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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Howard U. Hospital named among tops in U.S.

In its 10th annual guide to "America's Best Hospitals", U. S. News & World Report lists Howard University Hospital among the nation's top 50 facilities for hormonal and rheumatology disorders. Commenting on the designation, University President H. Patrick Swygert said, "Howard Hospital has delivered excellent health care since 1862, and in doing so has clearly distinguished itself as a pioneer in research, an innovator in the delivery of medical services, and a champion of community health care initiatives."

Black buying power up 72.9%

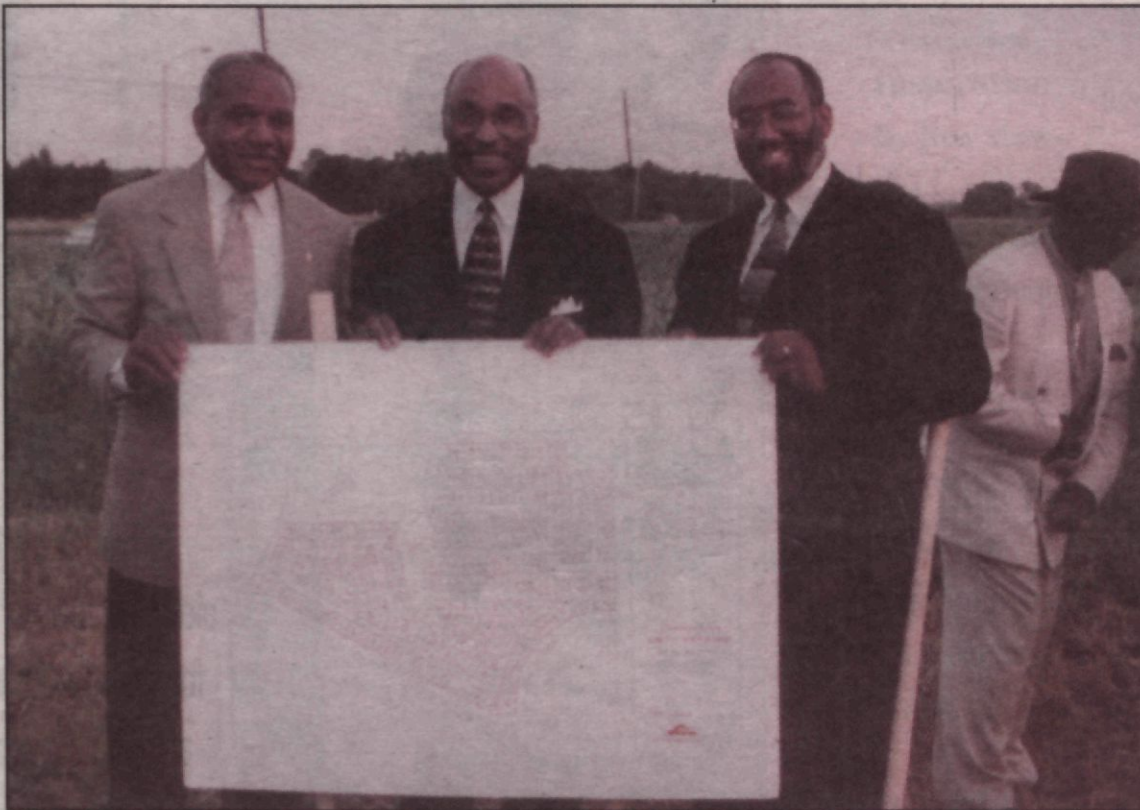
A major university report has found that African-American consumer strength has grown at a steady and rapid pace through the 1990s. According to the University of Georgia's Selig Center for Economic Growth, African-American buying power will reach \$533 billion this year. When compared to the 1990 figure of \$308 billion, Black-buying power has grown 72.9%.

Tom Joyner joins National Urban League for Thurgood Marshall Achievers Society Induction

To inspire and reward youthful academic achievements, nationally-syndicated radio personality Tom Joyner recently joined National Urban League officials for induction ceremonies held in Jacksonville, Florida. Joyner provided the keynote address at the ceremonies that inducted 30 new students into the

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Unity (Estates) in the Community!



(L-R): 1999 spring ground-breaking participants Lucious Williams, Dakita Engineers, Dr. Zan Holmes, President of the African-American Pastors Coalition and Greg Cambell, Cambell Consulting Group, Councilman Al Lipscomb (background)

By Josef Spencer, Staff Writer

Breed out of a desperate need for community and carved in a continuing struggle for its development, the African American church has been, and continues to be, one of the primary institutions devoted to the development of the African American community. The church--the first community institution developed by African Americans--has throughout its history sought creative and enterprising ways to transform the limits of "five loaves and two fish" into an abundance for the masses. Acting in this role, the African American Pastor's Coalition (AAPC), a non-profit organization with a mission to "unite member congregations to serve the larger community for the primary purpose of empowering individuals to participate fully in their spiritual, economic, political, educational and family development," has launched a 285 pre-sold, single-housing estate project for the southern sector of Dallas.

"We are trying to reclaim our historical place in the African American community. A place which the church has always had," said Dr. Zan Holmes, senior pastor of St. Luke "Community" United Methodist Church and president of the coalition. "The church has always been at the heart of everything good that happens in the community," he added.

Historically, black churches have been the pre-eminent institution in the black community. In addition to forming the first black educational facilities at the pre-school, elementary, high school, and college levels, black religious institutions have been instru-

mental in creating life insurance companies, banks, other businesses, credit unions, hospitals, nursing homes, funeral homes, orphanages, and in providing housing. This antiquity surely provided a precedent for the coalition to follow. So when "we became aware of the need for new housing in the southern sector of the city we began looking for an opportunity to develop this," said Dr. Holmes.

He and members of Chase Bank's Community Development team went to Houston to investigate a similar project involving community reinvestment and was impressed with the potential to expand the idea. However, notes David Henderson, minister of Greater Mount Pleasant Baptist Church and Vice-President of AAPC's Economic Development, "this is the first time in the nation that a group of African American pastors have come together as a union to make a difference in home ownership." Linda McMahon, senior vice president of community development for Chase Bank, said that it is the "uniqueness of this opportunity" that excites her. "The dynamics of this is amazing." Chris Redmond, who also serves as vice president of community development at Chase concurs with optimism stating that it lends an opportunity "to create a model for future development that could be used throughout the country."

According to Mr. Holmes, Chase was the first bank to approach the coalition with interest in coalescing in such a project. They have granted a \$3 mil-

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MILLENNIUM COUNTDOWN

August 1 -15

- 2 1847 William A. Leidesdorff launches the first steamboat in San Francisco Bay
- 8 1865 Matthew A. Henson, explorer and first to reach the North Pole, is born in Charles City, MD
- 10 1880 Clarence C. White, composer and violinist is born in Clarksville, TN
- 12 1977 Steven Biko, leader of the Black Consciousness Movement in South Africa is arrested
- 15 1938 Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-CA), former chair of the Congressional Black Caucus is born

Spotlight: Jesse Owens

Dateline: August 9, 1936

Born in Danville, Alabama and educated at Ohio State University, Jesse Owens became a legend at the 1936 Summer Olympics in Munich, Germany.

Prior to the games, Hitler had bragged that the world would take note of the superior performance of Aryan athletes; moreover, he predicted that America's Black athletes would be trounced at every turn. Under the



Jesse Owens 1913-1980

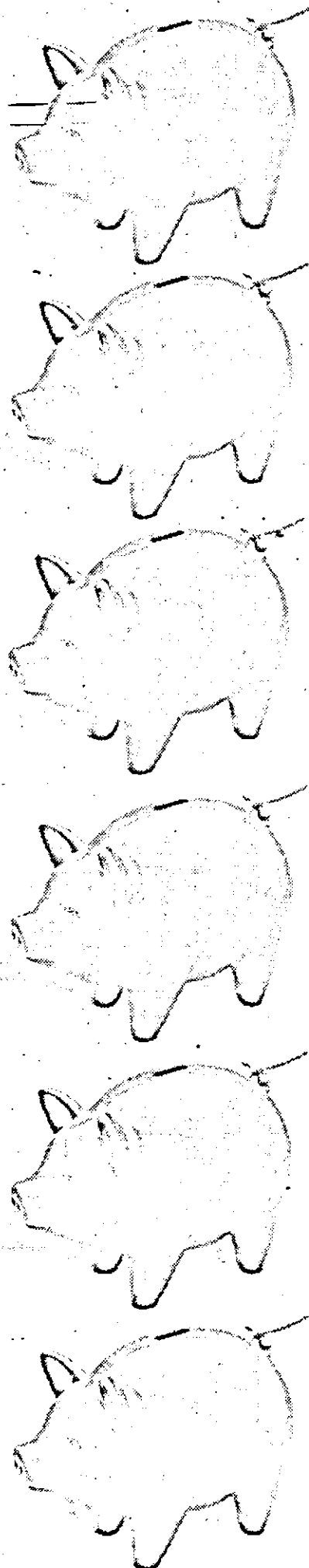
watchful and angry eye of Adolf Hitler, Owens competed as a sprinter, low hurdler and broad jumper.

By winning four gold medals, Jesse Owens dispelled Hitler's notion of racial superiority. The worldwide publicity surrounding Hitler's refusal to present Owens with his medals only served to increase the Alabama

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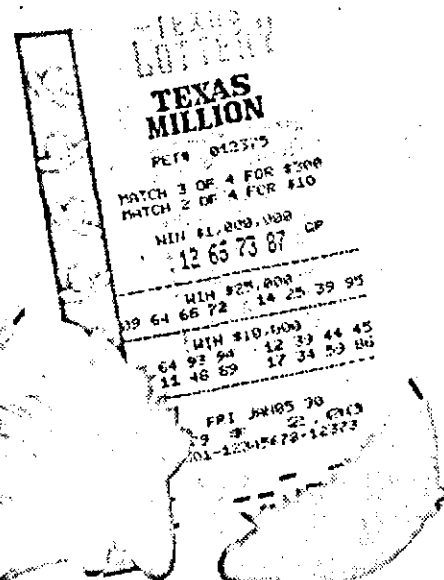


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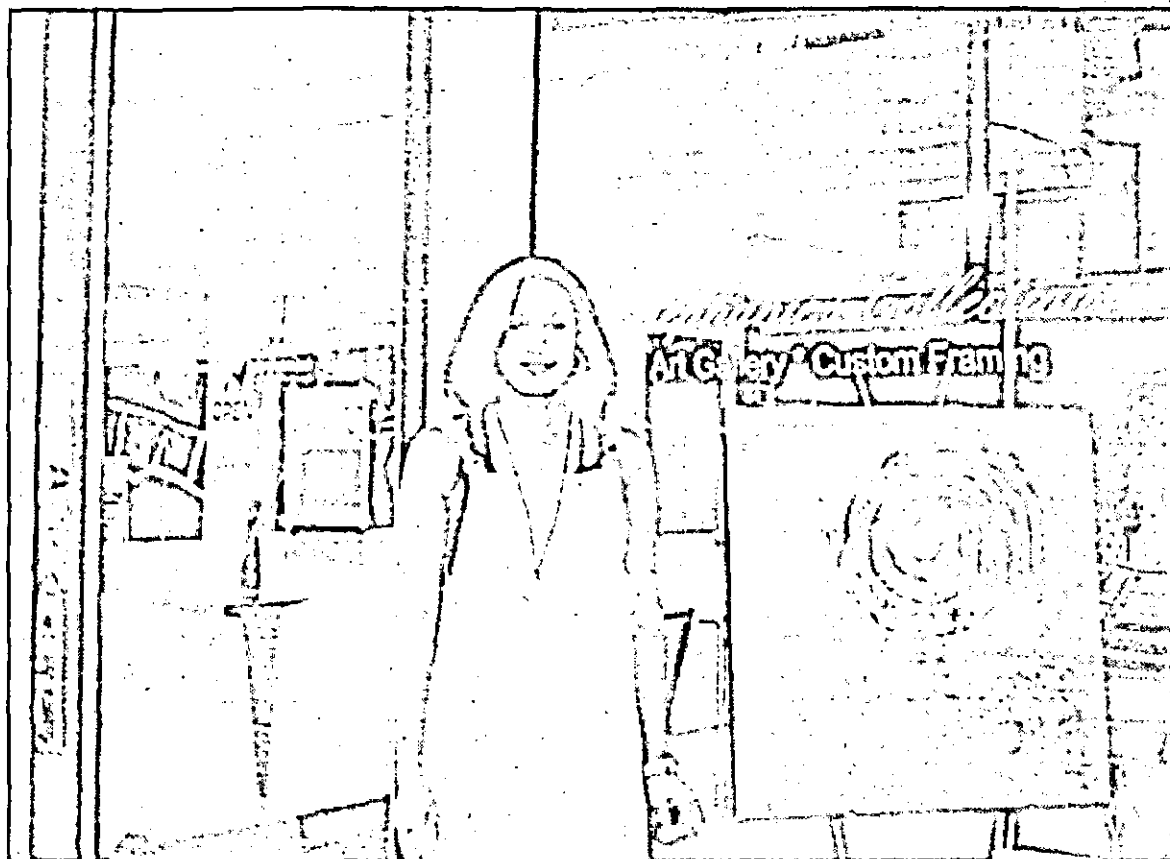
7 Chances To Cash In.



Next Edition Features

African-American art shop opens in Deep Ellum

A new gallery specializing in African-American art will soon have its grand opening. Stephanie's Collection owner Stephanie Ward invites art devotees to her shop in MON's next edition. The shop also offers custom framing.



Ms. Stephanie Ward, owner of Stephanie's Collection at the Deep Ellum gallery

Environmental career opportunities at TSU

When it comes to energy conservation and the environment, most people think of governmental regulation. Texas Southern University is encouraging a different perspective - careers. Through TSU's School of Technology, high school students are learning about the environment and its career opportunities.

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Meeting the CRA Challenge

Unity Estates, the new housing development sponsored by the African American Pastor's Coalition, serves as a splendid example of what committed leadership and available resources can together accomplish. Without that kind of collaboration, either no progress is made or, projects launched serve only the limited interests of financial interests.

In the Unity Estate's equation, Chase Bank has stepped to the forefront to provide much-needed finance to address community needs. Fortunately for everyone, timing and conditions were right for the betterment of the African American community.

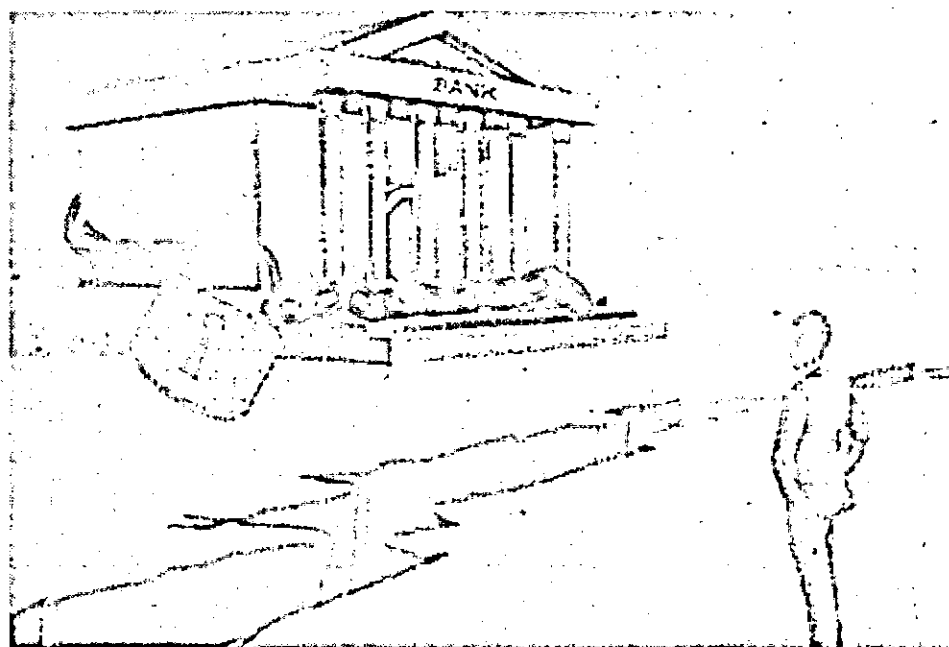
It was not that long ago when financial institutions routinely discounted or in some instances dismissed issues and concerns affecting African-Americans. Perhaps America's journey toward democracy has reached a point when more of its citizens are now afforded the resources and benefits of critical capital finance. At the very least, we can attest to a greater public policy advantage involved with the growth and development of the businesses, institutions and organizations that are found within our communities.

What has brought about the change? Perhaps the most succinct answer to this question is the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA). More than any other single factor, the CRA has lead to a much more positive trend in the relationship between the banks and African American consumers. The impacts of this change have been significant:

- An increase in the number of loans made to African-American owned businesses.
- Greater numbers of mortgage loans and programs serving low and moderate-income families; and increased application of "second look" programs

for those whose loans are initially declined.

- Larger advertising and marketing budgets available to the African-American businesses
- Enhanced support, financial and otherwise, to community-based organizations, church coalitions and educational institutions.



- Greater numbers of African-American bank employees and, in increasing numbers - senior officers and directors.

- More branch banking services based in our communities, thereby affording greater consumer access and service

Without question, CRA's impact has lead to many positives in our community. Despite these gains CRA's future is in jeopardy. It is now under assault from representatives of both the public and private sectors. If allowed to succeed, recent federal legislative proposals will have the net effect of diminishing the strength of the present CRA legislation.

In addition, there seems to be an

even greater issue as it relates to an increasing apathy on the part of some financial institutions. From consumers to business people, a financial retreat is often related in anecdotal accounts. Notwithstanding the progressive partnership of Chase Bank and the African-American Pastors Coalition, a disturbing, unofficial policy is emerging among financial institutions. Some

might ponder whether the sentiment in bank boardrooms is something akin to "We've done as much as we really need to do."

In the absence of organized, strident public protests on the lack of adequate access to finance, it is little wonder that CRA is under siege. In a time of merger mania and record corporate profits, CRA affords the legislative challenge to ensure current and future access to capital. A serious question remains: who or what organization is standing up for our collective financial interests.

As part of its mission, the African-American press has a duty and obligation to address issues that speak to the African-American experience. If no one else, than the Black Press must remind

readers that all of the battles have not been won. Even in the new millennium, access to capital will remain a nagging concern for all people of color, as well as small businesses.

Awareness, however, is not enough; important public policy advocacy still remains. An initial step in the process of shoring up the CRA requires our thoughtful examination of the latest trends and developments. In this regard, the Texas Publishers Association (TPA) has been gathering and analyzing bank data (e.g. mortgage lending, related statistics, etc.) Additionally, TPA will convene a community forum on the current status of the CRA on September 10, 1999. Our intent is to have senior representatives from the major financial institutions, federal and state governmental agencies, and community organizations review the past successes of the CRA and, more importantly, examine its future.

Over the next few months, MON and the other TPA member publications will be providing more information about the CRA. Additionally, we will highlight selected financial institutions to give you an accounting of their progress and commitment towards realizing the CRA goals.

Please help us to make a difference for the betterment of our community. If you have any suggestions, comments or questions that you deem relevant to the CRA matter, please direct those concerns to the following address:

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Reparations for past slavery of Africans is long overdue



Thomas Muhammad

By Thomas Muhammad

There should not be a debate on the issue of paying Africans in America reparations. It seems like an open and shut case to me. A terrible wrong was committed. To correct it, justice must be served. Of course, there are some passive Negroes among us who would just as soon not even mention the word slavery. In fact, this white racist American government should get down on its knees each and every night and pray that we have such Negroes. Because, if all of us thought like Malcolm and I, well, enough said.

Have you noticed how skillfully white Jews have set up spy networks and secret police agencies to go after, hunt down, bring to justice, apprehend or snatch former Nazis who were involved in mistreating them during the white Jewish holocaust! I mean they grab these individuals, take them to Israel, try and convict them as fast as you can count 1,2,3. And notice **NOBODY HAS THE NERVE TO ASK THEM TO FORGIVE THE NAZIS FOR PAST ATROCITIES!** But, Negroes in our community won't hesitate to jump at the chance to say to this white racist government "just say you're sorry and we'll forget about America's enslavement of Africans." I still remember clearly watching the news on TV as they broadcast some Negro standing on stage at a stadium with a white Baptist preacher who apologized for slavery. This Negro had the nerve to stand there with tears in his eyes and accept! Now do not get me wrong. I think it's ok to get an apology. Many times expressing remorse can be soothing to the person or people you've harmed. It is also the first part of moving to right the wrong. But, after admitting that a wrong has happened, you then must move to pay for the wrong committed. However, some in our community would say that an apology from the President of the U.S. or Congress should be sufficient.

You hear Negroes say, "we must learn to turn the other cheek." At some point I believe that we should look at that passage that says "an eye for an eye too!" I am open and flexible. For an apology and some billions I'll forget everything. With those billions we could truly rebuild our communities and create great opportuni-

ties for our people now, as well as generations to come.

I read recently how, in the country of Switzerland, a number of Swiss banks have agreed to pay \$1.25 billion dollars to white Jews who's ancestors were killed and misused during the European holocaust. The money would be given even if, white Jews seeking the funds couldn't prove that their ancestors had ever had an account in the banks. When you add this to the six billion, we give Israel each year, and the announcement that car maker Volkswagen will pay millions to European Jews for Nazi exploited labor, Jews are not doing too bad on the reparation front. Think they would be willing to give that money back for an apology!

No people on the planet suffered the types of atrocities we did. We lost countless numbers in the Atlantic Ocean alone. It is said that if the Atlantic was drained of its water, a person could walk from the shores of Africa to America on the bones of our ancestors. Many captives that are more African were scattered throughout both North and South America, from Brazil to Canada. European Jews lost six million. White Jews have been highly aggressive in making sure that everyone who had anything to do with their oppression pay dearly. Why don't we? Now maybe the right time for it.

Just a few months ago, my good friend Dhoruba Bin Wahab said something I found very interesting and worth pursuing. Dhoruba, for those of you who are not familiar with the name, was a member of the New York Black Panther 21. He spent nineteen years in prison for a crime he did not commit. Like many in the Black Panther Party, he too, was caught and framed by FBI's J. Edgar Hoover's evil net, commonly known as Cointel-Pro (Counter-intelligence Program). Brother Dhoruba now lives in the African country of Ghana. Some of you probably remember seeing Nelson Mandela, as he made his first appearance in America, at a rally in New York City. Dhoruba shared the podium with Mandela and spoke on behalf of American political prisoners. Recently in Dallas brother Dhoruba spoke of African and African American unity, but he also raised a very interesting theory. He said the time was right for those of us who believed in the philosophy of Pan-Africanism to take leadership in the movement. He reminded us of our earlier pioneers Honorable Marcus Garvey, W.E.B. Dubois, Malcolm X and the late Kwame Toure. How they gave their lives in the

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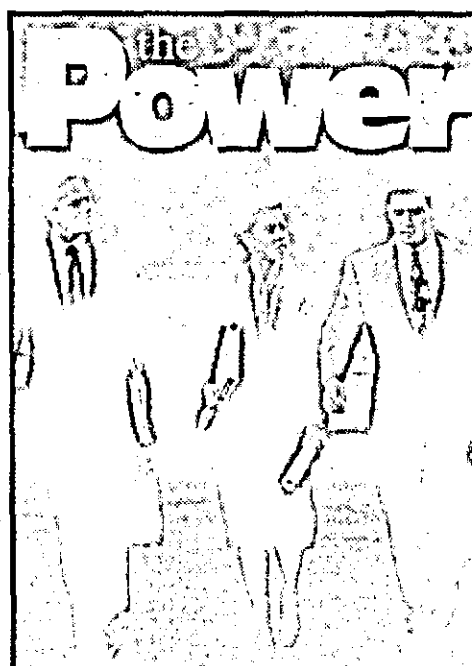


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Drug companies profit at expense of older Americans

In a revealing and controversial study, older Americans are often charged far more for their prescription drugs than are other customers. The report, authored by the Minority Staff of the U.S. House's Committee on Government Reform, suggests that not all consumers are paying equally for the same quantity of the same prescription drug. According to the report, customers of large insurance companies and HMOs benefit from low prescription costs, while senior citizens typically experience price gouging for the same medicine. The report, prepared at the request of Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-Dallas) is the first to quantify the extent of prescription drug price discrimination.

By investigating the pricing of five brand name prescription drugs with the highest sales to the elderly, the results measured retail prescription drug prices in both chains and independently owned drug stores. For the five drugs investigated, the average price differential was 122%. The brand names of the drugs studied are Zocor, Prilosec, Norvasc, Procardia XL and Zolof. Senior citizens and other individuals who pay for their own drugs, actually pay more than twice as much as much for the same medicine as customers covered by HMOs, and large insurance companies. Pricing for the five prescription drugs studied are the most frequently prescribed to treat high cholesterol, ulcer, high blood pressure, heart disease and depression, all common health concerns of older citizens.

Even higher pricing differentials were found for other brand drugs. The drug with the highest price differential was Synthroid, a hormone treatment. In Dallas, this medicine would cost a senior citizen \$29.00; an equivalent quantity for a favored customer was available for only \$1.75. Another prescription drug, Micronase, a diabetic treatment, would cost an older Dallas citizen an average of \$50.85, while an equivalent dose for favored customers would be only \$10.05.

The negotiating power of bulk buying was identified as a key reason for the price differentials. Moreover, the report concludes that pharmaceutical manufacturers appear to be engaging in significant price discrimination. Pharmaceutical manufacturers of the studied drugs include Upjohn, Knoll Pharmaceuticals, Pfizer, Inc., and Astra/Merck.

The pharmaceutical-manufacturing



Congresswoman

Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-Dallas)

link to pricing differentials is bolstered by a comparative analysis of two major pricing indicators: the average wholesale price and the wholesale acquisition cost. The wholesale acquisition cost represents the average price pharmacies pay for drugs. The average wholesale price is the manufacturers suggested price to pharmacies.

The study found that relatively small markups were made by pharmacies in the Dallas area. In fact, area retail prices were found to be lower than the published national average wholesale price.

From these findings, the study concludes that drug company pricing policies appear to account for the inflated prices charged to older Americans and other consumers.

In recent years, the cost of prescription drugs for older Americans has been a frequent research topic. In 1993, the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging reported that while the elderly account for 12% of the population, senior citizens consume one-third of all prescription drugs. A March 1995 study by Families USA Foundation determined that 13% of older Americans surveyed were forced to choose between buying food and medicine.

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Public Policy Institute published a 1997 report in cooperation with the Lewin Group. "Out of Pocket Health Spending Among Medicare Beneficiaries Age 65 and Older", found that older Americans spend almost three times as much of their income on health care than those under the age of 65. A 1999 study by a group known as Health Affairs determined that 86% of Medicare beneficiaries take prescription drugs.

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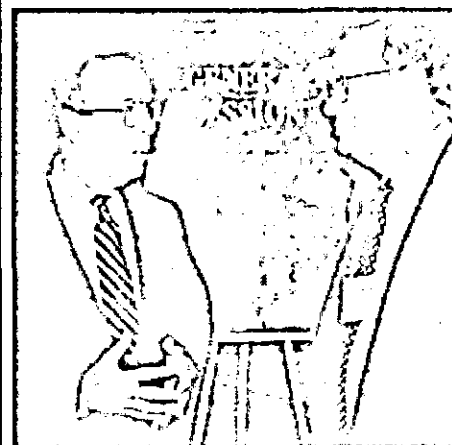
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Consumer Complaints	800-621-0508
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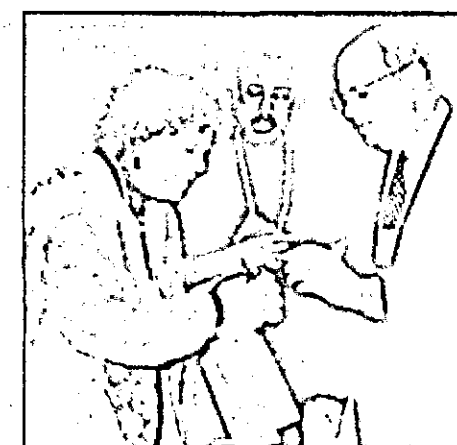
Cong. Martin Frost hosts 3rd annual procurement conference

Governmental contracting can be a lucrative opportunity - as long as businesses know when and how services and products are purchased. To assist small and minority-owned businesses gain access to governmental contracts, Congressman Martin Frost recently sponsored a procurement conference. For the

third consecutive year, Cong. Frost offered an event that hopes to match governmental purchasing with small and minority businesses. Held on the UTA campus, the session attracted approximately 350 businesspeople for the day-long event. Various federal, state and other public agencies participated.



Dr. Robert Witt, UTA President, greets Congressman Martin Frost



More than 50 exhibitors participated in the recent event. Here, Congressman Frost visits an exhibitor between workshops.

1st-ever sales tax holiday arrives August 6th - 8th

When it is time for back-to-school shopping, Texas families will enjoy 72 hours of tax-free shopping. Thanks to Senate Bill 441, children's and adult clothing items, as well as non-athletic shoes valued at less than \$100.00 will be exempt from state and local sales taxes.

Texas leaders estimate the sales tax holiday will save Lone Star State consumers \$69.2 million. The sales tax holiday is part of a package of pro-consumer tax relief measures passed by the Texas General Assembly and signed into law by the Governor.

While many items will be tax exempt,

there are notable exemptions. Sales taxes will still apply to jewelry, handbags, wallets, formal wear, or items used exclusively for athletic purposes such as golf shoes or football pants. Other items also exempted from the sales tax relief include clothing commonly used as everyday wear such as football jerseys, baseball caps or running shoes.

Due to Texas' record \$6.4 billion budget surplus, a number of spending measures were passed in the recent session, to return savings to citizens. Through a series of tax cuts, an estimated \$2 billion is expected to be returned to citizens.

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League's national honor society. More than 5,000 students nationwide are members of the Thurgood Marshall Achievers Society.

100 Black Men of America name Burger King "Corporation of the Year"

100 Black Men of America, a national alliance of African-American male mentors, recently named Burger King as its "Corporation of the Year". The award came during the group's national convention, held in Detroit.

According to the association's president, Thomas Dortch, Jr., "Burger King has set a standard for community involvement, diversity and inclusion for other corporations to emulate." Commenting on the award, Burger King CEO Dennis Malamatinas said "Burger King Corporation is an employer of choice for people from all backgrounds. We will continue to make diversity a part of our core business values."

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Spotlight

native's fame and respect.

Ironically, following his return to America, segregation and Jim Crow practices made it difficult for the champion to earn a living in his own country.

In 1976, Jesse Owens was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

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Community Pulse

struggle of making Africa strong for all of us. He spoke of the need for us to come to Africa to help our brothers and sisters on the continent with our knowledge of technology, community planning, home building and our understanding of creating strong economic systems.

He reminded us to remember that over half of the world's natural resources come from Africa. In addition, that Africa is still a jewel that American and European colonialists continue to exploit. Many listened intently as he laid out a strategy on how we could get billions of dollars from the racist Europeans who kidnapped, sold and exploited our people here and in Africa. He said the Europeans have set up a system that makes them a good target for a world class action lawsuit. Dhoruba spoke about the set up of the European Union (EU). The EU is a system created for all Western and Eastern countries to come together and share common goals and common markets. To many, the concept was taken from the pages of former President George Bush's "New World Order." The war in Kosovo recently proved that the EU now has a powerful army to fight or defend them as they move to exhort power over non-Europeans around the world. They've created a new dollar called the "Euro" to be used by the countries. It has not caught on and is still in the experimentation stages.

In other words as Africa has been in fractures with tribal and religious wars, famine, horrible drought conditions, disease epidemics with weak and sometime exploitive leadership. The Europeans have been very busy. Of course much of Africa's problems can be laid squarely at the doorstep of racist Europeans. Many EU countries exploited the African continent for centuries that lead to present conditions. Now, let me finally tell you of Dhoruba's plan, you're going to love this one. He believe's forming the European Union was the best move for Africans from every nook and cranny on this planet. Reason: By setting up this EU system, these racists regimes have made it easy for Africans to file a class action lawsuit against them as a group; thereby making it much more possible to get paid reparations for they're past treatment of enslaving Africans. Think about it!

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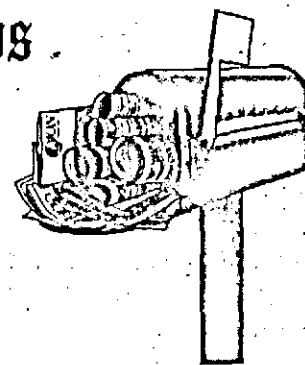
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lion dollar acquisition and development loan, a \$100,000 working capital line of credit, and a \$25,000 faith-based initiative grant for predevelopment costs. Ms. McMahon acknowledges that this is a good investment for both the community and the bank. "Anytime you have an opportunity to build another strong neighborhood provides a growing market for the bank in what it represents to other businesses who want to come to the area and to potential customers. It's a win-win situation."

John Hutchinson, president of Ryland Homes, the primary builder for the project, paralleled these sentiments. "I think the South Dallas market is underserved with new housing." When questioned as to his thoughts on this historical phenomenon he responded that "In large part, there was a concern that there was not a market for new homes." However, this project, he believes, will prove that "you don't have to build in the suburbs to be successful."

Many of the advantages to home ownership are not just the inclusive financial rewards, such as tax deductibles, but moreover, "it's knowing who your neighbors are," contends Mr. Hutchinson. "It's not merely economics. It's about stability and security. It's the American Dream."

Henderson believes that "it's about pride. It turns something negative to positive. If you own something you are not going to tear it up," he explains. Moreover, there is a lot about this project to be proud of. From the location, to the process, to the impact, the coalition's plan embraces the idea that the name, "Unity Estates," represents. "It

symbolizes what the coalition is about. It was a natural naming due to the coalition and its commitment," explained Ritchie Butler of Campbell Consulting Group, member of the coalition and the manager for the project.

Location

The estate will be located on 58 acres of vacant land in Southern Dallas between Hampton Road on the East, Bainbridge on the West, Kirnwood on the North, and Cliff Creek Crossing/Chrysalis on the South. "There hasn't been any significant new construction in the area for years," said Mr. Butler. Starting in the high \$70Ks and ranging to \$120K, the estate will compliment the property well. "Quorum Commercial, who brokered the deal, identified the land and other participants agreed that this is the best place in consideration of pricing and developmentability," he added. "It's accessible to the community, it's right off of I-20 and it can be meshed with other homes around" were reasons that Minister Henderson cited as appealing.

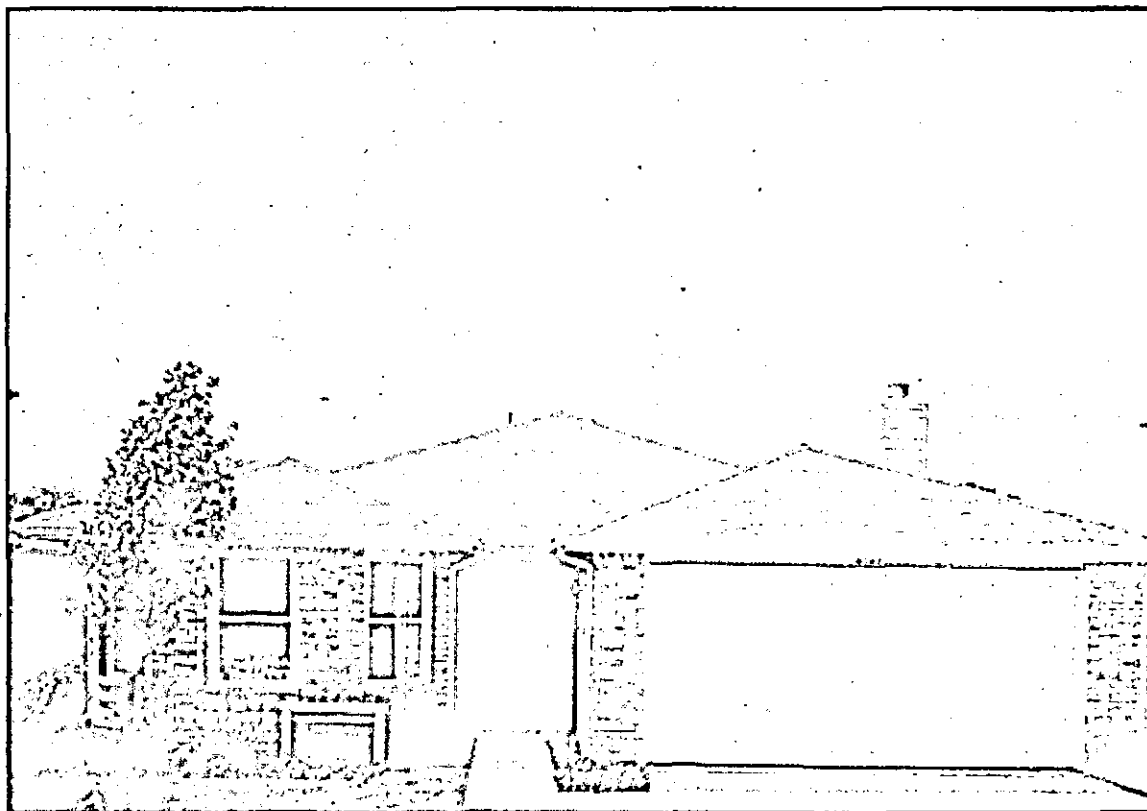
Services

Equally, if not more, appealing are the intricate details and care that has been given to the project. For example, at the first prospective homebuyers meeting, which was held June 26th information regarding the overview and timeline for the project was reviewed, financing and loan applications were distributed, and a question-and-answer session was held. Interested buyers met and discussed inquiries with Enterprise Foundation. Enterprise informed prospective buyers about the Homebuyers Clubs that will be established to

educate applicants about the various dynamics associated with pre-sale housing. "Enterprise was there to make sure people know how to cross all the T's and dot every I," informs Henderson. If interested applicants had additional questions after the conclusion of the meeting, they were directed to the project's hotline number.

Process

Beyond the information given in the meeting, many will find it interesting to know that the entire project almost exclusively employs African American vendors and firms. "The broker, the zoning attorney, the engineers, the project



Model Home - "The Colorado"

manager, the developers, the consulting group, the Burton Agency, our public relations person, all are African American and represent African American firms," said Dr. Holmes. In addition, the primary builder will mentor one to two small minority-owned companies to "assist them in obtaining vendors and subcontractors by providing them with some training and assistance in homebuyers systems." They also will "help make material and labor available to them, improving their operating systems," said Mr. Hutchinson.

Impact

The impact that this project will have is far greater than merely providing quality homes for an underserved and underdeveloped population. It is the potential for communal unity and growth that it presents from a religious initiative. African American historian William Lender said "Black people in America have an affinity for the many functions of religion. It has been a vital element of their historical experience, and so they come to community development and change through a religious initiative almost by second nature. Their religion has been their political and community matrix for a long time."

However, "For a long time," Henderson reminds, "we the pastors have been criticized about not doing anything to put back into the community." "We want to be vitally involved in the redevelopment of our Dallas. The time has come for us to take the leadership, to take the initiative to do for ourselves," echoed Dr. Holmes.

History and Future

Perhaps the 1960s represented the most visible period of church involvement in community economic development. That era witnessed the birth of the Community Development Corporation in African American communities throughout the country. Community Development Corporations (CDCs) became a new form of expression for the black church self-help tradition. Since its origin, the African American Pastors Coalition has established a similar union called the Common Grounds Credit Union, which includes a full-fledged bank to provide assistance in South Dallas. These substations are imperative if we are to improve our collective plight. It is

especially necessary if we are to combat the lingering results of the priorities and budgets of the Reagan and Bush Administrations. As government on all levels has pulled back from providing or funding services, the burden rests on congregations to pick up the pieces.

Lawrence N. Jones, Dean Emeritus of Howard University School of Divinity, notes "What is required of the churches in the years ahead, particularly in the declining commitment of federal government to solve human problems, is a mixture of strategic development and selective application of financial and human resources. Black congregations alone cannot remedy epidemic pathologies in their communities. These urgent needs require coalitions of congregations so that their combined strengths and resources can more effectively serve their communities."

With this realization, the African American Pastors Coalition was formed in 1995 and since has aggressively been seeking opportunities to improve the community of its congregations.

"Unity Estates is only the beginning. It's the foundation," said Minister Henderson. A strong foundation it is. Representing over 60 churches in the Metroplex, the open-membership organization is excited about the power in unity.

"The main reason why I'm excited is because it's not one church doing the project, but a group of churches coming together beyond denominational and gender lines to work on this need," said Dr. Holmes. "Unique," is how Mr. Hutchinson describes it. "The Houston situation was being done by one minister who is the leader of a very large church, but this is pooling a lot of pastors. And it does not include any public money. This is all being done with private monies"--which is one of the primary objectives. "We believe that it is not enough for us to sit around and wait for others to develop southern Dallas. The time has come for us to learn how to work together and pool our resources. Until we learn how to do this we will not be able to reclaim our community," said Dr. Holmes.

He also stated that the coalition is seeking to recruit members interested in the project and its mission. Any interested clergy is welcomed at the next meeting on the second Monday in September, September 13, 1999, held at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church on 1819 North Washington Ave. at 12:00 p.m. For those interested in purchasing a home in the new estate, make plans to attend the next prospective homebuyers meeting on Saturday, September 18, 1999 from 10:00 am to 12:00 p.m. also at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church. Contact the Unity Estate hotline number at 972.888.5388 for more information or to be added to the mailing list.

"Cinema: Emerging Black Directors"

by Josef Spencer, Staff Reporter

"Making movies made me a mature man and made me a stronger American. I do believe that we, black people, are true Americans. In college, I thought that this country doesn't afford us much, but you know what? I've changed. We built this country. We've built this country for over four hundred years. For free. And look at me, I've lived the American dream. I grew up in the ghetto, and I went to college. I always knew what I wanted to be, and made movies. I'm trying to tell American stories, stories that could only happen here in America, but ones which are also universal in the human experience." ~John Singleton

Though John Singleton wants to tell a universal story, his story is



Spike Lee

unique to only a selected few black men in America. John Singleton is, along with Spike Lee and neophyte Rick Famuyiwa, one of only three "name" African-American filmmakers working today. Collectively, they have gone into the communities, neighborhoods and homes of African Americans and placed them into the view of mainstream America. With movies like *Boyz n the Hood*, *Rosewood*, *Malcolm X*, and *The Wood*, America has not only been introduced to a little bit of Black culture, but black folks have been able to introduce themselves.

Some of Singleton's credits include *Poetic Justice*, *Higher Learning*, and *Rosewood*. He has established

himself as an ambitious artist with a strong social conscience. His past films have proven him capable of dealing with complex issues in creative ways. Although he admits to not being very attentive to factual details, he says that he "wants to make a movie that everybody is going to go see. And afterward, they will talk about the movie and start doing their own research."

If this film maker does not send people into our nation's archives, then perhaps Spike Lee will--or at least to take a closer look at America's current race issues. Lee can't say that his race awareness reflects the lack of opportunities that America offered him. Contrary to the "romantic mythology" surrounding an alleged rise from poverty to fulfill a life-long dream of becoming a controversy-courting, consciousness-tweaking filmmaker, it is more accurately stated that his awareness resulted from the many opportunities his class and stable nuclear family afforded him. As a third generation Morehouse College graduate, as well as an alum of New York University's distinguished Tisch School of the Arts, Spike Lee is known, loved and hated for his controversial approach. Movies like *She's Gotta Have It*, *Do the Right Thing*, *Mo' Better Blues*, *Jungle Fever*, *Malcolm X*, *Crooklyn*, *Get on the Bus*, *Malcolm X*, *4 Little Girls*, and *Malcolm X*, may not have made it "big" enough on the big screen to garner the support of the big bucks, but they definitely have been instrumental in depicting fact.

Newest addition to the trio, Rick Famuyiwa, seems to have developed his own opinion about what people want to see--movies about people like themselves. In his recently released film, *The Wood*, he managed to capture the essence of everyday life for everyday people. Though the film starred an entire African American cast, his ability to tell a "universal story," is what made him attractive to MTV Films. "There is a humanism to Rick's world view that connects with audiences. It holds up a mirror to the audience and people see themselves. I don't think it is just a Black experience, I think everyone can identify with this movie," as one critic has said. The University of Southern California graduate was a liberal arts



Writer/Director Rick Famuyiwa and Omar Epps on the set of "The Wood".

major, with a concentration in political science, heading to law school before he saw Oliver Stone's epic JFK. "When I saw JFK I realized what a major impact films can have on people and I wanted to do that with my own films."

Well, these three prized directors have made a major impact in cinema. The diversity that they represent and that their work embodies is a reminder of the celebrated, heterogeneous, African American culture that it shares with the world.





Ron Shaw

Rearranging your priorities

- Matthew 4:19

by Ron Shaw

The one thing that I know God has assigned me to accomplish is to help as many people as I can discover what He has gifted them to do. I am blessed with the opportunity to conduct and participate in a lot of workshops and seminars. I am over-joyed at what I have discovered about people of the '90s.

As I talked with one teen-age young man this past month, I was surprised to hear him say something that made an impact on me. He is a Christian young gentleman, serious about his commitment to the Lord. We were talking about where God wanted him in life and what God wanted him to do. After asking a few questions, he began sharing with me his career goals. As we talked, it was clear he had some reservations about pursuing his goals because he did not want them to interfere with his commitment to God. The scriptures offer guidance for his dilemma.

Peter was a professional fisherman. He was successful, married, and probably had children. Yet, when the Lord found him, he took a leave from his situation to follow the Lord. Jesus said to him "follow me and I will show you how to catch men". Peter's priorities were rearranged. He did not quit the business altogether. It is obvious that the Lord had given him a great reason for fishing. His primary or first vocation became winning men to God.

I really wonder that is the mindset of those who say they are Christian Business people. Those who are business owners should realize their first vocation should be the same as all who call themselves Christians. That is, to be used by God to change lives and win men to God. If you are working (whether self-employed or not) just to make a living for yourself and there is no Kingdom perspective or priority to your pursuits, you are missing the most important part of why you are here.

The politicians' first vocation should be to serve God. Their second should be politics. The businesspersons' first vocation should be to serve God, then secondly operate their business. It should be that way with every

other professional. Unfortunately, many professionals have it backwards. They think they are to use God to accomplish their personal goals and then if it is convenient, give a portion of their blessings back. Your business should be a tool for God to touch the lives of men and women. Your position should be a tool for Him to use. Even when it comes to accumulating things, it should work that way. You should allow your things (money, cars, clothes, and homes) to be used by Him to touch the lives of many. You do not use people to get things; you use things to help people.

To have a Kingdom perspective is to have our lives prioritized right. Paul wrote to Timothy and told him to tell those that are rich to use their money to touch people. My first vocation is to serve God and play a part in changing the lives of people. My second is a pastor and businessman. I use the second to accomplish the first. If I do not do the first, the second will mean nothing.

When I stand before God, it is only what I do for Christ that will have eternal and lasting value. The reason for being a successful businessperson is so you can serve God and help change lives. The reason for being a successful politician is the same. The reason for being anything else should be the same. In order to get your life in order, you must start with knowing what your purpose is. In order to be truly happy in life, you must know that your purpose will provide that satisfaction. Jesus said, "my satisfaction is in doing His will and completing it". That implies that He knew God's will for his life and in so knowing he intended to pursue it with every resource he had. When Jesus met Peter, his first occupation was fishing. He was good and successful at it. After meeting Jesus, it became his second job. His first became that of touching and changing lives. He used the second to accomplish the first. What ever you are doing, make sure that you have it in order. Your first job is to touch and change lives. Your second might be a construction worker; a writer; an auto mechanic; self-employed or not, you must use the second to accomplish the first.



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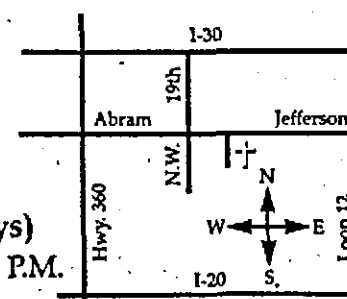
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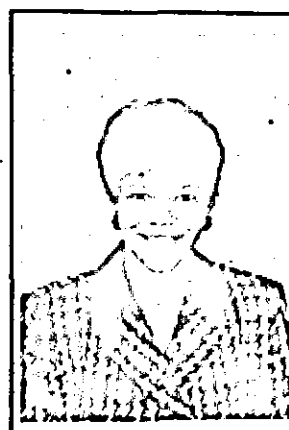
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**John
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By John Dudley

Even after a decade of dramatic changes in the workplace, U.S. workers are relatively happy with their jobs, according to a recent study conducted for Prudential Securities. Almost all U.S. workers surveyed (97%) claim loyalty to their employer, with nine out of ten saying they are satisfied with their jobs. This satisfaction, however, may lead to unwise financial complacency in the current business environment, the study found.

Though most people believe that their employers are loyal to them (81%), the survey also found some statistics that wave a warning flag. Nearly one third of American workers said they have been affected by corporate downsizing. One in five people have been laid-off in the past 10 years. One in four say they worry about losing their jobs in the next year. In spite of these statistics, however, many people are not protecting themselves financially from job turmoil. In fact, more than half of Americans surveyed says they could not stay solvent for a full six months without their job. Only one in four could hold out for a full year.

Without proper back-up, it is no surprise that a third of all employees say they would be willing to take a pay cut in exchange for better job security. In addition, pay cuts are common. Though 90 percent of the people who have been laid off have found new employment, almost half say they are earning less in their new positions. Less pay leads to lower savings, and the risk of personal financial stress continues to grow.

Since rushing into a new position can lead to accepting the wrong job or lower pay, people need to build a financial cushion that buys them time.

With enough planning, job change can be a positive turning point. It creates the opportunity to consider options far broader than merely replacing a current job. It can lead to more responsibility, a new career, or even a new freelance business. Such changes are no longer unusual. In fact, one in ten Americans have moved into a different field of work when changing jobs. Moreover, almost half currently say they are considering changing their occupation.

Just as people spend time planning to pay for their kid's education, or for retirement, workers in today's business environment need to create their own lay-off protection plan. It may take some time to create a plan, and more time to execute it. However, the financial cushion you create today can lead to a successful career tomorrow.

- Begin with a budget. Determine how much the family spends, and how much it relies on each salary. It is usually safe to assume that in families with two or more incomes, only one job will be lost at a time.

- Give yourself six months. Top quality jobs take time to hook. Calculate the amount of money you will need per month to get through a six-month hiatus.

- Tighten the belt before it tightens you. Instead of waiting until the family is faced with the trauma of a job loss, it is wise to cut back on expenses and add to savings while still employed. A slice into the entertainment budget or a pass on a new car may not be fun, but it will give you the confidence to work without worry.

- Smarten up. Often workers find themselves so specialized in their jobs that their skills are not as marketable as they should be. Take a class. Learn a new skill. Accept new responsibility that leads you into a broader field.

- If you are laid off, you will be able to live on your savings for a while. This is also the time to review your investment portfolio. Investment allocation changes can ease the current financial stress. For example, income-oriented stocks can be substituted for long-term growth-oriented stocks. Loans against current investments or 401(k) plans may also ease the burden. It is best to speak with a financial advisor to

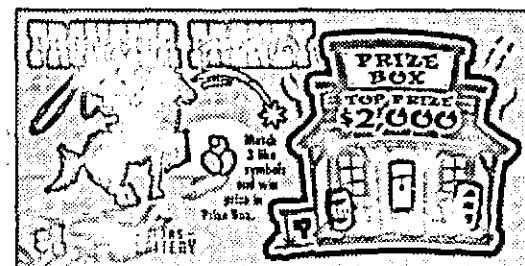
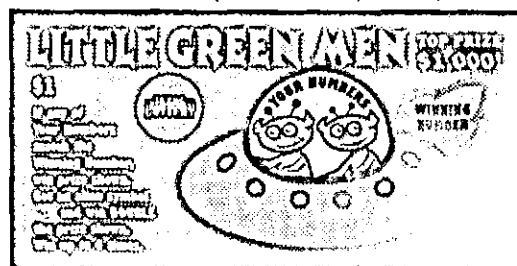
DON'T let pink slips leave you in the red

find all the options that can carry you through tight times.

All this preparation does not need to affect your current job or happiness. Current satisfaction, however, is no excuse

for complacency. Nobody should wait to buy health insurance until they feel sick. No one should begin to save for a lay-off when they see a pink slip in the mailbox.

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Reaching "Roots" and more -Alex Haley

by Josef Spencer

"There were times when I felt like walking back through history swinging an ax. I began to find something in me, some fury. But fury is something that at best can immobilize and at worst can destroy you. People have asked me if delving into the past like this is going to stir up trouble again for blacks and whites. I say, 'Hell, no!' We've spent so long cosmetizing and hiding. Let's get it out there and look at it and deal with the legacy."

-Alex Haley

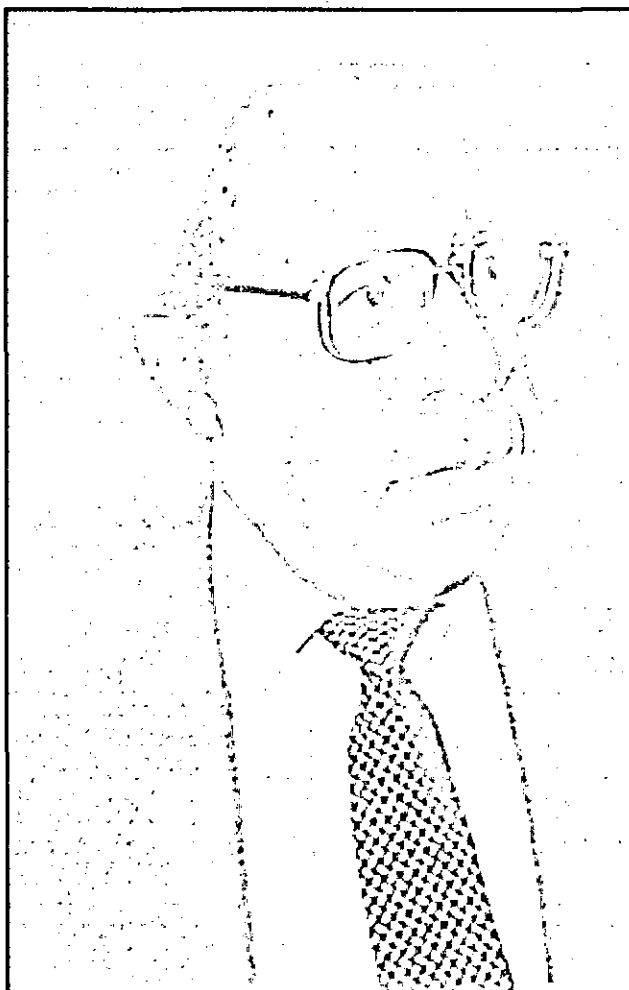
Some may know him from The Autobiography of Malcolm X. Many others recognize him by his claim to fame, Roots, which raised a biological consciousness in some 130 million viewers that it attracted in the ABC television miniseries based on the book. Writing Roots took twelve years; he conducted extensive research in many countries, editing in libraries and archives and even following the approximate course a slave ship would have taken across the Atlantic. Blending fact and fiction, Haley chronicled the life of Kunta Kinte and his descendants in America. And since we read about and witnessed Kunta Kinte (played by LeVar Burton) run away from his slave master, deterring the stereotype of the oppressed as docile, we began to ratify the contemporary view of black history. Alex Haley told us, in his narrative trademark style, that slaves did not give up all their ties to African culture, but humor, songs, words, and folk beliefs survived.

From the mouth of a man whose meticulous memory is trained to span generations of oral history--on the outskirts of a village in Gambia--Haley heard from the chief Griot the same story he had heard since childhood: The story of his four-times great-grandfather, Kunta Kinte, who went out of the village to chop wood one day and in 1767 and was never heard from again. "In that miraculous moment of discovery I was really rendered almost mute and dumb. There are just no words to convey that emotion," said Haley.

But somehow he found the words - a lot of words. Enough words to fill over 700 pages and claim the National Book Award, a special Pulitzer Prize and over 250 other awards. Over eight million copies of the book were sold in thirty-seven languages. It has been expressed by a minority that its success is partially contingent upon America's infatuation with cultural identity. James Baldwin considered in his New York Times review, that Roots suggest how each of us are vehicles of the history which have produced us. Alex Haley said, "What Roots gets at in whatever form, is that it touches the pulse of how alike we human beings are when you get down to the bottom, beneath these man-imposed dif-

ferences." Considering this belief of Haley's it must have been difficult for him to objectively write The Autobiography of Malcolm X's early history. In 1965, The Autobiography of Malcolm X gave us the words and lessons of a complex, controversial, and well-respected leader. Critics praised Haley for recreating Malcolm X's emerging political and racial consciousness as well as his commitment to justice. The best-seller book went on to sell over five million copies.

Prior to earning this best-seller status, Haley worked on the U.S. Coast Guard serving as ship's cook in the Pacific during World War II and Korea. While at sea he took up letter writing, and in one week could knock out 40 letters and receive just as many replies. In 1944, Haley was assigned to edit "Our Post", the official Coast Guard Publication. In 1945 he won the Ship's Editorial Association Award and served as assistant to the public relations officer at Coast Guard Headquarters until 1959. Eight years, and hundreds of rejection slips later, he had his first



Alex Haley 1925-1992

story published. When his writing talent was discovered, the Coast Guard created the Journalist rating for him. After 20 years of service, Haley retired as Chief Journalist in 1959 to write professionally. A Different Kind of Christmas, the story of a slave's escape on the Underground Railway, during a freighter voyage from California to Australia, and articles for Reader's Digest and Playboy Magazine colored his early resume'.

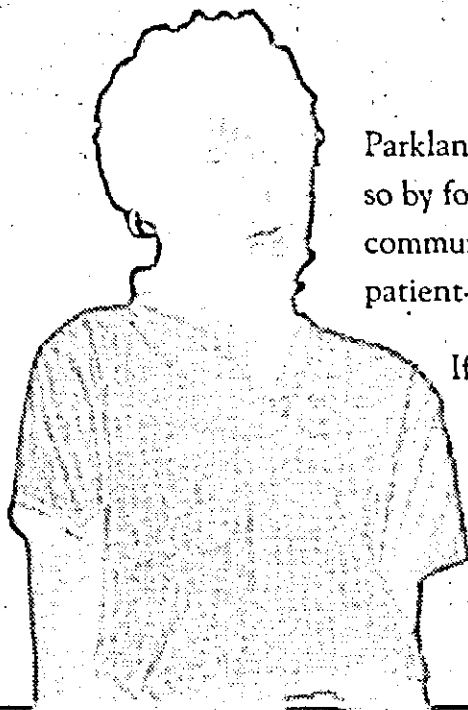
Since his Coast Guard days, Haley completed much of his writing at sea. He said that when he would get stumped writing, he would go in the ship's kitchen and mix up a cake and pull up a stool to the windowed oven and sit there with his head in his hands watching that thing bubble and seethe. "I would look at the cake batter in the pan, and it would look as if it would never be thus, he said. Then, miracle of miracles, a bubble makes it appearance in some unexpected place. In another second, another bubble makes it appearance in another location. And another will do the same. And then, you know, what you start watching is that absolutely miraculous process of something being created from raw material. And it is very similar to the process of writing. That thing that happens in your hands and in your head--when you do it well--creates another thing entirely" almost knowingly and unexpectedly at the same time. Much like that day in 1965--before the world had ever heard of Kunta Kinte--when he went to the National Archives in Washington and asked to see the 1870 census records for Alamance County. Then there came the moment that stopped him cold.

"I saw Tom Murray, blacksmith, wife's name Arrena, and listed below were the names of my aunts. There was Aunt Vinnie. And there, for God's sake, was Aunt Liz. The Aunt Liz who sat on the porch with long gray hair...I came out of there bewildered. The more I kept thinking about it, the more my mind kept going back to childhood, where I had first heard of the story of "the African" who had been chopping wood when he was kidnapped."

Little did Haley know that his story which traces his ancestry back to Africa and covers seven American generations would be told to such a massive audience. Neither did he realize that it would provide the impetus to wake up an interest in genealogy, particularly among African-Americans. But it did. Somehow, he has managed to pull us into the drawing rooms of living history and has created characters that became part of the American lexicon. Being transformed from researcher into evangelist he encourages us to "Go with all possible haste to the oldest people in your families. They may be holding in their heads some of your most precious gifts. They may be holding in their heads the clues to your own roots. And family reunions. We have got to start in this country a return to family reunions. There's a magic moment when the chairs are lined up and the oldest members of the family are sitting in the softest, easiest chairs holding those wriggling babies, and all the middle-sized people are standing up. And the camera goes click, and everybody who was there walks a little taller because they were there and they know the beat of their family, and they know who they are."

Alex Haley was born August 11, 1921 in Ithaca, New York, to Simon Alexander and Bertha George Palmer Haley, and died on February 10, 1992.

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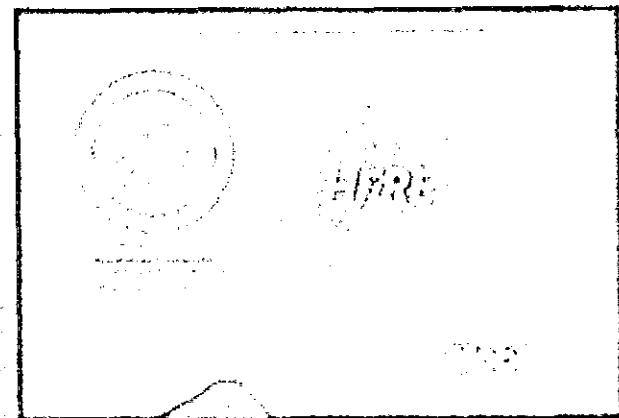
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The Wellness Diary

Cancer treatment success creates new "epidemic"

According to the American Cancer Society, African-Americans are more likely to develop cancer than persons of any other racial and ethnic group. Moreover, survivors of childhood cancer are growing up and growing in numbers. More than 70% of children diagnosed with pediatric malignancies in the 1990s will survive. The increased survival rate is now being termed by some medical professionals as an "epidemic of survival".

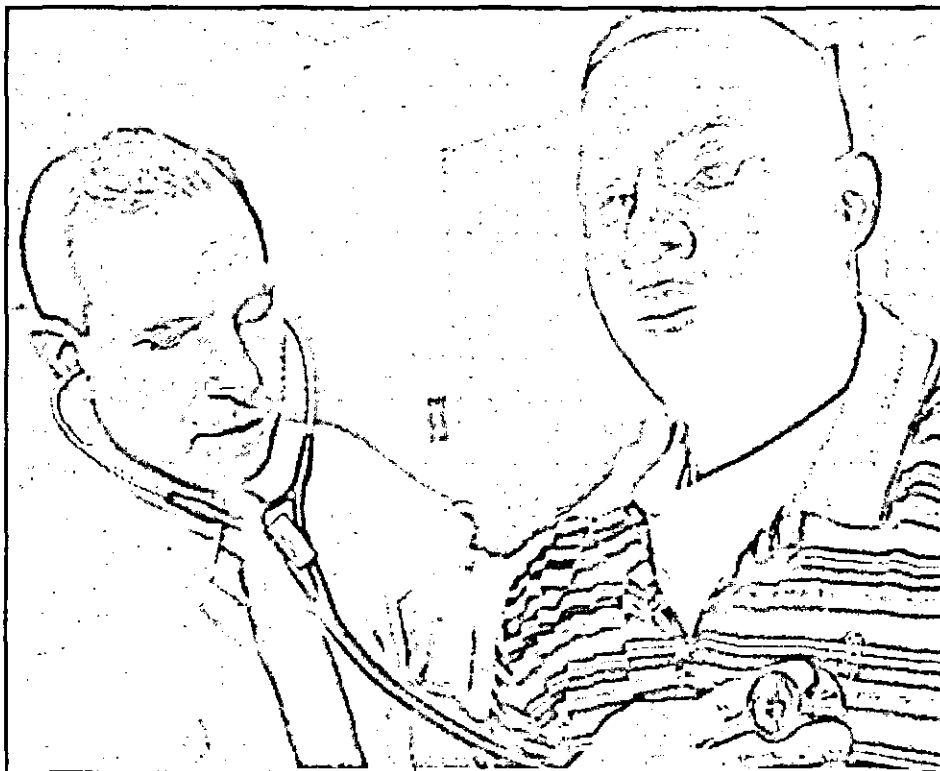
Dr. George Buchanan, professor of pediatrics at University of Texas Southwestern, saw a need and along with his colleague Dr. Kevin Oeffinger, associate professor of family practice and community medicine, spearheaded efforts to establish the After Cancer Experience Young Adult Program.

Now in its fourth year, the program has nearly 100 patients – the largest in the country outside a pediatric hospital.

"These survivors of cancer from their childhood and teen-age years constitute a whole new patient population", said Dr. Oeffinger. "Not just in Dallas but around the country. The major advances that have been made in diagnosis, treatment and improved supportive care have contributed to the current 'cure' rate for pediatric malignancies."

Dr. Oeffinger estimates that by the year 2000, one in 900 of all young adults will be a survivor of childhood cancer. However if survival rates continue to grow, that number could go as high as one in 400 patients.

Yet such success leads to the problem of adult after-care. Even when teens and children receive the best possible follow-up care, treatment is cut off as the patient approaches adulthood. "They're not children any more,



Dr. Kevin Oeffinger examines cancer survivor Jeff Booty. Individuals who survive cancer as children face special health needs as adults.

so they don't 'belong' to the pediatric oncologists," said Dr. Buchanan. "They don't have cancer anymore, so they don't need an adult oncology specialist. In fact, a majority of the pediatric-oncology programs in the United States lack a follow-up program for adult survivors, and there are a few adult follow-up clinics like Southwestern's program."

Late effects of cancer treatment often include a second malignant neoplasm or breast cancer. Survivors also face the possibility of the early onset of atherosclerosis from radiation treatment to the chest area. Other problems may include difficulty in hearing, breathing and thinking, early formation of cataracts, pulmonary fibrosis, hypothyroidism, heart disease, pulmonary fibrosis, Hepatitis C and infertility.

Patients in the young adult clinic are monitored closely and taught to be aware of certain symptoms. Dr. Oeffinger said most patients have annual checkups; but some come as often as four times a year, depending on the type of cancer and the treatments given during their illness. "How these risk are affected by an individual's genetics and the potential for heritable cancers, we don't know," he said.

Dr. Buchanan holds the Children's Cancer Fund Distinguished Chair in Pediatric Oncology and Hematology. He is also the director for the Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at Children's. The pediatric teaching hospital provides support through its After Cancer Experience (ACE) program. ACE provides the bridge between young cancer patients and the young adult program.

National breast cancer campaign kickoff set for August 7th

The first of four national kick-off rallies in preparation for a national breast cancer awareness effort will take place Saturday, August 7th at the DeSoto Civic Center, 211 East Pleasant Run Road. From 10:00AM- 12 noon, the rally will bring together breast cancer survivors, church, civic, business and social leaders. Other rallies are scheduled in Atlanta, Chicago and New York later in the month of August. The event was announced by the Celebrating Life Foundation, located at 1801 Royal Lane in Dallas.

A national day of prayer and awareness, Super Sunday, will be held as a culminating activity on October 10th. For more information on breast cancer awareness activities, interested persons may call (972) 501-9981.

Genetic link may predict colon cancer

At Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions in Baltimore, scientists have found a genetic marker that may predict as many as 40% of new colon cancer cases. Of 27 people studied, researchers found a genetic alternation that leads to abnormal cell growth and colon cancer in 44%. A test for the genetic marker may be available in two years.

Congressional Black Caucus backs national campaign to increase organ, tissue and bone marrow donation

Members of the Congressional Black Caucus and Auxiliary officials to the National Medical Association recently met to learn more about the Auxiliary's "Gift of Giving" program. The program, a partnership with a number of community organizations, encourages people to sign up as organ, tissue or bone marrow donors.

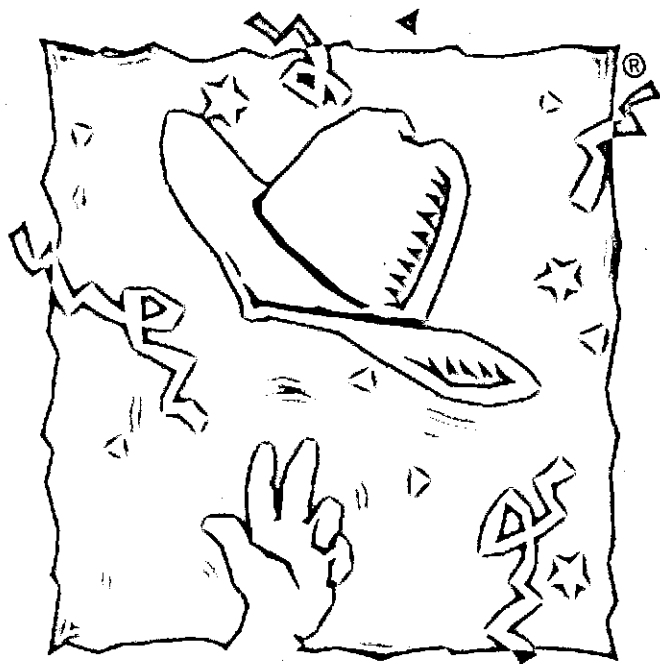
According to Dr. Clive O. Callender, founder and principal investigator of the National Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Program, "Frankly African-Americans are still not donating organs at a rate high enough to meet our organ donor needs." Dr. Callendar acknowledges an increase in organ donation over the past twenty years. Despite this increase, donations have not kept pace, particularly for kidney failure. Kidney failure is often related to diabetes and hypertension.



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Retail stocks lead June Texas

100 Stock Index

Led by a double-digit increase in the value of retail stocks and strong performances by high tech companies and non-high tech manufacturers, the Texas 100 Stock Index rose 6.9% in June, outperforming the national indexes for the second consecutive month.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 3.9% during June, while Standard & Poor's 500 gained 5.4%. During the past year, Texas 100 stocks have risen 15.9%, while the Dow has risen 22.6%.

Share prices for high tech companies rose 9.9%. Texas Instruments, Inc. (TI) is the star of the high tech stocks, posting a 31.7% gain.

The Texas 100 Stock Index tracks the stock values of Texas' 100 largest employers, with 93,000 workers and an annual payroll of more than \$26 billion. The June index stands at 137.4. That figure means that a \$100 investment in the Texas 100 companies in December 1997 would be worth \$137.35 in June 1999.

UT Southwestern increases business

with minority and women-ownfirms

In 1998, Dallas' UT Southwestern Medical Center made \$85 million in purchases. Of the goods and services purchased, more than 15% were shared with minority and women-owned businesses. The 15.6% minority and women-owned business share is the highest of any medical center in the University of Texas System.

According to Joe Behrens, assistant vice-president of materials management at UT Southwestern, "Purchases from minority or women-owned businesses, or historically underutilized businesses (HUBs), totaled \$13.2 million last year". The HUB program is designed to boost the amount of goods and services provided by economically disadvantaged small businesses. UT Southwestern's HUB program includes 100 vendors.

Of all purchasing categories, computers and laboratory equipment accounted for more than half of all minority business purchases. Computer purchases totaled 28.4% and laboratory equipment amounted to 23.9%.

"It is through the cooperation of the entire campus that the medical center continues to increase its business with minority and women-owned businesses," Behrens said.

Marriott International's diversity programs recognized

For the 2nd year in a row, Marriott International, Inc. has been named as one of the nation's top 50 companies for Asians, Blacks and Hispanics. Fortune Magazine's "Diversity Elite" is an annual listing of firms with demonstrating minority inclusion. Approximately 21.5% of Marriott International's managers are minorities. Marriott also has a goal to purchase 5% of its total supplies from minority and women-owned businesses over the next three years.

Marriott International, Inc. is a leading worldwide hospitality company with over 1,800 operating units in the United States and 53 other countries and territories. Marriott Lodging operates and franchises hotels under the Marriott, Ritz-Carlton, Renaissance, Residence Inn, Courtyard, TownePlace Suites, Fairfield Inn, SpringHill Suites and Ramada International brand names. The corporation also operates vacation ownership, or timeshare resorts under the Marriott Vacation Club International brand. Other Marriott businesses include senior living communities and services, wholesale food distribution, and procurement services.

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A facility for the UNT System Center at Dallas is expected to open in early 2000 near Interstate 20 in southern Dallas. Meanwhile, classes will be offered this fall on the campuses of Cedar Valley College and Mountain View College.

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Information/registration sessions

Monday, Aug. 16
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Cedar Valley College
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- Master of science with a major in library science

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- Alternative dispute resolution

Most classes begin the week of Aug. 30.

For more information, call toll-free
(800) UNT-8211 or (877) UNT-DAYS

Around The Town

Spend a few hours with residents of a local nursing home. Volunteers are needed weekday mornings to help seniors with arts and crafts and as escorts. Volunteers are also needed Thursday mornings or afternoons to answer the telephones, take messages, and greet guests in the dental office at 1312 Golden Acres. Call 214-826-6767 for more information.

EXCAP has volunteer opportunities to make a difference in the lives of children of divorce through Families First: Children Cope with Divorce classes. The purpose is to show adults the effects of the divorce on their children. Volunteers in the simultaneous children's program use grief curriculum and reassure children that they are not to blame. The peer support groups are held the second Saturday of each month from 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Volunteers for children's classes will receive 4 hours of training in a session held at East Dallas Christian Church, 629 N. Peak St., Dallas, TX 75246. Call the EXCAP Center at 972-644-2098 for more information. Bilingual volunteers are also needed.

Through August 28

The noted visual artist Benny Andrews is once again using various visual media to depict themes relating to the black experience. "Benny Andrews: The Painter's Griot" is on display at the James E. Kemp Gallery through August 28. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-6:00 p.m. and Saturday, noon-4:00 p.m. There is free admission, however donations are greatly appreciated.

August 3

The SHARE! High School Exchange Program still needs host families for high school exchange students. Now is the time to match students with their host families, as they start arriving very soon, as early as August 3, 1999. The students are between 15 and 18 years of age and are eager to live with a family and learn about America. They are carefully selected, speak English, have their own health insurance and spending money. Host families provide a bed, meals, and a caring family environment. For more information, call Yvette Coffman, Exchange Program Manager, at 214-373-6760 or the ERDT Southwest Regional Office at 1-800-414-3738.

August 3

Clean South Dallas presents its first fund-raiser for the year, the Silent Auction/Community

Street Fair, will be held August 3, 1999. Come out and bid on valuable items such as autographed photos of professional athletes, hair braiding, Texas Ranger tickets, Starplex tickets, and more. Come take a stroll down Side-walk Cafe or try your luck at games, Cake Walk, and much more at the Street Fair. Tickets for the Street Fair are \$1.00. Please call 214-421-1662 for more information.

August 4

The 1999 "Regional Job Fair" will be held from 2 pm-6 p.m. August 4, 1999 at the Radisson Hotel, 1893 West Mockingbird Lane. 25 to 30 regional employers will offer jobs in accounting, business/management, customer service, data processing, environment, law, public services, and many more. Part-time, full-time, and hourly jobs are available. A resume writing workshop will also be given from 2 pm-3 p.m. If you are interested, please send your resume to: P.O. Box 90857, Washington, DC 20090, today!

August 4 and 5

The Texas Workers' Compensation Commission (TWCC) will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 4, 1999, at 2:00 p.m. At the hearing, Commissioners will take testimony on proposed amendments to Rule 134.1001, Spine Treatment Guideline. If you plan to make public comment at the hearing, please submit 10 written copies of your oral testimony and handouts to the director of executive communication, Linda McKee. She can be reached at 512-448-7973. The next scheduled public meeting will take place on Thursday, August 5, at 10:30 a.m. Both the hearing and the public meeting scheduled for August will be held in the Tippy Foster Room (Room 910) at TWCC's Southfield Building, 4000 S. IH-35, in Austin.

August 7

LaFuente's Fall Job Fair Expo '99 promises to bring job seekers and recruiters together to provide career opportunities to the Metroplex. This year's job fair will take place on Saturday, August 7, 1999, at the Grand Place Building in Fair Park from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Admission is free. Polish up those resumes and make plans to meet over 100 companies searching for the right candidate. Bilingual skills are a plus. For more information on employment opportunities or booth information, please call (214) 977-7936.

Deadline August 9

The Texas State Fair of Texas Creative Arts/Special Events Department has over 1100 categories in 12 departments of competitions that will be judged before the Fair begins. Categories range from visual arts to photography to needle-point and crafts to cooking and more. Entry fees range from free-\$5. For more information, see web-site: www.bigtex.com or send \$3.00 to receive a booklet to Creative Arts Mailing List, P.O. Box 150009, Dallas, TX 75315. The state Fair will be held Sept. 24-Oct. 17, 1999.

August 10-14

The 1999 National Conference of The Christ Holy Sanctified Churches will convene August 10-14, 1999 in the city of Fort Worth, TX. Services will be held at Chosen Vessel Church, 4650 Campus Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76119. Guest speakers include Dr. Cynthia James, Elder Marvin Sapp, and Bishop Charles E. Blake. Guest musical artists include Karen Clark-Sheard and The Canton Spirituals. Attendance to this conference is absolutely F.R.E.E., however pre-registration packages are available. Arrive early for a good seat. For further information and registration forms, please call (817) 604-2966 or e-mail at chsc@chschurch.com. Visit the web-site at www.chschurch.com.

August 14

Coca-Cola's Time Out 1999 is an all day multicultural event designed to provide young people and their parents with an opportunity to mix and mingle in a positive, goal oriented all day outdoor events. Scheduled for August 14, 10 a.m.-10 p.m., at the Annette Strauss Artist Square in downtown Dallas, this event will be filled with music, education booths, food and fun. Let the world know that most of our children are not on drugs or in gangs, but in school and trying to make a positive difference in the world.

Deadline August 15

Write a poem and win the \$1000 grand prize! Hollywood's Famous Poets Society is sponsoring a new poetry contest, open to everyone. To enter, send one poem on any subject and any style, 21 lines or less, to: Free Poetry Contest, 1626 N. Wilcox Ave., Suite 126, Hollywood, CA 90028. Or feel free to enter on-line at www.famouspoets.com. The deadline for entering is August 15, 1999. A winner's list

will be sent to all entrants on or before September 30, 1999.

Deadline August 16

YWCA of Metropolitan Dallas is seeking nominations for the Year 2000 Family of the Year Award. YWCA recognizes an outstanding family whose civic contributions of time, resources and expertise have spanned more than one generation and made a true impact on lives of women, children and families. This award will honor the selected family at the 14th annual luncheon on March 2, 2000, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at Reunion. If you want to be apart of the nomination process, call 214-826-9922, ext. 2325 for a nomination form. Nominations are due Monday, August 16, 1999, no later than 5:00 p.m.

August 16

Opening its doors on Monday, August 16, I Am That I Am Academy in Dallas is a new charter school. Emphasizing literacy, recreational activities, cultural, and pre-employment skills, I Am That I Am Academy will work diligently to see that your child becomes computer literate and well rounded in all areas. Accredited by the Texas Education Agency in 1998, doors will open for grades 4 through 10.

August 19

On Thursday, August 19 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., the Community Meeting Room of the Lewisville Main Library location (1197 W. Main) will be the host of the program "Parent Burnout". Presented by Nancy Brown of the Texas Agriculture Extension Service, this program offers timely advice for the modern parent. Issues such as anger management and positive discipline will be discussed. A children's program will run simultaneously with Parent Burnout to accommodate parents. Those interested in attending can RSVP by calling Erik Wilkinson at (972) 219-3779.

August 20

On August 20, 1999, from 10:00 a.m.-noon, the Brady Center will "Hip Hop" back to school with a senior dance! Join in on the fun, food, games, and door prizes. RSVP at 214-826-8330.

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**Watch Me Fly: What I Learned On the Way to
Becoming the Woman I Was Meant to Be**
Myrlie Evers-Williams with Melinda Blau.
(Little, Brown and Company; \$23 hardcover)

"This book is not about the civil rights movement, it is not about the NAACP, and it is not about...Medgar Evers. Rather, it is about...a woman who shares common ground with other women. It is about self-discovery, about the many roads traveled and the roadblocks faced in life--how [to] go around them, run over them, blast through them, and soar above them," writes Myrlie Evers-Williams in her newly released book, *"Watch Me Fly: What I Learned On the Way to Becoming the Woman I Was Meant to Be."* We saw her in the shadow of her late husband and civil rights advocate, Medgar Evers. We wept with her at his cruel, hate-driven death, and sympathized when she took the status of a widow, twice. We admired her strength as a single mother. We applauded her courage when she became the first African-American woman appointed to serve as commissioner on the Los Angeles Board of Public Works. And many of us identified with her as she changed from being a nigger, to Negro, to black, to African-American, as history unfolded itself, revealing to us both America's problems and progress. "What is important to me is that I know who I am. I am proud of my African heritage, but born in this country, I am also American," she says. However, more than anything, we revered her perseverance! "As I tell my grandchildren, 'It's only through these tests that we become stronger human beings. One must persevere--just persevere,'" she writes. She also counsels that you won't find any how-to formulas or step-by-step rules for happiness in this book, but rather the universal themes of despair, hope, struggle, fear, and freedom, that make life worth living and give you something to die for.

24Kt. Goal: Ten Steps to Personal and Professional Success
Erma Roquemore - (Contrast
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"It begins during childhood. Children learn at an early age the look and sweet smell of success...As they mature, their impressions are rudely interrupted with the realities of life...success must be earned and it is individualized," says Erma Roquemore as she introduces the *24Kt. Goal, Ten Steps To Personal And Professional Success*. Taunted as a kid because of a skin disease that left her "limping most of the time and wearing thigh high socks and white gloves all the time," she also discovered that children learn some rude and possibly destructive nicknames and chants during childhood. The effects of such chants as "Erm, the germ," and "The last one in the class likes Erma Roquemore!" were baggage that she towed around until she decided to deposit them into the "Wiz Bag," which coincidentally is the first step of the proposed plan. Erma realized that she was born "fully equipped." "Just like a car," she reminds readers, "you pay additional bucks to include all the extras; likewise, during your life, you must pay with blood, sweat and tears, to achieve success." So if you are in need of some gas for your car, stop by the bookstore and fill on 24kt. Goal.



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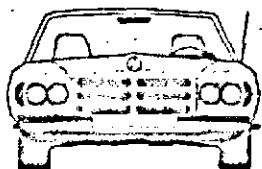
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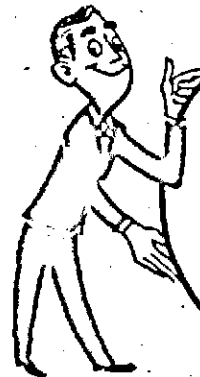
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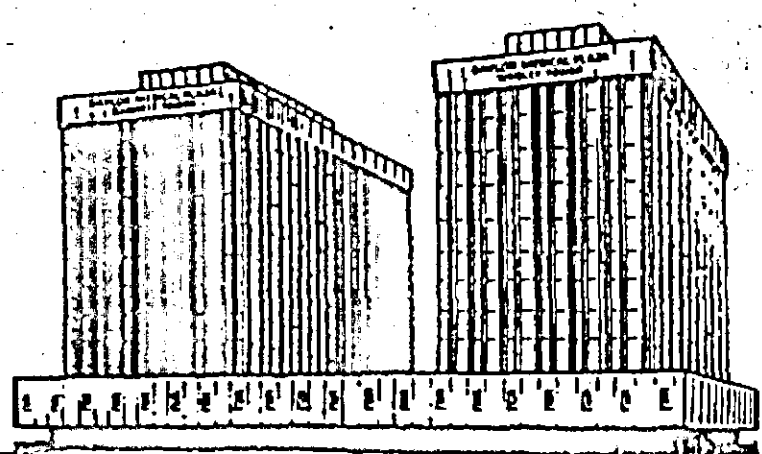
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The Wood

Three 20-something friends reminisce about growing up, as one of them (Taye Diggs) gets the jitters about his upcoming wedding.

Bowfinger

Steve Martin wrote and stars as a producer on a losing streak who gets a megastar (played by Eddie Murphy) in his movie.

Deep Blue Sea

Forget "The Postman" and "Speed 2." The most elephantine flop of recent years was Renny Harlin's "Cutthroat Island." Mr. Harlin attempts to redeem himself with this saga of humongous sharks on a rampage. With Samuel L. Jackson and Thomas Jane.

Hot

Hear Ye, Hear Ye

Twenty year-old singing sensation **Brandy** has been romantically linked to the recently retired rapper **Mase**, Los Angeles Lakers phenom **Kobe Bryant** and **Wanya Morris** of Boys to Men in the past. According to the New York Daily News, Brandy was seen cuddled up with an unidentified man at Whitney Houston's Madison Square Garden concert Wednesday night.

Uncle Luke says he's not guilty. At least that's what he told the judge during his hearing at the Miami-Dade County Court. As you may remember, Campbell was arrested on July 5, 1999 and charged with aggravated battery for allegedly hitting a man in the face with a bottle of Jack Daniel's at a South Beach nightclub. The alleged victim, Matthew Fabrice, suffered a broken nose as a result of the fight. Campbell now has to appear in court for an August 10, 1999 trial date to answer to the misdemeanor charge.

R&B singer/actress **Brandy**, star of UPN sitcom "Moesha" is demanding more money to return for another season of the show, reports the New York Daily News. The 20 year-old Grammy winner told members of the Television Critics Association that her contract on the show ends this season. "UPN, you gotta come up with the cheese, if we have to do more shows," Brandy said. The show features Brandy as a young woman coming of age under her overprotective father and her stepmother. It is UPN's highest-rated sitcom and the second-longest-running show on the network. Brandy said she doesn't know when she'll decide if she will return or not and added, "the only way I'll come back is if the vibe stays the way it is, the family atmosphere, and my brother (new cast member and singer Ray J.) can stay on the show."

SPOTLIGHT

Introducing Dorothy Dandridge

She was Hollywood's first Black sex symbol. She was described as one of the five most beautiful women in the world. She was the first Black ever nominated for the Oscar's "Best Actress of the Year" Academy Award. She was the first Black to sing in the New York Waldorf-Astoria's world-famed Empire Room. She was gorgeous. She was graceful. She was admired and adulated. She was Dorothy Dandridge.

The "Carmen Jones" and "Porgy and Bess" star did not live to write the afterword to her autobiography, "Everything and Nothing: The Dorothy Dandridge Tragedy." If she had, perhaps she would have disclosed the mystery of her death. However, this month, HBO will venture to expose her life and details of the causes of her death in the feature entitled Introducing Dorothy Dandridge. Halle Berry, who has a striking resemblance to the actress, in both life experiences and physical attributes, will play the role of Ms. Dandridge. Of securing the position, Halle said, "This may be my ego or my fantasy, but I believe Dorothy passed the ball to me. And I say that with such strong feelings of responsibility and humility. She blazed a trail for Black actresses and fought so hard to widen horizons for our people. That's how I approach my career. I want to fight as hard as she did."

Two failed marriages, an abortion after an affair with producer/director Otto Preminger, a mentally retarded child who suffered from brain damage, a fickle career, bad investments resulting in loss of a fortune, eight lawsuits from creditors, foreclosure on her home, and bankruptcy, avalanching in what many believe as suicide from



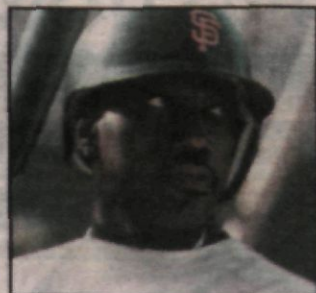
Halle Berry as the late Dorothy Dandridge

drug overdose, is the fight that Dorothy fought during her life. Many of Dorothy's life history parallels Halle Berry's own experiences. "I know how a person can feel so alone that she just wants to go to sleep because I have been there," says Halle, referring to the time after her divorce from David Justice when she, too, had thoughts of suicide. However, Halle believes that she has been given a unique opportunity to star in the HBO feature that will be aired on August 21, 1999 at 8:00 p.m. "I am determined to change the ending. In my own life, I will change the ending."

THE TUBE

Fakin' DA Funk

An Asian teen (Dante Basco) tries to cope with his new surroundings when he moves with his new adoptive parents from Atlanta to LA's South Central. Also starring Ernie Hudson, Pam Grier, and Margaret Cho. Fakin' Da Funk premieres on USA Network Friday, August 6, 1999, at 2:00 p.m. ET/PT.



Wesley Snipes stars in "The Fan"

The Fan

Obsessed baseball fan Gil Renard (Robert Deniro) stalks favorite player Bobby Rayburn (Wesley Snipes) who just signed a big contract with San Francisco Giants. When Rayburn goes into a slump, Renard figures he can help his idol, by any means necessary! The Fan also stars Ellen Barkin, John Leguizamo, Benicio Del Toro, and Patti D'Arbanville. Don't miss this ball game airing August 18, 1999 on USA Network, 9:00-11:30 p.m. ET/PT.

Beverly Hills Cop II

A series of strange robberies brings Axel Foley (Eddie Murphy) back to Beverly Hills to help his two fellow cops infiltrate a band of international munition smugglers. All the familiar faces of the first film are back. Tune in August 24, 1999 to USA network, 9:00-11:00 p.m. ET/PT, to catch this cop in action.

Events

Through August 15

Jubilee Theatre's production of "Attitude, Girl Friend, ATTITUDE", a sassy new musical sashays onto the stage Friday, July 9, 1999. "Attitude, Girl Friend, ATTITUDE" runsthrough August 15, 1999. Regular admission tickets range from \$12 to \$16. This musical will play Friday & Saturday nights at 8:15 p.m. and Saturday & Sunday afternoons at 3:15 p.m. Jubilee continues its Saturday matinee special: Buy one adult ticket, get the second one free! Student, senior citizen and group rates are available. For tickets call (817) 338-4411 or fax (817) 338-4206 or e-mail jubilee@startext.net.

Through August 8

"The Scarlet Pimpernel" is based on the novel by Baroness Orczy showing features of bribery, blackmail, and deception. It is the story of a dashing English aristocrat who risks his life to enter France to save lives from the Guillotine. Presented by the Dallas Summer Musicals/Fair Park Music Hall. For ticket information, please call (214) 691-7200.

Through -August 14

"How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" This satiric musical looks at the corporate world and a young man's meteoric rise up the corporate ladder. Presented by the Mesquite Community Theater. Mesquite Arts Center. (972) 216-8126.

August 5-8

Come and celebrate over 40 cultural groups of Texas for four fun-filled days, August 5-8, 1999, at the 28th Annual Texas Folklife Festival! Savor foods from all over the world, enjoy stories that will intrigue you, learn traditional skills of pioneers, and listen to music that will make you want to dance! It's all happening at the Institute of Texan Cultures in downtown San Antonio. Festival hours are Thursday and Friday, August 5 and 6, 5-11 p.m.; Saturday, August 7, noon-11 p.m.; and Sunday, August 8, noon-9 p.m. For more information about the Festival or to order tickets in advance, write the Texas Folklife Festival, 801 S. Bowie St., San Antonio, TX 78205-3296, or call (210) 458-2390.

August 7

Don't miss the amazing talent to be displayed at Jazz Explosion Saturday, August 7, 1999. **Kenny Lattimore**, **Rachelle Ferrell**, and **George Duke** will be exploding at Naomi Bruton Main Stage at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$28.50. For more information call 214-743-2440.



Texana Grill - Inspired by the sites and flavors of the Texas Hill Country, Texana Grill is now open. A unique restaurant, Texana Grill is located in South Arlington off IH-20 and Matlock Road.

LL Cool J, Samuel L. Jackson star in Deep Blue Sea

By Josef Spencer
Staff Writer

When researchers try to play God by attempting to regenerate the human brain, they must face the terror of Judgment Day. By using one of nature's fastest and most perfect killing machines for the brain tissue, Dr. Susan McAlester, played by Saffron Burrows, is about to create medical history. However, in order to do so she has to re-engineer genetically the DNA of the mako sharks, making them smarter, faster, and breaking ethical codes. The result: the great flood.

Moments after Susan and her team successfully extract brain tissue from the largest of the mako sharks, they watch in horror as the shark exacts a revenge that results in irreparable damage to the research facility. With a tropical storm swirling the now sinking Aquatica station, the scientists and workers find themselves stalked by the terrifying new generation sharks-fighting against the deadly monsters they

helped to create.

Producer Alan Riche says, "The shark is the archetype of that which lurks below our consciousness. There's an ancient fear here. We hadn't heard of anything like it...well, since 'Jaws.' Only in that film, the shark was in its own environment. In *"Deep Blue Sea"*, through a series of occurrences, the sharks are now in our environment."

"It's scary and interesting and takes advantage of the kind of technologies that weren't available until quite recently," says writer/producer Akiva Goldsman. "It took about 2 1/2 years to get to the point where we knew we could get the right picture made," says producing team member Tony Ludwig, "and it really had less to do with what we were doing and more to do with the technology that had been created." The Fox Baja Studios that was built for *"Titanic"* and the refined computer-driven animatronic technology of *"Free Willy"* coupled with the development of this picture introduced the opportunity to begin *"Deep Blue*

Sea."

The film, which stars renowned music artist LL Cool J and Oscar-nominated actor Samuel L. Jackson, opened in theatres in late July. "I looked forward to doing this picture, and it's something different for me. I grew up watching monster movies. Even though this has a different kind of monster, it has all the elements." "Also," he adds, "we're (humans) the smartest thing on this planet theoretically, but when we get in the ocean, we're out of our element. Other things become a lot brighter and stronger and faster and more adept at dealing than we are."

But apparently, director Renny Harlin felt that these two men would be able to deal. Commenting on the selection of the cast he says, "We wanted to cast actors who were solid actors but not necessarily movie stars. We want them [the audience] to get to know these people as real, true flesh-and-blood charac-

ters rather than 'movie stars.' " But he also wanted to cast Jackson, a movie star who is an actor, and says that he is "a kind of anchor in the middle of the story."

Then the director saw a couple of LL Cool J's films and cast him as Sherman "Preacher" Dudley, whom LL describes as "a cook who is a man of God, kind of like 'The Apostle' meets Chef Boyardee. It's great." He said that he accepted the role because he sees it as a personal "opportunity to grow. I've achieve a lot in music, but it's time for a change, time to grow." But these weren't the only thoughts on the film, Michael Rapaport perhaps speaks for a majority of *"Deep Blue Sea"*-ers when he closes, "No more swimming with sharks for me. Goldfish, that's what I swim with now, goldfish. You can keep them in a tank, keep them under control if they try and get out of hand. Now, I'm a goldfish



Dr. Susan McAlester (Saffron Burrows, "Preacher" (LL Cool J) and Carter (Thomas Jane)



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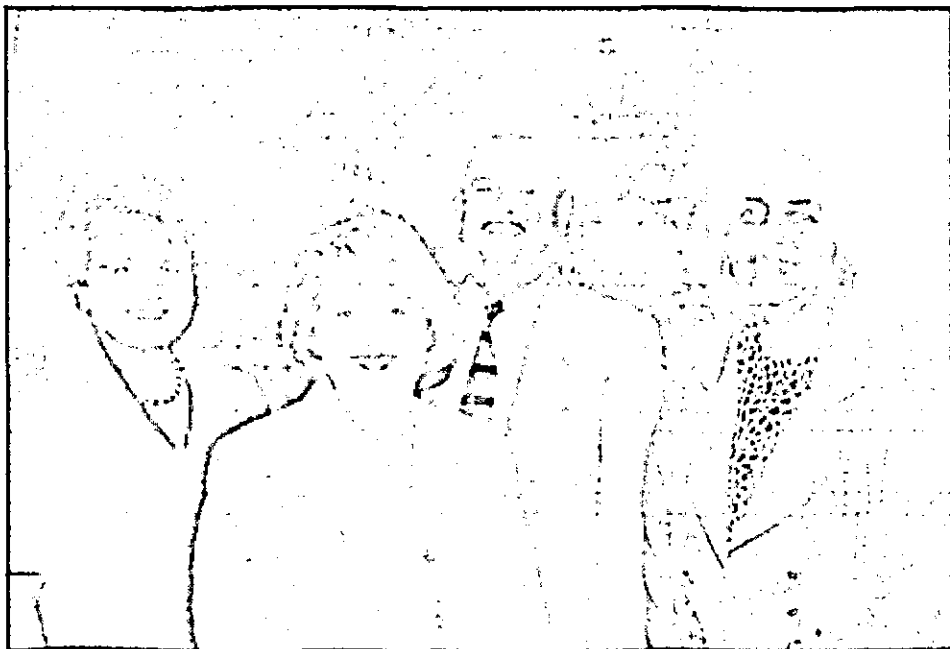
UNT names interim executive director, community liaisons for Dallas' new System Center

Dr. Virginia Wheelless, associate vice-president for planning and special assistant to the chancellor at the University of North Texas, has been named interim executive director of the new UNT System Center at Dallas. Dr. Wheelless will serve in this capacity while a national search begins this fall. The appointment takes effect immediately. A permanent executive director is not expected to be named early next year.

Dr. Wheelless will coordinate the development of the new facility in partnership with

can't think of a more appropriate person to direct the center and work with the community liaisons at this juncture than Dr. Wheelless." It was Senator West who led the legislative effort to make the new center possible.

Continuing he added, "She has been with us every step of the way, developing the plans, interfacing with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and putting in place the blueprint for the ultimate development of the UNT System Center at Dallas.



The UNT System Center's Leadership team (L-R): Dr. Virginia Wheelless, interim executive director with community liaisons: Kathryn J. Eddy, Richard A. Marquez, and Dr. Mamie L. McKnight

three community liaisons: Dr. Mamie McKnight, Mr. Richard A. Marquez, and Ms. Kathryn J. Eddy. The team effort is intended to garner community support and participation to establish the new UNT System Center as an integral part of its service area.

Commenting on the interim appointment, State Senator Royce West (D-Dallas) said, "I

For all of us who've been involved, this is a labor of love."

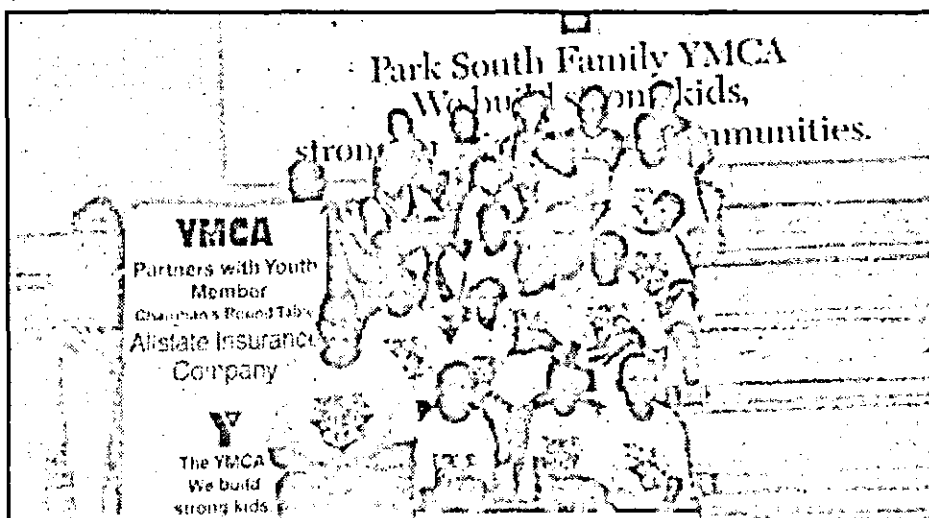
After studying proposals from three university systems, a citizen task force chose UNT to address public university needs of the southern Dallas and northern Ellis County. In

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\$2,500 Allstate Foundation grant to provide Park South YMCA scholarships and computers

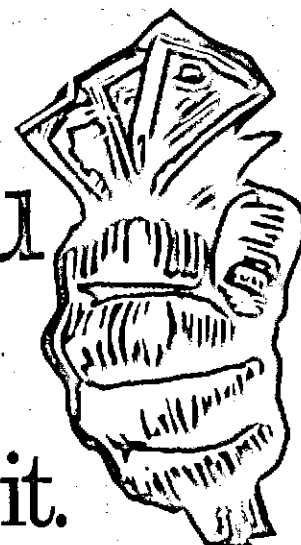
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January of this year, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board granted UNT approval to establish a system center in southern Dallas. That decision marked the first major step towards the establishment of a full university in the vicinity.

With a \$4.2 million legislative appropriation, funding for the new center facility was secured. Until construction is completed, the center will operate from two community colleges this fall. A leased facility is expected to open in January. A group of prominent Dallas business and civic leaders pledged to raise \$2.6 million in private funds for equipment, outreach activities and scholarships for the center.

Since 1992, Dr. Wheelless has served as UNT's associate vice-president for planning and special assistant to the chancellor. In this capacity, she coordinated the university's strategic planning efforts and institutional research. She has also held faculty and administrative positions at other institutions including Texas Tech University, University of Maryland, West Virginia University and Morehead State University.

She earned a doctorate in speech communication at University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She also holds a master's in speech and theatre arts from Colorado State University and an undergraduate degree in speech education from Kearney (Nebraska) State College.

Beginning this month, UNT will offer classes for five different degree programs on the Cedar Valley and Mountain View College campuses. These courses will be the first phase of the center's official opening. A facility for the center is expected to open in January near Interstate 20 in southern Dallas. Additional degree programs will be offered through the center in spring 2000, and more will be added each semester thereafter.

With more than 25,500 students, UNT is the leading university of the Dallas-Fort Worth region, and the state's fourth largest. Named one of America's 100 Best College Buys, UNT has more computers per student than most other large state universities. Offering 92 bachelor's, 123 master's and 47 doctoral programs, the university student-faculty ratio is 16:1. Seventy-five percent of UNT's students are undergraduates. Nearly 80,000 alumni live in the Metroplex.

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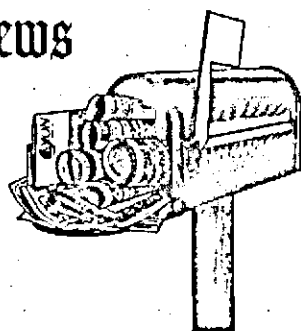
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