

# This Week in History

## JULY 22

1938 - Joe Louis defeats German boxer Max Schmeling in a rematch of their 1936 fight and retains his world heavyweight crown. Because of the Nazi persecution of Jews in Europe and Hitler's disdain for blacks, the fight had taken on mythic proportions, with Louis seen by many as fighting to uphold democracy and the race. He succeeded convincingly, ending the fight in the first round.

1939 - Jane Bolin is appointed to the Domestic Relations Court of New York City. She is the first African-American woman judge.

## JULY 23

1868 - The Fourteenth Amendment is ratified, which grants citizenship for African-Americans and provides for federal intervention when state governments are accused of violating an individual's Constitutional rights.

1968 - An alleged black radical ambush of a Cleveland police detail sparks two days of rioting that will result in 11 deaths.

1984 - Vanessa Williams, the first African-American Miss America, relinquishes her crown after publication of nude photographs taken before her entry in the pageant. Replacing her is Suzette Charles, first runner-up in the contest.

## JULY 24

1807 - Ira Aldridge is born in New York City. He will be one of America's earliest African-American Shakespearean actors whose fame will come only after leaving the racism of the performing arts in the U.S. and emigrating to Europe.

1893 - Charles S. Johnson is born in Bristol, Va. He will become a noted sociologist, founder of the National Urban League's Opportunity magazine, and professor at and president of Fisk University.

1921 - Billy Taylor is born in Greenville, N.C. He will become a jazz pianist, bandleader, noted jazz educator, and jazz correspondent for CBS's Sunday Morning.

1961 - Grace Bumbry makes her debut in Richard Wagner's Tannhauser at the Bayreuth Festival in Bavaria. Surrounded by controversy that saw the German press protest the role of Venus being sung by an African-American, Bumbry's performance dispels all doubts as she receives 42 curtain calls during a 30-minute ovation.

1967 - Three days of rioting begin in Cambridge, Md., the site of a 1963 confrontation between civil rights demonstrators and white segregationists.

## JULY 25

1921 - Liberty Life Insurance Company is founded by Frank L. Gillespie. After a 1926 merger with Supreme Life and Casualty of Columbus, Ohio, and Northeastern Life of Newark, N.J., the resulting company will be called Supreme Life Insurance Company and be, at one time, one of the largest African-American-owned insurance companies in the nation.

1930 - Nineteen-year-old Josh Gibson is called out of the stands to substitute for the regular catcher for the Pittsburgh Homestead Grays, one of the best-known all-Negro professional baseball teams. Gibson will go on to play 15 years with a Variety of Negro teams. His lifetime batting average, .423, will earn him election to the Hall of Fame in 1972.

1990 - Black Enterprise publisher Earl G. Graves and Los Angeles Lakers star Magic Johnson become the largest minority-controlled Pepsi-Cola franchise in the country when they sign a \$60 million agreement to purchase Pepsi-Cola of Washington, D.C.

1991 - Dennis Hightower is promoted to president of Disney Consumer Products-Europe/Middle East. Hightower has operating responsibility for all book and magazine publishing, merchandise licensing, children's records and music, film promotion and television sponsorship and manages the company's eight subsidiaries and six offices in Europe and the Middle East.

## JULY 26

1847 - Twenty-five years after the first free African-Americans arrive at the colony of Cape Mesurado, the commonwealth of Liberia declares itself an independent republic. Joseph Jenkins Roberts, a Virginia native, becomes its first president.

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# BUSINESS

## Thoughts on real estate in new century

Special to Sentinel-Voice

Technology will play a huge role in the Real Estate industry in the year 2000.

Will you be prepared, equipped and ready to close out this millennium and move to the next with ease and confidence?

Predictions for the real estate industry over the next five years reinforces some commonly held perceptions that there will be fewer real estate agents and more intensive use of technology by the year 2000.

One frequent prediction is that real estate agents will become more professional, viewing real estate more as a career and not just as a way to earn additional income.

Realtors will increasingly see what they do as a business in which they're willing to invest their own money.

Our industry in the year 2000 will be more serious

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and will be more willing to accept responsibility for their actions, and more committed to succeed.

Technology will play a dramatic role in changes over the next five years, technology will contribute to the downsizing of the Real Estate industry and other industries as well.

It will increase sales people efficiency, enabling fewer salespeople to sell more. Technology will also allow companies to offer more services to both salespeople and consumers. Salespeople will spend less on personal marketing and

more on technology as the year 2000 approaches.

The real estate companies themselves will be operated differently. Companies will be leaner and more cost effective as they continue to consolidate and merge offices.

Companies will also provide one-stop shopping for everything from locating a home to offering mortgage, title, closing, and moving services all at the same location. Offices of the future will market themselves throughout our community, the nation and world on the internet system.

The future has many opportunities and challenges for those individuals who dare to visualize and remain on top of technology.

What are you doing to keep on top of technology in your specific industry or field — are you ahead of the game? The best way to protect your tomorrow is to plan your future today.

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## Grocer settles discrimination suit for \$33 million

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Winn-Dixie has agreed to pay \$33 million to settle racial and sexual

discrimination claims brought by employees of the supermarket chain.

The settlement was

announced by the company Friday, the same day the class-action lawsuit was filed in federal court by 13 current and former employees.

The settlement, which covers all Winn-Dixie stores, could apply to more than 50,000 black or female employees who have worked for the chain since 1993.

It would divide \$120,000 among the 13 named plaintiffs and would pay \$13 million to other employees who filed verified discrimination claims.

An additional \$11 million is to be paid as incentive bonuses to employees covered by the lawsuit who succeed in management jobs, plus \$1 million in "diversity awards" to supervisors who help women and minorities advance to management. And \$4 million will be used for extra training and administrative expenses to implement the settlement.

Lawyers will receive \$3.9 million in fees. The settlement must be approved by U.S. District Court.

## Highest-paid women still underpaid compared to men

A recent study reveals that the nation's highest-paid female corporate executives earn 68 cents to every dollar earned by the highest-paid men.

According to the Catalyst study, the median total compensation for men was \$765,000; the median for women was \$518,596. In the U.S. workforce, women earn 76 cents for every dollar men make.

Women account for 11.2 percent of all corporate officers of Fortune 500 companies, while black women constitute less than two percent of high-ranking executives.

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