

# Point of View

## SANTINI IS THE CHOICE

Earlier in the week several of the local newspapers blazed headlines indicating that the Cannon, Santini contest was a toss-up. The reports showed a neck-and-neck political race and that possibly the Democratic primary would be decided by the undecided vote.

Independent polls are showing a winner in each camp but the bottom line will show Rep. Jim Santini the victor. Here's why.

A Nevada Poll commissioned by a couple of the state's leading dailies showed that Santini has raced to a 4 percent (45 percent to 41 percent) lead over Cannon. It also indicated 63 percent of the seniors had a "favorable" impression of Santini compared with a 47 percent rating for Cannon.

Among all the voters, Santini drew a 66 percent "favorable," 23 percent "unfavorable" rating. Half of the respondents were women, half men.

Santini is direct and positive. He has the uncanny ability to project the needs of his constituency. He is a hard working representative of the people.

"Effective representation means staying in touch with the people you serve. You must listen and be responsive, always remembering you work for them," said Santini.

Considered one of the brightest and most effective young members of Congress, we envision that his energy, alertness and well-rounded involvement will make him an outstanding, forceful U.S. Senator.

Santini is well prepared and does his "homework."

He once said, "I was raised to believe a public official must be judged on what he has accomplished for his constituents and what he can do in the future." We feel that he, too, is equipped to face the toughest challenges.

Nevadans should vote for the "choice," Jim Santini, in the Sept. 14 primary election.

The LAS VEGAS SENTINEL endorses Santini.



## Alice Key

CEVA (Committee To Encourage Voter Action) is circulating an attractively designed brochure listing a few "Surprising Facts About Your Vote" which surely should motivate the most cynical and/or apathetic citizen to assert his or her right to vote in the upcoming Primary election Tuesday, Sept. 14.

CEVA points out that despite the fact Americans are entitled to do far more electing than the citizens of any other democracy in the world, the degree to which Americans exercise their right to vote is cause for our concern because the voting turnout rate in the United States is far below that of most other democracies.

Example: President Reagan was elected in 1980 by the affirmative vote of less than 30% of the total voting age population because only 93,066,000 people (or 59.2% of the voting age population) actually voted. This means that 11,969,000 of all registered voters did not vote in that election and 64,020,000 of the total voting age population of America DID NOT VOTE!

Lay that figure on your non-voting friends when they start singing the blues and squawking about what's wrong with this country. If you don't vote, don't gripe is what we always admonish around the NAACP. And never, never forget that Black voters can make a difference. Elections have been won

## PEOPLE, PLACES and POLITICS

By Joe Neal



My last line in my article last week was, "Watch for the Republican list next week." Well, next week is here and I now can report how difficult it is for me to recommend Republican candidates for the primary election.

Recommending Republicans for the primary is a task which does not find me with great enthusiasm. I guess the reason why is that almost all the Republican candidates have embraced the Reagan policies. As you probably know, these policies have not found any great support in this column. But as I promised, here they are:

- Moody for Governor
- Byrd for Lt. Governor
- Hecht for U.S. Senate
- Cavanar for U.S. Congress No. 1
- Prengaman for U.S. Congress No. 2
- McCarthy for Sheriff
- Neal for Assembly No. 6
- Shafer for Public Administrator

These are my recommendations for our Republican primary.

and lost right here in the predominantly Black precincts of West and North Las Vegas.

Personally, I like the feeling I get when I walk out of the voting booth. I feel good because I asserted myself — asserted my opinions — asserted my right to vote. I know that every vote counts. There are too many recorded instances where an election was won or lost by one vote.

I couldn't wait to vote this election. More than a week ago, I waltzed down to the Clark County Election Department and asserted my right to vote by absentee ballot. I am not frivolous about my vote. It's not always easy to make a decision on which candidate to choose. It's easier here in Nevada because one has opportunity to meet elected officials and aspiring candidates more easily. I like to discuss candidates and issues with those whose judgement I respect and can trust.

There are times when one is less than enthusiastic about any of the candidates in a given political contest. Often, regrettably, one must simply settle for the lesser of the evils.

The ballot for Election '82 offers prize selections in the only federal race (the U.S. Senate contest) and in the statewide races.

They offered easy, actually mandatory selections to those seeking to elect leadership we can trust. I voted for Senator Howard Cannon's reelection (his record is overwhelmingly superior to his opponent). I voted for Harry Reid for Congress (Isn't everyone?) Dick Bryan for Governor. (I have a long-standing commitment to Bryan) and Mahlon Brown for Attorney General (Brown's commitment to us and our community has been demonstrated over and over again).

Also important to me because I reside in Assembly District 6 is the re-election of Rev. Marion Bennett who has the experience, stature, dignity and know-how to enable him to give us better representation in the State Legislature. And, of

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## LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Jim Santini is our best choice for the United States Senate because he is the one candidate in this race who has offered the black community real solutions for dealing with its problems.

In recent interviews with black leaders and in appearances at a number of West L.V. functions, Santini has demonstrated a real understanding for the problems of black Americans. He has shown he understands that when you are out of a job and cannot feed your family, nothing else matters.

Not only does Santini understand what the black community is up against in this recession, he also has ideas on what we can do to make things better. We are particularly impressed with Santini's focus on bringing jobs to Las Vegas by attracting new industry and promoting tourism. He is committed to the economic development of the entire community and every participant having his rightful share, including the Black community.

Other reasons for our strong support of Jim Santini include: 1) his support of urban enterprise zones to provide financial incentives for businesses to locate in the inner city, 2) his proposal for putting a cap on interest rates, 3) his unqualified support for the voting rights act, 4) his support for the recently passed jobs training bill, 5) his consistent support for education, 6) and his support for proposal of a fairer income tax.

Howard Cannon is living in the past. Instead of talking to us about what we should be doing about today's problems, Senator Cannon simply provides us with a list of his past accomplishments. In the past 24 years that Cannon has been in office, things haven't changed a great deal. This community is responsible for putting him into office but he has not kept his promises to us. Just look around and judge for yourself. Isn't 24 years of seniority enough?

The problems we face will only be solved by good people, particularly those in public office who are willing to listen, fight and vote on our behalf. We believe Jim Santini is such a man. Unlike Cannon's workers who are paid, we have worked for him on a volunteer basis. The only reward we expect from him is fulfillment of his promises to the community. He offers a choice for our future and our children's.

Danny Curtis, Bob Duckett, Marjorie Elliott, Dr. James McMillan & Rev. I. W. Wilson

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