

FINANCIAL REPORT

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should realize that the economy will continue to be the force that dictates the market's future movements.

We have seen one of the most unique years in the history of the financial markets. And not only have the media done several stories on the soaring

markets, they're also gearing up for the election, which can have a psychological impact on investors. However, the economy, rather than the election, will be the biggest influence on the stock market in 1996.

Tax reform talk and fixed-income investments

The tax reform talk in Congress may tempt some investors to alter their investment strategy. But it shouldn't, and there are two reasons why. One, the expected changes may not materialize, and two, you wind up ignoring the other factors that influence the financial markets.

With regard to fixed-income investments, long-term treasury yields could move back over 7% and would represent a good value for total-return investors. As for municipal bonds, the tax reform talk has scared away many investors, which means they are currently attractive

relative to taxable bonds. Of course, they could also be more volatile, especially in light of a possible flat tax, though a flat tax arrangement is not very likely.

Remember your investment goals!

Regardless of current economic conditions, you should continue to focus on your long-term investment objectives and be selective about the stocks you choose to meet those objectives. After all, events come and go, but your portfolio should be structured for the long run.

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connected to the federal government, so our kids could never get in," said Rutledge. "Upward Bound's very worthwhile, but it cuts out a lot of kids."

Smith, Washington and Rutledge all faced that dilemma with their own children. They have also noted a lack of leadership among young people in the valley.

Said Rutledge, "The black kids here (seemed) more passive than in other places. For years we have been having Black History Week in the schools, but they teach us as little as possible."

Ironically, organizers admit

their biggest challenge so far has not been finding teachers, it's been getting students to regularly attend. Attendance peaked as 25 students during one session last fall.

It's hard to get teens to get up for anything on Saturday mornings, said Rutledge.

However, "the ones that came one time kept coming, because they found it so interesting."

Some of the topics to be covered this semester include economics, slavery, reconstruction and politics.

By getting the word out, organizers hope other youth around the Las Vegas Valley will get involved.

Concluded Rutledge, "We're trying to start something here that's going to continue."

For more information about the program, call organizers at 456-6858.

AIDS CENTERS

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at Rancho and Sahara, and with black employees being dismissed, they are not culturally sensitive to the needs (of black clients)."

Pilot said many of her clients didn't have cars, so moving the center closer to West Las Vegas was of paramount importance.

"Our purpose is to provide transportation services, referral services and eventually a food pantry," Pilot said.

Though ASAP is relatively new, the staff will be familiar to Westside residents. Glennie Pope, formerly a program manager with AFAN, will serve as executive director, and Rhonda Corbin will serve as an AIDS educator as soon as funding is secured.

Pope and Corbin aren't the only familiar faces. Executive board members Herb Perry and Frantonia Pollins served on the AFAN executive board and the African-American Advisory Council, respectively.

Racism complaints and concerns about fiscal mismanagement led Pilot and Perry to start ASAP. The black community needed to make a clean break from AFAN, they say, because AFAN used black clients only to get money.

"When it comes for needs of funding, then everybody's important. During the application process or the appropriations process (they're important), but as soon as that process is done, then those people aren't welcome anymore until the process is done," Perry said.

Kasota has been working in

the local HIV/AIDS community for nearly two years, said Chas Avery, vice president.

Though the name may be new to the West Las Vegas community, Kasota has been active with HIV Prevention Community Planning Group for over a year.

"Kasota was involved in the planning process since 1994," said John Yacenda, the former manager for the state HIV/AIDS program. Kasota has been given a \$50,000 grant by the state to offer AIDS prevention education to blacks between the ages of 13-24, the fastest-growing segment of the AIDS population in the black community.

"There is not enough money to fund groups who only serve one part of the needs," Yacenda said.

Limited funding aside, the group just hired a full-time AIDS prevention specialist, Ameika Coleman, in December. They are also part of the AIDS Outreach Team, which provides on-call testing and more.

Said Avery: "We're a part of the Clark County Outreach Team (CCOT). I think all of the shortcomings Ameika (Coleman) may have, as far as the dissemination of information regarding HIV prevention, by being a member of the CCOT, she has much more of a team base. She's not out there by herself."

Though current Kasota efforts have been limited to informational seminars, pizza parties and pamphlets, Avery said, the group will request more funding later this year so they can expand current services.

In the meantime, "we're doing the best we can to get the message out with the limited budget we have, not just on the West side but all around Clark County."

HEALTH BRIEFS

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Medicine and Rice University, both in Houston.

Funded in part by The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the program seeks to increase minority participation in medicine by making participants more competitive in the applicant pool.

Students earn nine undergraduate credit hours. They are paired with Baylor physicians in the morning and take afternoon science and communications classes at Rice. Tuition and housing are free.

Applicants must have a 2.75 grade-point average and a 3.0 GPA in their majors. They must demonstrate a serious interest in medicine and be African American, Mexican-American, mainland Puerto Rican or Native American.

Additional information is available by calling 1-800-798-8244. The application deadline is April 1.

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RFP #P96004:

SECURITY GUARD SERVICES

1. The Housing Authority of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, hereinafter referred to as the "LVHA", hereby changes the name of IFB#B96009, Security Guard Services, to RFP#P96004, Security Guard Services; and extends the deadline to receive proposals for RFP#P96004 until 10:00 am on Tuesday, January 16, 1996.

2. Proposal conditions and specifications are on file and may be procured from the LVHA Purchasing Agent, Mike Gifford, at the LVHA Purchasing Office, 420 N. 10th Street, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101. (702) 386-2973, until 4:00 pm of Friday, January 12, 1996.

3. As is further detailed within the proposal documents, all completed documents shall be returned to the LVHA, unfolded, in a sealed container, prior to the deadline named above, at the LVHA Executive Office, 420 N. 10th Street, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 (U.S. Mail to: P.O. Box 1897, Las Vegas, Nevada 89125). Pursuant to the requirements listed within the proposal documents, all proposals received shall be opened and evaluated at a later date by the LVHA.

4. The LVHA encourages disabled veteran, minority and women-owned firms to submit proposals.

5. The LVHA reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informalities in the process, or to terminate the process and any ensuing award at any time if deemed by the LVHA Purchasing Agent to be in the best interest of the LVHA.

6. No proposal submitted shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the deadline for receiving proposals without the written consent of the LVHA Purchasing Agent.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NV
/s/Frederick A. Brown, Executive Director Date: 01/10/96
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