

TOP DOGS

The Ray Willis Report

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Being Black frequently means being the underdog. But in many ways, if handled properly, being the underdog can be an advantage. Even so, I can't imagine anyone who would relish being the victim of injustice all the time.

So, in the spirit of jest, I thought it would be refreshing to inject my own sentiments into a hypothetical scenario of the future in America where African-Americans are top dogs. So, let your imagination run free with me as I paint a mock picture of this country under Black rule.

The year is 2010. Willie Washington has just been inaugurated as President of the United States. He's an African-American. Not surprisingly, more than 50 percent of all the elected offices in this country are held by African-Americans. Not only do Blacks dominate politics, but business, industry, and the media as well. In fact, every facet of American life is heavily influenced by a person of African-American descent.

But all is not well in the land of plenty. Racial strife is widespread as White-based revolutionary groups such as the National Association for the Advancement of White People (NAAWP) spread dissent through several underground newspapers and in public demonstrations urging the overthrow of the government and a return of White dominance in all aspects of American life.

Not to be in any way equated to the NAACP, the NAAWP espouses violence, anarchy, death and destruction in its attempts to regain dominance. Despite the

NAAWP's destructive tendencies, the country seems to be progressing.

Over the radio comes a news bulletin that the National Basketball Association is in crisis over complaints that the league favors Caucasian players. You see, White guys are now dominating the sport to the extent there are constant debates about the league being too White!

Would-be Black athletes seem more concerned about getting an education and a good job. How can you blame them when they can now compete successfully to be anything they want? Why would anyone limit theirself to a long shot chance at only becoming a player in the NBA when there are so many options beyond that?

Before Blacks dominated all aspects of American life, there was already, percentage wise, more Whites than Blacks on welfare. But now, more than 90 percent of those on welfare are White. When the White welfare percentage exceeded 50 percent, the rules were changed. Now White men can remain as heads of households while their families are on welfare, a practice the previous welfare system strictly forbade. I guess the Black-run govern-

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT UNDER FIRE AGAIN

By Muhammad Abdullah

Just when you thought things were about to settle down, the Sentinel-Voice learned through an anonymous caller that a student had allegedly been choked by a busdriver and according to this source, only a possible verbal reprimand took place by the

ment is less concerned with the male-head-of-household than it is in dealing directly with poverty.

The term "Ivy League Schools," once used to describe the most prestigious colleges and universities in America, is now synonymous with sub-standard education. The prestige institutions of higher learning now include the traditional Black Colleges such as Morehouse, Southern U. and Arkansas A. M. & N. Collectively, these institutions get most of the private and public funds which are allocated to support higher education.

Now, instead of one in four Black men being in prison, three in four finish college.

Black History Month has been abolished. There's no need to have it. Black history has been fully integrated into textbooks. And history is no longer written from a Eurocentric viewpoint. Along with Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday, two new Black national holidays are officially observed. They are Malcolm X's birthday and SoulFest, an African-American holiday honoring our African ancestry and origin.

The newest fiscal crisis nationally has to do with major fast food franchises. They are rapidly vanishing. The reason is stiff competition from independent soul barbeque and fish restaurants, which are taking the country by storm.

And that summarizes a very brief and very general look at the future under Black rule in America. These are just a few of my personal reflections on what things might be like if African-Americans were to become top dogs.

If nothing else, I hope this exercise illuminates the fact that regardless of who's in charge, Americans still must work together cooperatively for the system to work at all.

Now, if we could only hold captive that dream and work diligently to make it a reality!

CCSD Transportation Department. The driver was also taken off the route.

Throughout the course of this week's feature story, we will name our source only as "Ms. Doe" at her request due to litigation.

The incident in question took place, according to Ms. Doe - with whom I conducted a personal interview, on the afternoon of March 7, 1990. Ms. Doe said she strongly suspects that there has been a cover-up.

"My grandson, Armond Lewis (11 years old), came home to me on the afternoon of March 7, 1990, complaining about his neck hurting. I asked him what had happened and he said that the bus driver had choked him," she said.

Ms. Doe immediately called the Principal of George E. Harris Elementary School and inquired about Lewis' complaint.

"The Principal, Dr. Robert Wondrash, said that I should call the Transportation Department and file a complaint...When I called I spoke with the Dispatch Director, Doug McCain and he told me that he would look into it and call me back. In the meantime I packed his neck with ice thinking that it wasn't that serious...The kids on the bus leaving Jo Mackey 6th Grade Center had been complaining about the busdriver, Mr. Butterworth (Mr. B, for short) for some time...They said that his eyes seem to be bulging out when he picks them up in the evening and that on several occasions he actually fell asleep at the wheel..."

Ms. Doe said that neither McCain nor his supervisor got back with her even after

she made several attempts to contact them. She said that a Safety Patrol Officer called her, but everytime she attempted to get in touch with Wallace, his secretary said that he was out sick.

"I finally took Armond to University Medical Center (UMC) where he was attended to by the Quick Care Unit...They put a brace on his neck and the doctor prescribed some medication for him. I did not purchase the medication right away because I am skeptical about drugs."

When I asked Ms. Doe why she did not go to the media, she said that she did not go because she had a problem before and called them "and they did not respond, so I felt it was a waste of time."

"I even approached the busdriver to find out what happened...I know kids sometimes can exaggerate so I told him that he don't have to take anything off of Armond and that if Armond got out of line to let me know, because Armond know that I don't play that! The bus driver took his glasses off and called me all kinds of vulgar names and cursed me out."

At that point Ms. Doe became frustrated because she felt that the CCSD did not respond as it should have. She did mention however, that Principal Wondrash of George E. Harris took some action. He said that if the allegations were true then the action taken was "clearly

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Profiles of Westside School Alumni Association Members

by H.P. "Fitz" Fitzgerald

This is the fourteenth in a series of profiles of members of the Westside School Alumni Association, profiles or bios of people who attended the Old Westside School, a two-room frame structure in West Las Vegas between 1922 and 1969, when the school was closed.

This tiny structure, the only educational facility in West Las Vegas during that period, produced some famous people, who are successful in the work place, and are competing with the best in their fields at this writing, throughout the country and, in some cases, around the world. And this writer, as a teacher at the Old Westside School in the mid-



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40s, was involved in educating many of these alumni.

Our profile this week was one of my former students of the Building Trades

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