

Mutually Assured Economic Survival

African-Americans in Winston-Salem are now taking visible steps toward economic and academic success through strategies of individual ownership. This success is based upon a resurgence of the attitude that self-help which was dominant during the period of reconstruction following the Civil War is the best method of obtaining long term mutual economic survival.

This new confidence must be rewarded by our affirmative action to consistently buy products and services from these new owners. In order to avoid unnecessary negativism, it is my hope that we will avoid consumer concerns about personality and racial considerations, concerns about economic and academic survival.

Our ultimate goal should be to develop and maintain manufacturing capability sufficient to export products and services from Winston-Salem within eight years in excess of fifty million dollars.

How can we sustain this momentum? We must continue

to motivate and financially support the African-American business people who are planning to move into construction, manufacturing, retailing, import and export operations, and other

nate the motivation for drugs, the root cause for crimes relating to property, and the motivation for self destruction. Currently, our group spends 95% of its economy on businesses

SURVIVING THE '90'S

By Phillip S. Banks, III

related businesses. The only affirmative action that we truly need is to spend our money with each other and to encourage right thinking people of other groups to trade with us for their mutual survival. Through trade, you eliminate the need for governmental support and intervention. Through trade, people solve their economic problems without dependency. Through trade, you vote every day on who will survive, who will employ you, who will educate you, and where you will live. Vote for your economic survival each day by voting for your friends and neighbors.

owned by others. Other groups spend less than 5% of their economics on our businesses. This is a trade imbalance.

African-Americans intend to significantly enhance our ownership and employment within 8 years. In order to make this a lasting surge of economic growth, we should do the following:

- 1) Get a good high school education to learn how to think;
- 2) Think to be independent;
- 3) Employ people who live near us when we can;
- 4) Own the business and stabilize our families to operate them; and

5) Sustain all businesses by cheerfully buying products and services from your friends. [I No longer want to hear the lame and destructive excuse that we cannot make and sell any product or service as well as anyone else.]

Other groups will purchase more products from you when it is clear that your continued support is dependent upon their support.

Train our children to be owners, not employees. Turn Off Your Television. Spend two full hours per night helping your child with his or her homework. Teach discipline, respect and courage! Encourage your child to choose school where their presence is desired.

We can make Martin Luther King Drive a spectacular sight to see through economic progress. We can create manufacturing plants on Farrington Point Road. Lets' do it.

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Clinton's Record on African Americans

By WILLIAM REED

Bill Clinton told the 22nd annual meeting of the Congressional Black Caucus this month that his presidential administration would have a policy of "full participation, full commitment" toward blacks.

Recently more than 30 black Clinton staff members came to Washington to the caucus and to assist Gov. Clinton with scheduled meetings with African-American newspaper publishers and a group of business leaders who raised \$600,000 for the campaign. The black deputy campaign manager for Clinton told the Washington leadership groups that "about 20 percent of Clinton's paid staff members around the country are black. Even the staunchest black Bush Republicans are hard-pressed to name enough black appointed by the President to total even 10 percent of his senior advisors.

Who are the blacks in Bush's government? Joshua Smith, an unpaid entrepreneur/advisor to Bush who has made a multitude of bucks from government contracts with little evidence of helping other blacks find such public sector treasure; Gen. Colin Powell, the Bush-appointed head of the military's Joint Chiefs of Staff; Constance

Newman, head of the Office of Personnel Management; Anna Perez, Press Secretary to the First Lady; and Dr. Louis Sullivan, the cabinet-level head of the Department of Health and Human Services.

In Arkansas, Clinton has a better record. Bob Nash was President of the Arkansas Minority Purchasing Council; Rodney Slater was vice-chairman of Arkansas' Highway and Transportation Commission; Carol Willis III was Executive Assistant for the state's Eco-

nomie Development and Community program; and James Hall was Director of the Office of Minority Business development, all under Gov. Clinton's administration. These are the young turks who've managed, directed or developed policies for programs that had asset of more than \$8 billion.

Down south during Clinton's 11 years as governor of Arkansas, he named enough blacks to his staff that they now comprise 22 percent of the governor's staff.

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His name is Lewis Grizzard. He calls feminists "hairy-legged Yankee women," and when Oral Roberts starts talking to Jesus he advises people to "hold on to your wallets." His books, which usually find the New York Times' bestseller list, have titles that are worth the price of the book: *They Tore Out My Heart and Stomped That Sucker Flat*, *Don't Sit Under the Grits Tree With Anyone Else But Me*, *Elvis Is Dead and I Don't Feel So Good Myself* and *Shoot Low, Boys, They're Riding Shetland Ponies*.

A life of shooting low has gotten Grizzard where he is. And where he'll be on October 15, 1992 is the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Winston-Salem.

His talk — and/or his insults — begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00 and may be purchased at the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum box office, at JC Penney or Belk at Hanes Mall, or by phone at 725-5635. MC and Visa accepted.

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