

# THE RAY WILLIS REPORT

BY RAY E. WILLIS



## NO FREE LUNCH

There are more than 200 million privately-owned guns in the U.S. Most of them are owned by Whites. It was amusing to me recently when unfounded rumors persisted that marauding bands of Black gangs, armed to the teeth, would drive over from Southern California and invade Green Valley, raping, pillaging and killing, after the verdict in the federal Rodney King trial. Preposterous! Especially when you consider who has the most firepower.

Now, back to this gun thing. It's no secret that the National Rifle Association (NRA) is the biggest lobby on Capital Hill against a ban on handguns. They even have "Eddie Eagle" programs from the preschool level up spreading the gospel of guns under the guise of Gun Safety.

Now, with this informational backdrop, consider the growing number of incidents where angry private citizens are taking up arms to harm others out of a macho-wacko sense of attaining street justice against a system they feel has failed them.

The Associated Press wire service states that the typical person who goes amuck and commits such an offense is a frustrated White, middle-aged man who believes the system is in some way against him.

The majority of these workplace or work setting shootings have occurred at Post Offices and high rise or public entity office locations. The most recent one took place right here in Las Vegas at the SIIIS building on West Charleston. Miraculously, no one was hurt, despite the fact that the berserk would-be assailant had four guns.

Strange but true, an injured worker whose workmen's compensation checks at SIIIS had been cut off, was the latest person to lash out at the system. He drove his Suburban through the building with guns blazing. Miraculously, due to a quick-thinking, quick-acting security person, tragedy was averted and no one but the gunman was hurt.

This incident raises a central

question: Should a person expect to receive worker's comp benefits as their birthright and keep on getting them, forever? The same question is constantly put to welfare recipients all the time. Furthermore, do welfare and workers' compensation benefits have anything in common?

I think they do and offer this explanation why. Welfare is our tax dollars helping to support people who are less fortunate. Worker's compensation is money that could have otherwise been paid to us as wages, which our employers are required to pay into a system that allocates benefits to workers who are temporarily or permanently disabled.

Workers comp in my view is a sophisticated form of welfare where people get compensated for doing nothing because doctors and lawyers have substantiated their short or long term disability.

Worker's compensation is a "sophisticated" form of welfare. When you use the word "sophisticated," it simply means that worker's comp benefits are more difficult to obtain by Blacks and other members of the underclass.

The recent major overhaul of SIIIS means the standard for getting benefits for all claimants will be much higher now and in the future. The same is true of welfare, or "workfare" as it is now called, where some pres-

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## NLV...THE WESTSIDE STORY

# WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT

By R.K. Brown

When one examines the working population in black America, it becomes quickly clear, that women dominate our ranks in many positions. Often, when I ask why this is the case, some women point out that black men don't seem to want jobs. In many instances that might be the case, but the fact remains that black men are left in the cold when it comes to employment. Banks, businesses, offices, and public agencies use women to fill the minority ranks.

When we look at government compensation, established in the 1960's for the years of white racist oppression, we find that by the 90's, it was rationed to basically single parent households only. So when you think about it, men can't hope to gain wide scale employment in white America. Then, even though liberals stated that we deserved compensation for the years of constant oppression, public aid is for women and children only. Black men, live or die.

When it comes to work or public tax dollars, we are on our own. Now we come to the "payoff." When we consider that black men have been robbed and cheated to untold degrees in white America, how is it possible that we have to make up the highest percentage of land warriors in the historically racist imperial American army?

Black men have fought and died in heroic proportions in every war during our American history! A black man was the first to die for the American cause. But, we can't get employment or tax dollars. Last to work, first to die. If we examine the prison population, we find that even though the crimes of white America, including the savings and loan scandal; tower

over black petty crime, still all blacks go to jail.

Whites stole billions of dollars in the 80's, but they received a plaque on the wall and expensive vacation homes! Black men, on the other hand, received "hard times," at a rate as great as the slave era. Black America boasts the highest prison population in the free world. So when you think about it, last to work, last to get government support.

But, first to die for a country

**LAS VEGAS ASSOCIATION OF BLACK ORGANIZATIONS (LABO)**

## A BLUEPRINT FOR TOTAL BLACK MOBILIZATION

By Charlotte Holt-Fuller,  
Coordinator of LABO

Local Associations of Black Organizations is a concept that originated with the formation of the Detroit Association of Black Organizations (DABO), fourteen years ago. The idea shaped to other cities in Michigan and to the formation of MABO, the Michigan Association of Black Organizations.

In 1990, the NAACP, recognizing the need to have an organization of organizations, convened representatives of the more than 100 Black community organizations, who voted unanimously to form the National Association of Black Organizations (NABO). These organizations realize that "we've got to mobilize Black America in a new perspective of operational unity," said LeRone Bennett, Jr.

that could care less about you, and above all, the very "first" to be locked away forever. Either that or death row.

So sometimes it's hard to get a clear picture of the institutionalized racism in white America. To the black women of Las Vegas, I make no excuses of the brothas. But living the reality, I know for a fact, that it is more than an excuse or cop out. Well, in a sense it is a cop out. There is really only one answer to this

problem of racist discrimination. We have to establish our own businesses and professional associations.

This is the only true relief. Black men can't hope for white men to hire them for management jobs. Blacks would learn the system, and soon would be challenging whites for jobs. America has never done this. Except when they wanted free labor!

PEACE...

We need not reinvent the wheel as other minority groups have developed a blueprint worthy of emulation. These groups were formed and effectively function around a well-tested and successful minority community empowerment, organizational concept:

1. They are all organized around coalescence of their respective community organizations at the local, as well as the national level;
  2. Reasoned, consensus decision-making is a key element in their deliberative process;
  3. The respective national organizations are supported by their local and national affiliates and their particular communities.
- On June 5, 1993, fifteen organizations were represented at the first meeting of the Las

Vegas Association of Black Organizations (LABO). The participants responded to the need for a structured association to address common concerns of the Black Organizations in our community.

Three priority areas were identified to be addressed collectively; communication among organizations, Community services, and the Judicial System. Immediate activities will include the development of a master calendar of events, coordination of information on available scholarships, job training programs and job openings, and educational forms on legal issues.

The next meeting of LABO is Saturday, 12 noon, July 24, at Vegas Heights Community Center, 1201 Miller Ave.

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