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Bureaucratic Government

Long before the emergence of big bu-reaucratic government and multi-national corporations, when people had problems,

their neighbors came to offer whatever assistance was needed. A burned-out family would witness neighbors and peo-

ple they did not know coming with hammers, saws, nails, and lumber to rebuild their home. A family with a very sick child and mounting medical bills would often receive financial gifts from near and

far to meet their heavy bills. The destruction of property and the threat to life and safety brought on by tornados and floods have resulted in large volunteer forces going to the aid of whole communi-

Last year we recall that on the urging of at least one City Council member, men and equipment were sent east on a Saturday to help in the salvage efforts following a tornado. Likewise, in South Carolina offers of help were provided to three black churches that were mysteriously burned.

Considering these historic developments, which are now fewer in number, people have been conditioned to look toward government to meet such needs. It was, therefore, a sad sight to observe the Crestdale community losing federal Community Development money for badly needed housing and community improvements after nearly a 10-year wait because of ments after nearly a 10-year wait because of the ineptness of both some Mecklenburg County and state employees.

However, true to the American way and

Businessman George Shinn's quest to

bring a United States Football League team

to Charlotte raises some interesting

thoughts about the history of professional sports in the Queen City. Considering the relative instability of the USFL and the city's spotty professional sports history, we wonder about Mr. Shinn's optimism.

We have stressed "professional" sports

because there is a distinct difference and

attitude in Charlotte toward collegiate

sports. Any basketball game on any night

involving one of the Big Four teams -

Carolina, N.C. State, Wake Forest, or Duke

- will fill the Charlotte Coliseum. Like-wise, in football the same thing would occur even at small Memorial Stadium. In fact the recent football crowd that watched Caro-

lina's Blue and White intersquad game two

weeks ago was larger than most of the

Hornets, Chargers, and Storm football

nave watched the Carolina

No Professional Sports?

out of an apparent deep concern for the needs of the Crestdale community, Mecklenburg County Commissioner Rod Autrey said on Tuesday that he plans to set up a trust fund to help raise \$100,000 for building supplies to aid in the rehabilitation efforts in Crestdale, a low-income black community located near Matthews in the southern part of the county.

In addition, 10 private developers have said they are willing to repair homes in the community without charge if the residents respond by expressing a willingness to help with free labor. Commissioner Autrey also proposes to have the County to finance water taps and to install septic tanks in six homes that lack indoor plumbing. He also foresees the possibility of building a park in the area.

A meeting planned for tonight (Thursday) involving the Crestdale Community Organization, county officials and develop-ers are expected to determine the specific planning format. There are 37 homes in the Crestdale community.

Steve Walsh, president of the Walsh Corporation, is one of the 10 developers who has agreed to help in the project. Mr. Walsh put the project idea in perspective when he said the idea fits his political philosophy in that the private sector should assume more of the service responsibility that government provides.

We offer our thanks and best wishes to Ron Autrey, Steve Walsh and others for their commitment to public service within a spirit of "love thy neighbor."

previous professional franchises. That is, the USFL is a weak league and secondly it has serious financial problems.

Therefore, it appears to make more sense to seek to get an NFL or NBA franchise.

Some would argue that Charlotte is not

large enough to support such teams. Our

response to that is that Green Bay, Wis.,

has a smaller population than Charlotte yet it supports the Green Bay Packers of the NFL. This is possible because the marketing program for Packer fans is not limited to Green Bay. The many towns and cities

With no major professional sports teams

between Washington and Atlanta on the

East Coast, it appears unlikely that a good

marketing program could not attract fan

support from at least a 100-mile radius

Mr. Shinn, don't make the same mistake

as others. Go for the gold, go for an NBA or NFL franchise or don't waste your money.

An NBA team might be your best bet since a

around Green Bay support the team.

around Charlotte.

America's Fascinating Lifestyles?

IF THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT PROTECT US AND
IF THE POLICE CANNOT, IT FOLLOWS THAT BLACK
CITIZENS MUST PROTECT THEMSELVES:

Anyone who visits the United States is fascinated by American lifestyles. The general feeling is that Americans lead the most interesting lives and truly enjoy Capitolism. Let us take a peak into some points of interest in the lifestyles of the middle income and not so famous.

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The fastest growing counties are Fort Bend, Texas, Montgomery, Texas, Gwinnett, Georgia, Dinton, Texas, Collin, Texas, Anchorage, Alaska and Arapahoe, Colorado. Bear in mind that Alaska has the highest income level per per son at \$17,155. New York below the middle at \$14,121 and Illinois at \$13,728 at the bottom. Texas did not rate in the top ten. So why is

everybody moving to Texas?
In the world of material growth and satisfaction: the Caribbean remains the number one honeymoon destination, Hawaii comes econd and Flor What about our neighbor to the north for a honeymoon -Canada was last, but rising! Cadillac is still the number one luxury car in America and Lincoln is a far second. The first choice of the seven VCR manufactures is RCA,

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Panasonic was number two. Sony number three and Magnavox was last. Ladies Pro Golf Association Player with consecutive \$100,000 are Pat Bradley, Amy Alcott, Nancy Lopex and Joanne Carner.

Health issues! How does exercise affect population? It helps make friends, promotes closeness to a loved one and improves love lives. Caesarean births are on the rise with 20 of every 100 births in 1983 being Caesarean births. A.I.D.S. (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) cases and deaths rose from 8 deaths and ten cases in 1979

to 4,230 cases and 1,389 deaths in 1984. Curfews do save lives - states who have adopted teen curfews show a reduction in teen auto accidents (the number one cause of teen deaths). Pennsylvania is showing a 69 percent reduction and New York a 62 percent reduction. Maryland is number three with 40 percent reduction and Louisiana number four with 25 percent reduction.

Unemployed people are the least healthy people. More than four percent annually are admitted to mental hospitals. 1.7 percent will die of heart attacks and 1.2 will

account for all deaths.

On the subject of religion four out of 10 feel religion is increasingly influencing American life. The most popular Biblical films are The Ten Commandments, Ben-Hur, The Robe, The Bible, Spartacus, Quovadis, and Samson and Delilah.

One's chances of IRS auditing increases with income. If yearly earnings are \$25,000 - \$49,999 - 2 of every 100 will be audited. If earnings are \$10,000 - \$24,999
- 1 of 100 will be audited.
Sympathy to the people in the
\$50,000 and over income level - 4 of every 100 will be audited!

If education is the game what is the toughest course for college freshmen? Mathwith 25 percent of the freshmen class enrolled in remedial math. For those anticipating law school -those with math, economics, philosophy, engineering and chemistry majors score highest on the law school admissions test.

And in the world of sports.
The oldest ball park is Comiskey Park (Chicago White Sox)-it was in 1910 that its first game was played.
The major league baseball stadiums that had the most home runs hit in them in 1984 were:

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(180) No. 2 Fenway Park (176). No. 3 Anaheim Stadium (162). No. 4 Wrigle Field (156). The conference most players picked in the 1985 NFL college draft was the Southeast with 45 players choosing it. The running of the 111th Kentucky Derb found itself with another "fast pacer." The winner, Spend a Buck, is the third fastest derby horse - clocking the race at 2:00 and one-fifth. The number one slot is held by the beloved Secretariat of 1973 at 1:59 and two-fifths. Remember Churchill Downs is a 1½ mile course: Those horses are pretty swift!

We don't see any hope for greater success in getting another professional sports team of any lasting duration because George Shinn's USFL interest has one and pos-sibly two of the characteristics of all facility to house quality pro basketball is in the making. We'll buy the first ticket. Good

Reagan's Proposal Assaults Low Income People

By Alfreda L. Madison Special To The Post

From Capitol Hill

In cutting the big deficit that he produced, the President has taken In cutting the big deficit that he produced, the President has taken another swipe at low income people and the disadvantaged, by first attempting to abolish the Small Business Administration. Senate Republicans worked with the President on a compromise to abolish the agency and its loan programs and to switch some of its programs to Treasury and Commerce. Later it was decided to maintain the agency but to eliminate the lending programs – both direct loans and guaranteed loans. It is now an independent agency which will maintain the procurement and management assistance programs. Edward Dale, assistant to David Stockman, director of the Office of Management and Budget, said that no name has been decided upon for the present.

Representative Parren Mitchell, chairman of the House Small Business Administration, has introduced

chairman of the House Small Business Administration, has introduced a bill, H.R. 1281, which calls for a three-year reauthorization of the Administration with a continuation of the loans. The bill cooperates with the Administration in cutting the budget by cutting direct loans from \$350,000 to \$150,000, the guaranteed loans will be frozen at the 1985 level. loans will be frozen at the 1985 level and the surety bond guarantees would be frozen at a little over \$1

billion,
Mitchell called the proposal to dismantle SBA "senseless and illadvised." He also called the President's proposal to sell the \$10 billion loans to improve cash flow, a shortsighted venture. The Administration proposes to sell \$9.8 billion in loans assets for four years, but the projected yield of \$1.83 billion, which will only be \$0.19 on



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the dollar. This creates a windfall for investors under the guise of budget austerity.

At the hearing on H.R. 1281, witnesses testified that the loans to minority, disadvantaged and women businesses have paid great dividends in taxes to the federal government. The Small Business Investment Companies (SBIC) pay the government \$2 million annually in users' fees and that on the government's \$34 million loan to all SBICs if has received more than twice that amount in taxes from just one company.

There are nine living Small Business Administrators who served under seven previous Presidents—all of whom stress heartily the importance of maintaining the Administration with all of its loans. They agreed that Small Business Administration should bear its part in the deficit reduction, but disagree on "junking or crippling the agency."

agency."
Witnesses stated that small business' role in our economy is far more important than many economists

and policymakers believe. They said that domestic small business play an that domestic small business play an important role in continuing and creating jobs, while large corpora-tions either automate, emigrate or

evaporate.
In defending continuing of SBA's In defending continuing of SBA's loans, it was emphasized that since inception of the program over \$603 million worth of guaranteed loans have leveraged more than \$1 billion in private capital which created 100,000 jobs throughout the country, at an average federal investment of \$7,394 per job.

Patricia Jacobs, a black woman who operates a small company which is only 18 months old, that specializes in the production of com-

specializes in the production of computer output and source document microfilm, is located in a small rural microfilm, is located in a small rural town. It presently employs 10 professionals to serve a variety of commercial and federal, state and local government customers. Ninety percent of the employees are minorities. Ms. Jacobs said that abolishing the SBA loans to reduce the deficit is said to be what's good for America, but refutes that statement by saying that small businesses are good for America. She said that besides the financial benefits that her employees receive, for some this represents their chance at a real career and their first opportunity to leave the welfare roll. Jacobs' company encourages employee participation in the social and civic activities of the community, which enables them to become a role model for the youth of the community.

John Yeh, a deaf mute Chinese, who received a master's degree in computer science from the Univer-sity of Maryland, through an inter-preter, related how it was impos-

sible for him to get a job because of his deafness, decided to go into the his deafness, decided to go into the computer engineering, software development, office automation telecommunications business. Yeh said that he was unable to get any bank loap. After six months of bank rejections, he was able to get a \$100,000 loan from SBA's Handicapped Assistance Loan Program. Now after three years, his business is flourishing. He stated that SBA has continued to be of assistance to him through its many publications and technical assistance, but most of all through its 8(A) set aside program for minority businesses. Yeh employs 175 people, 50 percent are minorities and 20 percent are deaf individuals. He stated that without SBA, he would not be in business. SBA, he would not be in business. Yeh implored Congress to continue the SBA with all of its loan programs. He stated that the Administration's attempt to eliminate SBA or its loan programs to bring down the deficit is shortsightedness. He calls it "penny wise and pound

All witnesses, except those who represented the Administration, strongly urged passage of Representative Mitchell's bill H. R. 1281 as being good for the American economy. It will continue to keep the free enterprise system, as it has in the past, from walking out.

Zoning Maps

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission has started to use new City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County zoning maps.

These maps adopted by both the Charlotte City Council and the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners will not enact any changes in zoning.

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