

## BANK OF AMERICA

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has made this historical event possible."

The bank's new in-store branch will provide customers with the convenience of doing their banking seven days a week from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday

through Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and 12-5 p.m. on Sunday. The new facility is equipped with three teller windows and two new accounts desks.

Additionally, the branch has two Versateller ATMs that is

accessible 24-hours a day, which can provide cardholders with the convenience of both withdrawal and deposit capabilities. A night depository is also on site that can provide businesses with a safer and more secure environment to make their nightly

deposits. The branch also has a 24-hour customer service telephone which allows customer access to account information, transfers, bill paying and Loan By Phone services.

The bank has scheduled a grand opening celebration for its new in-store branch September 5-17, with promotional and product incentives. Residents can enter the bank's FREE GROCERIES sweepstakes during the grand opening celebration and receive a chance to win free groceries for six months.

In addition to the promotional giveaways, the bank will be

offering its Versatel Checking account free of monthly service charges through the year 2000. And, for every new Versatel Checking account opened during the grand opening campaign, the bank will donate \$5 per new account to the Martin Luther King Committee and Nevada Partners.

"Reaching out to the communities we serve is an integral part of our initial entrance into a new area, as well as our overall business philosophy," said Dawson. "We've chosen two outstanding nonprofit organizations as part of our grand opening celebration that the bank

and community can help support."

The money donated by the bank to these nonprofit groups will help fund educational and training programs offered by these organizations. In fact, two of the employees of the bank's new branch were hired through Nevada Partners.

Reba Labat, an eight-year employee of the bank, has been named the branch manager of the new facility, while Maria McGee, a five-year employee of the bank, has been named customer service manager.

## WOMEN

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the study said.

Developing countries averaged six children per family in 1960, but are now down to three children, the level developed countries reached at the beginning of the century, it said.

"These changes are occurring not because men and women value children and families less now than they did in the past," Rosoff said.

"They have concluded that it is not only in their

best interest, but also in the best interest of their children."

All 38 countries surveyed showed significant increases in the number of women staying in school at least seven years, and some, including Mexico, tripled or quadrupled that number in one generation.

The survey cited economic pressure, education, later marriage, urbanization and mass media as factors encouraging women to have fewer children.

## FOR THE LADIES

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the candle at both ends but someday it will be worth it.

If I plan it right and execute it well, I could have some wonderful people on my hands. Some that will make a contribution to society in a positive way.

So maybe I won't have a

hearty nest egg to live on in the future. I will probably never take a trip around the world, but all that really doesn't matter to me.

I once heard someone say that one hundred years from now, it won't matter what kind of house you live in, or what kind of car you drove, or even what kind of job you had ... but if you make

a difference in the life of a child, you will have made a difference in the world.

My sisters and brothers ... making that difference begins at home with our own children. Let's make a brighter future for our children by making our children a part of our long-range plans for success.

## COMPUTERS

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advantages do outnumber the disadvantages. I'll leave an analysis of the pros and cons of home-based employment to another time and article. For this article, however, I would like to concentrate on the one element that has made self-employment from the home possible for so many people. Yup, you guessed it, the personal computer.

When you think about it, it's easy to see why it's such a valuable tool. To survive and prosper as an entrepreneur you need talent and resources. Remember, you're competing against the big guys (and gals) out there. And how can you get all the necessary talent and resources you need when you're the only one running the business? Easy, you buy it. With a personal computer and with some of the advanced software that's out there today, you can get all the talent you need. Just imagine how much talent is contained within a word processing, spreadsheet, database, desktop publishing, or accounting program? More talent than many people can expect to develop in a lifetime. The computer software stores are stocked with talent you can buy, load, and use for the asking.

By reading a few user's manuals and maybe by taking a course or two in the use of these programs, you can perform feats once reserved only for those hardy souls who were willing to spend years in training.

In addition to the advent of the personal computer, there are two other major reasons why

self-employment from the home using a computer is possible. First, many of America's corporate giants have grown so large they can barely move under their own weight. Therefore, when the market changes and they need to move in a certain direction with a product or service, it often takes them years to accomplish what a single person can do in a few weeks. With competition coming from all corners of the earth today, sitting around waiting for

the in-house gang to get the work done can spell defeat. To overcome this disability, many (smart) companies have decided to hire private contractors to perform many of the tasks employees were once asked to do.

[A personal note... I watched a company spend over six months trying to publish a technical manual for a new piece of electronic equipment. Finally, after failing to get it accomplished (See Computers, Page 24)

## NAARPR REPORT

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merit.

The issue is not who does it, but the reason for it being done and how it fits in with the general struggle. Those are the issues that need to be debated, not the issue of whether the march is going to be all male or all women, or a mixture of men and women.

I also see on the horizon a very disturbing trend here locally. I see people, especially the Shamans, who are standing up saying they are in favor of this, but when it is time for them to actually sit down and put it together, suddenly brothers are like smoke; they disappear.

One would have to wonder where these Shamans are leading their so-called "flocks." Are they leading them to liberation and salvation, or are they leading them to the slaughter house. The phenomena of the "Judas Goat" is well known and one must raise that issue when it comes to dealing with some of the local religious leadership. It remains

to be seen what role the Shamans will play; whether they will join with the rest of the community and move forward, or whether they will continue to be the lackeys of the European power brokers.

My prediction is that the march will be a huge success, regardless of the numbers, because for the first time in 30 years, it will be an activity that raises the nation's consciousness of the community of color. Taken in that context, there is no way that the march could be a failure. See you in Washington, D.C. La Lucha Continua! The Struggle Continues!

## SPIKE LEE

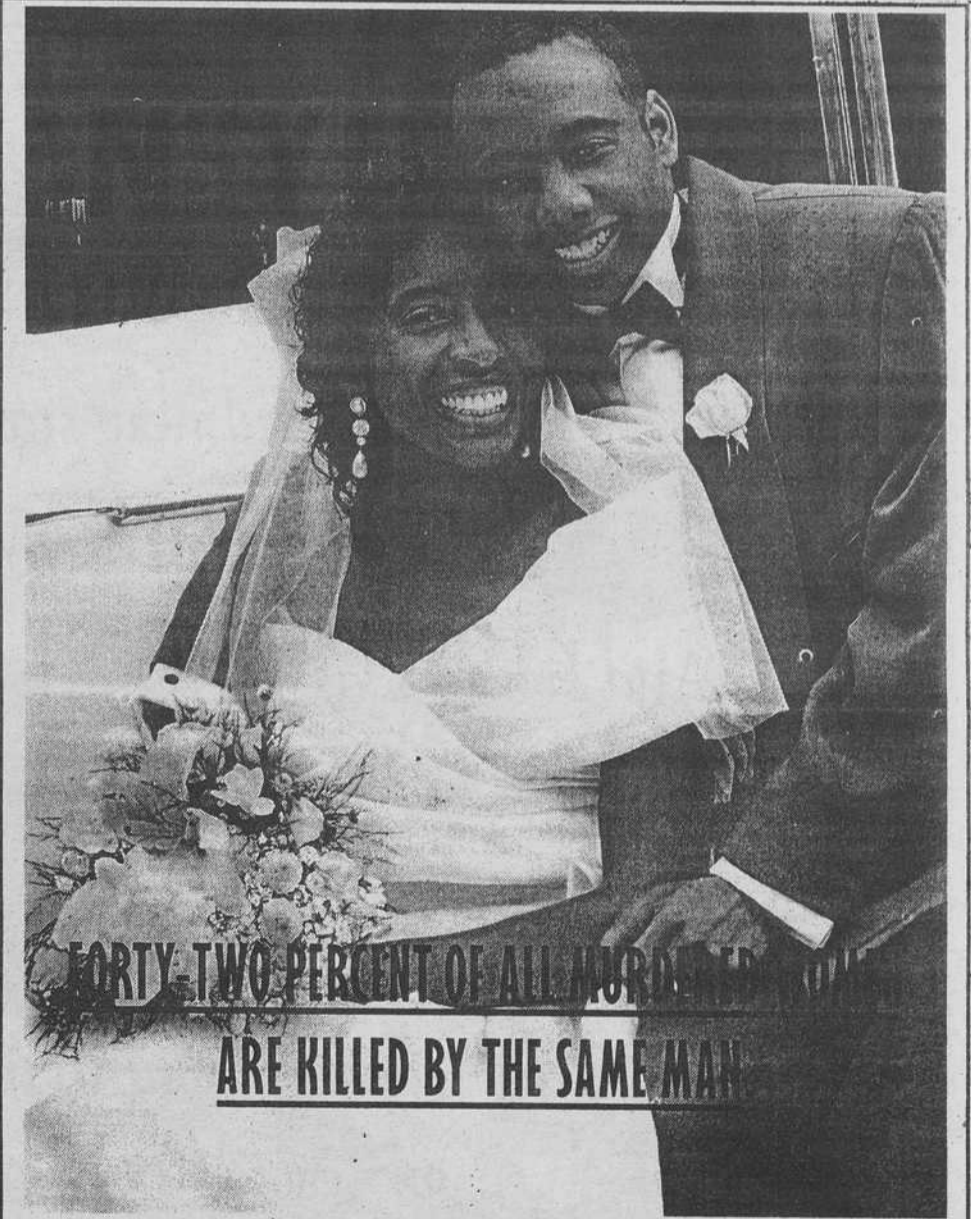
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"So many of these drug movies, the young black kid is bleeding and dying and the ending is like, 'Oh, this is the way it is' or 'We're stuck in the ghetto forever,'" he said.

"We wanted to be realistic and drive the fact that when a life is taken, it's forever."

One film Lee does not to make would be about O.J. Simpson, the former football hero now on trial for murdering his ex-wife and her friend in Los Angeles.

"No O.J.!" he said. "I wouldn't touch that with a 10-foot pole. I don't think you could make a movie that's been as dramatic as what's been unfolding on television this year."



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