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(Continued from Page 10) political playing field, it would turn the electoral process into a White, middle-class primary, exile Blacks even further to the outer political margins, and give conservatives an even bigger excuse to ignore or torpedo Black needs.

That's what Reagan did. He ignored Blacks. Blacks ignored him. And they are still paying a huge cost.

Despite Clinton's popularity, a significant number of Blacks call themselves independents. This could translate into millions of votes and potentially transform Blacks into independent political power brokers to both the Democrats and Republicans. History has shown that ethnic bloc voting can make or break a candidate, campaign, and agenda.

In 1960, Martin Luther King

threatened to boycott the Republican and Democratic conventions to force a stronger civil rights platform. Both did.

Harlem Congressman, Adam Clayton Powell issued a "Black Position Paper" in 1965 to the Democrats demanding that "where we are 20 percent of the voters, we should command 20 percent of the top political jobs." Eventually we did.

In 1972, the Black Political

Convention forced Nixon to increase minority business funding, propose non-punitive welfare reform, and strengthen affirmative action programs in the trades, and pushed the Democrats to adopt one of the most liberal activist platforms ever.

In 1984 and 1988, Jackson's Rainbow Coalition pushed the Democratic Party to give paper support to District of Columbia

statehood, national health insurance, full employment, political redistricting, and affirmative action.

In 1994, Republican candidates won with less than 55 percent of the vote in 11 congressional districts. Democrats have targeted them for defeat this election. Blacks make up from 10 to 31 percent of the voting age population in these districts. An increase and shift in the Black vote to the Democrats could bring them victory.

In 1996, the National African-American Leadership Summit has wisely resisted calling for an independent Black party or for Blacks to abstain from voting. It demands that Republicans and

Democrats endorse an "independent Black agenda." If it can avoid sectarianism and political infighting, this could have a significant political impact now and in the future.

The social and economic wreckage facing Blacks has raised the political stakes. As independent political brokers, Blacks can lobby, challenge, and pressure both parties to support full funding for jobs, affirmative action, education, health, drug and crime prevention programs, and non-punitive welfare and criminal justice reform.

This is the price that the Republicans, Democrats, and especially Clinton, should be forced to pay for Black votes.

Public workshops to discuss transportation

The Regional Transportation Commission is conducting a study to find solutions to the transportation problems in the Resort Corridor: the area bounded roughly by Maryland Parkway on the East, Valley View Boulevard on the West, Washington Avenue on the North, and Windmill Lane on the South.

The next set of public workshops is to be held on September 17, 21, and 22. At these sessions, RTC staff will present study findings and accept comments from individuals, organizations and agencies. Input is especially needed from residents and businesses in the area and from individuals who regularly travel through the Resort Corridor for work or pleasure.

There are two identical workshops to be held. On Tuesday, September 17, the public can participate at Paradise Park anytime between 4:00 p.m.

and 7:00 p.m. Paradise Park is located at 4770 S. Harrison, just North of Tropicana Avenue and East of Eastern Avenue. The workshop will again be held at the Meadows Mall, first level in front of Sears, 4300 Meadows Lane, on Saturday and Sunday, September 21 and 22 between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

A number of alternatives will be presented at each workshop, including a fixed guideway transit system. The study is examining current traffic congestion in the Resort Corridor and planning for the effects of growth through the year 2015. The public will be asked to comment on the types of alternatives under study.

Both workshop locations are serviced by Citizens Area Transit. Call CAT-RIDE (228-7433) for route and schedule information.

Additional information about the study or workshops can be obtained by phoning the Resort Corridor MIS Staff at 455-4481.

Civil Rights

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supporters to buy Revelation sponsored products.

Clearly, economic development is the key for the future survival of the African American community. Revelation Corporation follows in the tradition of those African American leaders Vernon Johns, Booker T. Washington and Marcus Garvey who have tried to harness the economic power of the African American community.

Savings

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said.

There are a few things Denson could do to further increase his saving power. He could nearly double his retirement pot by not spending money from his savings account.

Or, if he preferred not to contribute more dollars, could save money by purchasing cheaper life insurance, then converting two percent of his insurance into annuities.

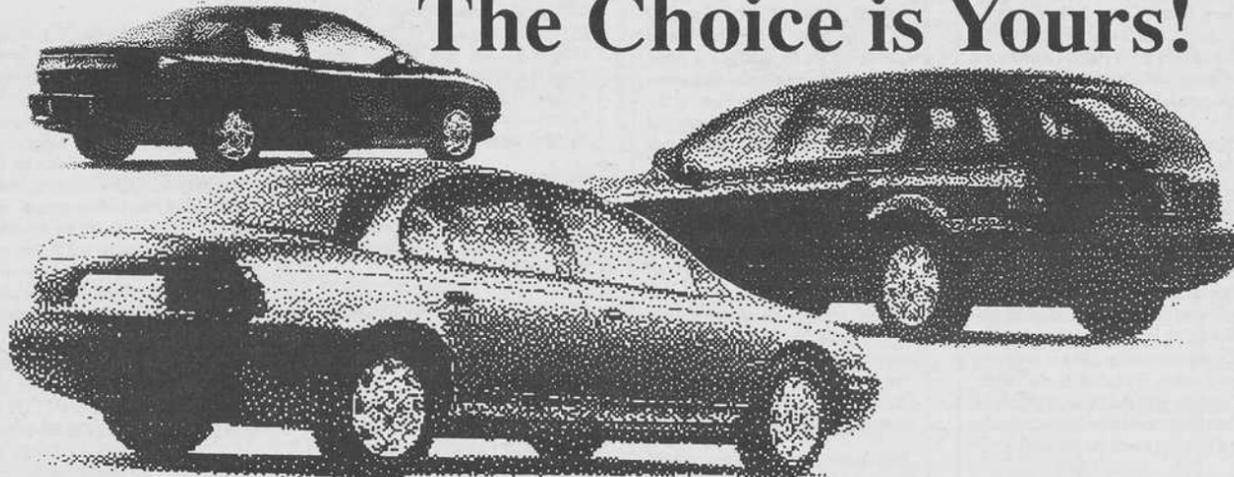
That alone would could increase his investment portfolio

pool by more than \$300,000, Snyder said.

It's nice to see well-organized financial portfolios like Denson's, he said, because "we're still trying to catch up in that regard. We're only beginning to reach those significant levels of achievement."

Regardless of your race, "it's tough to accumulate significant wealth in one lifetime," Snyder said. "Not everybody is going to become an athlete, even then if they don't know what to do with it they'll lose it."

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