

SBA INVESTMENTS

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are based on estimates of the jobs to be created over the next few years by financing delivered by SBA during FY 1992. But SBA's loan programs also played an important role in preserving existing jobs.

For example, SBA's disaster loan program extended loans amounting to \$445.3 million to 7,861 businesses suffering damage as a result of natural and man-made disasters during the year.

Those businesses employed approximately 79,600 people. SBA disaster teams approved 4,054 disaster loans worth \$242.8 million to businesses damaged in the Los Angeles riots and in hurricanes in Florida, Louisiana and Hawaii during FY 1992.

Also, SBA's New England Lending and Recovery Project tamed SBA with federal banking regulators to preserve existing credits to businesses whose loans were in danger of being cancelled as a result of bank failures. Roughly 4,450 jobs in New England were saved through the program during FY 1992.

During the year, SBA:

- Made 22,459 loans and loan guarantees under the 7 (a) General Business Loan program. Loan guarantees of \$5.62 billion and direct loans of \$50 million amounted to an increase of nearly 35 percent over FY 1991. SBA estimates that these loans will finance the creation of almost 260,300 jobs over the

next four years.

- Made \$655.3 million in loans under the 502/504 Certified Development Company program to more than 2,000 businesses, which used the funds for capital expenditures such as land, building construction and machinery and equipment. Based on commitments by bor-

rowers, SBA estimates that these loans will create more than 55,723 jobs through the end of FY 1993.

- Provided surety bond guarantees to 7,262 contractors with construction contracts valued at more than \$1 billion. SBA estimates that 46,916 construction, supplier and service industry jobs

will be created over the life of these contracts.

- Helped finance 1,805 investments amounting to \$480.8 million in small businesses by SBA-licensed Small Business Investment Companies. SBA estimates that these investments will create 28,282 new jobs over the next few years.

"These and other programs — such as our special assistance for exporters, our management, training and federal procurement assistance, and specialized outreach to women, minorities and veterans — confirm ever day the SBA's role as the most flexible, responsible and innovative economic devel-

opment agency in the federal government," Saiki said.

"We are doing this the old fashioned way — helping one small business at a time," Saiki said, "and our programs are having a profound impact on local economies and the lives of individual citizens across the nation."

GOOD VIBRATIONS

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whose star was tarnished by a single act of anti-social behavior, more often than we want to believe, there is an increased number of families who are experiencing loss of freedom, material goods and services, autonomy, and security, too.

You may wonder, what is the response of the African American Church to this issue of great concern?

Happily, I sense that among our churches, there are a number of clergy and laity members leading the way. For criminal justice and imprisonment are not new issues in our religious community.

For years, caring individuals, church related agencies, ex-inmate groups, social workers, scholars and professionals have addressed the problem of incarceration.

However, regardless of what is being done, there is room for others to step forward and take responsibility for bringing to an end an American tragedy that is depopulating our neighborhoods of our beautiful, talented, gifted young people.

Interesting enough, today, right now, you can make a difference. For over 2,000 children in the L.A. area and an increased number of children here in the Las Vegas area — who are too young to understand why DADDY or MOMMY are gone — need our help. Through the

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archaic jail system, and of course the cover-up and expensive settlement of the Charles Bush strangulation death.

Current leadership of Metro, which is Sheriff John Moran and Eric Cooper, should step down for the good of the community; we can't afford to wait for the '94 election. It seems everyday there are more horror stories about Metro and citizen abuse. Does anybody care that current lawsuits against Metro could bankrupt Clark County and raise taxes? Metro is feasting at the trough of taxpayer dollars with no oversight whatsoever. They are an overpaid bunch of cry-babies without pride or integrity.

Throw into this atrocious environment a District Attorney

Prison Fellowship Angel Tree program, they have sign-ups to receive Christmas gifts, but no one has come forth to provide them with a tangible expression of God's love.

Maybe it is time for us to step forward, and buy him or her a gift: a gift of quality, a gift that

touches a child's heart, a gift that challenges a child's mind and can teach something to these children that is beyond their world view.

Maybe this can be a start for us towards reclaiming the lost, empowering the powerless, and revealing to ourselves, that the

words we sing on Christmas Day are Real and True.

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born king!"

For more information about the children in the L.A. or the Las Vegas areas contact Mr. Marunde at 459-1876. Peace & Love

who refuses to prosecute the police, a FBI Office who will not investigate their own, and an internal affairs bureau in which

police investigate police, sounds like Russia used to be. With no civilian control, police power in Clark County is deadly and out

of control. Remember, absolute power absolutely corrupts.

Sincerely,
Larry Kepler

METRO'S VALUES

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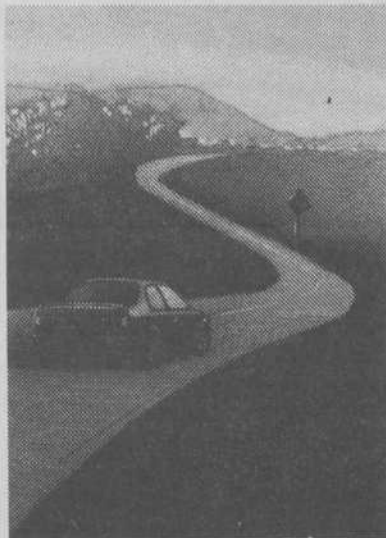
- We believe that the foundations of policing are the principles embodied in the Constitution and that reverence for the law should always be displayed by our personnel.

- We believe in the dignity and worth of all people, and we will enforce the law fairly,

impartially and without discrimination.

- We will be professional, calm and restrained in violent situations, particularly when provoked; and when force must be used it will be no more than that required to carry out our lawful duties, and we will never tolerate the abuse of our police powers.

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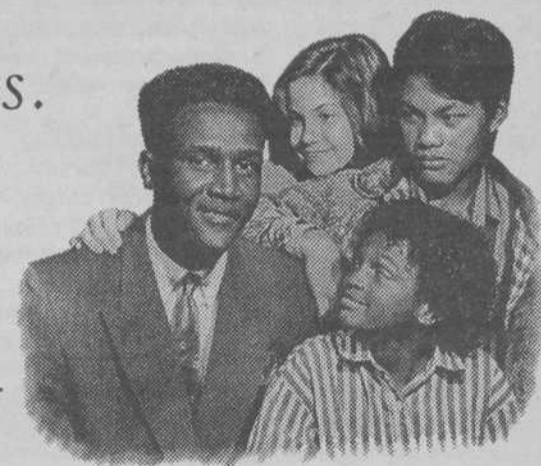
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