

Italia d'Navigazione S.p.A. ("Italia")  
D'Amico Societa di Navigazione  
S.p.A. ("D'Amico")

**Synopsis:** The proposed Agreement would permit the parties to charter space to one another in the trade between United States Atlantic and Pacific Coast ports and ports in France, Spain, Italy, and Israel. For purposes of this Agreement, Italia and D'Amico will be considered a single party.

Dated: March 22, 1999.

By Order of the Federal Maritime  
Commission.

**Bryant L. VanBrakle,**  
*Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

### Ocean Freight Forwarder License Applicants

Notice is hereby given that the following applicants have filed with the Federal Maritime Commission applications for licenses as ocean freight forwarders pursuant to section 19 of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46 U.S.C. app. 1718 and 46 CFR 510).

Persons knowing of any reason why any of the following applicants should not receive a license are requested to contact the Office of Freight Forwarders, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, DC 20573.

Opus One USA, 1754 40th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94122, Jo-Yu A. Wu, Sole Proprietor  
The Pelixan Group, Inc., 3405-B NW 72 Ave., Suite 105, Miami, FL 33122, Officers: Francis W. Alter, President, Donna Pearson, Vice President

Dated: March 22, 1999.

**Bryant L. VanBrakle,**  
*Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or

bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act. Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than April 16, 1999.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis** (Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63102-2034:

1. *First Financial Banc Corporation*, El Dorado, Arkansas; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of First Financial Bank, El Dorado, Arkansas (upon its conversion from a federal savings bank under the name of First Financial Bank, FSB, to a state chartered bank).

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, March 19, 1999.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Associate Secretary of the Board.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the

Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act. Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than April 19, 1999.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta** (Lois Berthume, Vice President) 104 Marietta Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-2713:

1. *BanTenn Corp.*, Kingsport, Tennessee; to acquire 20 percent of the voting shares of Paragon Commercial Bank, Raleigh, North Carolina.

**B. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas** (W. Arthur Tribble, Vice President) 2200 North Pearl Street, Dallas, Texas 75201-2272:

1. *Roxton Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan*, Waco, Texas; to acquire 42.74 percent of the voting shares of The Roxton Corporation, Celeste, Texas, and thereby indirectly acquire The First Bank, Roxton, Texas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, March 22, 1999.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Associate Secretary of the Board.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies; Correction

This notice corrects a notice (FR Doc. 99-6649) published on page 13427 of the issue for Thursday, March 18, 1999.

Under the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland heading, the entry for Fifth Third Bancorp, Cincinnati, Ohio, is revised to read as follows:

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland** (Paul Kaboth, Banking Supervisor) 1455 East Sixth Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44101-2566:

1. *Fifth Third Bancorp.*, Cincinnati, Ohio; to merge with South Florida Bank Holding Corporation, Ft. Meyers, Florida, and thereby indirectly acquire South Florida Bank, Ft. Meyers, Florida.

Comments on this application must be received by April 12, 1999.

Under the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago heading, the entry for Foresight Financial Group, Inc., Freeport, Illinois, is revised to read as follows:

**B. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago** (Philip Jackson, Applications Officer) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1413:

1. *Foresight Financial Group, Inc.*, Freeport, Illinois; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of State Bank FFG, Freeport, Illinois.

Comments on this application must be received by April 12, 1999.

Under the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas heading, the entry for Violeta Investments, Ltd., Hebbbronville, Texas, is revised to read as follows:

**C. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas** (W. Arthur Tribble, Vice President) 2200 North Pearl Street, Dallas, Texas 75201-2272:

1. *Violeta Investments, Ltd.*, Hebbbronville, Texas; to acquire 12.34 percent of the voting shares of Hebbbronville State Bank, Hebbbronville, Texas.

Comments on this application must be received by April 12, 1999.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, March 22, 1999.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Associate Secretary of the Board.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Notice of Proposals to Engage in Permissible Nonbanking Activities or to Acquire Companies that are Engaged in Permissible Nonbanking Activities

The companies listed in this notice have given notice under section 4 of the Bank Holding Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1843) (BHC Act) and Regulation Y, (12 CFR Part 225) to engage *de novo*, or to acquire or control voting securities or assets of a company, including the companies listed below, that engages either directly or through a subsidiary or other company, in a nonbanking activity that is listed in § 225.28 of Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.28) or that the Board has determined by Order to be closely related to banking and permissible for bank holding companies. Unless otherwise noted, these activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Each notice is available for inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notice also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may

express their views in writing on the question whether the proposal complies with the standards of section 4 of the BHC Act.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding the applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than April 7, 1999.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago** (Philip Jackson, Applications Officer) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1413:

1. *Northwest Financial Corporation*, Spencer, Iowa; to engage *de novo* through its subsidiary, Northwest Federal Savings Bank, Spencer, Iowa, in acquiring Gateway Savings Bank, Ankeny, Iowa (in organization), and thereby engage in the operation of a savings association, pursuant to § 225.28(b)(4)(ii) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, March 19, 1999.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Associate Secretary of the Board.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Sunshine Act Meeting

#### AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:

Committee on Employee Benefits of the Federal Reserve Systems.\*

**TIME AND DATE:** 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 30, 1999.

**PLACE:** Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th and C Streets, NW, Washington, DC 20551,

**STATUS:** Closed.

#### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Further consideration of a proposal relating to Federal Reserve System benefits.

2. Any items carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

\*The Committee on Employee Benefits considers matters relating to the Retirement, Thrift, Long-Term Disability Income, and Insurance Plans for employees of the Federal Reserve System.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Lynn S. Fox, Assistant to the Board; 202-452-3204.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** You may contact the Board's Web site at <http://www.federalreserve.gov> for an electronic announcement of this meeting. (The Web site also includes procedural and other information about the meeting.)

Dated: March 22, 1999.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Associate Secretary of the Board.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

**FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT:** 64 FR 13427, March 18, 1999.

**PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF THE MEETING:** 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 23, 1999.

**CHANGES IN THE MEETING:** THE OPEN MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELED, AND THE SCHEDULED ITEM WAS HANDLED VIA NOTATION VOTING.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Lynn S. Fox, Assistant to the Board; 202-452-3204.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** You may call 202-452-3206 for a recorded announcement of this meeting; or you may contact the Board's Web site at <http://www.federalreserve.gov> for an electronic announcement. (The Web site also includes procedural and other information about the open meeting.)

Dated: March 23, 1999.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Associate Secretary of the Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of the Secretary

#### Findings of Scientific Misconduct

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) has made a final finding of scientific misconduct in the following case:

*Ms. Maria Diaz, Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center:* Based on the report of the Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center (RPMC) Research Integrity Investigation Committee dated May 13, 1998, which included a report of a special National Cancer Institute (NCI) audit, and additional information obtained by ORI during its oversight review, ORI finds that Ms. Diaz, former data manager for two multicenter cancer prevention clinical trials at RPMC,