

## The Second Annual African Americans On Wheels Golden Wheel Awards



Recognition For Diversity And Progress In The Automotive Industry

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*Gordon Parks art on display at the Corcoran Gallery of Art.*



### Ford Sponsors Works of Photojournalist

Renowned African-American photographer, Gordon Parks, recently unveiled his latest exhibit titled, "Half Past Autumn," at the Corcoran art gallery in Washington, D.C.

Sponsored in part by Ford Motor Company, the exhibition features some 220 photographs. It includes significant works from each of Parks' major series from 1940 through 1997, including several galleries of color photographs and portraits, combined with his books, music, film and poetry. The 84-year-old photojournalist was joined at the event by Ford vice president Elliot Hall, local students and art enthusiasts.

"Half Past Autumn" will remain in Washington until January, and will then go on tour until the year 2001, making stops in 1998-99 in St. Paul, Minn.; New York City; Detroit; Memphis and West Palm Beach, Fla.

For more information on the Gordon Parks' exhibit, call 1-888-Corcora(n).

### Honda Builds Plant in South Carolina

American Honda Motor Company will construct a \$30 million manufacturing plant in Timmonsville, S.C. The new plant marks Honda's 10th automotive plant in North America. It will produce four-wheel all-terrain vehicles beginning in fall 1998. At full production, the 175,000-square-foot facility will employ 600 workers and produce a maximum of 100,000 units annually. Production will include frame manufacturing, welding, painting, plastic molding and assembly.

## VOICES

By Genea Luck

"Would you ever consider buying a used car, or do you prefer to buy brand new cars out of fear of purchasing a "lemon.""



"I would never buy a brand new car. It loses its value as soon as the tires hit the pavement. I purchased my used car from a dealer to ensure that I had all the books and service records to prove the car was in good condition."

Sharon Evans  
San Antonio, Texas



"I would definitely purchase an older model sports car, like a Porsche or Lamborghini because of the cost. But I wouldn't buy from a dealer because I don't trust them -- they're just in business to make money. I would, however, buy a used car from a private owner."

James C. Burroughs II  
Detroit, Mich.



"I would never buy a used car because most people don't take care of their vehicles, so why in the world would I want to invest in someone else's problems. I bought my car brand new from a dealer to avoid all hassles."

Ron Hawkins  
Washington, D.C.



"You can find a good second hand car from the classifieds, or if you shop different dealerships for cars that have been traded. However, I wouldn't want a car more than three years old, because it would still have to be reliable."

Horace Ganzy  
Gulfport, Miss.



"They have lemon laws today that protect you when buying used cars. It is not like it used to be when you were afraid of being ripped off. It also depends on the type of car that you are looking for and what type of track record it may have."

Tyrone Sherard  
Manassas, Va.