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Profiles in Leadership
McKinney Fire and Police Chiefs Strive to Make a Difference!

To hear the McKinney Police and Fire Chiefs tell their story, they were destined for public service. Fortunately for the community and for the ones they've helped along the way, they seized on their opportunities to help others.

Fire Chief Mark Wallace and Police Chief Doug Kowalski come from different parts of the country. Chief Kowalski has a decidedly "New York City" brogue that deepens when he mentions his hometown. He loves to tell stories about his days on the street as a young patrolman in Dallas. Chief Wallace's intonations are more Middle America with a soft lilt that hints at his former career as a folk singer. He is quiet, earnest and intentional, characteristics that may have helped him pen a quintessential strategic planning textbook for Fire Service personnel.

They come from different backgrounds, but the Chiefs both share the same trait: they are driven to help others. They are also the co-chairmen of this year's McKinney's Make A Difference Day. This volunteer day is set for 8 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 26 at 25 different locations community wide.

Fighting Fires in Colorado
Chief Wallace started out originally as a professional folk singer taking gigs at local watering holes where firefighters hung out in Fort Collins, Colorado. But his association with the Red Cross in his youth predisposed him for public service. "I was 19. My mom was the County Red Cross

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Shelly Garrett

By Belinda G. Alexander

Shelly Garrett is a name recognized in homes, theaters and on airwaves everywhere in America. His creative talent in theater presentations brings reflection and laughter to many that seek relief from stressful workplaces, strained family challenges or struggles with personal issues.

Garrett's famous productions include the famous "Beauty Shop," "The Living Room," "New Attitude," "Beauty Shop," "The Laundromat," and "Red Beans And Rice."

His first musical stage play featured Jeffrey Osborne in "What Kind of Fool Am I?"



Scene from Shelly Garrett's "I'm Doing The Right Thing With The Wrong Man."

Other notable entertainers appearing in Shelly Garrett presentations include Morris Day and Sheryl Lee Ralph. The thrilling successes of these productions add to his determina-

Producer, Director, Playwright

tion to keep the theatrical ball rolling across America's stage.

Each production brings the audience up close and personal to real life situations, which Garrett lightens with laughable humor, and highlights with a heart-shaking truth.

When asked about this special talent, he says, "I write and produce with truth that allows the audience to look from inside issues and still have fun!"

Garrett's appeal reflects lifetimes and important experiences in a more objective setting on the stage.

The plays have a central idea that the audience identifies

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Collin County LULAC Council Hosts Scholarship Banquet

Awards Given to Honor Area Community Leaders

By: Monica Thornton

On Thursday, October 24, the Collin County LULAC Council is hosting its annual Awards Banquet and Silent Auction at the Doubletree Hotel, Plano.

The banquet will not only raise money for educational scholarships, but will also honor Collin County area community leaders.

Amongst the award recipients are: Bob Gonzales of Frito Lay, Business Man of the Year; Nerida Perez, a junior at Plano East High School, Estrella Youth Award; Nadia Tudor, President's Award.

Coty Anderson, President of Collin County LULAC Adult Council, said they send out scholarship applications to all High Schools in Collin County in February of each year, and the school counselors pass them to the students.

"We then have to wait to get the applications back," said Ms. Anderson. "A lot depends on how good the counselors are in getting them to the students on time"



Coty Anderson, President of Collin County LULAC Council

She added that they are hoping to raise \$25,000.00 at this year's event, as they want every student who applies to get something in scholarship, which she said, is based on need and academics equally.

Ms. Anderson said applicants can continue to apply

for scholarships even when they are in college and university, and this year they had their first university graduate, who has gone on to teach.

Major sponsors of the banquet include State Farm Insurance, American Airlines, EDS, Legacy Bank, Geo-Marine, Aztec Technology, and Plano and Allen Independent School Districts.

Ms. Anderson said there will also be approximately 60 items in the silent auction, ranging from jewelry from Bachendorf's, to a variety of gift baskets. These items, she added, can be anywhere from \$25 and upward.

And as a special addition to the fund-raising, American Airlines and Camino Real have put together a vacation package for two, which, Ms. Anderson said, will go to the highest bidder in the live auction.

For further details, tickets, or to donate to the silent auction, please contact Coty Anderson at: canders@PISD.edu, or by telephone at 214.502.7225.

LULAC Young Adults Making a Positive Impact on the Community

By: Monica Thornton

Nineteen-year old college student, Elicia Garcia, has been committed to the cause of LULAC (The League of United Latin American Citizens) since she first got involved in the organization's Youth Council in the 9th grade. But when she was too old to stay in the Youth Council and too young to feel comfortable in the Adult Council, she and a friend formed a Young Adult Council branch to LULAC in conjunction with Collin County Community College District (CCCCD).

Formed in July of this year, the CCCCDD LULAC Young Adult Council, held its first meeting in August, has 53 confirmed members and is a recognized student body. Ms. Garcia is Director of Publicity for the organization, saying she couldn't take on the task of president as she is taking so many hours at the Spring Creek campus of CCCCDD, where she is a music major. Ms. Garcia



Elicia Garcia

said the college has been very supportive of the Council, especially CCCCDD President, Dr. Cary Israel.

She added that as an

organization they are not student workers, but they help the college and earn scholarship money.

She said the Young Adult Council (YAC) wants to bring more young adults together to project a more positive image of the Hispanic community. Ms. Garcia said LULAC has had a positive influence in her life, helping her develop her leadership and communication skills.

"LULAC has a really big hand in who I am now, they're like a second family to me," she said. "Before, I was really shy and couldn't speak in front of people, but now I can speak to hundreds of people at the drop of a dime."

It is this positive influence in her life that she is hoping to share with others in the Hispanic community. Already the YAC is involved in community service projects with children and young adults, and is eager to do more to help.

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Mt. Hebron Honors Pastor and Wife



Sr. Pastor Leonard O. Leach and his wife Sharon

By Jacqueline Perry Williams

Sr. Pastor Leonard O. Leach and his wife Sharon, of Mt. Hebron Missionary Baptist Church in Garland, TX, recently celebrated their 6-years anniversary at Mt. Hebron. The celebration began October 2, with many exhilarating events. Rev. Rodney Frazier of De Soto, kicked off the event with the delivery of a vibrant and powerful message, and several guest choirs participated, lifting their angelic voices to deliver God's message to the congregation.

On Saturday, October 5, the church hosted a brunch in conjunction with a Ministry Fair, highlighting each ministry of the church in honor of the Pastor and his wife. Each ministry was highlighted in brochures that were available for members and guests. Topping off this segment of the

celebration, an assortment of scrumptious desserts covered each of the tables, leaving all the guests with satisfied stomachs!

The celebration came to a conclusion on Sunday, October 6, with guest speaker, Dr. E.K. Bailey, Sr., pastor of Concord Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas. The Pastor and Mrs. Leach were escorted by two youths from the Youth Ministry. The Men's Ministry honored Pastor Leach with a tribute, and the Women's Ministry paid tribute to Mrs. Leach. Hands were clapping and feet were tapping as the Concord Missionary Baptist Church Choir sang words of praises. The closing message was delivered by Rev. Bryant Carter, Concord Associate Minister.

NorthStar Investigative Report, Part II

A Life Sentence: Denying Ex-Felons the Right to Vote

By: Hazel Trice Edney
NNPA Washington Correspondent
Second in a series.

WASHINGTON (NNPA)—More than 1.4 million African-American men will not be able to vote on Nov. 5 even though they have served all of their prison time for a past felony conviction.

That's more than the combined population of every Black male and female living in Atlanta; Cleveland; Boston; Miami; Phoenix; St. Louis and Kansas City, Mo.; Richmond Va.; Pittsburgh, Pa.; Louisville, Ky.; and San Diego and Sacramento, Calif.

"One point four million Black men with voting ballots are far more dangerous than 1.4 million Black men with guns," says Joseph Hayden, a former felon who is director of the New Leadership Policy Center Association for Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Inc. in New York.

That's just part of the muzzled firepower.

When all disenfranchised former felons are included, the total number is 3.9 million. If that group lived in one geographical area, they would comprise the nation's second largest city, behind New York.

Larger than Los Angeles. Bigger than Chicago. If they formed a state, they would be larger than 24 states, including Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Oregon.

The vast majority of inmates—approximately 630,000 per year—are released from state and federal prisons back into society. Many say that taking away their right to vote after they have served time amounts to prison after prison.

Former Richmond, Va., City Councilman Chuck Richardson knows that from personal experience.

A proud Vietnam War veteran with a not-so-proud past heroin addiction, Richardson served two years in Virginia jails and prisons for the distribution of less than a quarter of a gram of heroin and on a contempt-of-court charge for refusing to identify his heroin suppliers. He was released five years ago, but has 15 years left on a 20-year probation.

The former Marine machine gunner with two Purple Hearts and a Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry celebrates a drug-free life, uses his 18 years of city council experience to work as a con-

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Just 4 Us Expo



Houston Harris from K104.5 and Myra J. exchange greetings at the Just 4 Us Expo.



Joseff Hill, Dana McCullough, Ann Mitchell and Carl Mitchell (left). Myra J., Sharon Patterson - pastor St Paul Med and Cee Cee Michelia Girlfriends - Gospel singer enjoy the Expo (above).



Brenda Robertson of Dallas looks over MON The Gazette at the MON booth during the Just 4 Us Expo.



Just 4 Us Expo was a family affair with Demetria (mom) and Kenyatta (daughter) Giddings from Garland at the MON booth.



Nina Andrews from Irving enjoys the Expo and the MON The Gazette's Booth.



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Around The Town

On-going

Nature Stories at Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, every Saturday at 11:00 a.m., and 2:00 p.m. Stories and themes differ from week to week and are hosted by the Heard Nature Store staff. They incorporate music, nature crafts and nature walks. Free with general admission. For topics and more details call 972.562.5566.

Through October 31

Deadline for entries for the Heard Natural Science Museum's 3rd Annual Coloring Contest is October 31st. There will be two age categories: 3-6 years, and 7-10 years, with first and second place prizes for each. Call 972-562-5566, or visit www.heardmuseum.org.

Through November 2

Plano Repertory Theatre brings its ArtCenter Theatre back to life with 'The Rocky Horror Show'. Tickets are now on sale. Performances are Thurs days at 7:30 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25. For adults only. Purchase tickets from the box office noon-5 p.m., at 1028 15th Place, Plano, or order online at www.planorep.org.

Through November 10

The Dallas Arboretum's "Dallas Blooms Autumn - A Harvest of Cultures Celebration". Every Saturday and Sunday, with children's activities, artisans and musicians. Located at 8617 Garland Road, Dallas. For more information contact Karen Griggsby at 972-731-0547.

Through November 16

McKinney Theatre at McKinney Square Meal 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.

October 25

'6th Annual Tribute to the African Ancestors', at Freedman's Cemetery, Lemmon Avenue at Central Expressway, at 8:00 p.m. Join in saluting our African ancestors who perished in the Middle Passage, and those who died in slavery. Call 214.428.1040 for more information.

October 25-26

Booville Carnival at Joe Farmer Recreation Center,

1201 E. Bethany, Allen, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Carnival grounds with fun children's villains, games, pumpkin decoration and more. \$5 wristband, parents free. For children ages 10 and under.

October 26

The Carnival of Knowledge: Learning is Fun, presented by The Plano North Metroplex Chapter, The Links, Inc., from 8 am to 2 pm. For students and parents. An educational day in a carnival atmosphere. Includes: how to write a book, drug and AIDS awareness, self esteem building, fine arts, clowns, mimes and much more. Food is provided. At Jasper High School, 6800 Applegate, Plano.

Get Out The Vote Rally

Democratic Party of Collin County

Join us on Saturday, October 26 at 9:00 a.m. El Juarez Restaurant, 311 E. Louisiana, McKinney, TX (coffee & Mexican pastries provided).

We'll have a brief meeting and rally, hear from our candidates, and then go the courthouse to vote!

If you can walk, drive, post signs, or assemble literature bags, we need you! You can

help make a difference!

The Mesquite Symphonic Band concert begins at 8 p.m. Call the box office for more information at 972.216.8125.

Irving Black Arts Council presents 'The Color of Love', a musical comedy about an African-American girl stationed overseas, who brings her German husband home to meet her South Georgia family unannounced. At the Irving Arts Center, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd. Call 972.252.ARTS (2787) or visit: www.ci.irving.tx.us/arts.

October 27

Mesquite Arts Council presents "Schubert & Co," at 3:15 p.m. Tickets are \$5. Call 972.216.6444 during business hours for more information.

Jazz on the Plaza in Mesquite features the big band sounds of the MJRE, beginning at 2 p.m. FREE! Bring your pets, coolers and blankets. Call the Arts Council at 972.216.6444 for more information.

October 28

McKinney Storytelling Guild presents 'Spooky Stories,' at 7:00 p.m. in the historic Foote Chapel of Chestnut

Square, at the SW corner of McDonald St. (Hwy 5) and Anthony St. Free, donations accepted. For more information call Adah Leah Wolf at 972-548-7186 or email eflat@attbi.com.

October 29

Trick-or-Treat 1 Mile Fun Run. Costume contest begins at 6:45 p.m./race starts at 7:15 p.m. complete with trick-or-treat goodies along the way. For more information call 972-747-4150.

Halloween Happenings! 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Mesquite Main Library, 300 West Grubb Drive. Recommended for children ages 5 and up.

There will also be a craft table as well as other activities.

October 30

Email on the Web Using Hotmail will be offered from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, at the Mesquite Public Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive. Introduction to the Internet class is a prerequisite. Registration is required for all classes: call 972-216-6734.

October 31

Safe 'Trick or Treat' On The Square in McKinney. Downtown merchants dress up

November 2

In anticipation of the opening of Garland's DART Light Rail Stations, the Nicholson Memorial Library System and DART will host an informational Open House at Central Library, 625 Austin Street - come and go from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

November 4

Life Line Screening, from 9am to 5pm, at the Plano Centre, Spring Creek and Jupiter Roads. Avoid a stroke. The nation's leading vascular screening service providing non-invasive, completely painless screenings using the most advanced Doppler ultrasound technology. For more information and pricing call 800.643.6075 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com

November 6 and 7

Bishop Lynch High School presents "The Importance of Being Earnest" at the Plaza Theatre in downtown Garland. Call 214-324-3607 for details and tickets.

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THE TRUTH CLINIC

Kirk Must Define Issues To Win Senate Race

By James W. Breedlove

Last Friday Ron Kirk faced rival John Cornyn in a prime time televised debate to begin the stretch run leading to election day on November 5th.

The Texas senate race is one of the nation's most closely watched campaigns and could determine whether Democrats or Republicans control the senate.

The headlines, in the aftermath of this first debate, highlighted the nominees' statements on race baiting and the Enron fiasco. It is a mistake for Ron Kirk to let the debate be defined by those two items. Various polls show the race is still close, with approximately 14-18 percent of the voters yet undecided; enough to turn the election one way or the other.

With Texas being an overwhelmingly Republican state, Kirk cannot afford to waste prime time chips on matters that do not strike a resonant chord for critical undecided voters.

Even if this first debate is considered a draw, Kirk is not differentiating himself enough in an overwhelmingly Republican state. Kirk enjoyed broad bipartisan support while he was mayor of Dallas and has retained that base in the senate race. But his considerable charisma did not come across on television the way it does in smaller venues. A formal rigid demeanor on television is not a vote getter as Richard Nixon proved in his 1960 debate with John Kennedy.

Elections are all about numbers. The number of votes needed and the number of dollars to get those votes. Elections are about brain power and a focused organization. A candidate cannot afford to leave any com-

stituency untouched in a close election, even if there is little chance of getting their vote.

The older voters are the ones most likely to go to the polls. They outnumber the younger voters by a 2-1 margin. Their issues are social security, retirement protection, health care, cheaper prescription drugs, corporate malfeasance, and the massive losses in the stock market.

They do not care about George Wallace or who attended a hip hop concert. They do not care about who got money from Enron, but how is the money they lost during the collapse going to be recovered. They are concerned about the spending priorities being set by the looming war with Iraq and the deficits that will endanger funding for domestic programs.

They are fed up with the lofty promises made two years ago by every congressman and the president which have turned out to be hot air. They are not interested in hearing about coalition building and looking out for Texas. They are sick and tired of scare tactics. They want to hear about viable solutions to their real problems, not personal attacks.

John Cornyn can afford to stick to the scare and attack strategy. His advisors believe that the coat tails of the president will win the day. And the president has pulled out all the stops. He has sent Vice President Cheney, Mrs. Bush, mother Barbara Bush, and has made three trips himself to Texas to campaign for Cornyn.

Since Cornyn has inextricably tied himself to President Bush it is time to highlight the ineptness evidenced in the

administration's bungled domestic and foreign policies.

America has been humiliated on the international scene with its inconsistent and hypocritical foreign policy; especially on Iraq and North Korea. The administration has been sounding the war trumpet against Iraq based on the supposition of deadly weapons and imminent danger. But when North Korea flaunts actual weapons of mass destruction the response is timid diplomacy. And have al Qaeda and Osama bin Laden been completely removed from terrorist consideration?

The international community has realized that the Bush administration is not an astute political heavyweight, and is in fact more dangerous because of the military and economic might it can throw around. Debate regarding Iraq at the United Nations has started to shift away from an immediate attack resolution; a slap in the face of the White House. The Arab states have come together in unison against war. Three voting members of the Security Council (France, Russia and China) have signaled that they are not likely to give Bush what he wants.

These are the type of issues that voters need to be enlightened on. Ron Kirk to win must talk specifically to the undecided people (especially Hispanics who are about evenly divided) in a manner that energizes them to come out and vote, not because of past political bi-partisanship but because of new visionary leadership. The country sorely needs uncompromised leaders.

Comments or opinions may be sent to the writer at jay.dubub@swbell.net.

Still I Rise by : Maya Angelo

You may write me down in history You may trod me in the very dirt But still, like dust, I'll rise.

Does my sassiness upset you? Why are you beset with gloom? 'Cause I walk like I've got oil wells Pumping in my living room.

Just like moons and like suns, With the certainty of tides, Just like hopes springing high, Still I'll rise.

Did you want to see me broken? Bowed head and lowered eyes? Shoulders falling down like teardrops. Weakened by my soulful cries.

Does my haughtiness offend you? Don't you take it awful hard 'Cause I laugh like I've got gold mines Diggin' in my own back yard.

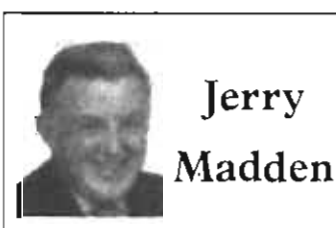
You may shoot me with your words, You may cut me with your eyes, You may kill me with your hatefulness, But still, like air, I'll rise.

Does my sexiness upset you? Does it come as a surprise That I dance like I've got diamonds At the meeting of my thighs? Out of the huts of history's shame I rise Up from a past that's rooted in pain I rise I'm a black ocean, leaping and wide, Welling and swelling I bear in the tide.

Leaving behind nights of terror and fear I rise Into a daybreak that's wondrously clear I rise Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave, I am the dream and the hope of the slave. I rise I rise I rise.

Capitol Watch

LOCAL LEGISLATOR HEADS INSURANCE COMMITTEES



Jerry Madden

State Representative Jerry Madden has appointed two advisory committees to study the growing issues of health care insurance and homeowner's insurance before the 78th Legislature convenes in January.

"In order to do what's right for all Texans, I've asked representatives from all sides of these issues to meet, discuss, and advise me on how future legislation will effect them," said Madden.

"Both health care insurance and homeowner's insurance will receive a fair amount of attention during the next session.

The 15-member advisory health care committee includes representatives from Madden's constituent group, doctors, PPOs, an insurance carrier, a hospital, a pharmaceutical company, senior citizens' groups and

Health insurance and homeowner's insurance gain local attention



a research organization.

The committee has met twice to discuss concerns surrounding the issues, along with ideas that might lead to solving even a small piece of the problem.

The homeowner's group, currently with eight members, met for the first time today to discuss problems in the homeowner's insurance industry and how those problems might be solved. The group consists of representatives from a homeowner's group, homebuilder's group, construction and an insurance company.

"As legislation is presented next year, these advisory committees will determine if the needs of our community are being addressed, particularly in the bill's language," added Madden. "I'm receptive to learning from the people I represent."

Rep. Jerry Madden-Dist. 67-Representing portions of Richardson, Plano, and Dallas

Southern Black Churches Have Unused Potential As Gateway to Mental Health Services

While predominantly black churches have long been highlighted as excellent referral sources to health care, that link breaks down when it comes to mental health services, according to a new study. Researchers talked to ministers at 269 southern churches, with 181 having predominantly black congregations. The study's authors found that black churches provided more supportive services than white churches, but that "linkage

between any churches and specialty mental health providers was starkly absent. Clergy reported very little interaction with the formal mental health service delivery system." This even despite the fact that black churches were much more likely to offer supportive mental health services to members. "The continuing gap in referrals between mental health service providers and clergy highlights a potential site for strengthening the linkage between pastors and

the formal service delivery system...Further research is needed to more fully illuminate the barriers to a more free exchange between these groups."

[From: "Alternative Mental Health Services: The Role of the Black Church in the South." Contact: Michael B. Blank, PhD, University of Pennsylvania, J.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL FREEDOM FUND BANQUET ANNOUNCEMENT

(Ft. Worth, TX) - The 25th Annual Fort Worth/Tarrant County Branch NAACP MEMORIAL FREEDOM FUND BANQUET will be held on Friday, October 25, 2002, 7:00pm at the Will Rogers Memorial Center - 1 Amon Carter Square, Fort Worth, Texas. The keynote

speakers are Dr. Beverly Mitchell-Brady, President, Dallas Urban League. The banquet is in honor of the late Dr. George D. Flemmings who served as President of the local branch from 1938 until his death in 1975. Tickets for this affair are \$40.00 for adults and \$20.00

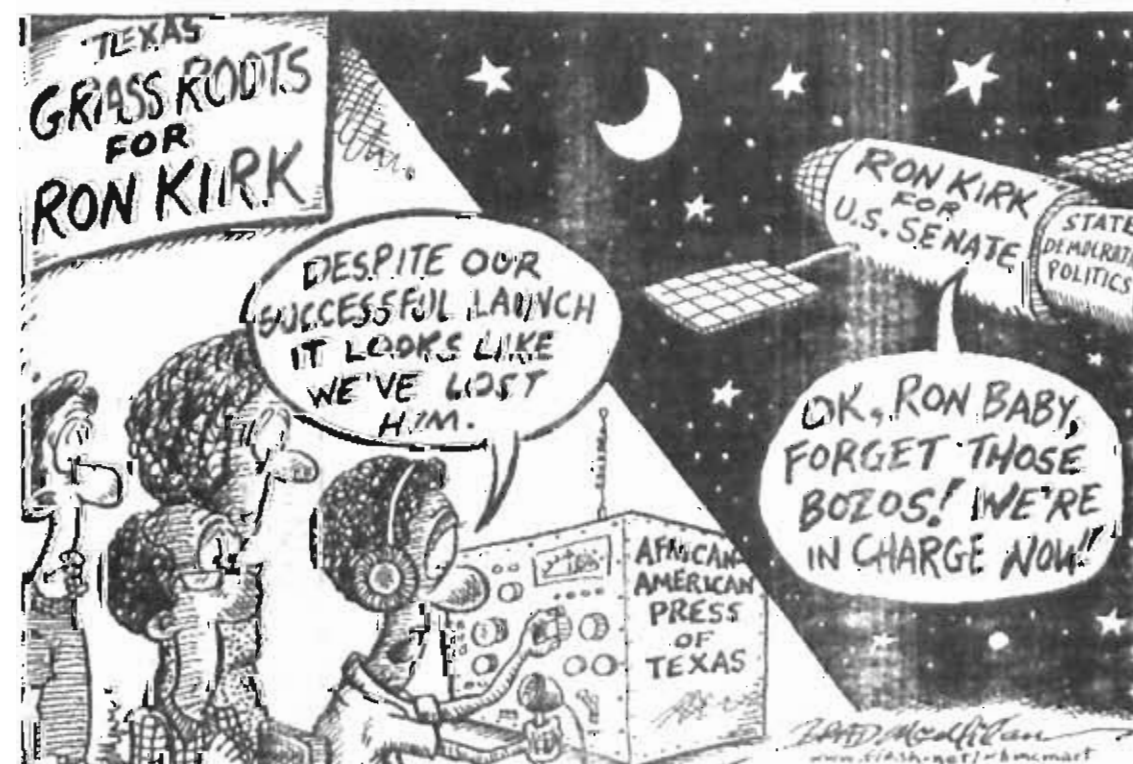
for youth under age 17. Table reservations for 10 are available for \$400.00 per table. Each table reservation purchased will be identified with your requested name. Corporate tables are available for ten at \$1,000.00 per table. For tickets or additional information, call 817 332 8919.

Profiles in Leadership McKinney Fire and Police Chiefs Strive to Make a Difference!

To hear the McKinney Police and Fire Chiefs tell their story, they were destined for public service. Fire Chief Wade Wallace and Police Chief Don Kowalski came from different parts of the country. Chief Kowalski this a decidedly "New York City" (though that deepens when he mentions his hometown. He lives on 101st street about his days as a young patrolman in Dallas. Chief Wallace's

journeys are more Middle America with a soft tilt that hints at his former career as a folk singer. He is quiet, earnest and intentional characteristics that may have helped him pen a quarter-century strategic planning document for Fire Service personnel. They come from different backgrounds, but the Chiefs both share the same trait: they are driven to help others. They are also the co-chairmen of

this year's McKinney's Make A Difference Day. This volunteer day is set for 8 am Saturday, Oct. 26 at 25 different locations communities wide. More than 1,000 volunteers in McKinney will work on service projects benefiting 91 non-profit organizations. Chief Kowalski says residents to get involved. "It's not always big dramatic events that impact people's lives," Chief Kowalski said. "It's the small day-to-day deeds that are done consistently."



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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 minority 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 desire to expand your quest for economic parity outside the southern region or just want to know what is going on up north- Think of MON-The Gazette as your paper of opportunity!

MON-The Gazette is formerly Minority Opportunity News, was founded July, 1991 by Jim (Bob) and Thurman R. Jones

Elicia Garcia
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"Right now a major focus for us with the Hispanic community is higher education, mentoring and voter registration," said Ms. Garcia.

And on Monday September 30, the YAC sponsored voter registration at the Spring Creek Campus of CCCCD. Although the college conducts its own voter registration, Ms. Garcia said the Council held its own event to encourage Hispanic students to register to vote. She said they had about twenty tables for voter registration set up across Texas. Ms. Garcia added that they will join forces with the college, the Black Student Association and other student bodies to participate in early voting for the upcoming November elections.

She is concerned about the apathy among Hispanics towards voting, and thinks many Hispanics don't vote due in part to the negative way in which politics are portrayed on television.

"I don't think they believe it's important to vote, and they are not encouraged to vote," said Ms. Garcia of the Hispanic community. "They see the politicians on television and they don't like what they see. They're getting a negative image of politics and think if they register to vote they'll be a part of that."

But she said the Hispanic community is growing in numbers, and it's more important now than ever for them to be involved in voting.

"We're growing in numbers, and we need to be represented. If we're not registered there's no way we can have a voice," Ms. Garcia said.

And to help the young Hispanic community, the YAC is involved in mentoring at elementary and middle school levels. They currently mentor at Bowman Middle School and at Mendenhall Elementary, both in Plano. At Mendenhall Ms. Garcia said they sponsor the Young Readers Program, a

nationally sponsored program as part of the LULAC National Education Service. She said that as it is a LULAC sponsored program children don't have to attend Mendenhall to participate, they can be from any elementary school. There are 35 children enrolled in the program, getting help with their English reading.

gram. As part of the program, Ms. Garcia said they help the children pick out books, and help them read them. The classes are held every second Saturday, and before the children leave they pick a book to take home with them, and bring it back next time. She said they keep a log of how much each

up with the Youth Council to help Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). Ms. Garcia said they promised MADD that they would collect 2002 signatures against drunk driving, but instead they collected 5000 signatures, and received an award for their efforts.

For their continued work with MADD, Ms. Garcia



Elicia Garcia and Elly Mercado

"We do group reading and reading out loud which helps them with testing out to go into the mainstream system at school," said Ms. Garcia.

They have the help of Mendenhall bilingual teacher Christine Barrantes, who has been with the program since its inception five years ago. Ms. Garcia added that Ms. Barrantes has been a great help, and she told her that the children who go through this program go on to mainstream and get into the diversity pro-

gram. child is reading and at the end of the school year they are all awarded a prize according to the amount of reading they did.

"They keep reading logs and whoever reads the most gets the biggest prize," said Ms. Garcia. "At the end of the year they also come and go through graduation. They get a certificate, prizes and pictures taken."

And the community involvement doesn't stop there. This last year, the YAC teamed

and LULAC's Deputy State Youth Director, 10th grader Adrienne Ortega, are being sent to MADD's conference in Alaska this month. And the next project they are working on with MADD is an all day youth and young adult summit 'Texas LULAC Youth and Young Adults get MADD, Don't Let Your Loved Ones Drink and Drive'. The summit will be held February 2003, and Ms. Garcia said they are trying to get it held at CCCCD.

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sultant to a Black business contracting group and has founded the National Organization for

Richardson says a major component of rehabilitation is the right to vote. When that right is taken away, its impact extends beyond Election Day.

"There is a certain sense of nobodiness, a lack of full worth, a lack of a feeling of the fullness of your manhood or your ability to contribute to democracy when you are excluded from that process," he explains. "It hurts. There is a great deal of pain for people who understand the concept of democracy. The most essential and the most important and the most vital element of democracy is the value of the individual vote."

The simple desire to vote is telling.

"The fact that someone is interested in voting is a strong indication that they want to become a better human being," Richardson says. "Anyone who wants to vote, that in and of itself is an indication of righting oneself."

Kemba Smith, an ex-offender whose cause was championed by "Emerge" magazine and the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund until she was pardoned by President Bill Clinton in 2000, says felons are often misunderstood by people who think they are looking for special treatment.

"We're talking about—not people's sentences, not the drug laws or drug policies—we're actually talking about the after-effects, people who have already been sentenced," explains Smith, of Richmond, Va. "It's not an issue about being soft on crime. It's an issue about a right, a human right that should be allowed

us."

Smith and Richardson are part of a growing movement by individuals and groups around the country, who assert that convicted felons have already repaid their debt to society and should be allowed to vote. Support for the movement is coming from some surprising quarters.

Virginia Gov. Mark Warner, a Democrat, is among those supporters.

Warner has made the process much easier for ex-felons to regain their voting rights in Virginia, where one in every four Black men is disenfranchised because of a felony conviction.

The governor reduced a 13-page application to one page and reduced all waiting periods for nonviolent offenders from as many as seven years to three years after completing probation or parole.

"I came into office and found the backlog of hundreds and hundreds of cases that hadn't been touched in years. That's just not right," Warner says. "So, we've already restored more individuals' rights in the first eight-and-a-half months of this administration [40] than the previous three governors in their first years combined."

Warner says he feels so strongly about the issue that he may make it even easier to restore voting rights.

"It's ended up perhaps limiting African-American voting strength," he acknowledges. "I may re-review the process at the end of another year from now so we can encourage people to take up their civic responsibilities of voting. I think we ought to do what we can once somebody's done their time."

But most governors, Democrats and Republicans, disagree.

Only two states have no restrictions on voting rights for convicted felons: Maine and Vermont. All others impose varying restrictions, according to the Sentencing Project, a non-profit organization that promotes alternatives to incarceration.

Fourteen states permanently disenfranchise felons unless they apply for their rights through a gubernatorial pardon or other administrative procedures. Twelve states automatically restore the right to vote at the end of incarceration. Thirty-two states prohibit felons from voting while on parole and 28 of those also prohibit felons from voting while on probation, the Sentencing Project reports.

The demand for voting rights for convicted felons could swell into a massive civil rights movement if advocates for felony voting rights have their way.

"What we need and I think what we have and what is emerging is a movement," says the Rev. Timothy McDonald, pastor of Atlanta's First Iconium Baptist Church and president of the People for the American Way's National African-American Ministers Leadership Council.

Addressing a recent panel on voter disenfranchisement in Washington, D.C., McDonald said, "Stop skirting it. Stop ducking and dodging it. It is about power, who gets the power and who exercises the power. That's why folks are disenfranchised. That's why it's 1.4 million Black males who are disenfranchised."

Giving full voting rights to former felons is opposed by conservative groups, such as the Heritage Foundation and the Center for Equal Opportunity.

"Felony disenfranchisement makes sense for a lot of reasons," says Todd Gaziano,

director of legal studies for the Heritage Foundation. "What it does most is it protects those who live in high-crime neighborhoods, particularly those in the minority communities—whose leadership has forsaken them on this issue—against vote dilution by those, who in any other civilized society, would have to demonstrate that they can be trusted again to exercise the vote."

He adds, "There are critical resource decisions—whether to keep this police chief, whether to get rid of the mayor, whether to post police officers at the schools. There are dozens of decisions like this that come up every year that I believe only citizens and only citizens in good standing should make."

Some legal researchers note that race is and has been a factor as well.

"During the Reconstruction Era in the South, disenfranchisement provisions were often tailored so that their effect would be to exclude mostly, or only, Blacks," writes Andrew Shapiro, a research fellow at Harvard Law School. In his article, "The Disenfranchisement," published in "The American Prospect" magazine, he says:

"Looking for ways to disqualify blacks [from voting] without running afoul of the newly ratified Fifteenth Amendment, which prohibited blatant exclusion on racial grounds, these legislators adopted a host of ostensibly neutral voting barriers to achieve their desired end. In addition to adopting discriminatory literacy tests and poll taxes, they rewrote their felon disenfranchisement laws to subtly disqualify blacks."

Today, even with the 1965 Voting Rights Act signed into law, African-Americans are still being kept away from the ballot.

Florida has disenfranchised 647,100 people, more than any other state. Nearly a third of

them are Black men. Texas has the second highest number of disenfranchised former felons with 610,000. One quarter of those are Black

What can be done?

Dianne M. Pinderhughes, a political science professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana, says pressure could be placed on Congress in 2007, when Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act is set for a review and a decision on renewal. That section determines whether states with a history of discrimination need continued federal oversight on voting matters.

"I would expect that would be an issue that they might want to bring up for the 2007 extension because all the work that's been done after 1965, a lot of that has been pushed back [because of disenfranchisement]," Pinderhughes says.

Brett Dignam, a Yale University law professor who specializes in the defense of prisoners, agrees that using the Section 5 review would be a wise strategy, but she has not ruled out the prospect of filing

a class action suit.

"Do I think it has legal merit? Yes, absolutely," she says.

Garry Mendez Jr., executive director of the National Trust for the Development of African-American Men in Riverdale, Md., believes the disenfranchisement of felons and other restrictions that they face may be contributing to the high rate of recidivism.

"These guys say, 'Okay. That's how you're going to treat me? Okay. I'm going to act a certain way, then. And you're going to deal with me.'"

Rep. John Conyers Jr. (D-Mich.) has introduced several bills that address allowing convicted felons to vote in federal elections.

"In addition to diminishing the legitimacy of our democratic process, denying voting rights to ex-offenders is inconsistent with the goal of rehabilitation," says Conyers. "Instead of reintegrating such individuals into society, felony voting restrictions only serve to reaffirm their feelings of alienation and isolation."

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Scene from Shelly Garrett's "I'm Doing The Right Thing With The Wrong Man."

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with. Once the fans start to get into the show—they're 'hooked.' One such dedicated fan, 42-year-old Ms. Applewhite of Grand Prairie, says of Shelly Garrett Entertainment, "I heard his show advertised on the radio and I just can't wait to see it. He has such a great way of making me laugh at life!" This is the creativity of Garrett.

Garrett's story started many years ago. He has traveled a lengthy and multifaceted road to get to where he is today. The special fame and notoriety came only after many challenges and tough times and experiences! Garrett stands by his work and commitment to the audience. He began to whet his whistle to the 'music' of an appreciative audience early in his career as a young California Disc Jockey. He has experience as a recording producer with Warner Brothers and for Liberty recording group 'the

'Tribulations.' Additional success came as Garrett worked as a film artist and commercial writer on NBC television shows — *Goodtimes*, *Sanford & Son*, *Hollywood Squares*, *Sonny & Cher*, *the Midnight Special*, and *Chico and The Man*. Each challenge was a stepping-stone ultimately bringing him to the creation of 'Beauty Shop.' The 'entertainer genius' of Garrett continued to grow.

As a top producer, playwright and director of Black Theater—he has paid a price to be on top. He seems to have a special determination of hard driven energy and enthusiasm. Shelly's smile emanates confidence while still possessing an air of genuine sincerity and courtesy. This is a rare combination to find in show business. It looks like he has mastered the mystery of empowerment along with the secret of success on and off the stage.

Success is also reflected in his thoughts on what makes him so popular in the theatre.

He says, "My fans spend their hard-earned money on a ticket to my shows, and I refuse

to cheat them out of getting the very best in entertainment. You will not see me throw a show together just to get paid! I plan to give the fans what they pay for—if a comedy is what they want, I try to give the best. If the actors are not good or the lighting is bad, I take the blame and responsibility. Likewise, if these things go well, the positives should go to those who did that work. Ultimately, it is my responsibility from casting to hiring stage support for the best show possible. It is very important to keep up the quality. Bad news travels faster and further than good news!"

Behind every successful person is a supportive group of friends or family, and Garrett credits the source of his support to his dedicated family. His father once told him, "If it's in your heart, then take a deep breath and step up!" When Mr. Willie B. Garrett gave this advice, his son took it to heart and all the way to stages around America! Garrett's mother, Mrs. Lera M. Garrett, has also been a constant encouragement. Her sup-

HOME TOWN TALENT

By Belinda G. Alexander

Lashan Newhouse dreamed of someday being an actress. Almost two years ago, she followed her mother's suggestion to attend a workshop offered by Shelly Garrett. 1 1/2 years later, Lashan was able to be part of Shelly Garrett's theater productions. Her earlier decision to take the workshop was a determining moment.

Lashan has a lead part in Shelly Garrett's newest play — "I'm Doing The Right Thing With The Wrong Man!" Timing has been very important to her being able to tour with the play. Until now, responsibilities as single mother to her son, John, demanded priority in schedules and career choices. Lashan recalls, "I wanted to act, but circumstance and timing was not right for me until recently. My son is now 15-years old and can stay with his father, I can now pursue my acting career."

Lashan recalls, "During the workshop, I told Mr. Garrett that I really wanted to act. He said he would consider me for future acting opportunities. He remained true to his word. I tried out for a part in the play and got it! The experience is great and I'm looking forward to more acting in the future."

Lashan is a statuesque

port has been invaluable while touring with him for fourteen years. Garrett said, "Family support is important for pushing you when you think you can't go any further." The quality of unyielding self-confidence and strong sense of priorities is obviously inspired by the strong source of basic sup-



LASHAN NEWHOUSE Actress

beautiful black sister with a gracious and confident personality. When asked for recommendations to other aspiring actors, Lashan said,

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port from his parents.

Q & A to Shelly Garrett (SG)

Q - What is your advice to those who seek success in writing, producing or directing?

Shelly Garrett - "Believe in yourself and your ability to

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that not everyone will like your work. Bill Cosby once said, "Failure is trying to please everyone"—Someone at sometime will not like your work—that's OK—don't let it get you down! Remember to believe in God and believe in yourself!"

Q - Who is in the audience attending your plays and what do they want?

SG - A majority of the audience is Black females between 25-54 years of age. The plays show tense situations with comedy relief. Nobody should pay to be depressed.

Q - How do you see your role in the entertainment business?

SG - I hope to inspire others to write, direct and to look at me to see and realize - "He can do and it so can I!"

Q - What is the future vision for your career?

SG - I plan to continue doing this work—I really enjoy it! Madonna once said, *There's nothing like that immediate response from the audience!* That describes it all for me too!"

With such great shows and demanding audiences, Garrett still refuses to get a 'big head' attitude—he says, "I'm just trying to make a living." Garrett says this attitude is critical to growth and survival. His latest play entitled—*I'm Doing The Right Thing With The Wrong Man!* is scheduled for production in Dallas on October 24-27.

Shelly Garrett Entertainment is located in Valley Ranch, TX. Visit the website at www.ShellyGarrett.com

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There Was Jazz That Night at The 20th Annual Awards Dinner

By Doris Black

The Los Angeles Jazz Society hosted its 20th Annual Jazz Tribute & Awards Dinner/Concert recently at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles, California. It was a clear mild day in the city as honorees, members and guests gathered for what turned out to be a memorably great time for friends and peers alike.

The honorees for the annual Jazz Tribute were Herbie Hancock, John Levy for Lifetime Achievement, Annie Ross received the Jazz Vocalist award, Roger Neumann for Composer/Arranger award, James Newton for Jazz Educator Award, Howard Rumsey received the Teri Merrill-Aarons Founders Award and Gerald Clayton received the Shelly Manne Memorial Talent Award. Each of the honorees contributed to the concert portion of the program, making for one great program.

Gerald Clayton opened the concert, after receiving his award for New Talent, named in memory of the legendary Shelly Manne, famous musician and nite club owner based on the west coast and known the world over. Clayton, only 18 years old demonstrated to the audience why he deserved his tribute when his three piece trio consisting of Clayton on piano and two others on drums and bass. They turned up the heat of the ballroom with precision timing and Clayton's direction of adding illuminating crescendos to his jazz presentation wowed the attendees to the extent that Quincy Jones announced that somebody "ought to go slap that boy, in fact somebody ought to go and pimp slap him, that boy is baaaad." He welcomed all with a guarantee of synopating rhythm and timing his music to the point of tickling his audience. Annie Ross followed with her husky, melodious scatting and croons of "Mearball" and "My Analyst Told Me", then came Roger Neumann, James Newton's band, Howard Rumsey and the Tribute Honoree to close out the concert. Mr. Herbie Hancock, with an expansion on "Maiden Voyage" in avant guard styling. The presenters

on program were Nancy Wilson for John Levy, who received the Lifetime Achievement Award because of his extensive career of managing over seventy jazz musicians and entertainers, all tops in their respective styles. "I've

managed one artist for each year of my life, and I am ninety", said Levy, having managed such greats as the Ramsey Lewis Trio, Betty Carter, Lou Donaldson, Randy Crawford, Arsenio Hall, Marlena Shaw, Roberta Flack, Herbie Hancock, and Les McCann, just to name a few. Artist and Elaine Thornton were special guests for John and Debra Levy

and were delighted with the Lifetime Achievement Presentation. "Mr. Levy deserves this tribute, he's a manager ahead of his time, and can you imagine being around all this talent all the time?" says Artist Thornton, founder of the Thornton Foundation For The Arts, based in Dallas, Texas. In presenting the lifetime Achievement Award Nancy

Wilson revealed that in her entire career under John Levy's style of management, she has never had to have a signed contract with John Levy, indicating the level of trust that she holds for the Lifetime honoree. Now that's tribute. Quintessential

musician and composer Quincy Jones was on program to present the Tribute Honoree for this year, the extraordinary Herbie Hancock, whose music dazzled the audience for the rest of the night.

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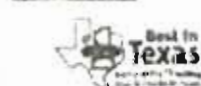
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This year's Jazz Tribute honoree is Herbie Hancock, for his immense contribution in the performance of jazz and education was presented the tribute by the Los Angeles Jazz Society. He is congratulated for his fine works by Artist Thornton, founder of the Thornton Foundation for The Arts, Dallas



Elaine Thornton, co-founder of The Thornton Foundation for The Arts was the special guests of John Levy, renowned Talent and Artist manager, as he was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Recognition recently at the 20th Annual Dinner and Concert Awards show presented by the Los Angeles Jazz Society.



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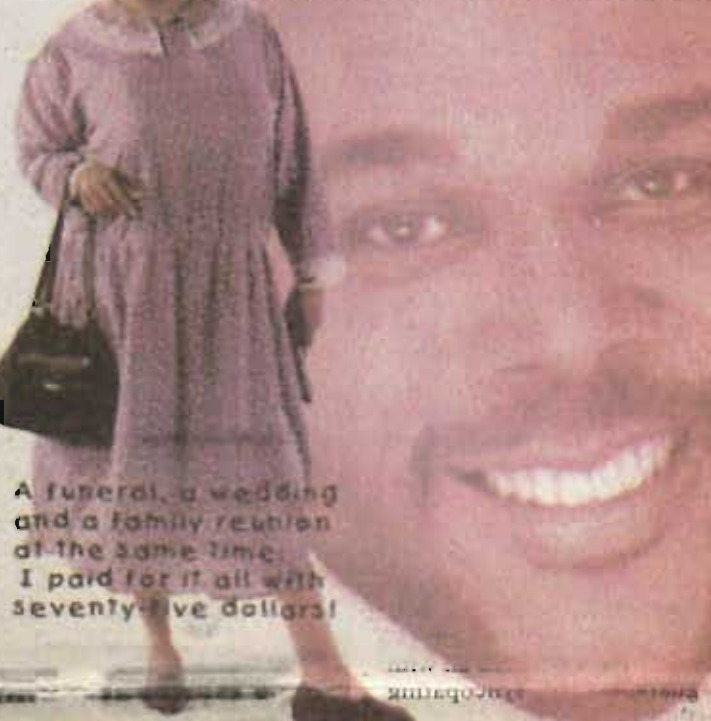
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Most of us Want the Same Freedom to do what is right without fear

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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. 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.

The Republican Platform for a Harvest of Good Fruit

Hardly a nation is rich when that fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land. Mercy and truth are joined together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth shall bring out of the earth, and righteousness shall bring down from heaven. Yes, the Lord shall give that which is good, and the land shall yield her increase. Psalm 84:9-12

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'Super Soul' Sunday

The Singles Ministry of Keller Springs Baptist Church, will be having a 'Super Soul' worship service on Sunday, Nov. 10th @ 10:45 am 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.

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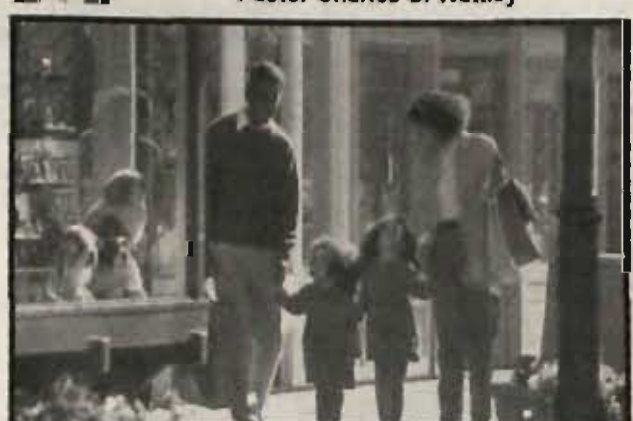
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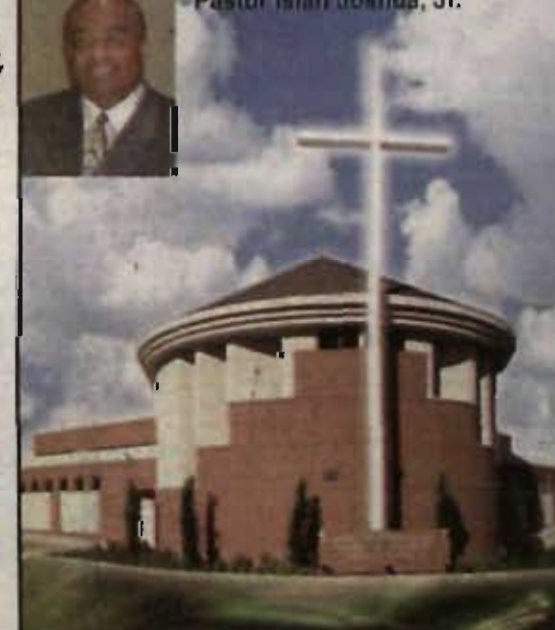
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