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SERIES EE SAVINGS BONDS

For many years when you mentioned bonds, people thought of U.S. savings bonds. In many ways, they are the original zero coupon bonds. You buy them at a deep discount from their face value and, upon maturity, the government pays the full face value. For a long time, savings bonds were out of favor with all but the most conservative investors.

Then in 1982, Congress raised the minimum return on Series EE bonds, linking it to that five-year Treasury securities.

EE bonds held for five or more years are now guaranteed to return at least six percent per year, regardless of fluctuations in the prevailing interest rates, or eighty five percent of the average yield on five-year Treasury bonds, whichever is higher.

And EE bonds are not subject to state and local taxes. And federal taxes are deferred until the money is actually withdrawn.

If you are saving for college tuition for a child, EE bonds can be particularly attractive. With certain limitations, interest on the proceeds from EE bonds used to pay for college tuition may escape federal income taxes as

well.

While EE bonds are much like other zero-coupon bonds, there are some important differences.

On a regular zero-coupon bond, investors must pay taxes on imputed interest, even though it's not actually paid to the investor until the bond matures.

On the other hand, the federal income tax on an EE bond is deferred until the money is withdrawn. And as we've seen, in some cases, even state and local taxes can be waived. EE bonds are sold in denominations as low as \$50.00. That makes them very attractive for first-time investors and as gifts. For savers

who want a very safe, conservative place to park moderate to large amounts, denominations go up to \$10,000.

Anytime you wish, you can convert EE bonds with denominations of \$500 or more to HH bonds. HH bonds pay interest twice a year. The interest is subject to federal income taxes but not state or local income taxes.

And the increased principal from the EE bond won't be taxed until your capital is withdrawn.

This provides a rather useful safety net if you don't want to pay income taxes immediately upon maturity.

EE bonds are still an excel-



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lent way to increase your money, tax deferred and HH bonds provide a safety net in case you need to convert them rather than paying penalties for using them for a purchase other than college tuition.

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Seven Companies Honored For 20 Years on B.E. 100s List

BLACK ENTERPRISE MAGAZINE HONORS A.G. GASTON AS "ENTREPRENEUR OF THE CENTURY"

BLACK ENTERPRISE magazine celebrated the 20th anniversary of the B.E. 100s, the national's largest black-owned companies, with an awards dinner in Atlanta. The event honored Birmingham, Alabama businessman A.G. Gaston, Sr. as "Entrepreneur of the Century," with the "Distinguished Service Award" going

to Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson.

Dr. Gaston was named "Entrepreneur of the Century" for his legendary contributions to the development and growth of black business in America. The astute businessman, who will celebrate his 100th birthday on July 4, still remains active in his companies and is considered the "dean of black business." He founded Citizens Federal Savings Bank and the Booker T. Washington Insurance Company, among several other business ventures. Mayor Jackson was cited for his leadership as the nation's most progressive mayor in creating opportunities for black entrepreneurs, and setting an example for other municipalities in his vigorous promotion and support of African-American businesses.

Special honorees also included the seven chief executives of companies that have made the B.E. 100s list since its inception 20 years ago. Those companies are: Conyers Riverside Ford, Inc., an automobile dealership in Michigan; Essence Communications, Inc., the New York publisher of Essence Magazine; Earl G. Graves Ltd., publisher of Black of BLACK ENTERPRISE magazine and Chairman and CEO of Pepsi-Cola of Washington, D.C.; Al Johnson Cadillac-Avanti-Saab, Inc., an automobile dealership located in Illinois; Johnson Products Company, a Chicago hair care products company; Johnson Publishing Company, the Chicago-based publishing empire; H.J. Russell & Company, an Atlanta-based construction

TRAVEL with Bates

By Sandi Bates



Rejuvenate yourself in spectacular Vancouver, Canada, exhilarating beauty and fun to explore. The city comes alive amid truly invigorating natural scenery.

Vancouver, the third largest city in Canada at 1.5 million people, has enormous appeal. What attracts people is the location. Overlooking the ocean, surrounded by great fir-clad mountains, Vancouver commands one of the most beautiful sites in the world. Visitors are usually struck by its lushness: The tree-lined beaches, the dense forest of Stanley Park, the velvet green mountains, with its classic, mild west coast rene climate. It's no surprise that the city has over 150 parks, with a sizeable gardening staff to keep the rampant vegetation in check.

The great out doors are a vital part of the city. A number of tour operators run cruises around Vancouver harbor.

Vancouver is a city of fashionable shops, sidewalk Cafe's and seaside markets. It's home to stately old mansions that co-exist harmoniously beside ultra-modern skyscrapers. It is the place where you can ski mountain slopes in the morning and play a round of golf in the afternoon.

Vancouver is decidedly a worldly city, with a mosaic of international cultures. The most outstanding example of this culture blend is Chinatown. Many of the buildings in Chinatown date to the 1880's and are architecturally unique outside China. Thanks in part to the recent influx of immigrants from Hong Kong, this area is really bustling now, with a high quality of oriental and boutiques.

Experience Gastown. In the late 1800s it was the center of Vancouver with many layers of gracious stone and brick buildings these building were so solidly constructed that a great number of them have survived, finding new life as elegant restaurants and boutiques.

Most visitors are drawn to a less historic but equally colorful area, Granville island. Situated on the water front of false creek, the island was once an industrial site. Now considerably spruced up, it maintains the original timber-beam and tin-roof structures: A very popular Farmers' Market, artists' studios, sailboat chandlers and other unusual shops and businesses.

Museum lovers will be glad to discover that Vancouver's extensive museum complex is conveniently located near Granville island. The complex includes the superb Vancouver museum, the H. R. MacMillan planetarium and the maritime museum, which houses the St. Rock, the RCMP vessel that was the first ship to navigate the Northwest passage in both directions. The museum of anthropology at the University of British Columbia was built on a hilltop overlooking the Strait of Georgia. The museum's design was inspired by the

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firm. The dinner attracted a crowd of over 600 including a host of national and local dignitaries and CEOs, including Congressman

John Lewis (D-GA.); Chrysler Corporation President, Robert A. Lutz, and Apple Computer Vice President Kevin Sullivan. Entertainers Ossie Davis and Cicely Tyson served as Master of Ceremonies and special presenters.

BLACK ENTERPRISE magazine serves as Black America's Guidebook to success. Since 1970, the magazine has chronicled the entrepreneurs who have created America's most successful black businesses. The June 1992 edition features the 20th annual report on black businesses. Black Enterprise 100s companies reported \$7.9 billion in revenues for 1991, a 10.4 percent increase from the previous year.

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