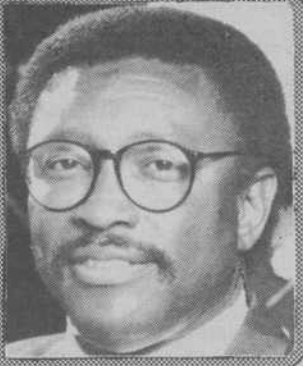


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# The 'Sacriligious' Right

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



## ZERO PERCENT

The recent untimely death of my colleague and friend, former television newsman Paul Dawkins, provided the occasion for me to reflect on the history and status of the African American television journalist in Las Vegas. The conclusion that I have drawn is that Black males need not apply.

Dating back to the 1970s, Dawkins, Roosevelt Toston and I were among the first African American regulars reporting on local TV newscasts. It was our Golden Age. In our heyday, I even hosted and produced a Black show called "Minor Key" on Channel 3 that aired just before "Soul Train."

Dawkins left the TV news business in the '80s and was a real estate agent at the time of his death. Toston, a longtime sales executive with the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, was a reporter on Channels 3 and 8. While at Channel 3, I became the first ever Black TV News Director in Nevada.

I had been on staff at Channel 3 news a scant few days back in the '70s when I ran into Toston at an NAACP function and to my surprise he told me he had been

let go the Friday before I started working there. No one at the station had told me about Toston. But, as capable as he was a reporter, Toston soon landed a job at Channel 8. We carried on a friendly personal rivalry to see who could scoop the other, especially on community-based stories, for several years.

A few years later, when Otis Harris left the Convention Authority, Toston was hired to replace him. That's when Dawkins saw the opportunity to get on board at Channel 8 News.

Those were the days indeed. Today there are several Black faces on the air. Two of them, Rikki Cheese and Juana Hart, occupy prestigious news anchor slots at their respective stations. Several others are top-notch reporters whose faces we have grown accustomed to seeing as they give us inclusive news reported with confidence and authority on a regular basis.

But, sadly there are no African American male reporters or news anchors at all in Las Vegas today. I for one am gratified to see a solid Black presence in the TV reporting ranks locally. But it is deplorable  
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By James S. Tate Jr., M.D.,  
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In recent months, the so-called "Religious Right" has made a tremendous upsurge in its activity in this country. The latest casualty in this terrorist

war on the part of the so-called "Religious Right" has been Dr. Henry Foster, whose nomination was sunk by the current mouth piece of the Religious Right, Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas. What makes this religious abomination

so terribly dangerous is the fact that there has been no response from the opposite side. In fact, it should be instructive to ask... "Just exactly where is the so-called 'main stream' religious leadership?"

I have heard nothing either nationally or locally, with the possible exception of Bishop Jefferson, to refute the positions taken on the part of the Religious Right. The question is... "Where are all of these folks? What are they doing? Are they hiding-out, thinking that if they don't say anything, the Religious Right will leave them alone. It is difficult to conceive of the cowardice on the part of the main stream religious leadership. It is almost as if the Religious Right was operating in a vacuum with no one there to counter their stupidity.

Believe me, I have no objection to whatever an individual decides to believe in. If you want to believe that black folks are descendants from the devil, that is fine. However, when you start to act on that belief, there is a problem. Whether it is belief in the so-called "mud people" or that the federal government is about to come to your homes and seize all of your ill-gotten, semi-automatic weapons, and weapons of mass destruction, you have a right to that belief.

However, when you blow up office buildings killing hundreds of people, that creates a problem. The bombing of the federal office building in Oklahoma City is not an isolated incident. It is a carefully calculated strategic plan to compel everyone in this country to believe as the sacriligious right believes.

They are using proven techniques — terror. If you terrorize people enough, you can convert them to any religion. Ask the early settlers of this country and the colonial conquerors of most of the Third World. It does indeed work, unless someone stands up and says... "Enough, No More!" I haven't heard it. I haven't heard Billy Graham say anything. I haven't heard any of the other so-called "main stream"



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leaders say anything. I haven't heard the Pope comment. My question is... "What's up guys? Why not?"

What about the folks who are sitting on their hands here in Las Vegas. Where are all of these so-called religious leaders? Why are they so silent? Why aren't they speaking out against the excesses of the Religious Right? I don't quite understand. Where are the religious leaders comments on the plans hatched by the Religious Right in terms of the specific destruction of the African and Latino communities i.e. Weed & Seed? I haven't heard them comment on that. In fact, some of those in the mainstream are cooperating with the Religious Right to their eternal shame.

The point is, as has been made before in this column, it is no different to discern who are your friends and who are your enemies? If folks are not condemning the Weed & Seed program, they are part of the problem. If they have accepted the few pieces of silver issued by the Weed & Seed program to sell out their community, they are part of the problem.

It is time for others to take the lead and begin to speak out. For it is clear that the religious leadership is either powerless, or is so cowardly that they can't speak out. We have to remember who these folks are, and if they continue with their silence, their credibility has to be questioned. It is clearly time for the community at large to begin to let these folks know what's up. It is equally clear that whatever is up, that these folks ain't a part of it.

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## NLV...THE WESTSIDE STORY

# BROTHAS WILL WORK IT OUT!

By R.K. Brown

Just the other day a brotha at the barber shop suggested that he was tired of the way other minorities bad-talked black Americans. As I tried to explain, it really isn't the fault of ignorant minorities.

When I say ignorant, I mean lack of knowledge in this particular area. As a black American, we are all too familiar with the way our racist government and media moves to pit one minority group against the other. They love to divide and conquer. The brotha said he watched a program where Native Americans said they can't get equal rights because blacks get all of the minority handouts.

Well, it seems that blacks are the cause for all the problems in America. This is because the official arm of the new Klan, namely (the right wing congress), fires up the ignorant white public

with devilish white lies and propaganda. Welfare, which is a whopping 1% of the national budget, is crushing America. Black men who are jobless, black women who are mothers, and black children who are in jail, are the reason America is falling apart.

...don't worry about any of this because in the end, brothas will work it out! We have to remember that racists have tried to murder African America from 1776 until today...nothing works. Now, racists will be taking away black public tax dollars and spending the money in the suburbs. Also in the '90s, three strikes will send even more black bodies to pens all over the U.S.

They will throw black mothers and children into the streets and they will stop funding all programs associated with the poor, and blacks. They will elect a Republican president in '96 who will finish off welfare, affirmative action, and any other civil rights marquee legislation of the 1960s!

But it won't make a difference. This is what I wanted the brotha at the barber shop to leave with. Whites have burned, lynched, murdered, experimented with AIDS and other diseases, but there are more blacks today in America than there has ever been!

Like I told the brotha, while Native Americans, Latins, Asians, white women, and every other minority watches racist s take back civil rights in the '90s, blacks will fight and die to keep  
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