

NATIONAL ALLIANCE AGAINST RACIST & POLITICAL REPRESSION

"METRO CROCODILE TEARS"

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I recently interviewed with KCEP on a talk show hosted by Carlton Booth. The title of the program is "Policing the Community." It airs Friday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. The supposed purpose of the program is to allow representatives from the Metropolitan Police Department to interact with people from the community and sort problems with Metro. It is a good theory. However, it appears that much of the time that only one Metro representative appears by himself, which gives a somewhat one sided view of the situation. There was a Lieutenant Carl Fruge from Metro on the program that I appeared. Lieutenant Fruge made comical, although potentially dangerous statements. 1. He was angry at me personally, and I suggested to the lieutenant that if he has a personal problem with me that we should settle that in the parking lot. 2. He did not agree that the situation with the Metropolitan Police Department is a personal problem but a community wide problem. 3. Lieutenant Fruge also attempted to prove that this was an issue of the police department vs. the black community. However, as the NAARPR has maintained all along, it is clear from the public

and written statements from both myself and the organization, that this is a community wide problem.

It has often been a tactic on the part of the Metropolitan Police Department to try to split the community along racial lines. This is the lowest and most base form of overt racism, and the police department should be severely chastised for even attempting to engage in it. Indeed, it is this out of control arrogance and vicious demeanor that condemns the entire organization of Metro. Until such activity is clearly banned from their behavior pattern, there will continue to be problems with the Metropolitan Police Department. It is also clear from their behavior, their mind set, and their public pronouncement, that this organization definitely needs civilian control of it's activities and it's persona.

In the interim, it might be a good idea for the Metro Police Department and Lieutenant Fruge in particular, to brush up on their debating skills, at least,

to make their approach interesting enough to keep me from falling asleep after a night on call. Perhaps, they should get more than one police representative so that when one stumbles, as they seem to have a propensity to do, the other can take over.

Finally, for Lt. Fruge, the name of the newspaper is the "Sentinel Voice" not the "Voice Sentinel", and so that you will not have to hunt for a pair of scissors, we will personally send you a copy of this article. In the meantime, you might want to fork out the \$15.00 for a sub-



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scription to the "Sentinel Voice" and then you can at least look at the article before appearing on the air. La Lucha Continua! The Struggle Continues!

THE RAY WILLIS REPORT
BY RAY E. WILLIS

SOUL MATES

Can we talk? I mean can we really talk? I'm referring to a serious, persistent problem among African-Americans. This very serious matter has to do with the relationships between Black men and Black women.

How many unattached African-American women are out there looking for a soul mate? The numbers are staggering to say the least. In fact, many people believe single Black men can just about pick and choose because there are so many available African-American women out there.

Despite the fact that eligible Black men are in short supply, Black women seem to be sending mixed signals. On the one hand they are motivated to want a soul mate. But on the other hand, many seem turned off and some even downright negative towards Black men. Why? Many say it's because Black men in general aren't worth their salt.

How did Black women arrive

at this harsh conclusion? Because of the failure of some Black men to take a leadership role in Black life, they have to fill that void. Ironically, Black women often don't realize that as a result they frequently have greater opportunity in society by design than their Black male counterparts.

But, rather than waste precious energy focusing on the problem, I want to dwell more so on potential solutions. In that regard, let's look at how racial groups have successfully dealt with male-female relationships. Almost without exception, others focus on the empowerment of their males.

How do you empower someone? The answer is, in subtle and overt ways.

It may sound corny to some, but empowerment comes in the form of encouragement, in recognition that the male's role is one of caring for and nurturing

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SAY IT AIN'T SO

By R.K. Brown

One of the most echoing themes in recent times is the assertion that the black race, males in particular, are an endangered species. This government study, or that TV special would want us to believe that black men are on their last leg; a dying breed. This position is quite laughable!

As a matter of truth, we have moved farther today, than any group of black Americans in this nation's history. Yes the conservative legacy of Reaganomics did a lot to slow our advancement. During that 12 year conservative uprising, unemployment reached record levels. Young black men went to jail at slave like standards.

Strangely, crack and AIDS came on the scene, with the hope of also reducing our advancement. All of the civil rights legislation established in the 60's was ripped apart during this tragic legacy. But just the same, it couldn't stop our advancement.

A brotha like the K., would have to say it ain't so. On the contrary, blacks have worked to gain unprecedented levels of discriminating American hierarchy. Just when they try to write us off, we find that blacks maintain the highest ratings in TV, and the recording industry. You can't watch TV or go to a movie, without seeing a leading black star or co-star. Blacks are the most famous endorsers of all advertising products. From soap to soda, to tennis shoes; they can't do without us!

In athletics our achievements are unmatched! I don't have to go any further on that one, after

some of the new contracts. I will mention that some whites were frustrated at the amount of money these young black "men" were making, but like I told them; "if they didn't make the "white" owner 10 times as much money, he wouldn't pay them!"

In education black colleges and scholars are producing an unending crop of black achievers that we don't even hear about. America's white media only gives us access to black crack and crime. Predictable!

I say it isn't so, because as recently as the 1970's I can remember the AM black radio station going off the air at 5 p.m. In the blink of an eye, we not only have a fully functioning FM station, but it now has the teeth to deal with provocative issues. Women, police, youth, substance abuse, today we cover it all.

This valley, which not even 50 years ago was called the Mississippi of the West, can now boast a thriving black population, who ain't havin' it! With the likes of Lee Brown, James Tate, Assemblyman Williams, the monopoly of information and accountability by discriminating "good ole boys" is over!

Yes that 12 years was long. They threw crack, crime, police brutality, poverty, unemployment, and racism at our rank and file, but as usual we just got stronger. The black race isn't in trouble and it never was or ever will be! We will always be TOO STRONG, TOO PROUD, TOO BLACK!!! peace...

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