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# BRIARE AND WOOFTER WIN ELECTION



Bill Briare



Roy Woofter

One of the biggest voter turnouts in Las Vegas history handily put Bill Briare into the Mayor's mansion Tuesday and Roy Woofter on the City Commission.

Briare, 44, a former state legislator and county commissioner, led his opponent former Lt. Gov. Harry Reid all the way and finally buried him with 1,500 votes.

Some political theorists say this ends Reid's political career, since he had just been defeated in a bid for the U.S. Senate.

Former Clark County

District Attorney Woofter's chances of being elected looked dim until the very last precincts were counted, which consisted primarily of the Black community.

These voters put Woofter on even terms with his opposition newcomer Tony Terry. Woofter finally eased by Terry with 99 votes.

Over 62 percent of the registered voters in Las Vegas went to the polls to give Briare 13,258 votes and Reid 11,932.

Woofter wound up with 2932 votes to Terry's 2833.

Briare recovered

from his lackluster performance in the May primary to beat Reid decisively. Briare's showing surprised a lot of people, since he ran what some people called a low-key campaign.

Reid led Briare in the May primary by a 3000-vote margin, with nine candidates in the field.

Briare won a seat in the State Assembly in 1960, and one on the Clark County Commission in 1962. He was re-elected in 1966. He did not run for the commission in 1970, but ran for mayor in 1971, losing to Mayor Oran Gragson in

the May primary.

Reid stepped into the mayoral arena fresh from his loss to former Governor Paul Laxalt in November by 624 votes for the U.S. Senate.

Woofter went into the commission race fresh from his defeat for reelection as district attorney. Woofter campaigned for votes on the basis of his experience in politics. Terry said he had no past political experience or political debts.

Woofter was a justice of the peace before he was elected district attorney in 1970.

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## 2000 attend Willie Perry funeral

The Rev. V.C.L. Coleman officiated Tuesday at the burial of slain Willie Marcus Perry, 34, of 300 W. Harrison,

and his cousin Herman King, 21, who died this past Friday.

Perry died a week ago of knife wounds sustained at 1495 Lorilyn St. His body was discovered by a neighbor who was called to his apartment by his girl friend who became concerned after he failed to answer repeated knocks at his door. The neighbor climbed through a second-story window and found Perry's body lying in a pool of blood.

On Tuesday afternoon

Metro Police arrested Willie Shaw, 19, in connection with the death. He is the son of Perry's girlfriend Amelia Shaw, a nurse at Valley Hospital. He resides at 2801 Daley St., NLV.

Perry was the first Black to become a conductor on the Strip when he directed the show-room orchestra in the Superstar Theatre in the Tropicana Hotel. He had arranged music for the Jackson five and Sammy Davis Jr. when he last appeared on the

Strip.

He also arranged the music for the recent Black Athletes Hall of Fame banquet at Caesars Palace, and Black Extravaganza '75.

At the time of his death, he was a saxophone player with the Checkmates appearing in the Hilton Hotel Lounge.

Perry was born May 15, 1942, in Ferriday, La. He is survived by his widow, Julia, of Los Angeles; his parents, Continued to page 3....

## Sen. Neal tangles with 'The Man'

State Senator Joe Neal, the first Black senator in Nevada history, is fighting mad this week after he was ticketed Sunday on a West Las Vegas street for impeding traffic.

Apparently Neal was given the ticket after he tried to advise police officers on how to make an arrest of a man with a

children drove up, a crowd had already gathered on the sidewalk. According to the police, some of the spectators began to shout abuse and profanities.

Allegedly Neal and two other persons parked their cars in the middle of the street. Police said the three autos forced other cars to stop.

Police said the other two drivers moved on after they were ordered to do so. Neal, however, stood his ground, refusing to budge after five requests from officers on the scene. That is when Neal was given a ticket for impeding traffic.

Officers said Neal laughed when they told him they were going to give him a ticket, asking them to call their supervisor to the scene.

Neal flatly denies the policemen's version of the incident. He said he would plead innocent to the charge.

"I was not impeding traffic. I was parked 12 inches from the curb and had a legal right to be there," he said.

Neal said uniformed officers ordered him to move on as he watched them make the arrest. "I told them I wasn't going to move on, that I was going to observe them, make the arrest and that I wasn't in their way," he said.



gun. The exasperated officers did not seem to appreciate the senator's advice. Neal is noted for his criticism of police activity.

Allegedly the incident was sparked when Neal, D-North Las Vegas, and his four children stopped at the intersection of H and Weaver Streets to watch officers take a man into custody.

Apparently Neal's suspicion of police officers surfaced when he saw them arresting a Black person and he was drawn to the scene like an old firehorse to fire bells.

As Neal and his four



Slain Las Vegas musician -Willie Marcus Perry, 34, and his cousin Herman King, 21, were buried Tuesday at Palm Memorial Park. They were mourned by over 2,000 friends and relatives, and eulogized by the Rev. V. C. L. Coleman, pastor of Second Baptist Church.

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