

HARRY REID INTERVIEW

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ans could do in a particular state. The courts have stood that law on its head, since then, now Indians can do what non-Indians can't do...two sides have reversed any kind of the law. So what we have heard lately is that there should be fair competition on level playing field...Indians should not have an economic advantage like they have now. And that's what we've been working with, to try to level the playing field.

SAVOY: Would the projects that are being worked on in Connecticut be under the same statutes as Arizona and Nevada?

REID: Yeah, they pay no taxes. They have no regulation. They have no one supervising the game, checking to see if they're fair. That all has to take place.

SAVOY: Now with Indians being a separate sovereign nation, are they allotted to get any kind of financial aid from the federal government?

REID: Yes, the Indians get billions of dollars a year. They have their health services paid for by the Federal government. The Bureau of Government Affairs administers to the Indians. Indians in our country are supervised by virtue of these trust agreements, that is, the federal

government has an obligation to take care of them in most instances.

SAVOY: I see. Well I know that just recently the mortgage rates, which are just about seven percent now, continue to allow homebuyers to refinance or purchase a new home. However, with the fear of inflation and job security, how do we expect your constituents to have faith in a strong rebounding economy if the president hasn't been able to achieve but a few of his campaign promises.

REID: Well, what your readers have to appreciate is that President Clinton has attacked some of the heart problems. We have had presidents for too long who ignored the difficult problems. Now if the country is going to focus on Bill Clinton's hair cut, then that's too bad. He got the hair cut, it happened! I don't condone that but let's look at what he's really tried to do and forget about the hair cut. No president since Roosevelt has gotten into it about health care. None. Now we have a president that is doing something about health care. We're going to have health care reform in this country, a difficult problem. Presidents in the last several decades have ignored that problem. Budget deficit, we hear people

complain that the deficits are increasing. Bill Clinton has done something about it. When he passed the House and in the Senate, the deficit reduction plan. Where we have an equal amount in lower cuts than we have in new taxes. And I also think its important for your readers to understand that this is truly a deficit reduction, the largest deficit reduction package in the history of the country.

During the past 10 years, 1% of people in America have gained over 70% of the wealth. Under the new tax that we have to help balance the budget, in Nevada, as an example, if .86 percent, less than 1% of the people in the state, are going to pay over 80% of the new taxes, these are the wealthy, people that make over \$200,000 a year, 70% of the people are paying less taxes now than they did in the past. Poor people are getting significant tax brakes under the program. Small businesses are getting certain advantages; they create most of the jobs. For example, in purchasing equipment, they will be able to write off from, we don't know for sure, but probably around \$20,000; the House version and the Senate version differ. About \$20,000 each year if they purchase new equipment. There's also a new budget deficit we passed, is

which there is a provision there to allow businesses to deduct up to \$5,500 a year for employees that they help with their education. So, there is a recognition that we've got problems with France, the country. But I think we're addressing them. President Clinton is doing some tough things.

SAVOY: Well, with the House and Senate not quite acceptable of the differences in the two plans, what do you feel the final draft that's going to go back to

the President, is going to look like, and will the President, in your opinion, accept that plan.

REID: I think he'll make sure of the two programs, that's how it works out, a lot of yelling and screaming, but there will be a modification of those plans.

SAVOY: And how long down the road will it be before the modification is complete?

REID: The first of August... before the first of August...

SAVOY: The president is getting to ready to make this trip

over to Japan for the economic summit with the other top industrial nations and we know that our trade representatives have had some discussions with Japan about letting more industry come in from America, do you think that the President's going to be able to get more cooperation and a deal from Japan?

REID: Bill Clinton is in good shape. The best shape a president's been in a long time. (See Harry Reid, Page 24)

WITNESSES

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"My son was in the car with two of his friends, when he was murdered. I was told that Bruce went to the driver's side of the car and approach the driver about something and he responded, 'I'm not the one man. One of Bruce's friends went to the passenger side where Isaac was and swung on him and missed. Then Bruce followed with a gun and shot my son five times. The second youth in the car with my son was in the back seat by this time and was ducking. He told me my son fell back on him. He was only in the parking lot about fifteen minutes before he was killed," she said.

When asked if her son had a history of gang involvement or criminal activity, Morgan said that he had no affiliation with any type of violence.

"My son was peaceful. He worked a job and I insisted that he not hang around in the neighborhood. He attended school in Green Valley and all his friends lived in Green Valley."

"He worked when he was not in school. In fact, he got his job as a result of staying in Green Valley. He would drop off his son Isaac Jr. before he would go to work. On his days off, I insisted that he keep his son because it was his responsibility. He would have graduated next year, she reflected.

"This crime, as I understood it, involved one of Bruce's ex-girlfriends. Bruce had beat her up occasionally and one day he found her phone book and he discovered my son's name as well as other guys, and he began to 'x-out' their names. I was told that this meant that he would attack or kill them," she said.

"When he approached my son I heard that he called him a 'punk' for beating up on girls. That's what started the whole thing. My son never had a chance. This was a senseless killing."

Morgan said that anybody willing to come forward should call her at (702) 642-1304 or (702) 736-2958.

WAAK-UP

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active volunteer Ms. Amos looked on.

Jackson stressed the urgent need of more volunteers to help raise funds for the neighborhood schools.

She said that WAAK-UP has shown that they are committed to seeing that our children are not short changed when it comes to school supplies, equipment and other materials they must have to augment their education.

Jackson emphasized that WAAK-UP, a non-profit organization, depends solely on public support.

"As much as we could use the funds from our fundraisers, we recognize that we must invest in our schools, so we have made this a priority. We believe that with more public input in our children's education - especially by parents- the more we see a change in the quality of our schools."

"We know \$1000 is not a lot of money, but at other schools many of the parents are conducting bake sales, helping their children sell candy, selling magazine subscriptions and soft drinks in order to raise funds for

their schools. These are our children! Where are their parents? she asked.

"So by conducting ongoing fundraisers - this one involved selling raffle tickets - we were able to make this donation," she said.

Barber also stated that she hopes that this effort will continue and will inspire more parents and community organizations to set aside some time to visit the schools, to attend school board meetings and take a more active role in the educational process.

Finally, Lewis said that she wanted to thank those donors who have come forward to support WAAK-UP in its efforts. She said that she urges community organizations, churches, concerned citizens and parents of students in the school system to become actively involved in the education of African-American children 365 days-a-year. She said that too many individuals only show up when there is a media event, a protest, a demonstration or an event such as the Stanley Johnson arrest.

"We must begin to be proactive and not reactive. We need to begin to set the agenda ahead

of time she said.

"We are sending our children to school and we show little concern about the curriculum. What are they being taught? We must begin to review with them what they are learning and make regular visits to the school to meet teachers at other times than Required Parent Conferences (RPCs) and/or scheduled parent conferences. We have rights granted to us by state and federal laws. We should know them."

"When we begin to be active parents in our children's education, we will begin to see the teachers attitudes toward them change; we will begin to make a difference in what is being presented; we will begin to see more expedient movement at the Clark County School Board on issues affecting our black boys and black girls," she added.

"What prompted this donation is that we know that Prime-6, or neighborhood schools as I like to call them, is of vital importance to our community. We had quite a few donations for the fundraiser. Namely: Centel Telephone Company, who donated a cellular phone; Kenneth Evans (See WAAK-UP, Page 21)

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