

**NATIONAL ALLIANCE AGAINST RACIST & POLITICAL REPRESSION**

**"COOPERATION WITH OUR OWN DESTRUCTION"**

By James S. Tate, Jr., M.D.,  
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The recent incident at Lorenzi Park in Las Vegas in which a young African American male was apparently shot and killed

by another African American male underlies a problem which we seem to be unable to finally solve. For several months there have been no so called gang related shootings in Las Vegas.

This has been to the consternation of the Metropolitan Police Department, who at one time even remarked that they were concerned that gang members were no longer killing each other because they might now turn around and begin to kill Metropolitan Police Officers. Be that as it may, the fact still remains that we must as a people deal with our own attempts at self destruction. I can understand the need to organize and perhaps even to defend ones ability to survive by engaging in activities, which many times might be considered negative i.e. gang related activity. But we must wake up and understand that by continuing to destroy each other we are merely helping our enemies hasten our own peoples extermination. We cannot continue to allow the systematic destruction of young African males by both our enemy as well as, ourselves. There is little justification for our own self destruction even in the face of severe disagreements and severe problems relative to our daily lives. We have to develop the wherewithal to prevent this and that means educating ourselves and our youth to understand that if indeed we care to engage in acts of violence; these acts need to be directed towards our enemies and not inward toward ourselves. To some extent it is all about discipline. The discipline to understand that momentary anger is not an excuse for exterminating our own people, and that retaliation against real or imagined ills among ourselves is not an excuse for murder. To understand that it is the plan of the beast to have us participate in our own destruction, and in understanding that we refuse to do so. People who belong to organizations such as the Bloods, the Crips, etc. must elevate those organizations to activities that in total bring greater levels of organization and survival ability to our people as opposed to greater levels of death and destruction.

Indeed, if we seek to be warriors, we must understand who the enemy is and who the enemy is not.

To understand the difference between our friends and those who have not yet become our friends, for there is little that one African has the power to do to another African that would justify the taking of an African life.

Indeed within our community, we must develop the idea that the highest crime that one can commit in the African community is to kill another African for no reason.

If we fail to develop this ideology, if we fail to impart this ideology to our youth, we will not only be contributing to our own destruction, but from a historical



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prospective our destruction will be justifiable.  
La Lucha Continua!  
The Struggle Continues!

**THE RAY WILLIS REPORT**  
BY RAY E. WILLIS

**A TASTY PUDDING**

A local newspaper carried back-to-back page 1-B color photos on two consecutive days this week. The first was of a young African-American man in chains and jail attire being tried for murder. The second color picture was of a young Black welfare mother and her three children. Obviously, neither photo was intended as a positive reflection of Black people.

You may live a lifetime and never see the other side of the coin—a nice newspaper picture of a Black man and woman having nothing to do with welfare or crime.

In spite of constantly getting the short end of the stick, we as Black people tend to have an indomitable spirit that keeps us positively focused. You don't have to look far to see the signs of positive change in the local Black community. Take, for example, the recent opening of the first bank branch in West Las Vegas at Martin Luther King Boulevard and Washington. Kudos to the Bank of America for having gumption to defy established tradition and put the bank branch on the Westside.

And this is just the tip of the iceberg. Two more banks have committed to open at Nucleus Plaza as part of John Edomond's multi-million dollar remodeling project, now underway.

And right across the street from Nucleus on Owens Avenue, negotiations are being finalized to locate the community's first major supermarket.

And that's not all. Come this fall the institution of an innovative educational plan will allow hundreds of West Las Vegas elementary school students to remain close to home if they want to and attend neighborhood schools in grades one

through three as well as grade six, instead of being bused across town.

You probably thought I was finished—didn't you? But that's not all. Construction is underway for the community's first elementary school in more than a quartercentury. The H.P. Fitzgerald Elementary School, scheduled to open next fall, offers not only hope, but a tangible chance for a better future for our youth.

And don't overlook what's happening at the historic Moulin Rouge Hotel. Under the capable management of the Preddy/Walker group, the hotel is poised to make a big impact when it's bid to add unlimited live gaming is approved.

So the next time you pick up a newspaper and see negative African-American themes and images staring you back in the face, be reminded that hope springs eternal. What you see is not always necessarily what you get.

Recognize and know that we are survivors against the odds. No matter what is said about us, we will persevere and prosper. As the old saying goes, the proof is in the pudding. A very tasty pudding indeed is being concocted in West Las Vegas as we speak.

To know is to grow. Until next week.

**NLV...THE WESTSIDE STORY**  
**BLACK CONSERVATIVES**

By R.K. Brown

Recently I read an article in the Review Journal, by our new breed of black conservatives. Now I must admit that, the Journal is one of the most right wing papers I have ever witnessed. It may be because until just recently, Las Vegas was consid-

ered the "Mississippi" of the west.

Historically, southern Nevada has been considered one of the most racist places in the country. If we look at the way police treat minority citizens, or the way the district treats black children, or the way employers treat minority job seekers, it isn't hard to

argue with this conclusion. So in that regard, the news has to reflect that biased standpoint.

Until I read the Journal, I didn't know that there were so many brothas, who supported the actions and ideas of the Reagan and Bush administrations. (See Westside Story, Page 10)

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