

# KELLER

(Continued from Page 1) and contributions made him an excellent candidate for the award.

"We're not honoring him for being sheriff, but for the things that he does when he gets off from work," says Watson.

Committed 100 Men Helping Boys has been heralded nationally for its contributions towards African American youth.

The group sponsors monthly group activities and each adult member is required to have weekly interaction with an African American youth.

A Rites of Passage program in which young boys are provided life skills training and cultural relevancy is the capstone of the organization.

The program is six-weeks of book and practical instruction in which youths are given challenges to complete.

Keller, as the group's first non-African American honoree, draws notoriety for a group which primarily has blacks as its role models. A concern which doesn't bother Watson.

"It doesn't have any significance to me other than the fact that we honor people and not color," he says. "We see Keller's contributions not color."

Despite being 5-months shy of one year in office, Keller's preliminary response from the community has been favorable, according to Watson. Upon the notice of the award, Keller immediately accepted.

The sheriff's open door policy and community policing strategies have created a new-found openness in the previously closed Metro society. "My job is that of a bridge builder; to step up to the plate and say that I'm willing to make a change," he says.

Keller credits Committed 100 Men Helping Boys for their preventative measures towards abating future problems that might lead kids into crime. "The people who commit themselves to helping youths are the real heroes." "Role models who are making the effort to reach out to a youth and give to them," he adds.

A banquet in Keller's honor will be held at the Palace Station Hotel & Casino on Saturday, September 9.

# Newly Elected NNPA President Dorothy R. Leavell Vows to Seek Expanded National and International Role for Black Newspapers

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — Dorothy R. Leavell, in her first public statement as the newly elected president of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), urged the association to "move purposefully and aggressively to the forefront of the national and international dialogue on the issues affecting Black people."

Representing more than 200 weekly publications nationwide, Mrs. Leavell, who was elected during the NNPA's annual convention here recently, said the association, "reaching millions of

Blacks every week," will "narrow its focus to help our constituents work together and create real change."

She said: "We intend to work closely with the NAACP, the National Urban League, Operation PUSH and other major national and international organizations to make certain that the concerns of Black people worldwide are properly articulated."

Mrs. Leavell is publisher and editor of the Chicago Crusader and the Gary (Ind.) Crusader newspapers. She is the second female to head the

NNPA in the history of the 55-year-old trade association.

"We in the corporate community have long observed Mrs. Leavell as a hard-working, intelligent and skilled administrator serving in volunteer positions in the NNPA," said Frank Gomez, Director, Public Programs, Philip Morris Companies Inc.

Gomez said: "I feel confident in Mrs. Leavell's ability to continue the good work begun by her able and dedicated predecessor, Bob Bogle, as she leads the NNPA through the challenges fac-

ing the Black press in the years ahead."

An NNPA member for more than 20 years, Mrs. Leavell has held a number of offices within the association. She says she will continue the efforts she began as treasurer to keep the association up to date with the latest advances in business and newsroom technology.

Mrs. Leavell said she will continue to move the NNPA's offices toward full computerization. She also plans to reinstate the association's dormant wire service, which will provide timely news and information of interest to Blacks to the NNPA's member newspapers.

In keeping with her pledge to increase NNPA involvement with international issues, Mrs. Leavell recently traveled to Dakar, Senegal, with an NNPA delegation to participate in the Third African-African American Summit.

Convened by the Rev. Leon Sullivan, the summit afforded delegates the opportunity to meet with African heads of state and other officials for discussions aimed at strengthening the linkages between Africans and African Americans. Mrs. Leavell reported that both groups had been "strengthened by the talks" and that the NNPA looked forward to participating in future international forums.

Born in Pine Bluff, Ark., Mrs. Leavell moved to Chicago after graduating from high school. She began her career at the Chicago Crusader in 1961, serving first as office manager. She assumed ownership of the two newspapers in 1968 following the death of her first husband, Balm L. Leavell Jr., co-founder of both publications. She attended Roosevelt University in Chicago, where she studied psychiatric social work before leaving to work full time at the two newspapers.



LEGISLATIVE LEADERS — Oklahoma State Senator Angela Monson, right, and Representative Kevin Cox were among the several elected officials participating in the NNPA convention in Oklahoma City.



Robert W. Bogle, publisher of the Philadelphia Tribune and immediate past president of the NNPA, with his wife, Marie, received many tributes at the President's Reception sponsored by longtime NNPA supporter, Philip Morris Companies Inc. Bogle told publishers, "I hope you remember me as someone who upheld our traditions, respected our predecessors and was able to become a solid link in the chain of our progress."

# Week Left In Las Vegas Municipal Court Traffic Warrant Moratorium

LAS VEGAS — Participation in the Las Vegas Municipal Court's first Summer warrant Moratorium has been less than expected, leaving court officials hoping for a better turnout in the next week.

This is a new summer version of the Holiday Moratorium the Municipal Court has held for the past five years.

"Do not wait until the last minute to come into the Court," Judge Brown said. "The doors will close at 8:00 p.m. on Monday night, July 31, and anyone left in line outside will be out of luck."

This is the LAST chance for those who don't want to be spending their summer holiday in jail," Brown warned.

Those individuals with

outstanding traffic warrants are strongly encouraged to come in as soon as possible.

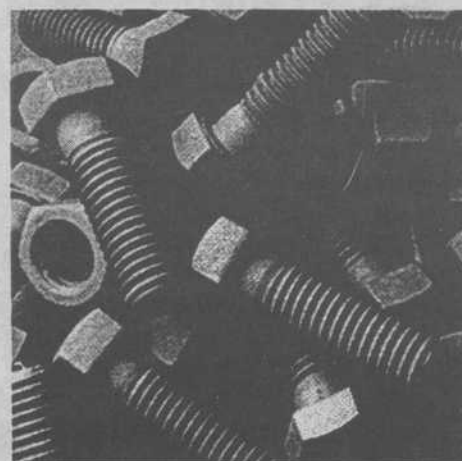
In years past, many Las Vegans waited until the last day, causing long lines and waiting periods of several hours.

Those still wishing to participate must first come to the front counter of the Municipal Court to schedule their appearance date.

To qualify for the moratorium, the case must not have gone to warrant more than three times, penalties must not have been the result of a mandatory court appearance order by a judge, and the defendant must not have failed to complete the in-house arrest program.

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