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On the Homefront:

November 1, Texas Moms of Tiny Angels hosts its 2nd Annual Silent Auction and Dinner Fundraiser. A nonprofit organization providing support to hospitals and churches for families who have experienced the death of a child through miscarriage, stillbirth and/or early infant death. Resurrection Lutheran Church, Plano. For details and ticket information, please visit our website at <http://www.txmomsociety.org> or contact darladean@txmomsociety.org.

Country at Heart Craft Show, November 1st through November 3rd, Friday 11am-6pm, Saturday 10am-6pm, Sunday 11am-4:30pm. At Plano Centre, Spring Creek and Jupiter Roads. A selection of handcrafted treasures...Traditional, Country, Victoria & Southwestern. Clothing, Toys, Dolls, Florals, Candles, Furniture and more. Free hand crafted quilt drawing. \$5 adults, \$4 seniors, Free for 12 years and under. For more information call 800.783.4526.

The Allen Early Childhood PTA will meet Friday, November 8, from 9:15 a.m. - 11:00 at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 821 S. Greenville Ave. This month's program will focus on sibling rivalry, with a speaker from the Dallas Association for Parent Education. Nursery available for ages 6 months - 5 years, with reservations. Contact Jenn Terry at 214.496.8995, or email AECTPA@hotmail.com.

Garland Civic Theatre's Children On Stage will present "Huckleberry Finn" on November 9 and 10 at the PAC, 300 North Fifth - 2:00 and 7:30 pm on the 9th, and 2:00 on the 10th. For more information and tickets, call 972-205-2790.

McKinney Theatre at McKinney Square Mall presents an Egyptian melodrama, "Mummy Dearest," Friday and Saturday evenings through November 16. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Show begins at 8:00 p.m. Seating is limited. 213 E. Louisiana St. Admission: \$12 adults, \$10 senior citizens and children under 12 years. Dinner is available at additional cost. For more information call 972-548-6900.

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NAACP Dallas Branch President, Bob Lydia, Seeks Re-Election

By: Felicia Coleman

November 23 is a big day for Mr. Bob Lydia, President of the Dallas NAACP Branch. He will find out if he retains his seat as President in the NAACP President's election.

Lydia inherited the office in March 2002, after the death of NAACP President Victor Smith.

During his tenure with the NAACP, Lydia has organized a Prison Committee, which communicates with prisoners who stress that their civil rights have been violated. Lydia said, "We have prisoners whose civil rights have been violated by them not being able to talk to loved ones. There are a number of prob-

lems they ask for help on. Some people are over sentenced, they need legal advice and we help



Bob Lydia Seeks Re-Election

them."

Lydia believes that people need to be punished but they also need rehabilitation to become law abiding citizens.

Lydia plans to work with African American Leadership on similar issues to come

together with a common goal.

"In 30-60 days, there will be an open session with us, working on strategies we know we have to deal with such as education, housing, homeless citizens, and the juvenile justice system," he said.

There was a Judicial Candidate Forum open to the public on Thursday, October 24.

"It was critical that we have this meeting, because our judicial system is very important," Lydia said. "On the day of General election, one of our plans is to drive people to the polls. Also we are going to monitor the trouble precincts where people being shifted from one place to another to vote."

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Garland NAACP Election Debates

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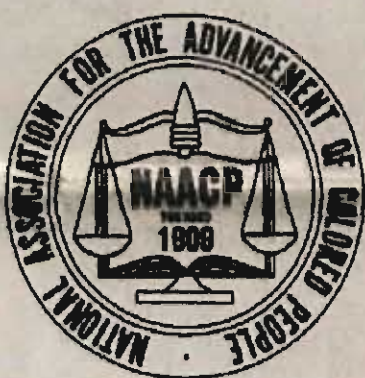
By: Monica Thornton

At electoral debates sponsored recently by the Garland Branch NAACP, Democratic and Libertarian party candidates took advantage of the opportunity to meet with voters, while Republican Party candidates were conspicuous by their absence.

Manny Molera, Democratic party candidate for U.S. House of Representatives District 3, said that he and John Davis, the Libertarian candidate have been the only two showing up for other debates.

"I guess Sam Johnson doesn't think it's important enough or worth his time to show up," said Molera of the Republican incumbent.

Thurman R. Jones, pub-



lisher of MON-The Gazette moderated the debates. Jones fielded questions for the candidates from the panel, comprised of NAACP officials, and Evelyn Malone, writer for Garland Journal News, and from the audience.

The first debate featured the U.S. Congressional candidates, Manny Molera and John Davis, with Sam Johnson absent.

Following is the debate:

From the panel: Do you support the President's position of a preemptive strike on Iraq?

Manny Molera: This country has a proud position of only attacking when we are in clear and present danger. The President hasn't shown that. But I support our right to reserve the right to strike when needed, unilaterally.

John Davis: We have to stop being the world's bully, and the world's policeman. We used force in Grenada in '86, Iraq in '91, Haiti in '94, Kosovo in '96, and Sierra Leone in 2000. You wonder why people around the world don't like us.

Panel: In light of corporate scandals, corporate executives have been able to invoke the 5th amendment, but a 22-year-old going before a judge with crack

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The "Tony Express" Pulls Into Town



Tony Sanchez makes four stops in Dallas.

By: Felicia Coleman

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Tony Sanchez made four stops in Dallas Saturday, October 26th, with 100 or more supporters at each stop. Tony Sanchez was joined by former Governor Ann Richards. The rallies focused more on education than the latest campaign commercials.

Ms. Richards told supporters that Mr. Sanchez is the only candidate focused on teaching children rather than teaching to test.

The campaign television ads are causing Texans to question who to believe and wonder who will be the best governor

of Texas.

"I think he (Governor Perry) is a disgusting human being. He has no morals. There are no lines of decency that he won't cross. He is totally a disgusting human being. I will tell you what, I have no respect for him at all," Mr. Sanchez said in response to Rick Perry's latest ad campaign. The ad put out by the Governor Perry campaign, "Just Say No To Sanchez," alleges that Mr. Sanchez savings and loan in Laredo laundered millions of dollars for Mexican drug dealers who killed DEA agent Kiki Camarena in 1985. "I think Perry is trying set up a link and there isn't one. It's a

lie, an absolute lie. Rick Perry is a liar and the agents are liars," Mr. Sanchez stated.

In a Laredo Times article, Hector Berrellez, former DEA Agent and co star of Rick Perry commercial, said "We never said Sanchez had anything to do with his death. But the direct link is that his bank was facilitating the drug money laundering for the man who killed Kiki Camarena."

Governor Perry's spokesperson Ray Sullivan disputed the Laredo Times article saying "It implicates him in making bad choices and assisting in helping a drug cartel get its money back. The ad linked the Sanchez bank to the drug cartel not directly to the killing of the agent."

The 'Just Say No To Sanchez' ad came after a political ad from Sanchez with Governor Perry being pulled over by a law enforcement officer. Former Governor Ann Richards had a message for Governor Perry, "I think we're going to tell our governor to just get on down the road."

Mr. Sanchez said, "I know why he ran this ad because he is going to lose the campaign. He's got a couple of more days in the office and that's it. Get on down the road."

"Madea's Family Reunion"

Written, Directed and Produced by Tyler Perry



This show started its tour in September 1999 in Chicago and is scheduled through fall of 2000.

This comedy is a story of a woman fighting to hold on to her husband, not knowing that he has moved in with her sister. The motto of this show is "We Fight So Hard to Hold on to the Things that God Himself, is Trying to Tear Apart". Mr. Perry calls this the show and character (Madea) that he has the most fun with. It is wrapped in a million and one laughs and has been called the perfect follow-up to "I Know I've Been Changed".

When it started its tour, this show played only five select cities. It was at this time that the show streaked its claim as the one to see in 2000.

SYNOPSIS

Vianne, a woman who has seen her share of pain, moves in with her 78 year-old grandmother, Madea, in order to escape her verbally abusive husband. Soon after her departure, she is hit with divorce papers.

When Madea (played by Mr. Perry) takes sick, the family comes to her rescue, including Vianne's younger sister, Maylee. However, Maylee casually strolls in and announces that she is getting married to Vianne's ex-husband.

After an explosive argument at the dinner table, Vianne realizes that she has to let this man go. Even though they are divorced, he still has her in his heart. No sooner

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Craig Watkins Announces Community Justice Initiatives for Dallas County DA's Office

Dallas, Texas- Craig Watkins is a native of Dallas Texas. Mr. Watkins graduated from David W. Carter High School, received his bachelor degree in Political Science from Prairie View A&M University, and his Juris Doctorate from Texas Wesleyan University School of Law. He is a member of the State Bar of Texas and licensed Texas attorney. Watkins is admitted to practice in the United States Courts for the Northern District and before the United States Supreme Court. He has litigated numerous criminal and civil cases. Craig Watkins' private practice in Dallas, The Law Firm of Craig Watkins Attorney at Law, has a primary focus on criminal cases.

On March 12, 2002, Dallas County voters overwhelmingly nominated Watkins to become the Democratic Party's candidate in the November general election for

Dallas County District Attorney. "I think we've got it," a celebratory Watkins said as election results were announced.

Although a newcomer to politics, Watkins is no stranger to understanding law enforcement issues and educating others in legal ethics. Watkins' experience as Assistant Felony Public Defender, Assistant Dallas City Attorney Prosecution Division, Assistant District Attorney Tarrant County and Adjunct Professor at El Centro Jr. College and University of Texas at Arlington has provided a strong foundation and understanding of the critical issues facing Dallas County.

Increasingly the district attorney is expected to lead in the prevention of crime by helping the community strengthen itself. Watkins has outlined bold new Community Justice Initiatives that

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Lessons From The Beltway Sniper Saga

By James W. Breedlove

At 6:04 p.m. on October 2, 2002 the beltway sniper shot and killed James D. Martin, a 55 year old program analyst with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, in a Wheaton, Maryland parking lot.

This was the beginning of a frightening terror campaign that had the residents of metropolitan Washington, D.C. area in a state of constant fear for over three weeks. The last person killed was Conrad E. Johnson, a 35 year old bus driver, shot on October 22nd while standing in the doorway of his bus in Silver Spring, Maryland.

During this period ten people were killed and three seriously wounded, each by a single long distance shot fired by a phantom sniper. The victims appeared to have nothing in common; race, class, gender, age, or religion. They shared one thing; a random selection to be in the sniper's line of fire.

The terror ended on October 24, 2002 with the arrest of two suspects, John Allen Muhammad, a 44 year old Persian Gulf war veteran and teenager Lee Malvo, 17, an illegal immigrant from Jamaica.

But as people in the Washington metropolitan area begin breathing a collective sigh of relief, America must pause and reflect on the lessons this saga has placed before us.

The two suspects arrested were black males. The common myth believed by most was that serial killers were always white males. (Common crime stereotypes are blacks are robbers, middle easterners are bombers, Hispanics are car thieves, and serial killing is the sole province of white males).

In fact the white male perception was so deeply ingrained in the collective consciousness that the investigators had initially based their search on this premise. While Eric Hickey had written in his 1995 study that serial murderers also included blacks, Hispanics, Asians and women it took the sniper saga to make the nation acutely aware that serial killers can be of any race, creed or religion.

Of course, with the specter of 9/11 still fresh in the nation's memory the sniper was speculated to be connected with al Qaeda terrorists. But intelligence officials have indicated this is a free-lance operation and there is no evidence that either suspect is connected to terrorist organizations. Even though John Muhammad had converted to Islam authorities have not been able to make his religious sympathies a part of any motive for the killings.

What was the impact of the media and the wild speculation that they spewed on the public? Was the constant barrage of profiling by "experts" just harmless reporting? Virtually all of the news outlets carried stories that alluded to the type of killer the police should be looking for.

Almost everything the profiler "experts" put on the airwaves over the past three weeks has turned out to be wrong. Perhaps there is a real possibility that the media generated profiles and the dispersal of tainted information (like the white van investigators initially focused on) contributed to the suspects ability to evade detection for so long. Is it possible that witnesses were being pre-disposed to focus on the hypothetical killers instead of the real killers?

the sniper's gun. It was a Bushmaster XM-15, a legal civilian facsimile of the military M-16, available in gun stores for more than two decades.

It was reported that John Muhammad obtained the weapon through a dealer or private purchase in Tacoma, Washington. Loopholes and short comings in the nation's gun-control laws permitted Muhammad to obtain the gun even though he was legally barred from owning firearms. The law is so lax that Muhammad has been in possession of possibly five firearms, according to court records. Yet with dozens of people being killed every day by sniper like actions, America finds it impossible to enact and implement meaningful background checks and ballistic finger printing.

Serial killing is not a new phenomenon by any means. It seems to be the outlet of losers who become empowered by the use of a gun. In addition, to justify murder and terrorism they employ God, revolution, or some ideology to give their cause meaning. Have we not learned anything from the exploits of serial terrorists such as Jeffrey Dahmer, Charles Manson, David Berkowitz, and Ted Bundy?

Charles A. Moose, the black police chief, who led the multi-jurisdictional task force investigating the sniper crimes makes a sound point when it comes to terrorism. He said that police work takes persistence, teamwork and community support but almost always depends on chance. "I'd like to think it's all skill, moxie and brains. But it's mostly luck."

Comments or opinions may be sent to the writer at

Brothers and sisters lend me your ear.
This is something you all must hear.
Do we not realize that people died for us.
So why in the 90's (or 2002 ?) someone must shout and fuss.
Don't be angry with me
For this is a test to see,
How many people I can trouble
So our voting power can more than double
and convince them to be the first in line,
and get off their tired behinds.
My people please listen to me,
To cast your vote is simple and free.
Just get off the butt and go to the voting poll.
It is very important that we all take a role.

Our ancestors who could not write,
Signed their names with a proud X.
Now we can read and write but choose
to sit around looking baffled and perplexed.
Life is just not that easy for us to stay so lazy.
Our rose colored glasses must be a little hazy.
Let's do the right thing
and be among the ones to sing,
that old Negro hymn "We Shall Overcome"
Not someday but today, so on that note!
Let's GET OFF OUR BUTTS AND VOTE.

Peggy Jones



Karen Dunning

Most of us Want the Same Fruit

Freedom to do what is right without fear.

As Bob Dylan said "You're gonna serve somebody". We can't always choose whom we serve, but we may have freedom in our hearts when we work and live with the confidence that doing right will be rewarded, that mercy may be granted when we make mistakes, and fear only when we act wickedly. Why don't we don't we feel free today?

There is a constitutional requirement that law makers, law enforcers and judges not exceed their jurisdiction. The Republican Party platform supports this requirement. When there are no limits on government power, there is no end to the atrocities which may be justified "for the good of society." A republic is a government of governments. We first govern ourselves, then families, neighborhoods, cities and finally the nation. Government is restrained by the constitution, and the people are restrained by morality in their hearts.

Sufficient resources to pursue our important goals

"Baby Boomers" are being targeted for a Marxist type of looting called "socio-economic leveling". What is not considered is that while in their prime wage earning years, they are also caring for aging parents, aging houses, grown up children who are not making ends meet, and trying desperately to plan a way to survive retirement. Money taken from people against their will can never be a blessing to the recipients. Involuntary charity only fuels resentment and hostility. We must pull together as a people to cheerfully help those who can not help themselves and kindle a flame of enthusiasm under those who are unwilling.

We are all better served when folks spend their own money, choose their own charitable giving and when rewards are proportional to the effort or investment personally made. Republicans are some of the most giving people you will ever meet, and generously support widows, orphans and the infirm. They love to organize charity, but heartily oppose what they perceive as organized robbery.

We will also find more prosperity when we begin to remove obstacles from the path of manufacturing and agriculture in the U.S.A., when foreign trade agreements are fair to both sides, and when our wealth is measured in resources rather than debt. We must re-examine our assumptions about how wealth is created.

Peace to live in ways that are pleasing to us.

Peace is not the absence of conflict. Our body would not move without opposing muscles. In Hebrew the word for peace "Shalom" literally means "destroying the source of chaos." Peace is when we can depend on the orderliness of our existence, or trust that God is good and that all things work together for good to those who love Him and walk according to His purpose and calling.

So what do we do about war? Applying principles of personal self defense, we do not ask for trouble, but we must at all times be alert and ready to defend ourselves and our loved ones. When harm comes to others, we can't just hope it does not come to our house. We work together to stop the assailant outside the gates.

"Surely salvation is nigh them that fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land. Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven. Yea the Lord shall give that which is good, and the land shall yield her increase." Psalm 85:9-12

Guest Columnist, Karen Dunning, a resident of Garland



Inspiration

GET OFF OUR BUTTS AND VOTE

By Peggy Jones

Some of you may not like!
Others may feel it's right!
For me to be straight forward
and say GET OFF OUR BUTTS AND VOTE.
Someone must take a stand.
Everyone will not always be a fan,
and more of us should demand
that we GET OFF OUR BUTTS AND VOTE.
I hate to see my people continue down that same old road
Sitting on their butts like big fat toads.
Let's stop being so complacent,
and fill out our voters registration.
Then we can change our terrible situation
When we GET OFF OUR BUTTS AND VOTE.

Then there is the lesson of

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Is the sky clearest on the day it is most blue?

While you ponder that thought we would like to announce that Minority Opportunity News, Inc., formerly a Dallas based renaissance community tabloid, founded in 1991, has relocated to Plano, Texas and changed our name to MON-The Gazette. In addition to moving our offices to Plano, our editorial coverage has also shifted to encompass Dallas' Northern Corridor. The Northern Corridor is clearly the fastest growing region in Texas, if not in America. MON-The Gazette believes that the engine to continue this growth is the airport expansion in McKinney, which is the largest and most visible of many area opportunities. As always, and true to tradition, MON-The Gazette will be there carving a world of opportunity for those seeking to provide quality services. Should you dare to expand your quest for economic parity outside the southern region or just want to know what is going on up north-

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he will implement for the Dallas County District Attorney's Office. As DA, Watkins Initiatives focus on Prevention, Prosecution, and Reformation.

PREVENTION focuses on preventive measures that lower the crime rate and strengthen communities. These preventive programs will come in the form of Community Justice Initiatives.

Absent Student Assistance Program (ASAP): ASAP is a program that identifies and prosecutes truant juveniles and their parents, and identifies sanctions and programs that will support and facilitate the juvenile's participation in the educational system.

Abused Children Review Team: The District Attorney's Office will work closely with existing programs to deliver services to abused children in an attempt to find solutions to the problem of child abuse.

Outreach to High Risk Neighborhoods: An initiative designed to provide emergency outreach services to citizens in high crime drug infested areas. The program participants strive to identify drug areas and provide assistance to the various law enforcement authorities in eradicating them.

PROSECUTION: The DA's Office will lead in developing programs in areas throughout Dallas County. Qualified staff that is motivated to seek justice for all will vigorously prosecute criminals.

DWI Prosecutorial Task Force: Watkins will establish a DWI Task Force comprised of experienced Prosecutors devoted to trying all DWI cases set for trial. The majority of DWI cases are misdemeanors. Assistant District Attorney's with little or no experience are given the responsibility of prosecuting these cases; usually against more experienced Attorneys.

Preservation of 911 Tapes for Family Violence Cases: Watkins will implement a policy of preserving 911 tapes related to family violence complaints. The District Attorney's Office does not preserve 911 tapes related to family violence complaints. It is a common occurrence that complainants by the time the case is ready for trial refuse to testi-

fy against the Defendant because of their relationship. By preserving the 911 tapes the District Attorney can use the tapes as evidence against the Defendant in lieu of the complaint testimony.

Restitution for All Drug Offenses: Watkins will require that upon a plea of guilty or a conviction, the convicted individual will be responsible for reimbursing the local Police Department for the expenses associated with the drug test. Because of the Fake Drug Scandal with the Dallas Police Department whereby Hispanic's were wrongfully prosecuted for drug cases when the substances seized in the arrest were not Drugs, The Dallas County District Attorney's Office instituted the policy of not accepting drug case until the seized drugs have been tested. Currently, the expense for these tests has been placed on local Police Departments.

Rape Kit Test in State Database: Watkins will require all rape kits to be placed into the Texas Database in an effort to apprehend offenders. Currently, the District Attorney's Office does not test all rape kits where there is no known suspect against the Texas Database of convicted rapists.

REFORMATION
The lead Prosecutor should not only be in the business of punishing criminals he should also be concerned when the re-enter our communities. In an effort to reduce recidivism, we will implement the following programs.

Misdemeanor Diversion Program: Many times young individuals make costly, bad decisions such as simple theft and shoplifting crimes, not thinking of the consequences. Watkins will require that Offenders who commit non-violent class A or B misdemeanors under the age of 25 with no criminal history be given the option of a conviction or diverting their sentence once they complete 1 year of programs proscribed by the District Attorney's Office. These programs will include life skill courses, G.E.D. programs, restitution, community service, and other programs deemed appropriate. Crimes such as DWI's, Family Violence Assaults, and Simple Assaults are major crimes and will not be included in the Misdemeanor Diversion Program.

System of Healthy Options and Release: A series of initiatives designed to provide a voice for citizens to express the impact of crime in their community and provide specific information to decision makers regarding defendants arrested in their neighborhoods.

Employment Placement for Ex-Offenders: The District Attorney's Office will work directly with probation and parole departments in an effort to seek employment for ex-offenders thus reduce the rate of recidivism.

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Congressman
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Congressman Johnson: End interest-free loans to the government

Calling for an end to "huge interest-free loans to the government," U.S. Congressman Sam Johnson (3rd Dist.-Texas) proposed new legislation, H.R. 5398.

The bill would fix a portion of the alternative minimum tax (AMT) problem for those who purchased incentive stock options (ISOs) from their employer. Johnson's measure would allow taxpayers to apply their pre-paid ISO taxes under AMT against up to half of their regular income tax liability. Many taxpayers have prepaid thousands of dollars of taxes with little ability to use those credits.

"In essence, people are floating the government a huge interest-free loan. This has got to stop," said Johnson. "The AMT was never meant to be a system that forced families to prepay taxes with little expectation of ever being able to use their accumulated credits. My bill fixes that problem so that the families who have put second mortgages on their homes, cashed out retirement savings, sold assets and struggled to work out payment plans with the IRS can get on with their lives," said Johnson.

The alternative minimum tax was created to prevent high-income individuals from using special tax breaks to pay little or no taxes. The AMT is a parallel tax system that requires taxes to be calculated twice, using different rules each time; the higher of the two tax bills must be paid. But for various reasons, the AMT reaches more people each year, including some moderate-income people

and some who don't use special tax breaks.

Upon purchasing ISOs, people were automatically thrown into AMT. Some say it was not wise for companies to grant ISOs, with all their com-

plexed.

Under AMT rules, the taxpayer has now prepaid \$50,400 of taxes, which amounts to an interest-free loan to the government. Johnson's bill rectifies the situation.

"Getting in early on incentive stock options was an employee's dream in Texas' Telecom Corridor in the 1990s. However, the heavy-handed tax on incentive stock options turned people's personal financial situations into something worse than Nightmare on Elm Street. My bill helps fix that," said Johnson.

"I want to thank the numerous constituents who brought this issue to my attention. This bill would not have been possible without their help," said Johnson. (To read constituent reaction to Johnson's bill, please see "Constituents Laud Sam Johnson's AMT Bill.") Several residents and employees of the Third District contacted the Congressman, urging him to remedy the problem.

Fellow Ways and Means Members Congressmen Richard Neal (D-Mass.), Wally Herger (R-CA), and Bob Matsui (D-CA) are original cosponsors of the bill.

"This AMT-ISO situation demonstrates once again why we should repeal the AMT altogether, but this particular problem deserves attention now," said Johnson, the highest-ranking Texan on the Ways and Means Committee.

This measure builds on legislation introduced by Johnson earlier this Congress, H.R. 275, that would repeal the AMT on individuals



plications, to middle managers and rank-and-file employees who did not routinely use tax professionals and financial planners to manage their affairs. Yet, this problem has occurred, and Johnson wants to see people get their money back.

Under the current AMT scenario, if an employee exercises an ISO to buy 2,000 shares at \$10 a share, the employee pays \$20,000 for his stock. If the market price is \$100 per share, the \$90 spread produces \$180,000 of paper gain, also called a "phantom gain," that is counted for tax purposes that year. At a 28% tax rate, the tax on the \$180,000 gain would be \$50,400. If the price of the stock fell from \$100 to \$25, the stock would be worth only \$50,000, which if sold, would not cover the taxes due on the paper gain that never material-

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He continued that the NAACP will monitor the trouble precincts to prevent election day mishaps.

Mr. Lyda's vision with the NAACP is to increase membership, create programs for young people to stay in school, have more scholarships available and to increase awareness of the Dallas Branch. He said, "We need things done here in Dallas. I want to collaborate and negotiate with community groups. I hope to be victorious so that I can come out with an agenda."

Election for NAACP President is held every two years in even numbered years. On November 23, 2002, voting for Dallas Branch NAACP President will be at 2726 South Beckley Dallas, Texas 75224. For more information call 214-941-1207 or visit www.naacp.org and click on the link to the Dallas chapter.

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coactive charges isn't allowed to. Are there any changes you would make so that corporate executives cannot use the 5th amendment before a congressional committee?

Molera: Invoking the 5th amendment is a constitutional right. We need to see at all levels that it is accessible, and going before a congressional committee should be the same. I am very strong on getting corporate crooks behind bars if the evidence is there. The 5th amendment is not to be used to avoid prosecution. But if not being able to invoke it is happening to the extent that you're talking about, we may need to invoke legislation.

Davis: Everyone has the same constitutional rights to invoke the 5th. I was not aware that sometimes you cannot, that's unconstitutional. If elected I would look into the situation you described and see how to straighten it up.

Audience question: I worked on nursing home issues. In the 1970's federal law took over nursing homes. In the 1980's it returned to the state. Since then conditions have deteriorated. Do you support return to federal level?

Molera: There are still a lot of laws on the books. I've spoken with AARP about this, and congressmen and women are cognizant of what's going on. I'm not in support of federal government taking over, seeing as there are already laws on the books, but I do support making sure local government is more involved.

Davis: The purpose of government is to protect your life, not run it. Responsibility for nursing homes is up to the individual. It seems the more the federal government takes over, the worse things get. I would not restore it back to the government, I'd get federal government out of health care altogether, that's your responsibility.

Panel: What are your top three priorities?

Davis: To withdraw

1000 troops. Get rid of all the drug laws that are creating the likes of prohibition. And I would allow people the right to self-defense, when we have gun laws allowing people to carry arms we have less crime.

Molera: The economy - real teeth and insight into corporations, to reinstate investor confidence. We need to attract new businesses to the area and stimulate the existing economy and balance the budget. And public education - better pay for teachers, and more emphasis on science, math and civics.

The next debate turned into a question and answer for the Dallas County District Attorney candidate Craig Watkins, who currently is a practicing attorney in private practice. Incumbent Bill Hill was absent from the debate. If elected, Watkins would be the first African American to hold the seat in Dallas County history.

In his opening remarks, Watkins said that the District Attorney's office is antiquated, with the department only getting computers three years ago.

"As a result of us not changing, we have a lot of smart defense attorneys getting people off, and then innocent people go to jail," he said. "We need to ensure fairness for all."

Watkins continued that as District Attorney he wants the office to be the leader in preventing crime, have an effective prosecution program, and implement a reclamation program for people sent to jail, so by the time they have finished their sentence they can be reformed.

He is particularly appalled by Dallas County's low conviction rate of drunk drivers. Watkins said that new prosecutors are trained in DWI cases, and the District Attorney's office needs to put these prosecutors to task to get a higher conviction rate.

"We need to send a message to Dallas County that you can't drink and drive," said Watkins.

Asked by the panel what he thinks the two biggest mistakes made were in the recent police drug scandal, he replied "we have poor Hispanics going to prison over this. The first thing I would have done as District Attorney would have been to go on television and say sorry."

Secondly, Watkins said "we've had the technology for years to test the drugs, but in Dallas we didn't do it."

Moderator Thurman Jones asked Watkins what can be done to have the District Attorney's office establish better relationship with the minority communities and to gain a level of trust. Watkins said he would start with community-based initiatives.

"If you have someone who is willing to go to community meetings from the District Attorney's office they can then go back to the office with the issues," he said. "We need to look at a lot of issues that are disproportionate in the Black community, I'm not going to have to build your trust."

To build this trust and have effective prosecutions, Watkins said "we need to hire graduates coming out of university that are committed to being prosecutors."

In closing, Watkins said that this race is about progress.

"We can keep the status quo here, or we can move forward," he said. "I think we can do a lot here in Dallas County."

In what was to have been the final debate of the evening, only one of the three candidates in the race for Texas State Senate in the newly redrawn District 2 showed up. Democratic incumbent, State Representative David Cain, spoke with the panel and audience with ease and confidence, seemingly unperturbed by the absence of Republican candidate Dr. Bob Deuell, and Independent candidate Robert Parker.

Questions from the panel and audience went as follows:

Panel: Understanding that affirmative action is not a handout, but a hand up, are you in favor of positive affirmative action?

Cain: We've worked hard on positive affirmative action, and I'm for all people getting equal rights.

Panel: If re-elected, what programs would you sponsor to cover pupil education programs and teacher salaries?

Cain: We need to not rest on salaries until we're up to the national average. And it is imperative that the State picks up more of

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the budget. I am not for changing our current school formula, which some colloquially call 'Robin Hood.' But the truth is it's a basic formula to ensure every school gets the basics.

Panel: In light of Farmer's Insurance, do you support legislature, or is it your view that they can cherry-pick what they offer?

Cain: I think certain basic insurance needs to be available to everyone regardless of credit rating. We need to have to something to cover basic needs.

Audience: In light of State funding of education, would you support to encourage a pool for teachers to get better insurance rates?

Cain: Absolutely. We've been looking into this to see if we can get a larger pool of teachers.

Moderator: What can we do to clean up the air?

Cain: It's a regional problem. I'm in real hopes that we can get something going. We took significant steps in dealing with electricity and coal plants, and we need to do something about kiln plants. I would not like to see us get into where we can only run machinery and drive trucks at certain times. It can be punitive and costly to the economy.

Audience: Iowa passed a law two years ago making English the only language. Here in Texas we're having an influx of immigration. What future do you think English has?

Cain: First, English should be the official language. I think all our children need to be fluent in English. But I also think they ought to be bilingual, even multi-lingual. Around here in Garland, we even have a strong Asian community. Our country is built on us coming together to a common goal.

Audience: What can be done to prevent a recurrence of the election controversy of 2000, when we had the entire world watching the hypocrisy?

Cain: I think it's an aberration. I got concerned when people went to the early voting polls and voted for Ron Kirk, but someone else's name came up.

And in Florida, the amount of voter intimidation was

disturbing. And they'll be coming here to tell people they're at the wrong stations. This time we will have poll watchers.

As far as what the world sees, we have to do the best we can. We can't let people tell us our vote doesn't count.

Panel: What is your awareness of security against terrorism?

Cain: We're not as ready as we should be. I am on the preservation board, where we employ the Capitol police. I don't want to restrict the public from their Capitol, but we do need to step up security.

Panel: There's been a lot of discussion in the last legislature on the use of vouchers for private education. What is your position on the use of vouchers, and what impact do you think it will have on public education?

Cain: There's no doubt that a voucher system will divert funding from public education. All of us have the right and responsibility

to make sure our taxpayers' money is used wisely. We can't afford the voucher system. It will cost hundreds of millions of dollars, and no what end? We're making progress, our kids are doing better. These people do not want the public schools to be excellent or they wouldn't push this issue.

Panel: What would you do to help prevent the over proportion of Blacks in jail?

Cain: A lot of it starts with programs we've talked about. Education is first. We need a system to track who our dropouts are, and where they go.

If kids don't go to school ready to learn in kindergarten, they're not going to want to learn. We need to do a better job at early education, and nutrition.

We also need to work on mentoring programs in the community. I don't believe in writing anyone off.

We also have a real problem with drugs at an early age. This

systemic problem is at the back end, and we need to address it up front.

Audience: What can we do to make sure the historically Black universities get the same funding as historically white universities?

Cain: Some in my district are private, and I've worked hard with Texas. There's no question

that some of the historically Black universities are getting the funding that it needs to come.

Moderator: What's the biggest issue for this election?

Cain: Insurance, making sure proper reimbursement for doctors. They're tough issues that they're also life and death issues.

In closing, Cain told the panel and the audience that if this

self-built partnership will be part of the community.

"I'm excited to have part of Garland to represent it in the people of Garland need to see what we can do, and I know that'll be happy."



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than she lets him go, she realizes that her hurt has consumed most of her life and she needs to change.

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The New Orleans native has had a stellar year and is showing no signs of letting up. In 1992, he wrote a series of letters to himself, trying to find a catharsis for his own childhood pain. They would eventually become his hit musical, "I Know I've Been Changed," a rousing stage play about adult survivors of child abuse. The play mixed comedy and drama to deal with recovering from childhood scars.

Perry, knowing that he was onto something, saved twelve thousand dollars and moved to Atlanta with a script in his hand and a dream in his heart. After renting a theater and starting in the show, he soon found out that it was not as easy as he had thought. Seeing only thirty people in the audience the entire weekend, he realized that promoting was not his calling.

However, one thing that he did know was that "this" was what he was to be doing for now. When God leads, He also provides. Out of the thirty in the audience there was someone who wanted to invest. This new found investor would soon find out that it takes more than money to make these shows work. Still, to no avail, the show failed, over and over again.

With all his eggs in one basket, over the next six years, Perry would be homeless, broke and starving, yet holding on to his faith, he believed that it would all come out all right one day. "I know the Lord will make a way!" Perry exclaims.

Just at the point that he was going to give up, he decided to do one last show and that faithful decision would change his life forever. The performance opened at the House of Blues in 1998 and sold out eight times over. Two weeks later, the play would go to the Fox Theater and sell out 9,000 more seats in two shows. "I Know I've

Been Changed," went on to gross several million dollars and has raised the level of thinking of the audiences, as well as the critics, abandoning the insulting title of "Chitlin Circuit," and giving it the respectable title of "Urban Theater."

The Washington Post gave "I Know I've Been Changed" and Mr. Perry as an actor rave reviews, calling it the most well-produced Gospel show that they had ever seen. To date, Perry continues to receive fan mail from people who talk about how seeing the show changed their lives. It helps to evoke conversation between family members and also encourages them to talk about secrets that were long buried and hidden, helping entire families to heal. "I Know I've Been Changed" has been called one of the most successful shows of this genre, selling out repeatedly during its 1998-99 tour in major cities like D.C., New York, Chicago, Philadelphia and Miami, just to name a few. After being sold out for three weeks in Dallas, an exhausted Perry decided to add a Monday night show. This would be the show that Bishop T. D. Jakes would bring his family to see, adding a major turn of events.

Immediately after the show Perry was asked to help with the "Woman, Thou Art Loosed" stage play. After reviewing a video tape of the initial play, Perry informed Bishop Jakes that if he came aboard, he would need to rewrite, produce and direct the show. He further explained that wearing all of these hats was not arrogance, but that when he had gotten started, it was with nothing and he had to be all these things. He had learned to do everything, from make-up to stage managing.

With the Bishop's blessing, he reworked the piece and the show opened in the summer of 1999 to enormous success. Although the summer is usually a hiatus time for these types of shows, "Woman, Thou Art Loosed" rolled on without a hitch. To date, it has grossed over \$5 million in the last five months, selling out in every major city and performing to standing room only crowds.

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Arts & Entertainment



Tyler Perry from Page 8

Seeing 16,000 to 25,000 people each week (predominately African Americans), Perry had developed a faithful following all across the country. Riding high, he was asked in 1999 to pen a play for the W.B. star, Steve Harvey, entitled "The Reverend Mack", which is currently on hold for touring.

Just the mention of the name "Tyler Perry" in an advertisement as playwright and/or actor practically guarantees a sellout in several major markets. Case in point, Perry's show, "I Can Do Bad All By Myself", opened up in the year 2000 to rave reviews and sold-out houses in New York, Chicago, D.C., Memphis, New Orleans, Atlanta and everywhere across the country.

The show had only played five markets and yet grossed a million plus.

Perry's comedic genius is once again put into full swing with this successful show. He plays the lead character, Madea, a 78 year-old grandmother, that leaves the audience in one round after another of hysterical laughter. The Washington Post best described the show when they called it, "wicked good fun".

In the spring of 2001 Tyler was nominated for a Helen Hayes award for Outstanding lead actor (non-resident) for his role as Madea in "I Can Do Bad All By Myself". Tyler is the first Urban Theatre actor to be nominated for such a prestigious award! Bishop T. D. Jakes again asked Perry to work on his latest musical entitled "Behind Closed Doors." This show,

written, produced and directed by Perry, premiered in the summer of 2000 in Atlanta and proved to be another success. This was the first Broadway Gospel show of its kind. This incredible musical is filled with a multiracial and talented cast, an incredible set, and superb vocal and musical arrangements. In the Fall of 2001, Tyler was nominated for four NAACP Theatre Awards for "Behind Closed Doors."

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The Santa Clause 2

This sequel to The Santa Clause picks up eight years after the first movie, as the North Pole, under Scott "Santa" Calvin (Tim Allen), is operating steadily and efficiently. But Santa has problems. His son, Charlie, has been a bad boy this year and winds up on the Naughty List. More troublesome is that he discovers a clause in his contract that requires him to get married or he'll lose his job forever. With his replacement keeping an eye on things, Santa heads out from the North Pole to find a Mrs. Claus and to help Charlie. But when his substitute threatens to ruin Christmas, Santa must rush home before it's too late.

Starts November 1st



I Spy

Loosely based on the late-1960s TV show, I Spy is about a CIA agent (Owen Wilson) whose latest assignment is to recover the Air Force's newest weapon: a stealth bomber. His partner on the case is a professional boxer (Eddie Murphy) who has entered the agency against his will. The mismatched pals verbally jab at each other from the moment they begin playing the spy game, but can they stop sparring long enough to save the free world?

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The 13th Amendment abolishing slavery passed Congress with the support of every voting Republican member, but with only 23% of the Democrat members.

When the 14th Amendment passed, not even one Democrat in Congress voted for civil rights for African-Americans.

Did you know?

The Republican Party of Texas emerged in Houston on July 4, 1867 with 150 African-Americans and 20 Anglos. The same year, the Ku Klux Klan actively began to attack African-Americans and Republicans.

Two of the first three statewide leaders of the Republican Party of Texas were African-Americans. The first 42 African-Americans elected to the Texas Legislature were all Republicans.

From 1865-1869, Texas Democrats passed "Black Codes" to prohibit African-Americans from voting holding office and serving on juries. They drafted a new State constitution requiring that State Representatives and Senators be only of the "white race."

When Democrats recaptured Texas government in 1872, Democrat Governor Richard Coke's election was described as "the restoration of white supremacy and Democratic rule."

Did you know?

Texas Democrats gerrymandered districts specifically to prevent African-Americans from being reelected to the legislature. From 1897 to 1966, when the U.S. Supreme Court ordered Texas Democrats to redraw the districts, no African-American was elected in Texas. Of the four African-American U.S. Senators three were Republicans. Since 1994, five minority citizens have held Statewide office in Texas as Republicans, but since 1872, only four as Democrats.

Republican President Dwight D. Eisenhower was the first president to appoint an African-American to an executive position on the White House Staff.

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 passed under Democrat President Lyndon Johnson were based on language proposed by Republicans in 1960. Though Democrats controlled both Houses of Congress by wide margins, they were unable to get enough Democrat votes to pass civil rights for African-Americans. Without strong support of Republicans in Congress at that time, the civil rights acts of the 1960s would not have become law.

As demonstrated by its platform and voting record, the Democrat Party opposes school prayer, educational choice and charitable choice, but supports same-sex marriages and partial-birth abortions - all positions opposite to those held by most African-Americans.

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U.S. Congress District 32 - Pete Sessions

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Supreme Court Place 4 - Steven Wayne Smith
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Court of Criminal Appeals Place 1 - Paul Wamack
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Church Happenings

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Saturday, November 2
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Registration and continental breakfast is from 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Panel Discussion featuring Dr. Katrina Lee, OB/GYN; Willowbend Women's Center; Nutritionist Diane Murphy, U.S. Department on Aging; Nurse Practitioner Lois Hopson, and Author Carol Kepner.

Topics Include:
Nutrition, Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT), Breast Cancer information, How to Get the Most from your Visit with Your Doctor and The impact that Spiritual Well-Being Has on the Physical Self.

On-site registration and babysitting for children up to 6-

years-old (You must pre-register for babysitting.) To pre-register, call 972-424-8500 by October 30.

Event is free and open to the public. A free will offering will be collected.

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For more information, contact us at 972-424-8500.

All Nations United Church

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FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

November 10, 11:00 a.m.

Annual Men's Day Fellowship with Day Springs Baptist Church, 3:00 p.m.

Friendship Baptist Church

C.P. McBride, Pastor
4396 Main St.
The Colony, TX 75056

KELLER SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, November 10, 10:45 a.m.

'Super Soul' Worship Service- Sponsored by the Singles Ministry

Guest Speaker- Rev. Marcus D. King, pastor of Singles and Families at Friendship-West Baptist Church Musical guest - University of North Texas Gospel Choir "Voices of Praise"

Theme- "Standing on His Promise" (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Saturday, December 14, 7:00 p.m.

Keller Springs Singles Ministry will be celebrating the Christmas Season with a Holiday Extravaganza at the Renaissance Hotel Dallas North Hotel (635&Midway).

Theme- "Standing on His Promise"

Special Guest Speaker- Rudy V. KRN 105.7 Quiet Storm Musical Guest- Golden Bells

of Joy, bell choir of First United Methodist Church of Hamilton Park

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Registration Deadline- December 10

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Keller Springs Baptist Church
Larry J. Sanders, Pastor
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Sunday, November 10, 4 p.m.

Friends & Family Day, Guest Speaker Rev. Elder Bean

Tuesday-Friday, November 12-15, 7:30 p.m.

Church Revival, Guest Speaker- Rev. Elder Bean

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Blackonomics

The Business of the Black Church

By James Clingman

One thing I am sure we can agree on is that the greatest example of pooling our resources is demonstrated every Sunday in our churches. People work collectively for common goals, and they pool their dollars to support their church and its programs. That's simple economic empowerment. Churches do it every Sunday.

Why can't we do it on the other six days of the week? As long as I have been writing about and studying this phenomenon, I have yet to figure that one out, but let's concentrate on this positive notion of economics in our churches. Every church probably has men and women who own businesses. Each church more than likely has members who have talents or hobbies through which they could create some level of income for themselves. If the members of our churches made it a practice to utilize the goods and services of their fellow members, the church would be stronger collectively, and the individuals in the church would have more to give back to the church.

Makes a lot of sense doesn't it? So why don't we see more churches promoting this brand of empowerment? It is a known fact that the Black church is, as Willie Sutton said, "Where the money is." It is common knowledge that Black churches deposit billions of dollars into banks every Monday morning. It is also common knowledge that many of those same church members cannot go to those same banks and get loans for which they qualify. We also know that many of the individual members of churches struggle every day to make ends meet. This is in spite of all the financial

resources within the churches they attend. Now I am not saying churches should, willy-nilly, give collected resources to members, some of whom may simply be taking advantage of a particular church's benevolence. I am saying that our church leadership should rethink their mission by revisiting the procedures of the first-century church and getting back to the principles of Koinonia.

A very practical agenda for Black churches should include stewardship seminars, forums for members who have their own businesses and for those who may want to become entrepreneurs; and our church leaders should always do everything they can to empower the members collectively. There are many examples around the country from which we can take lessons, although too numerous to mention. I will note one excellent example. The Collective Building

Group, formed by Pastor Jonathan Weaver of the Greater Mt. Nebo A.M.E. in Hyattsville, Md., is where we should begin our work to bring some sense of economic parity to our people.

In my hometown, Cincinnati, Ohio, I hear a great deal of complaining from our brothers and sisters about banks not lending to us fairly and so on and so forth. You know the story. Well, I say our churches should do what Weaver did: Form a collective group of churches and take advantage of our leverage when it comes to bank

loans and other services offered by banks. Assure, via the thousands of members in the collective, that our people are treated fairly by an industry that makes billions of dollars from Black consumers. That's what economic empowerment is all about. And what better place to accomplish it than in our Black churches? Additionally, when we build these churches let's seek out and use Black developers, contractors, insurance agents and other Black professionals. (Why do I have to even say that? It should be a no-brainer.) Let's get to know who attends our churches and what they

do, even if it's a hobby, and let's support these members in their business endeavors. By circulating our dollars among our fellow members first, we all become empowered through the empowerment of the church. Because the more we have as individuals, the more we have as a collective body - the church. Is this making any sense? It seems so simple to me. I know, I know, there are a lot of egos in the church, a lot of jealousy and a lot of other "issues," which are completely contrary to what church is about. But, as Dr. Michael Grant once told me, "E.G.O. is an acronym for Ease

God Out." We had better change those kinds of attitudes in our churches and get on with taking care of our business, after we take care of God's business, of course.

James E. Clingman, an adjunct professor at the University of Cincinnati's of African-American Studies department, is former editor of the Cincinnati Herald Newspaper and founder of the Greater Cincinnati African American Chamber of Commerce. He hosts the radio program, "Blackonomics," and is the author of the book, "Economic Empowerment or Economic Enslavement: We have a choice."

Keller Springs Baptist Church Singles Ministry

'Super Soul' Sunday

The Singles Ministry of Keller Springs Baptist Church will be having a 'Super Soul' worship service on Sunday, Nov. 10th at 10:45 a.m. in the KSBC sanctuary.

The Rev. Marcus D. King, Pastor of Singles and Families at Friendship-West Baptist Church in Dallas will be the guest speaker.

Musical guests will be the University of North Texas Gospel Choir 'Voices of Praise'. The theme is 'Singles: Standing on His Promise' taken from Proverbs 3:5-6. Keller Springs Baptist Church is located at 3227 Keller Springs Rd., Carrollton. Rev. Larry J. Sanders is the pastor.

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