

# FedEx Ground to build a facility in Winston-Salem

Winston-Salem Business Inc. has announced that a subsidiary of the company, has selected Winston-Salem for a new package distribution center. The company has contracted Union Cross Development, an Orlando, Fla., real estate developer, to build the new, 115,000-

square-foot facility on a site in Union Cross Business Park. Regional Development Group Inc. has purchased a 17.6-acre site in Union Cross Business Park and plans to start construction immediately. The new facility is estimated to generate 208 jobs, including office personnel, package handlers and truck drivers. It will replace a 30,000-square-foot facility currently located on Thurston Road in Greensboro.

Brad Stanbery, terminal manager for FedEx Ground in Greensboro, indicated that the reason for the new facility is the continued strong growth of the division and the central location in the Piedmont Triad Region. "Our facility serves the Piedmont Triad area as well as parts of Southern Virginia. We are experiencing strong growth in this market. This new facility will give us the expansion room we need and

provide a central location from which to serve our market." FedEx's strategic alliance partner, Fischer & Co., a Dallas-based national commercial real estate service firm, represented FedEx in this decision. "This is a more centralized location for FedEx Ground's pick-up and delivery service," said Stephen Sanders, vice president of Fischer & Co. "The Union Cross Business Park is an ideal location

for service to the Winston-Salem and Greensboro areas." Bob Leak Jr., president of Winston-Salem Business Inc., the developer of Union Cross Business Park, welcomed the company to Winston-Salem. "We are delighted to add FedEx Ground to the growing list of companies located in Union Cross Business Park. They are an internationally recognized leader in the logistics and package delivery industry

and will bring immediate recognition to the park. We wish them every success with the new facility." FedEx Ground is based in Pittsburgh, Pa., and is the second largest small package ground carrier in North America. They ship about 1.5 million packages every business day with more than 35,000 employees and independent contractors and more than 9,000 vehicles.

# JD announces grants to help homeless in N.C.

JD announced grants to help homeless in N.C. The grants will be used to fund a variety of programs, including housing, job training, and counseling. The grants are being awarded to a variety of organizations across the state, including the Community Housing Development Corporation, the National Housing Coalition, and the National Housing Trust.

HOME program; assist Community Housing Development Organizations in developing affordable housing in distressed areas; strengthen the management of programs funded under the agency's Housing Opportunity for Persons with AIDS program and improve the effectiveness of homeless assistance programs funded by HUD's award winning Continuum of Care Initiative. "This is an investment in making government work better," Cuomo said. "By helping communities and grassroots organizations operate more efficiently, we're being good stewards of taxpayers' dollars while helping improve the lives of our most vulnerable neighbors." Cuomo made the announcement to a group of about 60 community and interfaith lead-

ers meeting in Washington. At that meeting, Cuomo also released Resources for Empowerment and Opportunity, a comprehensive guide designed to help community and faith-based organizations build partnerships needed to stimulate economic development in distressed areas. "If we're going to lift people out of poverty, we need to give community and faith-based organizations a seat at the table," Cuomo said. "This guide is a road map to help community leaders find the resources they need to revitalize their neighborhoods." Three years ago Cuomo created the Center for Community and Interfaith Partnerships to strengthen ties between HUD and nonprofit groups, community development corporations and faith-based organizations. Since

then, the center has helped leverage public funding in many of the country's poorest areas with nonprofit and private-sector investment. Among the 56 organizations around the country receiving 85 technical assistance grants are: The Affordable Housing Group, North Carolina; Local Initiatives Support Corp., New York; Development Training Institute, Baltimore; National Puerto Rican Coalition Inc., Washington, D.C.; Congress of National Black Churches, Washington, D.C.; Asian Americans for Equality, New York; Rural Com-

munity Assistance Corp., West Sacramento, Calif.; Coalition for Low Income Community Development, Baltimore; Maryland Center for Community Development, Baltimore; Supportive Housing Network of New York; and Community Builders Inc., Philadelphia. The meeting also capped the first year of an ongoing NLC campaign of local efforts to undo racism and promote racial justice in America, led by NLC President Bob Knight, mayor of Wichita, who received the "Municipal Leader of the Year" award from American City & County magazine. Former U.S. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas once remarked that "at the constitutional level where we work, 90 percent of any decision is emotional. The rational part of us supplies the reasons for supporting our predilections." The remark chafes against those who like to regard the

Supreme Court as an island of repose where constitutional justice, supplants individual will. Gerald Ford put it nicely: "(America is) a nation of laws, not people." Against the backdrop of the Rehnquist court's string of 5-4 decisions, however, it seems that the judicial branch is just as deeply divided as the other two branches of government, and the country.

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Speaking on ABC-TV's news-magazine "20/20" two months ago, Coleman said she is moving ahead with the suit because "I have two children. I don't want them to have to go through the same thing, you know, just because they are black."

Both Cason and Coleman are represented by Klein at the consumer law center, plus Nashville lawyers Watkins, Michael Terry, and lawyers from the New York firm of Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossman.

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field of 12,000 credit unions in the United States. Three of the largest companies the credit union serves are R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., Novant Health of the Triad Region and Nabisco Holdings Group. Allegacy has eight financial centers in Forsyth County and 12 nationwide. It has financial centers on Fifth Street, North Main Street (Plaza Building and the Federal Building), Moore-RJR Drive (Tobaccoville), Kernersville, Hanes Mall Boulevard, Hawthorne Road and

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betrayed that trust. Thomas has betrayed that trust and deserves to be called a nigger. As long as he sits on the U.S. Supreme Court, Thomas is an insult to and does a great injustice to all black Americans. Thomas, for the sake of all black Americans and all fair-minded Americans in this country, should resign immediately. To the greatly divided U.S. Supreme Court, this presidential

election should not be decided at the expense of the voters in Florida, the majority of whom are black, whose votes were not counted, or who were intimidated, deceived, and misled so that they could not vote at all. If this court has any regard whatsoever for the Constitution of the United States of America, it should order a runoff election in Florida between George Bush and Al Gore. Based on the facts as revealed by the NAACP and various news agencies, it appears that the only fair way to remove the racist cloud

which hovers over the Florida electoral process is to have a runoff election under the supervision of the federal government. It is only in this way that the election flaws and irregularities that took place in Florida can be removed and confidence again restored to the election process. Herbert Harris Jr. is a syndicated columnist and author of "The Golden 12: Universal Rules for Achieving Success" (Marlowe & Co., NYC). He may be reached at 800-775-0712 ext. 8140 for comments.

wisdom, my 8-year-old son shared with me will bring those moments back. I will lament the youth and the dread I advancing years of age me. So it is with these I celebrate my life, for fortunately reminded adult life houses still is in all of us, and been given permission the child or any stage in anytime I want to revisit anytime you might trying on in a way you age-appropriate, give a ought - Oh he is just different stage, you just which one. If we can be s, maybe the next time ting in a manner and unbeknownst to you, th your criticism and nerous because once to celebrate all of the lled "your life." Who about the chronologi- f your life; it is the f us" you are to cele-

the baby boom generation, a new level of social conscience finally heralds the arrival of the African-American community at the helm of its own future. Having won significant gains in political and social responsibility, the African-American community now finds itself confronted with addressing the economic consequences of a history of disenfranchisement, integration and community revitalization. Given the economic costs of lost opportunities during a 400-year history of legislated non-participation, the crucial loss of the businesses that managed to develop during segregation, an inequitable balance of trade with the larger community following integration, and now the technological revolution, corporate mergers, industry downsizing and globalization all occurring at such a rapid pace that without a concerted and coordinated effort on the part of the African-American community, designing the new business structures and initiatives needed in a 21st century economy will be difficult. Understanding our history and recognizing the tradeoffs that have occurred as the community has tran-

sitioned from a segregated but self-contained community economy to desegregation and an integrated community economy, the black community leadership is concerned. The leadership recognizes that African-American people must become increasingly vigilant and innovative as we embark on a new course of managing change and meeting the wealth creation needs of our community. If lasting improvement in the black community is to be a reality we must call upon the best attributes of our communal culture and move collaboratively and efficiently toward establishing the businesses and jobs that are needed. One such effort is represented by the creation of David Capital Inc. A group of visionaries saw the desire to have an eating establishment constructed in the East Winston community as both meeting an expressed need of the community and a good business opportunity. The group further saw that there was a need to also have the community involved in the development and ownership of the business. Implementing an economic growth initiative, however, in a low resource community requires a lot of creativity,

exceptional stamina and extraordinary patience. After a lot of study and effort, David Capital Inc. was formed in September 1998 to promote local community asset development and raise equity capital of \$1 million to build the EastSide Cafeteria. Since it's beginning, David Capital Inc. has sold \$500,000 in stock and currently has 700 shareholders. The EastSide Cafeteria Meeting and Banquet Center will be a 15,000-square-foot casual dining establishment that will seat 175 persons with an additional 300 persons being seated in the meeting and banquet center. The average meal price for the cafeteria and banquet center will be comparable and competitive with other food providers in the community. The meeting and banquet space has been designed to privately accommodate up to four separate groups of 25 to 100 persons at a total development cost of \$2.8 million. The project will create at least 52 jobs with an annual payroll of \$1.2 million and annual sales of \$2.7 million once completed. David Capital Inc. is a for-profit corporation that will own and operate the cafeteria. The sale of stock is

continuing and is being sold at \$10 per share with a 10 share minimum purchase. Through the purchase of the stock issued by David Capital Inc. the community obtains an ownership interest in the EastSide Cafeteria. David Capital is operated by a nine-member board consisting of three representatives from the East Winston Community Development Corp. board of directors, three representatives appointed by the Ministers Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity and three representatives elected from the general stockholders. The David Capital board of directors has responsibility for general oversight of the cafeteria project's progress and development. In getting to this point, significant progress has been made and much has been accomplished. A location for the cafeteria has been identified and the land has been optioned. The business plan for the project is completed, the architectural and engineering specifications are also completed, a schematic drawing has been done, the construction plans and permits have been received, and a commitment letter has been received from a lending

institution for the debt financing required. We have also attained 50 percent of our goal for the stock purchase and are proactively seeking to obtain the final 50 percent needed. As a result, a substantial challenge does remain before we can move to breaking ground on the project. The David Capital board of directors remains committed and we are continuing with our initiative to complete the cafeteria project with excitement and the expectation that with the help of a few large investors, other funding sources and partners, EastSide Cafeteria will soon be a reality. We continue to need the support and prayers of the community as we initiate this final drive to bring the dream of a cafeteria and community-owned economic development effort to fruition. We urge you to invest in the cafeteria. If you have already purchased stock, consider making another investment. To purchase stock, please contact our office at 723-1733. Rev. Dr. Joseph Jones, Chairman, David Capital Inc.

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