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## LEGAL NOTICES

### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DURHAM

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of H.M. Michaux, Sr., deceased, late of Durham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said Estate to present such claims to the undersigned at the offices of Michaux and Michaux, P.A., P.O. Box 2152, Durham, NC 27702-2152 on or before the 17th day of July 2004 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment.  
This the 5th day of January, 2004.  
Eric C. Michaux, Executor  
Michaux and Michaux, P.A.  
Post Office Box 2152  
Durham, NC 27702-2152  
Jan. 17, 24, 31; Feb. 7, 2004

### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DURHAM

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of William E. Stanley, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of William E. Stanley to present them to the undersigned within three months from the date of the first publication of this Notice or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate, please make immediate payment.  
This the 7th day of January, 2004.  
Angelica Stroud, Executrix  
322 Junction Rd. 14-A  
Durham, NC 27703  
1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2004

### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DURHAM

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Having qualified before the Clerk of Superior Court of Durham County as Public Administrator of the Estate of James Daniel Carter, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the Estate to send them, duly itemized and verified, to 5102 Chapel Hill Boulevard, Durham, NC 27707, on or before the 16th day of April, 2004 (90 days after the date of this Notice) or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.  
All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the Estate of James Daniel Carter are requested to make prompt settlement with the undersigned.  
This the 8th day of January, 2004.  
George W. Miller, Jr.  
Administrator of the Estate of James Daniel Carter  
Deceased  
5102 Chapel Hill Boulevard,  
Suite 100  
Durham, NC 27707  
The Carolina Times Dates:  
1-17, 1-24, 1-31, 2-7, 2004.

## Astros McLane Shedding Image As Tightfisted

By Michael A. Lutz

HOUSTON (AP) - Houston Astros fans were shocked when owner Drayton McLane signed free agent left-hander Andy Pettitte last month. They were floored when he added future Hall of Fame pitcher Roger Clemens.

Could this be the same owner who has been portrayed by fans and some players as tightfisted, more interested in the bottom line than reaching the World Series? After signing Clemens and Pettitte, he's a hero and has the Astros talking about a championship.

"Drayton has his eyes on the World Series and as you go into the season, that's what you try to do, especially with the rotation that we have now," said Pettitte, who is from the Houston area and won four World Series titles with the New York Yankees.

"We've said before we want to be champions and this is another step in that direction," McLane said. "When you add guys like Andy Pettitte and Roger Clemens, I think that speaks for what we're trying to do here. Everybody in this organization wants to bring a World Series to Houston."

That's tall talk for a team that's never even won a playoff series. But that's the heady atmosphere McLane has created as he begins his 12th season as owner, much

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Having qualified as Co-Executrix and Co-Executor of the Estate of Lucille Perry Allen, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of Lucille Perry Allen, to present them to the undersigned within three months from the date of the first publication of this Notice or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.  
All persons indebted to said estate, please make immediate payment.  
This the 16th day of December, 2003.  
Patsy A. Woodard, Co-Executrix  
2612 Cone Avenue  
Durham, NC 27704  
Charles Aiken, Co-Executrix  
591 Pollyanna Rd.  
Henderson, NC 27537  
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### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DURHAM

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Selma B. Aylsworth, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of Selma B. Aylsworth to present them to the undersigned within three months from the date of the first publication of this Notice or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.  
All persons indebted to said Estate, please make immediate payment.  
This the 12th day of December, 2003.  
Arthur S. Aylsworth, Executor  
714A Greenwood Road  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514  
Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 2004

### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DURHAM

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Having qualified as Co-Executrix of the Estate of Lottie Louise Snipes, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of Lottie Louise Snipes to present them to the undersigned within three months from the date of the first publication of this Notice or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.  
All persons indebted to said Estate, please make immediate payment.  
This the 15th day of January, 2004.  
Bobby Jean Gatewood,  
Co-Executrix  
127 Freshwater Dr.  
Hubert, NC 28539  
David Albert Gatewood,  
Co-Executrix  
127 Freshwater Dr.  
Hubert, NC 28539  
February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2004

### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DURHAM

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Having qualified before the Clerk of Superior Court of Durham County as Public Administrator of the Estate of Loretta Brandon, Deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the Estate to send them, duly itemized and verified, to 5102 Chapel Hill Boulevard, Durham, NC 27707, on or before the 16th day of April, 2004 (90 days after the date of this Notice) or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.  
All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the Estate of Loretta Brandon are requested to make prompt settlement with the undersigned.  
This the 8th day of January, 2004.  
George W. Miller, Jr.  
Administrator of the Estate of Loretta Brandon,  
Deceased  
5102 Chapel Hill Boulevard,  
Suite 100  
Durham, NC 27707  
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wiser in the ways of baseball.  
Since buying the team in 1993, McLane has insisted on running the Astros with a keen eye on the profit line. That has at times drawn criticism, but president of baseball operations Tal Smith thinks the frugal image isn't accurate.

"A lot of times it's easy to beat up on owners, whether it's Bud Adams, Drayton McLane or whoever," Smith said. "That shouldn't be the case with Drayton, beyond question. He's never denied us anything we've brought to him."

While Astros executives know there are financial limitations, they say McLane will spend when

### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DURHAM IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION 03-SP-1883

GEORGE W. MILLER, JR.,  
Public Administrator of  
the Estate of MARY SHIELDS,  
Deceased,

Petitioner,

v.  
MICHAEL LAKIN, GUARDIAN AD  
LITEM AND ALL PERSONS IN ESSE  
AND NOT IN ESSE WHO MAY CLAIM  
TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE  
ESTATE OF MARY SHIELDS,  
Respondent.

TO: MICHAEL LAKIN, GUARDIAN AD LITEM AND ALL PERSONS IN ESSE AND NOT IN ESSE WHO MAY CLAIM TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF MARY SHIELDS, DECEASED.

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Petitioner has filed a Petition to Determine Heirs.

You are required to make a defense to such pleading no later than the 26th day of February, 2004, which is 40 days from the first publication of this notice. Upon your failure to file a pleading by the above date, party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 13th day of January, 2004

Robert E. Levin  
Attorney for Petitioner  
HAYWOOD, DENNY & MILLER, L.L.P.  
5102 Chapel Hill Boulevard  
Durham, NC 27707  
Telephone: (919) 403-0000

PUBLICATION DATES: TCT, 1/17, 1/24, 1,31 and 2/7, 2004

## BIDS/PROPOSALS

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Blair Construction, Inc. of Gretna, Virginia and with a North Carolina office in Raleigh will be bidding on the following project:

• **Durham Center for Senior Life BIDS February 10, 2004 @ 3:00 PM.**

Blair Construction, Inc. hereby solicits bids from any minority or woman-owned subcontractor or supplier whose services or products may apply to the project.

Plans are available for inspection in the offices of the AGC - Carolinas Branch in Raleigh, Greensboro, Fayetteville and Greenville, in the offices of the FW Dodge Corporation in Raleigh, in the office of the NC Institute of Minority Economic Development in Durham and the Raleigh/Durham Minority Business Development Center in Raleigh and Durham County Purchasing Division.

For additional information or to submit a bid phone (434) 656-6243 or fax (434) 656-3290.

### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Centex Construction Company Inc., is seeking Trade Package bids for Pre-Qualified for the furnishing of labor, material and equipment for Project #SCO-0005156-02 for Bid Package 8A Glass, Glazing, Curtainwalls, Alum, Storefronts ONLY for the new Science Complex Phase I at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Bidding documents and packages are available for review at Centex Construction Company, 201A South Columbia St., Chapel Hill, NC 27599 (ph) 919-969-1632 (fax) 919-969-1685.

**Bid Opening:  
Sealed Proposals from pre-qualified bidders are to be submitted to Centex Construction located at 201A South Columbia St., Chapel Hill, N.C. no later than February 27, 2004 at 10:00 AM.**

The pre-qualified bidders for bid Package 08A are:

Binswanger Glass  
Cartner Glass Systems, Inc.  
Conmat, Inc.  
Holston Glass Co., Inc.  
Juba Aluminum Products Co. Inc.  
SPS Corporation

Centex Construction Co. Inc. has an affirmative policy of fostering, promoting and conducting business with historically underutilized businesses (HUB), women and minority owned enterprises and encourages their participation. Pre-Qualified contractors listed above are encouraged to work together if beneficial to all to increase the opportunities for these businesses.

### RE-ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The City of Durham is soliciting bids from licensed HVAC Contractors for the installation of a Pool Pack and replacement of the Hot Water Boiler at the Edison Johnson Aquatics Center, replacement of the HVAC System in the Edison Johnson Recreation Center Gymnasium and connection of all new equipment to existing building automation system at the Edison

Johnson Aquatics Center, replacement of HVAC System and all duct work at the ED Mickle Recreation Center, replacement of the Pool Pack and Chiller at the Campus Hills Recreation Center, and the installation of a new Building Automation System at the Campus Hills Recreation Center.

Drawings and Specifications can be reviewed at AGC, Raleigh, NC, phone # 919-781-3270 and F.W. Dodge Co. Raleigh, NC, phone # 919-687-0821. There is a fifty (50) dollar deposit required to obtain Drawing and Specifications.  
All bids will be received at the City of Durham, General Services Department located at 2011 Fay Street, Durham, NC 27704, on February 23, 2004 until 2:00 PM at which time they will be open and publicly read. (Postal mail address: 101 City Hall Plaza, Durham, NC 27701, Attn. Alex Jones). Question and concerns should be directed to Alex Jones at (919) 560-4197 ext.246.

Bid, performance and payment bonds are required.  
**Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend a pre-bid conference on February 17, 2004 at 10:00 AM in the General Services Conference Room, located at 2011 Fay Street Durham NC.**

All contractors must be pre-qualified by the City of Durham Equal Opportunity/Equity Assurance Department. Contractors who are not currently pre-qualified must submit pre-qualification application to the EO/EA Department by Friday, February 16, 2004. Any questions about this requirement for the City of Durham certification status of SDBE's should be addressed to the City of Durham, EO/EA office at (919) 560-4180 ext. 244.

Small Disadvantage Business Enterprise participation goals are MSDBE (8%) and WSDBE (1%).  
The City Council of the City of Durham reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The City of Durham will open sealed formal bids submitted by pre-qualified bidders at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, March 3, 2004, for Contract M04.1 Right of Way Mowing and Litter Removal in the Public Works Operations Center Conference Room, 1100 Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway, Durham, North Carolina. The project involves right of way tractor mowing and litter removal from selected primary interstate highways and right of way tractor mowing of selected state secondary roads and municipal streets.

Specifications may be examined and copies of the bid may be picked up at the City of Durham Public Works Operations Center, 1100 Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway, phone # 919-560-4105. (Postal Mail Address: 1100 Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway, Durham, NC 27707, Attn. Chris Boyer). Questions and concerns should be directed to Ms. Chris Boyer at (919) 560-4105, ext. 226.

Bid, Performance and Payment Bonds are required.  
**Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend the pre-bid conference on Wednesday, February 11, 2004 at 2:00 PM in the Public Works Operations Center Conference Room, 1100 Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway, Durham, NC. Only bids submitted by pre-qualified bidders will be considered. The deadline for submitting completed Contractor Pre-Qualification Forms will be Wednesday, February 18, 2004.** Any questions about this requirement for the City of Durham certification status of SDBE's should be addressed to the City of Durham, EO/EA Office at (919) 560-4180 ext. 245.

Small Disadvantage Business Enterprise participation goals are MSDBE (16%) and WSDBE (5%).

The City Council of the City of Durham reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. All bids must include a non-collusion affidavit.

C.T. WILSON CONSTRUCTION CO. invites Minority Business Enterprises to submit subcontract and material supply bids for the following project:

**New Center of Senior Life  
Durham, NC  
Bid: 3:00 PM, February 10, 2004**

Bids must be received no later than 4 hours prior to bid time. Documents are available for review at AGC and Dodge Plan Rooms and our office. Phone (919) 383-2535, FAX (919) 382-0044.

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**2 Prevention Educator Positions:** The Alliance of AIDS Services-Carolina (AAS-C) in Raleigh, North Carolina is in search of 2 HIV/STD Prevention Educators. These positions will coordinate, plan, implement and evaluate HIV/STD prevention programs/interventions targeting Men who have sex with Men (with special emphasis on minority men). Minimum 1 year experience in public health education or related field and/or Bachelor of Science degree in Health Education. Email resume and salary requirement to kristena.elay@aas-c.org or mail to P.O. Box 12583, Raleigh, NC 27605. Deadline February 20, 2004. No phone inquiries.

Local statewide nonprofit organization is looking to fill the following positions. All resumes must be received no later than Monday, February 16, 2004. Please remit to VP for Administration and Programs, at POB 1331, Durham, N.C. 27702, and not position applying for.

**Finance Technical Assistance Specialist**  
Must have a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration, marketing or related field. A demonstrated knowledge of financial management, credit management and a thorough understanding of the credit process. Ability to develop financial strategies, techniques and processes to focus financial solutions for a small business community, particularly minority and women-owned enterprises and understand the economic and social needs of limited resource communities. Excellent written and verbal communications skills, competencies in MS Word, Excel and access. Must be available to travel.

**Market Development Specialist**  
Must have masters Degree in Business, Public Administration and or Finance, and a minimum of five years experience in business development or finance. Candidate must have an extensive knowledge of small business, commercial, and community economic development programs and resources. Experience in commercial lending, with prior experience in supervision and management. Excellent written and verbal communications skills, competencies in MS Word, Excel and access. Must be able to travel.

**Information Technology Coordinator**  
Must have a degree in computer science or an equivalent 3-5 years of experience. Extensive knowledge in current computer based programs and operations. Proficient in MS Word, Excel spreadsheets, access database, general PC operating systems and network training. Must be familiar with current software packages such as Microsoft Office and Windows 95 or 98, Windows NT and XP. Must possess excellent communication skills (verbal and written), and have a willingness to work beyond normal business hours. Ability to travel is essential.

**ELDER CARE** - An elderly woman needs live-in care. For more information call 598-6722.

## Rockies Shift Focus to Finding Character to Go With Talent

By John Marshall

DENVER (AP) - There was a time when the Colorado Rockies valued talent well above character and baseball knowledge.

Not anymore.  
After a few high-priced flops and plenty of losses, the Rockies have shifted their focus and money to players who can contribute in the clubhouse as much as they can with their arms or bats.

Talent is still important - no team can win without it - but the Rockies want a little substance to go with the skills.

"I know people don't want to hear this," general manager Dan O'Dowd said, "but we've learned from the past that having players without character doesn't mean anything, even if they have skill."

"I feel pretty good about the 25 we'll break with and the 32-35 we'll measure," he said. "I don't think they'll be a guy in the group that doesn't use up to our test of character through the course of the season."

It's an approach that made Colorado the league's busiest team in the offseason.  
The Rockies signed 20 free agents, including infielder Mark Sweeney and right-handers Scott Elarton and Steve Reed, who were with the team last year. Colorado also traded for three others: second baseman Aaron Miles, left-hander Joe Kennedy and right-hander Allan Simpson.

But of those new players, 14 signed minor-league contracts and will have to earn their spots on the team. Reed, Elarton, lefty Alex Herrera, third baseman Vinny Castilla, outfielder Jeremy Burnitz and catcher Todd