

# "BERNIE" RIVERS Files In District 6



Bernie Rivers is the founder and president of The A. Philip Randolph Institute in the State of Nevada. Rivers has been an active voter registrar and a strong supporter of voter registration.

"I believe that voter registration, along with voter education and getting out the voters especially in District 6, helps protect and secure the future for our children."

Voting is the true issue, and our children's survival the reason, I support the Open Meeting Law, Equal Rights Amendment, more creative/cultural recreation programs, and Job Training ment.

The versatility of Bernie Rivers extends into many community helping and job oriented programs. Rivers feels that subsidized programs are a must, and part of West Las Vegas' fair share of national programs. As a past job developer for the State of Nevada, he understands the needs of both employers and employees. The Atomic Energy Commission and its contractor's first official West Side Community office was managed by Rivers.

"I successfully assisted people in District 6 in recruitment, training, fair housing, and information resulting in employment."

Bernie Rivers has lived at 1220 Ralston Drive eight of the ten years he has been in Las Vegas. Rivers arrived in town after spending three months as a San Francisco 49er defensive back. Here in Las Vegas, Rivers played with the Las Vegas Cowboys who are now known as the Casinos.

Bernie Rivers has taken his competitive and winning attitude from the sportsfield into education, administration, and recreation. Rivers feels that dealing with one's leisure time creatively costs less than rehabilitation after crimes are committed. As a graduate of the University of New Mexico in Administrative Recreation, Rivers feels he can help District 6 develop on an equal status with other districts. While in college, Rivers was one of the campus founders of the Christian Athletes and Omega Psi Phi, an international fraternity. River's most remembered athletic accomplishment was being number one in the Western Athletic Conference in kick-off returns. In track, Rivers ran on the United States Track and field team that defeated the Polish and Russian teams.

Rivers is an experienced affirmative action office and compensation analyst. Administration is a very necessary need-element in District 6. Rivers, as the first administrator of the Greater Las Vegas Plan, accepted the challenge of bringing labor, management, and all the minorities together. Bernie says, "I have always worked for men and women's employee rights, and I am proud to have always been a part of the working class."

Rivers is 34, unmarried, has a daughter Candy, and a three year old grandson, Dameon. Rivers and his family attend Pentecostal Temple Church of God in Christ.

## From Our Readers

EDITORS NOTE: The Las Vegas Voice will publish your opinion on any subject - praise - complaints - questions - or answers. We do reserve the right to edit, and your letter must be signed with a valid address and phone number for verification prior to publication. We want your letters! At your written request your name can be withheld.

Dear Sir:

Of the many concerns of the people toward government today, one of the least expressed subjects is "OFFICIAL INTEGRITY".

How can we feel certain that any candidate will perform the acts of promise after elected? What can we do when he fails the will and needs of the people?

When candidates accept donations to finance their campaign, there exists a RESPONSIBILITY OF INTEGRITY to determine the political price. What about the legal and moral intent of the source?

The United States Constitution is a contract of terms and conditions between "WE THE PEOPLE and our public servants.

This Supreme contract, when violated, voids all authority of position and power. Contrary to general belief of immunity, the violator is subject to a suit at COMMON LAW, which recognizes no title of nobility, no office, only names.

Since ignorance of the law excuses no-one, including the layman unassociated with the tools of that trade, where is there justifiable defense for the incumbent candidate who accepts dollars from the very source they are expected to protect society against.

We cry out against taxes which pay government servants and employees. We become frustrated and irritated about the unnecessary and unreasonable spending by those government servants. Isn't it about time we put a stop to the flagrant display of campaign money buying the political positions in government? Should the controllers of our future be the ones who spend the most on advertising?

If there was equal time and opportunity for all candidates with limitations, perhaps the public would take the time to listen and decide which one will make the best manager of that office.

With all of the restrictions on the general public and land owners these days, by government, isn't it interesting that "who's got the most money wins" procedure is practiced for those high offices?

Velma R. Griggs  
Carson City, Nevada

Dear Sir:

The passage of Proposition 13 in California has focused attention upon a taxpayers' revolt against big government and unnecessary spending. Sentiment in Nevada seems to be growing for similar limitations.

Yet, in my mailbox, addressed "Nevadans," appeared a questionnaire from Congressman Santini, printed and mailed at taxpayers' expense. He wants to know my "number one legislative concern." One of many, this mailing is a prime example.

His stated purpose could have been resolved by talking to some Nevadans and holding a press conference, providing that the news media considered it newsworthy and his motives sincere.

Some elected representatives in Washington send out many mailings a year, thinly disguised as "newsletters" and "questionnaires", but obviously campaign material. As incumbents, they are entitled to do so by law. Merely being legal, in my opinion, is not enough.

If Congressman Santini would have had to pay his own printing and postage costs, how many of these questionnaires would have been mailed? Sadly, as large as these expenses are, they are minute compared with amounts routinely squandered every day.

Voter resentment against misuse of taxes may force reconsideration of such self-serving practices. The sorry thing for our country is that Congressman Santini has so much company in Washington.

Sincerely,  
Ken Hillman

# Interstate Baptist Convention

The Nevada and California Interstate Baptist Convention will convene August 15 to 18, 1978 at the Victory Baptist Church, 1305 No. "E" St. The 31st annual session will begin with a pre-opening musical on August 15, 1978 at 7:30 p.m. by the combined choirs of Victory Baptist Church. Convention Theme: "WORLD HUNGER-THE CHURCH'S CONCERN"

August 16, 1978 at 9:00 a.m. The Women's Auxiliary will open. At 6:00 The Annual Banquet given by the women's Auxiliary will take place at the Silver Nuggett. Tickets available from convention officers. The highlight of the banquet will be the "WOMEN OF THE BIBLE", a financial drive. A musical will be given by the music department following the banquet, with Mrs. Emily R. Meads and Mrs. A.V. O'Neal in charge. August 17, 1978 at 7:00 p.m. President Mary L. Burton will deliver her 12th annual address to the Women's Auxiliary.

August 17, at 4:30 p.m. the Youth Rally will present its program, with Mrs. Esther McKinney, Youth Director in charge.

August 18, 1978 will be highlighted by The Annual Address of Bro. George McNeal, President of the Brotherhood Department and at 7:00 p.m. by the annual address of Rev. W.C. Webb, President of the Parent Body of the convention. Everyone is welcome.

MARY L. BURTON, President, Women's Aux.  
CLARA HOLMES, 1st. Vice Pres., Women's Aux.  
Rev. W.C. Webb, President, Parent Body  
Rev. J.L. Kemp, 1st. Vice Pres., Parent Body  
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## NOTICE

The North Las Vegas City Council will conduct a Public Hearing on August 16, 1978, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 2200 Civic Center Drive at 7:00 P.M.

The purpose of this meeting is to solicit citizen comments regarding annual and three-year community development and housing assistance plans, priorities for the plans and comments on past community development performance of the City of North Las Vegas under the Community Development Act of 1974. All residents and property owners of NORTH LAS VEGAS are cordially and urgently invited to attend and participate.

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The black colleges are calling for this \$50 million not to go back to basics, they never left them, but to build a better base of operations for Black Americans. The three principal parts of the UNCF program for 1978, the faculty curriculum Development Fund, the construction fund and the Revolving Endowment Fund means a stronger Black America.

A growing number of unemployed black Americans need an opportunity for higher education. The black college door can be the last chance. The greater the growth of young Black Americans, the greater the need for education.

The success of this single drive of UNCF will deter many young Black American high school graduates from a life of irritation with society.

Any contributions you or the corporation you work for can come with will cut into the growing cancer of 40% Black American youth unemployment.