

**NATIONAL ALLIANCE AGAINST RACIST & POLITICAL REPRESSION**

# LIONIZATION OF A FISH

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It has been extremely interesting to watch, over the past few weeks, the lionization... no almost a canonization as a Patron Saint of basketball fans, of coach Jerry Tarkanian of the UNLV basketball team.

In the past, as you will recall, I have mentioned my opposition to the elevation of sports to a religion within the African American community, specifically basketball. Here in Las Vegas this tendency seems to have been taken to ridiculous extremes. There is basically and fundamentally no different between the University of Nevada, Las Vegas basketball program and all the other exploitative

sports programs to which young African American males are sent like lambs to the slaughter.

When one considers that there are less than two hundred and eighty professional basketball players in the National Basketball Association and there are tens of thousands of youngsters who are playing basketball at various junior colleges and colleges it is clear that the odds of making it to the NBA are dimly small; and when you add in the fact that most of these young men will never make it through college and never get a real education, it makes it almost a criminal activity.

Each year the bus from North Carolina State, UNLV, Virginia

or whatever school that has a student population of less than 2% African Americans backs up to the ghetto, loads on a group of young, naive African American males, all of them who have been taught all of their lives that they will become multimillion dollar Magic Johnsons and Michael Jordans. This bus then carries them to the University of X where they are used for four

years and then dumped after their eligibility runs out with no education and the equivalent of being almost in prison after having wasted four years of their lives.

Tarkanian's program is no different. His program also backs up to the ghetto, brings the young men down to UNLV. No one would be foolish enough to argue that they receive an educa-

tion at UNLV and those who are not as fortunate as Larry Johnson, Stacey Augmon and Greg Anthony end up dumped back out on the streets to fend for themselves.

Whatever Mr. Tarkanian may turn out to be, he is clearly not a hero, at least not in the African American community and has done nothing for this community except engage in self aggran-

dizement. In his departure, it would be hoped, that the University has learned its lesson and will return to its primary mission which is not to field a basketball team, but to educate young people. In that regard what is leaving the city is a shark, for those who do not know, a shark is not a Saint, a shark is a fish

La lucha continua!  
The Struggle Continues!

## **N.L.V. ... THE WESTSIDE STORY**

# 50-50

By R.K. BROWN

This is just one example, why the present system of opportunity and employment crushes the black man's faith in the system.

In this instance we have an ex. gang member, who is now enrolled in a training program to develop slot machine repair skills.

He has gone to school at night to acquire these skills, while working the counter at Mickey D's during the day.

Mind you, this guy isn't a saint. He did it all back in the day; from selling drugs, to gang warfare, to even seeing a day or two in jail...

Because of "community involvement" however, his head was turned, he has chosen to give work and training a try. Graduation day has arrived, and we now have a young man with a trade, an honest job, and an established character. This is a case of a person giving 110%!

He accepts a small check for his day work, while his old friends make hundreds each day, laughing and making fun of his new ways!

Well, I'm afraid this is where the story ends! What people in the black community fail to realize, is when they suggest training programs and G.E.D. fulfillment, they also must provide the jobs and self esteem to go with it.

Here is a man who has given 110% to change his life, but now has to go into the larger WHITE working environment to get that job!

Now, that is a 50-50 CRAP SHOOT! Some might argue that we all have to do that...and I

would simply point out, THAT IS WHY WE ARE STRUGGLING TODAY!

Because of the population makeup, there is only 1 black for every 10 whites to apply for a job.

Logically then, the black man has to be BETTER than the other 10 to get the job. That is just


when the system is working at absolute equal standards. What if some of the white applicants know the employer? What if you have a G.E.D., and maybe ONE of the other 10 have a college education?

Obviously the last major reality is, many employers will see the black youngster, and not

the young man who has given 110%, to turn his life around.

Until African Americans employ their own masses, we will continue to have over skilled personnel in entry level positions, glass ceilings, and large sections of unemployed black male youths!

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**THE RAY WILLIS REPORT**

## **HATE: 1992**

Wouldn't it be nice if we lived in a country where the color of one's skin doesn't matter and all people are afforded equal treatment? That's what's supposed to be the case in this nation today—but we all know better, Because it's very evident that race matters in America.

The sad fact is that hate crimes are rising significantly in America, and for two principal reasons: the stagnant economy and the growing diversity in the population. Bluntly stated, an influx of "colored people" (Black, Red, Brown and Yellow) threatens to surpass the White majority population. At this rate, the term "minority" will soon be obsolete what applied to Blacks and other non-white people in the U.S.

But back to the central subject, a rise in hate crimes. According to the "Klanwatch Project," a recent study by the Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery, Alabama, a record 346 white supremacy groups are alive and well in the U.S. That's a 27 percent increase over the previous year. According to the report, hate crime murders and crossburning amazingly doubled to 101.

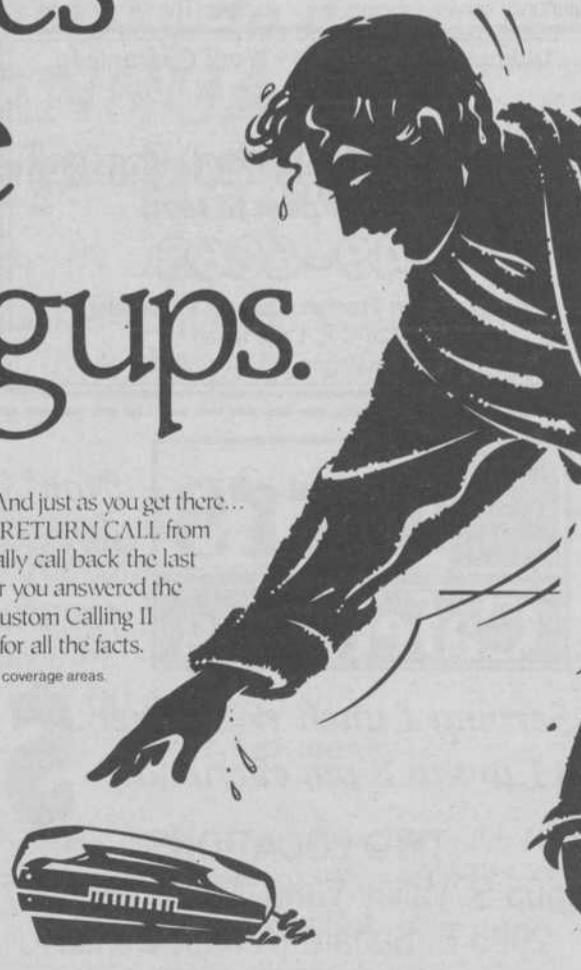
In case you were wondering, north Georgia and Florida have the heaviest Ku Klux Klan activities, while neo-Nazi and Skinhead groups are concentrated in the Northeast, Southern California, Chicago and Detroit.

During 1991, there were 25 race murders, five more than occurred during 1990.

One of the most startling statistics in the study is that most of those 25 hate murders in 1991 were OUTSIDE of the south. Compare that to 1964, when 18 people were killed in hate crime murders in America—all of which were IN the south.

Arson, vandalism, assaults, harassment, murders and bombings account for most of the race crimes reported in the study.

Results of the Klanwatch Project should come as no real surprise to anyone regardless of color. But it does put us in an equal position of knowledge about the problems that render true racial harmony a virtual pipe dream under present circumstances.



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