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"THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE"

**CLINTON WINS PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION  
DEMOCRATS WRAP-UP NATIONAL CONVENTION**



PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFUL BILL CLINTON

Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice

One day shy of wrapping up their 41st national convention Democrats, on Wednesday, overwhelming nominated Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton as their candidate for president in the November election.

At the traditional roll call of states, Ohio's vote propelled Clinton well over the 2,145 votes needed to win the nomination.

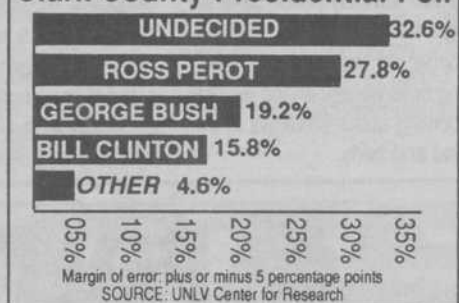
Democrats, pleased by improved ratings in opinion polls and a more than positive response to Clinton's choice of Tennessee Senator Albert Gore

Jr. as his running mate, were very optimistic as the '92 convention opened in New York on Monday.

Throughout the course of the convention, Bush, by far, bore the brunt of the Democratic charge, even though a jab at Ross Perot drew the largest outburst Monday evening. One after another, speakers ridiculed Bush as a president who is out-of-touch with the American voter.

"Read our lips, no second term," party chairman Ronald H. Brown said several times to the close to 5,000 delegates and thousands of spectators that packed into Madison Square Garden.

**Clark County Presidential Poll**



Democrats hoped for their most harmonious convention in years and Clinton was working to reassure party liberals nervous that they were being left behind.

Recent polls have placed showed Clinton, Bush and Perot in a tightly bunched race, but Democratic optimism was the order of the convention.

Clinton's popularity was on the rise going into the Democratic National Convention, and the party's presidential nominee is currently in a statistical dead heat with President Bush, according

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**MINISTERS REQUEST GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION**

The Pastors Conference of Southern Nevada and the West Las Vegas Ministerial Alliance, have requested, a grand jury investigation into Las Vegas City Councilman Bob Nolen's allegations that he gave money to black ministers in exchange for their support during his campaign.

On Tuesday, representatives of the religious organizations personally delivered a document to

Clark County District Attorney Rex Bell's office which called for the probe.

Additionally, the ministers are in favor of a city ethic's probe into Nolen's claims, however they do not want to expand the investigation to other elected officials, past and present.

Last week, Nolen commented to a local television station that he often gave West Las Vegas

ministers money to help support his campaign, while adding that for several other politicians, it was a common practice.

Of the ministers named by Nolen, which included: Rev.'s Bill McCurdy, S.P. Parks, C.C. Smith and I.W. Wilson, to name a few, only Rev. Ted Culveston admitted to accepting money, but said he was working as an employee of Nolen's campaign and was not a pastor at the time.

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Local ministers are requesting a grand jury investigation into City Councilman Nolen's claims.

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**NEAL CHARGES MORMAN INFLUENCE AT METRO PARTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR POOR COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

On a recently aired segment of KLVX-TV's "Public Report" program, hosted by Lee Winston, state Senator Joe Neal said that a strong Mormon influence at the Metropolitan Police Department has alot to do with the problems that exist between African Americans and police.

As a result of this power and influence, according to Neal, officers feel they can do certain things because they know that other Mormons on the force will protect their actions.

Neal, who represents Senate District 4, which is comprised of a large part of North and West Las Vegas, has criticized Metro in the past for what he has labeled as a pattern of unnecessary brutality and harassment towards African Americans (especially males).

Neal went on to say that he has researched the issue and discovered that about 50% of the 1,000 police officers studied were found to be members of the Mormon Church. He also made

it a point to note that the "Top Brass" of the department was largely made up of Mormons, as well.

Both the Mormon Church and police deny Neal's claims. Police officials stated that no figures are kept on the religions affiliations of its officers, but that a closer figure was between 15-30 percent.

In the July 3 interview with Winston, the senator, when asked about the high number of officers that are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, he responded "We began to look at the force, and ask questions

about their (LSD) strength within the police department and I think, because of the power and influence that the church has within this community, and the fact that their members sit on various boards, even the Civil Service Board that reviews police complaints and conduct, and as you know, the county commissioner is in

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**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMITTEE TO HOST "COMMUNITY WAKE-UP CALL" TONIGHT**

Wake up call..... wake up..... wake up..... wake up..... wake up..... wake up..... wake up.....

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Committee of Las Vegas will host a community Wake-up call, Thursday, July 16 at 7:00 p.m. This community wake-up call will be held at the Second Baptist Church located at 500 Madison Ave., with the purpose of aiding the community in dealing with the recent alleged allegations against various ministers in the West Las Vegas area; with the emphasis to re-focus the community on more

positive/serious issues such as: economic development, voter registration, education and more. The community is invited to come and express concerns and or comments that will be addressed by other concerned members of the community. As we continued to strive towards the goals and dreams of Dr. King, we (all people) must all come together on a common ground, like civilized people in order to make a positive difference.

For further information, please call 648-6155

**"Mormans put the black male in a lessor role than themselves"**

State Senator Joe Neal

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