

AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH U.S SENATOR HARRY REID

Sentinel-Voice: Thank you for granting us this time, Senator Reid. First I'd like to ask you what you think about the progress of the Census.

Senator Reid: Well, I held a meeting...where I alerted everyone to the fact that it's important that people realize the significance of the Census. The meeting I held was principally for minorities. I had black community representatives there and Hispanic community representatives, because traditionally these are the people that are not counted properly. Why? There are a lot of reasons. One is, they - a lot of minorities - are the poorest people in the country. They don't have telephones, they move around a lot, it'd hard to count, and a lot of the minorities don't like to answer questions because of a lot of reasons. That's why on voting days the Republicans keep people away from the poles by just having people in uniforms around. They just won't come around. I think the Census is extremely important and it hasn't been thorough enough at this point. There's going to be significant undercounting.

Sentinel-Voice: Yes, that's why I was asking the question. There seems to be a problem on both sides. It seems that Census forms did not get out to the people, so thousands, maybe even millions may not be counted, and then on the other hand, people don't want to be bothered with it; they aren't sending the forms back and they don't want Census counters in their houses. What can be done about this? I heard on a news broadcast this morning that they are trying to hire thousands more Census workers to help make up for a 1% drop in the Employment Rate. Do you think that would be of any valid use at all?

Senator Reid: Oh sure, a lot of information will come from the Census. I think the biggest problem, however, is the undercounting of minorities...Although it affects some states more than others. Border states plus states like Nevada, which have significant minority population. We can lose in government grants and may be in reapportionment.

Sentinel-Voice: Senator Reid, how do you stand on the issue of statehood for the District of Columbia?

Senator Reid: I support it...Of course the Mayor (Barry) is a disaster.; he's been an embarrassment to everybody - if not to everybody, at least to most of the people. But I think we've progressed a great deal and I think the people should be represented. I think that there are some things that happen. But I think those people living in the District of Columbia will be able to vote for a Senator and their voting House member. Even if they moved them into the state of Maryland or something. I don't support that, but I think the point in the matter is that people who are citizens of this country should be counted in a state and should have the ability to have a



Senator Harry Reid, right is shown with Dr. Paul Meacham, President of Clark County Community College.

Senator and House member.

Sentinel-Voice: On the issue of the S & L Bailouts, what steps are being taken to do something about that and how does the Senate feel by and large about what they're doing to bail out the S&Ls as opposed to what they're doing to bail out people who need to be bailed out in other ways - the poor and the elderly?

Senator Reid: If you owed \$2000 in taxes...the IRS is going to go to great lengths to collect that money from you. Now if somebody owes the federal government hundreds of thousands of dollars, millions of dollars, you would think that the government would go after them just as diligently. The government has not done that and I think they should. These people that have absconded, cheated and gotten away with hundreds of thousands, millions of dollars in savings and loans to a total of 300 billion dollars. I think they should be made to pay that money back or have criminal sanctions issued against them.

Sentinel-Voice: What has been your position in the past on sanctions against South Africa and now that Mandela has been freed, do you think that sanctions should remain in tact or be dismissed?

Senator Reid: I serve on the Foreign Affairs Committee...and I always voted to support the sanctions. I felt that at that time it would force the South African government to reevaluate Apartheid or at least parts of it, and my feelings have come to fruition. I think that the sanctions by the U.S. were a significant, contributing factor to what's taking place in South Africa. At this stage, I think it's nice that Mandela has been freed, but I think that the sanctions are still keeping that pressure on, so that they will maybe begin to treat people like human beings.

Sentinel-Voice: On the issue of what has been happening in Eastern Europe, many of those countries are now seeking and receiving aid from the United States. How do you feel about that as opposed to giving aid to our people right here in our own country who need it?

Senator Reid: Well, the political answer is to say 'no foreign aid, we have a lot of problems right here at home,' but I can't give that answer, because I think that we have to, for our own self-interests, be involved in what's going on in countries like Poland. I was in that country and went 10 miles outside of Warsaw and they were plowing fields with domestic animals. I think that's a significant market for us. I think that we should be involved with the ground level in trying to create markets for our farm equipment and other things. That's only one example. So I recognize the problem with the homeless, the medical research, and we have to be concerned about that, but we also have to be concerned from our own self-interests to make sure that we are involved in what's going on in foreign countries. We're not an island. We have to be involved in the world.

Sentinel-Voice: Do you think the Civil Rights Act of 1990 will make any significant change towards reversing the recent Supreme Court decisions that have seemingly set Civil Rights gains of the 1960s and 70s back?

Senator Reid: Yes I do, and I will do everything that I can to

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From the Desk of the KCEP Community Affairs Director...

Summer has truly arrived here in the Entertainment Capitol, and we advise everyone to drink plenty of proper fluids and stay out of big red as much as possible.

We are very grateful to our Rhythm Runners, parents and coaches for representing us in the 1990 Hershey's Track and Field meet. Everyone did so well that we want to show our appreciation by having an awards picnic for you all. If you participated in the activity, please call FM88 for more information. We would also like to extend a special thanks to our sponsors: Club Uptown, Jerry of Taco Bell, 7 Seas, Big 8 Market, B J's Restaurant and Casino, and Lee Walker of Falconi's Acura. These wonderful sponsors will make our party

a great success and we all say thanks.

Darnell "Too Short" Brown has started his group of all ages and we are really proud of him. This posse will hold fund raisers in order to have activities and trips. This group will also make a special trip to Magic Mountain. If you would like to become a member of the D.B. Posse, come by the office of FM88.

We are involved in a serious photo session, so I will be sure to introduce another FM88 celebrity in my next article. So stay tuned.

This Saturday starting at 10:30 a.m. you would want to tune in to our talk shows. I can assure you that you will find the topics very informative and controversial. The phone lines will be

open for all of your questions and comments, so be sure to join Bobbie Troutman, John Stevenson and Lawrence Weekly every Saturday morning on FM88.

As I get more involved in our community, I find that so many of our youth are desperately reaching out for help, but some of us are so busy ego trippin' and worried about others instead of realizing that together "we can make it alright." People, it is seriously time to make a change. Thank you for your support and God Bless.

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TOP 10 RAP SINGLES

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| 1. MC Hammer | You Can't Touch This |
| 2. Mellow Man Ace | Mentiroso |
| 3. West Coast Rap All Stars | We're All In the Same Gang |
| 4. Sir Mix A Lot | My Hooptie |
| 5. Above the Law | Untouchables (What You Can Prove) |
| 6. Young & Restless | B-Girls |
| 7. Kool Moe Dee | God Made Me Funkee |
| 8. Queen Latifah & David Bowie | Fame 90 |
| 9. Low Profile | Funky Songs |
| 10. Gangster Blacc Productions | You Call Yourself a Gangster |

Rhythm Risers

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| 1. The Jazz | The Originators |
| 2. Ice Cube | Amerikkka's Most Wanted |
| 3. Public Enemy | Brothers Gonna Work It Out |
| 4. Everlast | The Rhythm |
| 5. Kwame & A New Beginning | Ownlee Eve (Only You) |



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