—2,000th McDonald's

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2,000th licensee is just the icing on the cake," added Parrish.

"Like many others, I've watched the McDonald's system continue to grow over the years while always maintaining its reputation for the highest quality, service, cleanliness and value standards. That's the kind of company my family and I wanted to be associated with . . ."

Owning a McDonald's franchise is a dream that started for Parrish about three years ago. His investment in time and study start returning dividends next month with the opening of his restaurant in Dallas.

"It takes substantial training to become a McDonald's owner/operator (Parrish recently made the Dean's list, in graduating from the Advanced Operations course at Hamburger University, McDonald's management training center in Oak Brook, Illinois.) And there is also outstanding support within the system for the operators," he said.

"A strong support system is with you every step of the way to help you build your business. Becoming a McDonald's operator, through the company's business facilities lease program, was more affordable than I had first thought."

Once the doors of his new restaurant open, Parrish says he is looking forward to being involved in another long - standing McDonald's tradition — community service.

McDonald's owner/operators participate in numerous local projects, such as Ronald McDonald House, the United Negro College Fund, and Ronald McDonald children's Charities, established in memory of McDonald's founder Ray Kroc to improve the quality of life for young people in the communities were they do business.

"I'm really excited about being part of all aspects of the McDonald's experience — from ownership of my own restaurant to participating in the Dallas community," said Parrish.

—Entrepreneurs honored

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Calif.); and Harlow Fullwood, Jr., President, Fullwood foods (Baltimore, Md.).

According to H. Naylor Fitzhugh, Chairman of the awards group and Vice Chairman of Pepsi-Cola's MBE Task Force, the five representative African - American businesses represent sterling examples of Black economic and community development.

He says, "The significance of African-American entrepreneurship lies not only in the financial success of the business, its owners, and key officers, but alsoin its impact upon the Black community, from which it draws much of its economic and political sustenance.

Our awardees not only inspire others to chart the challenging waters of success, but continuously extend lifelines to those in need.

Howard University's School of Business and Public Administration is collecting case studies about the MBE awardees and their firms, which will be charter members of the IAB Community Service Hall of Recognition.

Dr. Milton Wilson is dean of the business school; Dr. Willy Smith is research director for the project which chronicles the significant community service role played by committed Blacks in business.

HUD woes blamed on Reagan era

By Leon Daniel

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Blame the privatization policies of the Reagan era for much of the fraud that afflicts the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Real estate agents handling home sales — entrepreneurs who didn't even work for HUD — have stolen millions of dollars from the taxpayers.

Appointees of Ronald Reagan were responsible for the management that allowed such abuses to go undetected until well after the former president had retired to his ranch.

HUD Secretary Jack Kemp, appointed by President Bush, broke the scandal by releasing internal reports.

Reagan appointees also were to blame for favortism that permitted contracts to be awarded on the basis of connections rather than need, wasting more millions in federal funds that should have been used to house the poor.

Former HUD Secretary Samuel Pierce, the only cabinet member to serve the entire eight years of Reagan's administration was a hands-off administrator who presided over extensive dismantling of the agency.

After insisting before a congressional panel that the buck for HUD's problems stopped on the desk of his aides, the ex-bureaucrat known as "Silent Sam" clammed up for good.

Pierce was a true believer in the privatization doctrine of the conservative idealogues with whom Reagan surrounded himself. In implementing privatization, Pierce took jobs away from HUD employees, contracting out their work.

So, Pierce was in command during a changing of the guard at HUD that gave fast-buck artists from the private sector access to federal funds.

Silent Sam still is ducking the press but the record discloses that it was he who posted the foxes to guard the chicken house.

Marilyn Harrell, a Maryland real estate agent who represented HUD in the sale of foreclosed houses, admitted embezzling up to $5.5 million. After she claimed she gave much of the loot to the poor, the press dubbed her "Robin HUD."

Taxpayers stiffed by former Interior Secretary James Watt were stunned by the sheer gall of that Reagan zealot caught milking the federal cash flow.

Watt, who publicly held Big Government in contempt, pocketed $300,000 from developers for interceding on behalf with his old pal Pierce to win a contract for a low-income housing project in Maryland.

The New York Times reported Tuesday that HUD reversed itself last year and approved federal assistance to a $5 million Minnesota housing project after developers hired a consultant with ties to Reagan and Caspar Weinberger, his former defense secretary.

Half of his state's $12 million from a HUD fund went to projects backed by Sen. Alphonse D'Amato, including a swimming pool in the hometown of the New York Republican.

While such shenanigans were going on during the Reagan era, housing funding was cut 81 percent. Programs for the elderly and handicapped were reduced by half, as were community development funds. Homelessness skyrocketed, with 848,321 Americans on waiting lists for public housing.

Congress must share the blame for HUD 's problems. A system in which lawmakers must vie for federally funded programs that benefit their constituents is subject to abuse.

Kemp huddled Monday with U.S. mayors in Charleston, S.C., promising the Bush administration will reform HUD. Changing signals, the old quarterback promised, "We're going to help rebuild cities."

Jazz entrepreneur 'Nikki' Cooper hospitalized

Jackie "Nikki" Cooper, one of the premiere vocalists and entertainers in the Baltimore-Washington area, remains in guarded condition in the intensive care unit at the Liberty Medical Center, following an apparent heart attack.

She was rushed by ambulance to the hospital late Monday night after she began to convulse at her West North Avenue home.

"Nikki" has been a featured performer, notably at the Sphinx Club, Sportsman's Lounge and Lorman House, to name a few; and she is a darling of one of Baltimore's top male social clubs, The Guardsmen.

Blood Drive

Good Samaritan Hospital and the American Red Cross are sponsoring a Blood Drive to keep up with the demands for blood during the summer months. Drive will be held in The Good Samaritan Hospital auditorium on July 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 532-3838.

Scholarship Aid Available

The Displaced Homemaker Program of the YWCA Women's Center, 167 Duke of Gloucester, Annapolis, has scholarship aid available for qualified single parents, low-income homemakers and displaced homemakers.

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TOP COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS

Hottest commencement speakers on the dais this year have been Camille Cosby, whose husband Bill has been most generous in opening his pocketbook to colleges and causes, and talk show hostess Oprah Winfrey, who is just getting into the giving stage.

Also hot—but collecting, not giving cash—are Marion Wright Edelman of the Children's Defense Fund and Dr. Allan Boesak of South Africa.

20,000 AT RODEO

Some 20,000 person attended the 29th annual Boley Rodeo and Barbecue Festival held recently, the Oklahoma Eagle reported. Boley, a National Historical Landmark, was established in 1903 by black people migrating from the south in search of freedom. They were called Freedmen of the Creek Nation.

Job trends in the U.S.

The number of women in the labor force has grown from about 8.6 million in 1920 to 55 million in 1988, according to the U.S. Labor Department's Women's Bureau. In 1980, there were 11.5 million displaced homemakers in the U.S., full-time homemakers who lost their main source of income either because their spouse died, became disabled, or because of divorce or separation.

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Displaced homemakers are predominantly older women, according to the U.S. Labor Department's Women's Bureau. Seventy percent are over 55 years old, and 54 percent are over 65. A large proportion of displaced homemakers are poor. Two in five live below the federal poverty level.

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Two-thirds of all displaced homemakers are widows and 30 percent are divorced or separated, according to the U.S. Labor Department's Women's Bureau. Minority women are overrepresented in relation to their representation in the population, with black women comprising 16 percent and Hispanic women 5 percent of all displaced homemakers.

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