk-Hughes of not disclosing her involvement in another case with the same clients. Kirk-Hughes has said that any disclosure errors were accidental, and she expects she will be cleared of all charges. "They're indicating that we intentionally left something off the petition," Kirk-Hughes said in published reports Wednesday. "And that's certainly not the case." Kirk-Hughes is scheduled to make her first court appearance Friday.

ARBERRY AND WIFE MAY NOT FACE DOMESTIC BATTERY CHARGES

If they complete court ordered counseling, State Assemblyman Morse Arberry, D-District 7, and his wife, Carol, will not have to face domestic battery charges, published reports said Saturday. The couple was arrested after a fight in October, and each spent 12 hours in jail as required by state law. Kendal Sue Bird, the special prosecutor for Carol Arberry, reportedly decided no charges should be filed against Carol. Both parties sustained minor injuries in the skirmish. Mary Lee Teninty of the Temporary Assistance for Domestic Crisis, Inc. said the charges are typical of a first-time domestic violence case.

CLINTON SELECTS FOSTER TO LEAD FIGHT AGAINST TEEN PREGNANCY

WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton nominated Dr. Henry Foster, a former surgeon general nominee who's fought against teen pregnancy, to be special advisor on the controversial issue Monday, seven months after his nomination was defeated by the Senate. Foster, whose record was assailed by Republicans, had his bid for surgeon general derailed because he performed legal abortions early in his career. In his new unpaid position, Foster will oversee the fight against teen pregnancy.

HENRY LEWIS, BLACK CONDUCTOR, DIES AT 63

NEW YORK — Classical musician and conductor Henry Lewis died of a heart attack Monday in his Manhattan home. He was 63. Lewis was the first black conductor and musical director at a major American orchestra. He was selected the first black conductor at the New York's Metropolitan Opera in 1972. He was also the first black instrumentalist with a major orchestra, the Los Angeles Philharmonic. A Los Angeles native, he attended the University of Southern California on a music scholarship. At his death, he was divorced from opera singer Marilyn Horne. They had one daughter, Angela.

U.S. AND FRANCE STOP AID TO NIGER FOLLOWING COUP

NIAMEY, Niger — The United States and France have cut off aid to Niger after a military coup ousted the president. Soldiers seized control of Niger's government Saturday, ending the West African country's brief attempt at democracy. They placed President Mahamane Ousmane under house arrest, and Col. Barre Mainassara Ibrahim declared himself head of state. State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said U.S. law requires aid to be cut off to the impoverished nation because the coup was violent. France also condemned the coup in Niger, which is a former French colony.

SOUTH AFRICAN JOB SEEKERS SHOT TO DEATH

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — A band of armed men opened fire Monday morning on a line of job-seekers here, killing eight people and injuring 23 others. The gunmen later fled into the darkness. Police were baffled by the shooting, but some of the job seekers said the gunmen simply wanted to clear away competition. Hours after the attack, many of those who were unharmed returned to the line to vie for a chance to earn up to \$2.77 an hour making aluminum wheels. South Africa has an unemployment rate of 40 percent.

The Boys Choir of Harlem to Perform at Ham Hall

Las Vegas — The Boys Choir of Harlem will perform a concert at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 12, 1996, in the Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas in the university's new Family Affair Series developed by Rick Romito, director of the UNLV Performing Arts Center. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Las Vegas chapter of Delta Sigma Theta at UNLV to be used for student scholarships.

"We've wanted to bring the Boys Choir of Harlem here for years," said Diane Walker of Delta Sigma Theta. "The evening will be joyful and infectious."

Under the direction of Dr. Walter J. Turnbull, the choir—which regularly tours with 35 to 40 students—has delighted audiences around the world with a repertoire that ranges from popular and classical music to spirituals, gospel, and jazz. Concerts have been performed in such halls as Lincoln Center in New York, Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, and Budokan Concert Hall in Tokyo and the choir has sang with or backed many of the most-popular names in music, including Luciano Pavarotti, Michael Jackson and Paul McCartney, Ray Charles and Wynton Marsalis, and Stephen Sondheim.

The choir was invited to perform at the rededication of the Statue of Liberty, the arrival of Nelson Mandela in the United States after his long imprisonment, and at several White House state dinners.

Founded by Turnbull in 1968 as the Ephesus Boys Choir, the group was incorporated in 1975 as The Boys Choir of Harlem, a non-profit organization. In 1979, the choir conducted its first European tour; a film called "From Harlem to Haarlem" of this tour won an Emmy Award.

Turnbull, honored by McCall's magazine as "One of the 15 Greatest Men on Earth," has appeared as tenor soloist with both the New York Philharmonic and the Philadelphia Orchestra. He made his operatic debut with the Houston Grand Opera in Scott Joplin's "Treemonisha." He received his Master's in Music and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees from the Manhattan School of Music and graduated from the Columbia University School of Business Institute for Non-Profit Management. He has honorary degrees from several universities, including California State University, Hofstra University, and Skidmore College.

The choir provides students with a broad-based education through a holistic program of education, counseling, and the



performing arts. Membership is open to all children, regardless of race, creed, color, or sex. Current enrollment include 300 boys ages 8-18 and 118 girls ages 10-18. Ninety-seven percent fall into the "at-risk for high school dropout" classification of the U.S. Department of Education, yet 98% of the former members of the choir go on to college.

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