

## Census Bureau Asks, "Were You Counted?"

### Final Public Appeal To Ensure Complete Count

"Were you and all the members of your household counted in the 1990 Census?" That's the question the Census Bureau is asking all Nevada residents as the census nears completion. "Were You Counted" is an important follow-up effort, part of a series of operations planned to ensure a complete count for Nevada and the nation.

"If you believe a census questionnaire was not completed for your household, or that someone living in your residence was not counted, there is a simple form you can fill out," said Barbara Everitt Bryant, Director of the U.S. Census Bureau.

The form, which is being printed in newspapers as a public service, can be filled out by readers and mailed to the census office. The form contains only seven questions, and is also available from community based organizations. Completion takes only a few minutes.

Nevada residents who feel they were missed can also provide information over the telephone via a toll-free number. Beginning June 11, and continuing for one month,

toll-free assistance is available 7 days a week between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. in English, and seven other languages. The numbers are:

English - 1-800-999-1990  
Spanish - 1-800-283-6286  
Cambodian - 1-800-289-1960  
Korean - 1-800-444-6205  
Chinese - 1-800-365-2101  
Vietnamese - 1-800-937-1953  
Laotian - 1-800-888-3208  
Thai - 1-800-288-1984

When "Were You Counted" forms are processed, they are checked against questionnaires already received to prevent double counting.

"The current operation is one in a series of "safety net" operations, planned to provide residents with every reasonable opportunity to be counted, according to Leo Schilling, director of the 7-state Seattle Region, which includes Nevada. "Our basic enumeration operations in both rural and urban areas throughout the state have been very successful, and have just concluded."

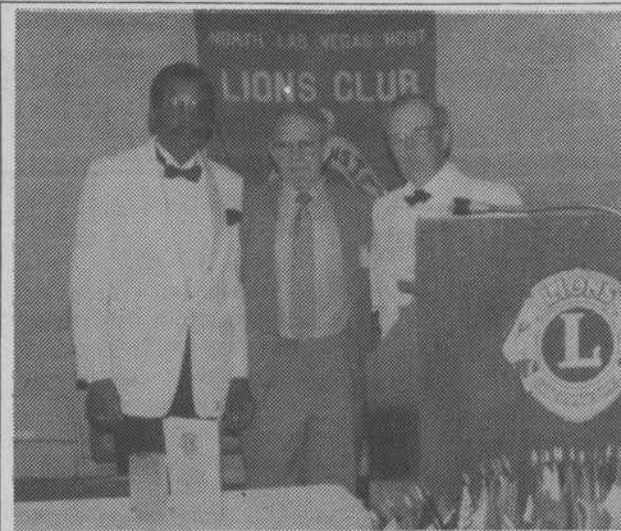
In July, there will be an additional follow-up effort to re-check housing units identified as vacant during

previous operations.

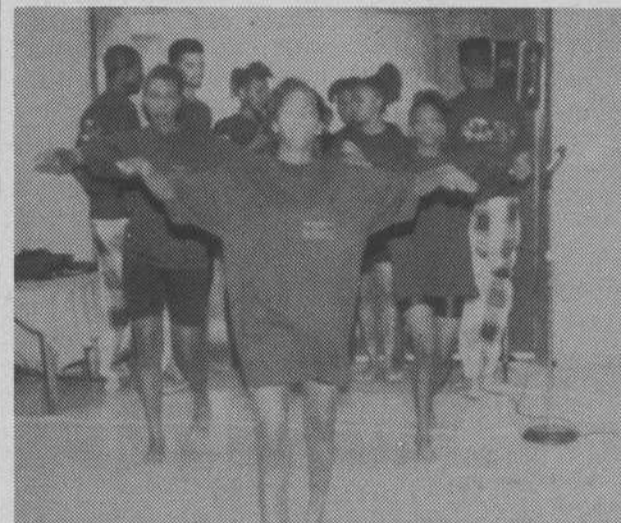
Schilling said a final review of housing units will be conducted by local governments, with additional canvassing where census and local government housing unit counts differ.

"These follow-up activities require a great deal of time and effort, but they are essential to accomplishment of our goal, which is complete and accurate count of each community and each state in the nation. In Nevada, we feel that we are on target with our projections, and on schedule with our planned activities," he said.

Census information is used to redefine Nevada's congressional and legislative districts. Census figures also play a major role in sending billions of federal and state dollars back to communities for education, health, child care, and other public programs and facilities. Census data is also vitally important to local governments in planning to meet future community needs, attracting new business and industry, and is used extensively by businesses in making economic decisions.



The installation of officers for the North Las Vegas Host Lions Club took place earlier this month. Out-going King Lion President, Willie Fields (left), is being replaced by previous 2-time King Lion President, Archie Groft (right). Harry LaFavor (middle) was the installing officer.



Project Inner City performs for the 1990-91 Installation Dinner. These talented students under the direction of Gerald James and Marcia Robinson, come from a variety of local high schools and are sponsored in part by the North Las Vegas Host Lion Club.

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your leader, we have appointed you a leader with a Black face, so stay united!!!!

If this outrages you, or insults your sensibility, please mark your calendar to attend a very special meeting on June 23, 1990 - 10 a.m. at the Moulin Rouge. We are sure our agenda will excite you!!! Please bring your resume. If you need help with your resume, please call me at CCCC (643-6060. Ext. 272).

The Governor's Conference on Women is being held at Caesar's Palace on September 14-16, 1990. The Breakfast Keynote Speaker is Mrs. Eleanor Holmes-Norton, Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. and the first woman (Black or White) to chair the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Washington, D.C.

The breakfast is only \$25.00 to attend, so mark your calendar to attend this wonderful occasion. You may want to sponsor some less fortunate than you. Think about it - Do the right thing!!!

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**STOP THE VIOLENCE!**

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each other or destroy each other's property...This has to stop! We try to put on different programs to get the residents involved, but nobody can find the time, but we try anyway."

According to Johnson, the tenants have to change their attitudes of despair and helplessness. "The mothers must learn how to be mothers and the daddies have to become more responsible fathers."... "The residents should be thankful to the Good Lord for providing them with food and shelter until they can pick themselves up and establish some independence...There was one tenant that recently moved into a house. She took night classes at Clark County Community College and worked during the day until she was able to better herself. Many of the tenants are like this, but the majority are not...We have had volunteers that have offered to help start some activities for the youth but the parents don't show up and support their children... How can a person take care of a home

and learn responsibility if they don't show a little pride in where they are living now?"

We asked Mrs. Johnson how the management was responding to the gangs and the drug traffic. "...As far as tenants go, they don't want to get involved. They give-in to the arm-twisting by the traffickers. If we take them to court, as I have stated, we have no backing so they are released from custody and the spiral continues...My honest opinion is that they want to keep drugs in the low-income areas because they won't have to worry about it being circulated into their expensive areas...They label our community as "drug-ridden and crime-ridden" and stereotype the residents, so that is what you expect to find...In my opinion, the public's view of low income housing has to change...There are many legitimate and upstanding, God-fearing residents that are not abusing this privilege. Many are not working, but are receiving assistance from a live-in partner and that income may never be reported..."

Mrs. Johnson has children

of her own and she continues to try to spend her time talking to tenants and encouraging them to take control of their neighborhood.

In closing, Mrs. Johnson reiterated the need to trust our own ethnic group and the need to desire the best for ourselves and the best things in life for others of the so-called Black race without becoming envious. We should never think that just because one of us has more than the other, that we are better than the other. "African American people are also prejudiced against each other. One may decide that he will become a street hustler and then he becomes upset when the other purchases property...I would like to see my own people

being proud of their own race."

Aside from giving out free bread to those most in need, Mrs. Johnson spoke of the complex's newsletter and seeking to get more residents to read it by starting a "Tenant of the Month" issue. At first many residents were excited and then the interest dropped off. The Chief of Security, Mr. Eli Gray and other members of his staff, are seeking to start a Little League team for the children along with a Boy Scout Troop. Johnson said that she has been working with the tenants and..."encouraging them to take pride in their apartment; take time out to groom their kids; get in-

involved with their schooling; and pay their rent on time." Mrs. Johnson is certainly a good example of one who has broken the shackles of slavery and who has remained steadfast seeking to repay the taxpayers and God by not turning her back on those who can benefit most from her experiences. She could work for practically any property developer in the city, but she chose to remain as a voting-resident, a concerned citizen, a responsible parent, a devoted wife, a property owner and a person who sincerely cares about the future

of our youth and our poor.

We will follow up our story with a response from the residents in the area and steps that they are taking to re-claim their neighborhood. I believe that as our community learns better, then they will do better. Ask yourself, "what can I do? What have I done lately?" We can make a difference.

Next week, look for a story of "The Rising Tide of Crime in North Las Vegas." In the meantime, God-Speed! I'll be looking for everyone concerned at the School Board's "zoning hearing" at Kit Carson tonight.

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