

Our Leaders Of Tomorrow

By George A. Burns

Name-Riley Caesar
Occupation-Executive Director of
"Operation Independence" Day Care Center.

Community Status-Present and Future Leader

Aim-"To let every resident know the vital importance of day care centers such as ours and the "excellence of programs" that we offer."

Riley Caesar, at the age of 33, has accomplished a great deal. Since his graduation last year (June '82) from Andrews University in Michigan, where he received his Masters in Education, Caesar has assumed the Executive Directorship of Operation Independence Day Care Center.

The center, a corporation which was established in 1965 by Lubertha Johnson, now has as its main goal, as Caesar puts it, "to provide an excellent day care center for low income families. We also strive to make a genuine effort to keep academics high so that our kids may be able to compete when they go to public schools. They must be creative, so we stress the importance of and provide assistance to them in the direction of more social and cultural learnings."

While Johnson, (who now assumes the position of Executive Director Emeritus/Con-

sultant) concurred that Operation Independence was in fact a private school, she agreed with Caesar that even though this was the case, "we want to do it where we're able to keep the costs down to any parent wishing to take advan-



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tage of our service." When asked if the center was confined to low-income families only, Caesar responded, "no, this is a center that any parent may send their child to (the kid's ages range from 2-6). We don't limit ourselves to low income families."

Caesar would like to see more day care centers developed

throughout the whole community of Las Vegas. His reasoning: "We're sure that by creating and establishing more centers of this sort throughout Las Vegas, a better and much improved public school system and ultimately, better education, will be provided. Centers of this type will assure that to happen. I'd like to see them created in all areas of the city where there is a real need."

The organization which Caesar heads is about 30% funded by the United Way of Southern Nevada. It is a private and independent organization fully licensed for day care and pre-

noted Caesar, "Those being," he said, "to let the parents see for themselves the services and learnings that we're providing for their children, and to strengthen the program for the 83-84 year."

Caesar, who personally envisions more of this type center proliferating throughout the Las Vegas community, could definitely lead the way in this endeavor. "Our kids are exposed to a striving for an "excellence in educational" atmosphere, and the programs that we offer are most beneficial."

Caesar ended on the note that he felt it essential for people to be

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school. The executive Director administers to five teachers and two administrators. He named Rana Kirkland (director of cultural and drama programs) and Charlotte Juniel (Kirkland's assistant) as being vital to the organization's success. "Both have done an extremely fantastic job in exposing the children to dance and drama." All of his administrative staff is paid, although Caesar encourages volunteers.

The actual center which is located at 1966 Genoa Drive, surrounded by the Sierra Nevada Arms Housing Project, takes care of approximately 80 children a day. Both Caesar and Johnson were extremely elated when they spoke of the upcoming play that the children and the center were preparing themselves for. The play, a "take-off" of "The Wiz" is scheduled for Thursday, August 18, at the child care center. The affair, open to the entire public, will also notify the parents and interested observers of programs that will be conducted at the center during the upcoming 83-84 year.

The play, which begins at 7:30 P.M. will focus on two things,

aware of this type facility. "It is essential that we get more parents involved in their children's development and show more interest in their work. This is our aim at Operation Independence. That and getting people to know we're here, and the excellent programs that we offer."

"NO!, To More Taxes." That's The Word.

City and county voters overwhelmingly rejected an attempt by local government officials to raise county property taxes on Tuesday.

Even though there were repeated warnings on the part of tax proponents to the increase taxes, opponents of the tax measure by a "no" vote of 51,934 (74.7%) soundly defeated the tax increase idea. Those voters wanting to see the tax increase implemented were by far in the minority while registering only 17,551 votes. (25.3%)

The proposed 15-cent boost in county property taxes were unanimously supported by at least six of Nevada's seven Black elected officials. In fact, it was on Monday, the day before the election that Sen. Joe Neal, Assem-

Police get right suspect who changed identities

A Las Vegas woman has been arrested again on charges of robbery and use of a deadly weapon after first claiming to be a minor involved in a previous robbery, Metro Police said.

Held in Clark County Jail and facing bail of \$39,000 was Carol Robbin Mayfield, 24 of 720 E. Madison Ave.

Police said she had originally identified herself as Carmen Sparks, 17. She was placed in Juvenile Hall after being

arrested on a charge of robbing a cab driver July 6. He took two fares to First Street and Washington Avenue when a woman placed a knife to his throat.

On July 22, two men said a woman entered their Crest Motel room, cut one of them with a knife, and took their jewelry and cash.

During another robbery at the Crest Motel on July 27, Sparks was arrested and later identified as Mayfield through fingerprint analysis.

Men arrested in robbery

Metro Police have charged two Clark County men with threatening to shoot a woman and stealing her purse.

The thieves fled on foot after the robbery at Las Vegas Boulevard South and Oakey Boulevard at 10:45 p.m. Sunday. Police said they apprehended L.C. Bar-

nes, 19 of 900 F Street., and Curtis Barnes, 20, of 2301 Sidney Ave., North Las Vegas, as they were looking inside the purse about four blocks from the scene of the holdup.

Curtis Barnes was also charged with possession of a controlled substance.

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president of the Clark County Public Employees Association: "it means that 235 county employees may be laid off as a result of this election. The public will find by Sept. 1 that it (cutting \$8 million out of the county budget) cannot be done painlessly."

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Greater Votes, Greater Power

blyman Lonie Chaney, County Commissioner Woodrow Wilson, Board Regent June Whitley and N.L.V. Councilman William Robinson collectively met to voice their support of the tax increase measure.

PATH (People Against Tax Hikes) leader Bill Heinrich, who is reported to have spent \$12,000 of his own money in his successful bid to "kill" the increase was elated of the outcome. Said Heinrich, "the peoples' minds were made up. I don't think they voted "no" because of us, but because they didn't want any new taxes. Voters were fed up with increase after increase."

"As to the actual severity of the defeat in regards to jobs and important programs being cut", said Richard Kreps,