

# Opportunity For Jelly Makers

Jesse Jackson has consistently defended his inability to follow through on new ideas - his brilliant ability to coin complex problems with simple, catchy slogans notwithstanding - by calling himself the "tree shaker" and exhorting his followers to become the "jelly makers."

In other words, once he exerts the external pressure and creates the climate for change through boycotts or verbal assaults against offending business interests, a more specialized cadre should step in and provide the follow up with policy directives that will achieve the stated objectives.

Recently, the "jelly makers" shook the tree of big business, and with his new clout within the Democratic party, he can do something about it.

District of Columbia Delegate Walter Fauntroy, a Jackson campaign spokesman and a long-standing advocate of economic self-development, has served notice that Jackson will insist that the Democratic platform give "specific pledges" on reducing military spending, increasing social programs and increasing taxes on the wealthy.

All three proposals are anathema to the country's elite who benefit from the custom-made welfare programs in defense and preferred taxation. And they will naturally rally to resist even a mention in the Democratic platform.

But their very resistance will create an opportunity for the

"jelly makers."

For example, why not help them avoid higher taxes by pointing out that the money needed to help the poor can be raised by the poor themselves - if you fat-cats will help them to help themselves? However, if you resist this solution, the only alternative is to tax you.

But you can't have it both ways, the rich should be told. You cannot continue to get richer, while the rest of the country gets poorer.

The truth of the matter is that neither political party is going to do anything but offer lip service. But the "jelly makers" can use the Jackson-created climate to push the business sector to do something meaningful to relieve a charged atmosphere.

If the business sector could have incentives to provide seed money (a Republican priority) to fund enterprises of the poor and truly needy, the poor and truly needy (a Democratic priority) could become self-sufficient without taxing the rich or dooming the poor to a permanent cycle of poverty.

No, I am neither suggesting Black Capitalism (a method to convince Blacks that capitalism will work by creating one Black millionaire) nor Free Enterprise Zones (new patronage machines for politicians).

I am suggesting various creative ways, utilizing the \$200 billion already in the hands of the Black consumer (who spends only 6.6 percent with other

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blacks) and the massive resources of the business sector that can be utilized to help recycle 50 percent of it back into Black hands -- while getting an increased share of that \$200 billion market for those businesses participating.

The black community could, in turn, fund its own revival with a \$100 billion windfall from its own resources.

It sounds good in a political party's platform to be promised Heaven on Earth. When the campaigns end, however, dirt is still under your feet. Politics as usual has never worked for us in the past.

The new demands of Jackson can provide a new opportunity for the "jelly makers."

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# The Stars Come Down On Don Regan

Don't get angry, get even.

Is that the rule that Don Regan tried to follow in his new book about his years as a top official in President Reagan's administration?

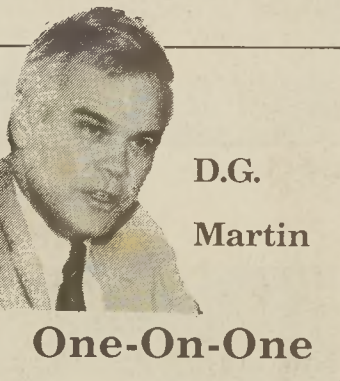
Don Regan's book, FOR THE RECORD, damns the administration of which he was an important part. His inside disclosures confirm our worst fears about how it really worked.

Some of the things he tells us are too bizarre for us to have imagined.

Was it sweet revenge for Don Regan to tell us that he had to schedule the President's activities within restrictions established by Nancy Reagan's astrologer?

Was it sweet revenge for Don Regan to tell us that while he was Secretary of the Treasury for four years the President never offered any direction on economic policy?

Maybe so. Don Regan hurt the President. No question about that. He tells us so much about



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the crazy way that our country has been run that it will be hard for President Reagan ever to claim a role as decisive leader again. It has got to hurt.

But...Don Regan broke the old rule. He got angry. He is still angry. And his anger runs all through his descriptions of the way Ron and Nancy Reagan run the White House and the country.

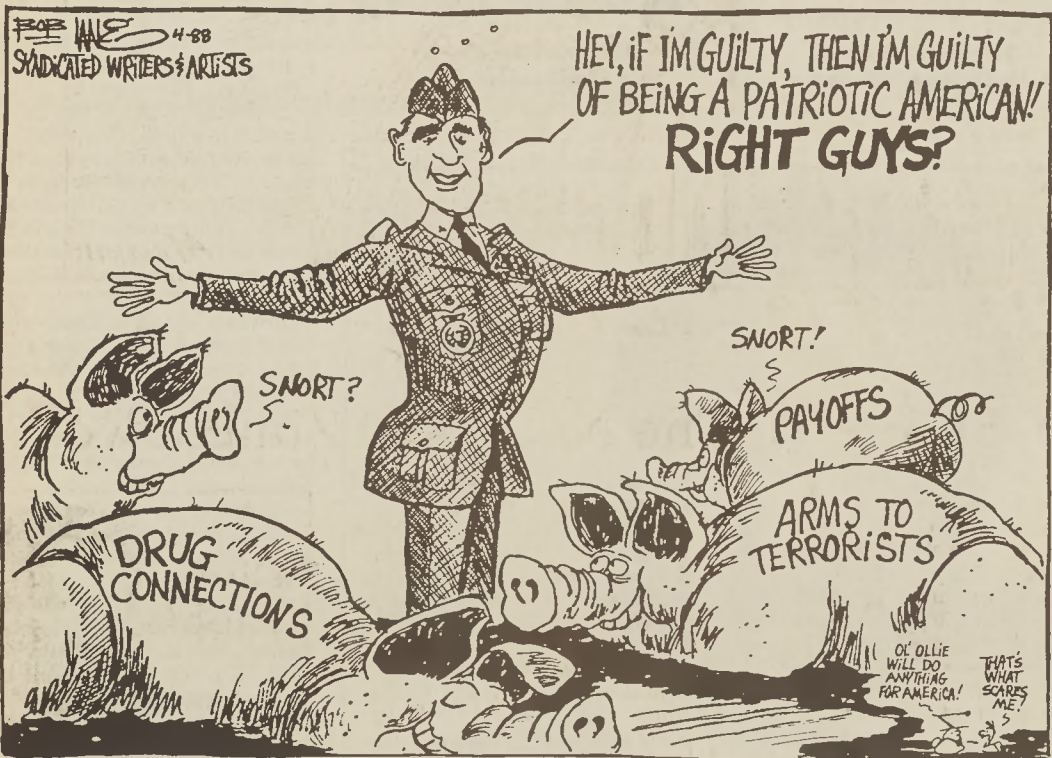
In his angry disclosures about the Reagans, Don Regan tells

much about himself. It is not flattering. He discredits himself even more than his targets.

Why? because he never explains why he went along for so long. If things were so bad, why didn't he act more decisively to change them? Why did he allow the President's schedule to be restricted by the advice of an astrologer? Why? Why? Why?

Don Regan was the President's chief of staff. He had more control over the President's public life and work than any other person in the country -- including Nancy. Yet he went along with everything -- until he got fired. He did nothing to make a difference when he had a chance.

When you get to the bottom line, there is something more worrisome than the President's passivity, Nancy's assertiveness, and the influence of the stars. More worrisome than all of that is how a person of Don Regan's angry temperament and narrow minded judgment stayed in power so long.



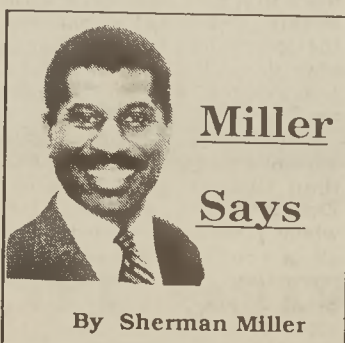
# Pardons Can Reduce Crime In Areas

The electronic media is full of stories about youth gang killings. These killings are a national disgrace. They suggest that America's civic leadership does not understand the plight of America's poor.

A former welfare recipient tells a story that supports my lack of understanding the poor case. This lady developed her skills to where she holds a good job at a multi-national corporation. She has even won a Director's Award for excellence in job performance at this corporation.

This lady says she was taking a college course where the professor asked that they write on America's welfare system. A young fellow read his paper where he stated that all welfare people were black and lazy. This former welfare lady was the only black person in this class, so she felt compelled to straighten out this young man's story.

She purportedly sprang to her feet and climbed all over this young fellow. The college professor made the fellow apologize



Miller Says

By Sherman Miller

to her before the class.

As we talked about the seriousness of this incident, we both recognized that this young fellow was merely reflecting his parental training. He also knew that his parents are America's civic leaders. On the other hand, this story highlights that HOPE is the missing ingredient in America's poverty-stricken communities.

Our forefathers recognized the importance of maintaining hope if America is to prosper. They started a pardon system for

crimes against society. This pardon system offers offenders an opportunity to get their records expunged so they may become integrated back into the economic mainstream.

I once started to pursue the office of Lt. Governor of the State of Delaware because I firmly believe crime will be reduced by re-instituting hope in America's depressed neighborhoods.

The chances of a person growing up in America's ghettos without being involved with the law are small. My dream was to reduce recidivism amongst offenders by judicially using the pardon system to offer them an opportunity to obtain significant jobs.

I, therefore, challenge political office seekers, with responsibility for administering pardon systems, to come forth with plans to make the pardon process an upward mobility tool in America's depressed communities.

# Letters To The Post

## Why Lack Of Blacks On Local TV News?

Dear Editor:

I think it's a shame that a progressive city the size of Charlotte does not have a single weekly TV anchorperson who is African American. Our youngsters need these types of role models.

So I have written to WBTV, WSOC and WPCQ expressing my concern.

Cullie M. Tarleton, WBTV's Senior Vice President, replied that his station does not as a matter of policy set out to hire a white male, a black male, a black female, a white female. They set out to hire the best

person for the job to be filled; i.e., Darryl Lloyd was the best applicant for the position of meteorologist.

My reply to Tarleton was increased concern that either blacks are not applying, the blacks that apply are not qualified or WBTV's very high standards are at the present time unattainable by the blacks that do apply. I requested information as to which situation applied.

Jeff Davidson, WPCQ Vice President and General Manager, said that WPCQ in its ex-

panding news commitment hired Rick Jackson to become lead male anchor for weekend newscasts.

My letter of appreciation to WPCQ included the desire for a fulltime, black, newscast lead anchor in the very near future.

WSOC-TV did not see fit to reply.

My sincere hope is that the community's increased viewing of WPCQ-TV will evidence their appreciation.

DAISY SPEARS STROUD

## Thanks To A Commendable Writer

Dear Editor:

Thanks to Charlotte Post writer Jimmy Brock for his super article "Double Vision." The moving force and fluency with which he composed this master piece is commendable. I dare say this is the best article ever written about my ar-

tistic endeavors.

His style of writing is dynamic and magnetic. His sense of design is ingenious. I have lost track of the times I've read the article. Family members and friends have requested copies which I hope

are still available at the main office.

Thanks to Jimmy Brock again, and may our Divine Creator smile upon him always.

ETHEL GUEST

## Another Door Will Open For Walton

Dear Editor:

Although I live in Kansas City, Missouri, I read the Charlotte Post with interest, eager for the paper to arrive each week. (I also read the Observer). I am especially interested in the race between Bob Walton and Nasir Majeed.

On a human level, it's understandable that many voters support Bob Walton for commissioner for District 2. Not only has Walton done a good job in the past, he is a warm and personable man.

On a practical level, however, Walton cannot be effective any longer on the County Commission --- at a time

when economic development depends upon strong, innovative political leadership.

It's simply common sense and surely everyone understands this. Walton doesn't need irrational loyalty. He needs to do some serious soul searching regarding his long-range goals. Another door will open for him and he will continue to make significant contributions, I'm sure.

Regarding Majeed, he has keen analytical powers, compassion, skill at negotiation, and total commitment to economic development --- all of which make him an ideal can-

didate. He commands respect all over Charlotte. He's a man who will help transform an arid desert into a lush garden.

Change is difficult and scary. Yet it is crucial if Charlotte is to reach its potential to become the Promised Land. The way I see it, it's a matter of the right leadership.

If religion is a real issue for some, then just remember Ghandi and Martin. We are all Christians, Hindus, Muslims and Jews --- sisters and brothers struggling to become what we should be.

MAGGIE BROWN

## Thanks For CPCC Training Coverage

Dear Editor:

I was very surprised to see three weeks of coverage on the Graphic Arts Program at CPCC. (Main Street by Jimmy Brock).

We do have a very serious shortage of skilled people in Charlotte and I hope your coverage will encourage prospective students for our program.

I would, however, like to point out some facts to avoid a misunderstanding by your

readers. The 17,000 people employed in Charlotte in Graphic Arts represents all employees of graphic communications firms and all other graphic employees working in implant shops, sales and service.

Graphic Arts wages for our graduates average between \$6-8 per hour. The highest wages reported by my students are between \$12 and \$15 an hour. I know of only a few that are slightly higher.

I would also like to point out in addition to Jobea Lindley and Jerry Howell, we have several part-time instructors. I play a minor role by comparison to these people.

Thanks again to Jimmy Brock and your paper for this coverage of very good employment opportunities for your readers.

W. FRANKLIN GRANGER  
CPCC Director- Graphic Arts

## Questions About Walton's Performance

Dear Editor:

As the May 31 runoff for the county commission District 2 seat approaches, a number of questions arise that need to be answered by the incumbent, Robert "Bob" Walton. They are questions that speak directly to the incumbent's 10-year performance as a County Commissioner. Voters should reflect on these questions and make up their minds as to whether Walton deserves to continue to represent this community as a County Commissioner.

Why, Bob, have you not advocated programs that will encourage economic development in District 2? (What major new businesses or housing or job development have occurred during the incumbent's terms in District 2 that are a result of his actions?)

Why, Bob, have you not fought for the elimination of substandard housing units in the county by being an advocate for the County Commu-

ity Development department? (The department was without a permanent head for one year, has only two code inspectors assigned to it to inspect 5,000 units and was recently turned down for its request for one additional inspector).

Why, Bob, did you do nothing to fight against the dismantling of the county's affirmative action program and why did the community have to learn of the county's action from reports in the newspaper a year after it was first discussed?

Why, Bob, did you fight for district representation implying that you would run at-large and thus enable a second black on the commission and then run for the "safe" District seat you created? (At that time the incumbent could have easily won at-large, he already was doing it).

Why, Bob, did you consider switching to the Republican Party and what changed your mind?

Why, Bob, did you justify your yes vote for the LaSalle Street garbage dump to the audience at the First Friday forum in April 1988, by saying that all sections of the city must accept their fair share of negative facilities. Yet, in subsequent forums you have told people that your yes vote was a parliamentary maneuver?

And lastly, Bob, why have you never apologized to this community for taking a young boy to your church to participate in sexual activities? Why did you, a Presbyterian minister, call the young boy's accusations "damn lies" and then turn around and plead guilty when confronted with irrefutable evidence?

Why, Bob, don't you have the courage to stand up, accept the inevitable and stop tearing this community apart by putting your personal interests above the community's interests?

J.O. POTTER

## Appreciation Of Post's Part In Classic

Dear Editor:

Thanks very much for the Charlotte Post's recent publicity article on the 1988 Teen Role-Model Allstar Classic held this past April 11, 1988. This event was truly a suc-

cess and we are grateful to you for your part.

The voice of the Charlotte Post is a strong, dependable one. We appreciate your being a vital member in this great

community of caring and look forward to a lasting relationship with you.

B. STANLEY GRAHAM  
Mecklenburg County Health Department

## What's On Your Mind?

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