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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 28, 1982

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Thank you for your letter of September 17 and for the enclosed resume of Mr. Lawrence E. King, Jr.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding his resume to the Office of Presidential Personnel here at the White House and am confident that he will be given every consideration in the selection process.

Thank you again for writing and it was good seeing you during your trip to Washington.

Sincerely,

Thelma Duggin
Special Assistant to
the President

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Mr. Joel Rogers
Chief Development Office
Franklin Community Federal
Credit Union
33rd and Decatur Streets
Omaha, Nebraska 68111

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To: Dan Hughes

From: MARYANN URBAN
Presidential Personnel

Please pass along to. Dr. Koch for her review. Thank you.

Franklin Community Federal Credit Union

33rd and Decatur Streets Omaha, Nebraska 68111 Phone 558-6968

Branch Office: Woodson Center 3009 R Street Omaha, Nebraska 68107 Phone 731-1170

September 17, 1982

Thelam Duggin
Specialist Assistant to President
White House
Old Executive Office Building
Suite 128
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Ms. Duggin:

After meeting with many of the Black Republicans in Washington, I am even more pleased with the quality of leadership that we in Nebraska have. I am speaking of Mr. Lawrence E. King, Jr., who is our new chairperson of the Nebraska Black Republican Council. Not only has he come into a very fragmented organization and pulled it together in a very short period of time, but he has also given that kind of leadership to the total Nebraska Republican Party through his involvement with the campaign. I was not sure if you were aware of his involvement or commitment, or the calibar of person we have in this leadership position.

I am enclosing a copy of Mr. King's resume for your review.

It was good seeing you in Washington and I look forward to being with you again.

Yours very truly,

Joel Rogers

Chief Development Officer

JR/sr

Mr. Lawrence E. King, Jr. 725 Sunset Trail Omaha, Nebraska 68132

Business Address: Franklin Community Federal Credit Union

1723 North 33rd Street Omaha, Nebraska 68111

Present Positions:

1970-Present Treasurer/Manager of Franklin Community Federal Credit

Union

1974-Present President of Consumer Services Organization, Inc.

1979-Present Director of Franklin Housing Corporation

Organizations and/or Civic Activities:

1970-Present Director, Franklin Credit Union

1970-1973 Interreligious Commission National Conference of Christians

& and Jews

1981-1982

1971 Commission on Church and Race Presbytery of Omaha, Chair-

man-Nominating Committee

1972 Member, Health and Welfare Committee

1972-Present Elder-Calvin Memorial Presbytarian Church

1973-1975 President, Cirls Club of Omaha

1974 UNO College of Community Affairs & Public Service Advisory

Council

1974 . Housing Task Force, Riverfront Development

1974 Central Business District Task Force-Riverfront Development

1976 President, Mr. and Mrs. Club Calvin Church

1976-1978 Hunger Action Enabler General Council-Presbytery of Omaha

1976 Regional President for Girls Club-Serve on the National

Board of Girls Club

1974 Economic Development Task Force-Riverfront Development

1974-1975 Community Action and Human Development Commission Executive

Council, Episcopal Church

1974-76-78 Member General Council, Presbytery of Omaha

Organizations	and/or Civic Activities (continued)
1974-1978	Executive Committee: Camp Fire Cirls
1974-1975	Board of Directors, Head Start
1975-1978	Board of Trustees, Lutheren Medical Center
1976–1978	Commissioner, Synod of Lakes and Prairies-Presbyterian Church
1976	Executive Finance Committee Mid City Business & Professional Association
. 1976–1978	North Omeha Executive Council
1976-1978	Finance Committee. Senate Five Presbyterian Church SYNOD
1978	Board of Directors, Youth Opportunities Unlimited
1979-1980	President, Campfire Girls
1979-Present	Northside Neighborhood Coalition
1978-1981	General Council-Presbytery of Omaha
1978-1979	CPACS Advisory Committee-University of Nebraska at Omaha
1979-Present	Chancellors Advisory Committee-University of Nebraskat at Omaha
1980	North Omaha Executive Council
1978-1980	Commissioner-Synod of Lakes and Prairies Presybyterian Church
1981-Present	Second Vice-President-Opera Omaha Board of Directors
1981-Present	. Vice-Chairman for Douglas County-Nebraska Black Republican Council
1981-Present	University of Nebraska Medical Center Health Scholarship Programs
1980-Present 1982	Minority Contractors Assistance Program-Advisory Board Chairman of the Black Republican Party
Current Busines	ss or Professional Organizations:

Omaha Chapter of Credit Unions
Nebraska Credit Union League
Omaha Chamber of Commerce
National Business League
North Omaha Mid-City Businessmens Executive Council
The Exchange Club of Omaha
Metropolitan Credit Union Manager Association

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National Federation of Settlement Houses

1976

Afro Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, Inc.

Business Honors and Professional Recognition or Awards Received:

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1972	Outstanding Community Service Award, Franklin Credit Union
1972	Featured in the Magazine of the Midlands and Omaha Sun
	Honored as the Citizen of the Month by KOWH Radio Station
	Received Thrift Honor Award National C. U. Administration
1973	The John R. Butler Award for Outstanding Community Leader- ship
1973	AD Magazine (National Presbyterian and UCC Church magazine)
1973	Recognized by Omaha Star as an outstanding community leader
	Ten Outstanding Young Omahan Award 1973-74-75-76-77-78
1974	Special Recognition Award Consumer Federation U.S.
1975-76-77	Outstanding Young Men of America
1975-1977	Appreciation Award Franklin Credit Union
1975	Senator Danner Memorial Award Community Leadership
1980	Girls Club of America-5 Year Service Award
1980	Girls Club Founders Award
1979	Outstanding Community Leadership Award-Omicron Delta Kappa Society
1976-1981	Outstanding Young Man in America
1978-1979	Outstanding Young Man in Nebraska-presented by Nebraska Jaycees
	Featured in the Magazine of the Midlands - May, 1981
1981	The Brotherhood Service Award-presented by the Elks Lodge

National Conferences or Meetings:

1972	National	Settlement	House	Conf	ference,	Chicago
1972	National	Conference	Ameri	can	Baptist	Church

1973	Techniculture Conference, San Diego
1973	National Gredit Union Legislative Committee, Washington
1974	General Assembly Presbyterian Church in America
1974-1975	National Girl's Club Meeting
1974-1975	National Consumer Federation Conference
1975	American Baptist National Convention
1976	Girls Club National Meeting in New York
1976	Regional Meeting for Girls Club, Elected President
1976	Moderator World Conference on Hunger, United Presbyterian Church, Chicago
1978	Chairman of Girl's Club Conference
1.980	Minorities Organized for Renewable Energy Conference, San Bernadino, California
1980	Steering Committee-White House Conference on Families, Washington, D.C.
1980	American Federation of Credit Unions, Kansas City
1981	National Federation of Community Development Credit Unions, New York
Professional or Civ	ic Speaking Engagements:
1973	Guest Speaker, Techniculture Conference, San Diego
1973	Conducted Workshops National Committee for Self-Development of People
1973	Guest Lecturer, Nebraska Welfare Association, Lincoln
	Guest Lecturer, American Baptist Convention, Denver
1974	Guest Speaker, Grand Rapids Michigan Community Center for Annual Meeting
1974	Guest Speaker, National Council of Churches, New York
1974	Guest Speaker, Junior League of Nebraska
1975	Guest Lecturer, American Baptist Convention
1975	Guest Speaker, Executive Council Episcopal Church, New York

1975	Guest Speaker, Goodrich Programs, UNO
	Guest Speaker, Georgia Consumer Services
1975	Guest Speaker, The United Friends Credit Union Annual Meeting
1976	Guest Speaker, Moderators National Conference on Hunger
1976-1978	Guest Speaker, Council of Bishops National Episcopal Church
1978	Guest Speaker, W.O.W.
1980	Community Update-KESY Radio
1981	Guest Speaker, KVNO Radio
1982	Guest Speaker, KETV Television Station

Educational Background:

1982	Honorary Doctorate - Hunter College - to be given during June Commencement
1979	Honorary Masters Degree in Business at Cornnell University
1972	Bachelors Degree in Business Administration at University of Nebraska at Omaha

Memberships in Private Social Clubs:

Omaha Press Club Omaha Racquet Club Omaha Club Omaha Ski Club

Hobbies and Additional Interests:

Singing, bowling, gardening, horticulture, reading, and entertaining friends in my home.

Additional Biographical Information on Lawrence Edward King, Jr.

Date of Birth: September 7, 1944

Place of Birth: Omaha, Nebraska

Married: April 20, 1968 to Alice Ploche'

Children: Lawrence Edward King, III born November 1, 1980

Recent activities and affiliations:

Secretary/Tresurer Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Incorporated
Member - Board of Directors Planned Parenthood of Omaha/Council Bluffs
Assistant Secretary - Girls Club of America, Incorporated
Treasurer - Girls Clubs of Omaha
Committee Chairman - University of Nebraska Medical Center's Minority Scholarship Program
Member - Board of Trustees Visiting Nurses Association of Omaha
Third Vice President - Opera Omaha
Member - Board of Directors - Omaha Ballet
Member - Metropolitan Opera - National Council

Hobbies:

cooking, singing, theatre, reading and music

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GREGORY VASSIOS DISTRICT OFFICE MANAGER

March 26, 1985

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are very pleased and proud to recommend for appointment to a vacancy on the National Endowment for the Arts Advisory Council Lawrence E. King, Jr., a black Omaha businessman, entrepreneur, opera singer and accomplished musician with a wide interest in the arts and an impressive network of contacts among black artists and performers across America.

A native of Omaha, Mr. King studied voice and music as an elementary and high school student. As his career developed, he tried out for the Metropolitan Opera and was accepted. Because of a career decision to pursue business, Mr. King declined the Met's offer; however, his love of music and his frequent appearances in concert around the country have continued to this day.

A talented singer of arias and show tunes, Mr. King sang the National Anthem at the Republican National Convention in Dallas in August of 1984.

As a gifted and well-trained baritone, Mr. King has used his talents to help raise funds for local churches and charities. He receives and accepts invitations to sing throughout the country; last November he undertook a four-week singing tour with appearances in Nebraska, Iowa, Tennessee, and Washington, D. C. He is a sought-after soloist in Omaha where, last December, he performed with the Omaha Symphony Orchestra and the Symphonic Chorus.

Mr. King is truly a man of many talents. Aside from his musical interests, he is a successful businessman and community activist who believes in the philosophy of "a hand up, not a hand-out." While skeptical of government programs, he believes government can help provide opportunities in an effort to encourage self-help.

As treasurer/manager of the Franklin Community Federal Credit Union, Mr. King has provided leadership in building a unique credit union to assist low-income citizens of Omaha with their financial affairs. Through the Presbyterian and Baptist Churches nationally, Mr. King has shared his credit union experience with similar community credit unions across the country.

The President March 26, 1985 Page -2-

Mr. King has become a role model and mentor for many blacks and other minorities not only in Omaha but in many other parts of the country. His positive outlook and unflappable optimism have helped him establish a variety of businesses including three restaurants and a catering business in Omaha.

His civic activities include leadership positions with the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the University of Nebraska Medical Center Minority Scholarship Program, the Metropolitan Opera, Omaha Ballet, Knoxville College, International Theological Seminary in Atlanta, and Calvin Memorial Presbyterian Church in Omaha.

Mr. King additionally has a great interest in political affairs and currently serves as Vice Chairman for Finance of the National Black Republican Council, an affiliate of the Republican National Committee. He was a member of the advisory committee for the 50th Presidential Inaugural in January, a planner of the Black Republican Inaugural Gala, and has been instrumental in developing black Republican strategy for the 1986 congressional and gubernatorial campaigns.

Enclosed are further background information, a biography and several newspaper articles that further document the significant accomplishment of Larry King; they document our high regard for this exceptional black American and support or recommendation for his appointment.

Sincerely,

VIRGINA SMITH MEMBER OF CONGRESS

DOUG BEREUTER MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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NEWS RELEASE

BIOGRAPHY

Government Affairs

Lawrence E. King, Jr. 13232 North River Road Omaha, Nebraska 68112

Professional Background

Treasurer/Manager, Franklin Community Federal Credit Union, 1723 North 33rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68111. (1970-present)

President, Consumer Services Organization, Inc., Omaha. (1974-present)

Director, Franklin Housing Corporation (1979-present)

Proprietor, King Catering, Omaha (1981-present)

Restauranteur (1981-present)

Education

Bachelor's Degree, University of Nebraska at Omaha (business administration).

Honorary Master's Degree in Business, Cornell University.

Honorary Doctorate, Hunter College.

Civic Activities

Member, Interreligious Commission, National Conference of Christians and Jews. (1981-82)

Committee Chairman, University of Nebraska Medical Center Minority Scholarship Program. (1981-82)

National Council Member, Metropolitan Opera; Vice President, Board of Directors, Omaha Ballet. (1982)

Advisory Board Member, Minority Contractors Assistance Program. (1980-present)

Board of Directors, Knoxville College. (1984) Elder, Calvin Memorial Presbyterian Church. (1972-present)

(more)

Page 2 Lawrence E. King

Board of Trustees, International Theological Seminary, Atlanta.

President, Girls Club of Omaha (1973-75); Regional President, Girls Clib (1976); Assistant Secretary, Girls Clubs of America (1975-81); Treasurer, Girls Club of Omaha (1975)

Honors and Awards

Outstanding Young Man in Nebraska (1978-79); Outstanding Young Man in America (1976-1981); Ten Outstanding Young Omahan Award (1973-78)

Brotherhood Service Award, Elks Lodge (1981)

Political

Chairman, Business Coordinating Committee, National Black Republican Council. (1984) Chairman, Campaign Committee, NBRC, (1984)

Chairman, Nebraska Frederick Douglass Republican Council. (1983)

Man of the Year, New York State Council of Black Republicans. (1984)

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Family

Wife, Alice; son, Prince.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jim Harff or Jay Devine (202) 387-1080

Widands News Omaha World-Herald

Saturday, January 12, 1985

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King Expands Into Food Service

Something on Every Burner

"I love to have a lot of things going at once," said Lawrence E.

These days he has reason to love every

Larry King, 40, is best known as the miracle worker who helped save the Franklin Community Federal Credit Union in Omaha.

He assumed management of the credit union when similar low-income, community-based enterprises were foundering at the rate of 25 a month.

Franklin, too, was on the brink of collapse and had received an ultimatum from regulatory officials. But today it is one of just a dozen such institutions still in existence in the country.

It lists deposits of \$2.5 million. In spring it will move into a new building at 33rd and Decatur Street that will triple its original working space.

The turnaround has received national attention.

More to Come

However, King watchers apparently haven't seen anything yet. Although he is still the credit union's manager-treasurer, he is fast emerging as a food service entrepreneur.

He has operated a catering business for several years. Then last month he went into the restaurant business, assuming management of food, and beverage service at Cleopatra's, a new supper club featuring name entertainment.

King is a partner in the Akasaka sushi bar, which opened this week at the ParkFair in downtown Omaha.

In anticipation of a spring opening, construction is continuing on Mr. King's, a ParkFair restaurant



King . . . in a rare tranquil moment at home.

Richard Janda/World-Herald

his menu will offer Oriental and European cuisine. "I want it to be an elegant place," he said. "Waiters will wear white dinner jackets."

King said he also was considering other business opportunities, including a catering operation in Washington, D.C.

Sang for President

He sees himself "going on and on," launching even more enterprises.

Meanwhile, King is active in Republican politics. of which King will be the majority owner. He said. A talented singer of arias and show tunes who once. Please turn to Page 28, Col. 1

considered a career in music, he sang the national anthem at the party's national convention in Dallas last summer.

An alternate delegate to the convention from Nebraska, King raised the funds for a much-publicized pre-convention party given by black Republicans at South Fork, home base of the television show "Dallas."

King also is on the planning committee for the National Black Republicans' Celebrity Gala, which will take place Jan. 19 in Washington before the inauguration of President Reagan.

Entrepreneur King Keeps Something on Every Burner

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There's a possibility that King may sing at one of the other functions during the inaugural weekend. "They've talked to me about it," he said, "but it's not definite. I'm not necessarily expecting to be asked, because Reagan has a lot of dues to pay."

King, a baritone, has sung at dinners honoring both Reagan and Vice President George Bush.

King is a former Democrat who was once chairman of the Black Democrats of Nebraska.

He switched parties five years ago.

"To me it's very logical," he said. "If every black is a Democrat, they can easily take us for granted. We've got to be on both sides of the bargaining table.

"I believe very much in the 'hand up' philos-

ophy rather than 'hand out.' "

King alternates his office hours at the credit union with breakfast, lunch and dinner meetings.

Evenings often find him at Cleopatra's, which is managed by his father, Lawrence E. King Sr., a retired supervisor for Swift & Co. and a former laundry operator, caterer and restaurant manager.

Larry Jr. is "always" at Cleopatra's Saturday nights, playing the role of genial host, he said.

His wife, Alice, is associated with him in the various business enterprises as bookkeeper.

King said the many hats he wears present no problem because "I make sure I have very good people helping me. I don't have to 'be there' to know things are being run well.

"I once started a lawn service to fill in during the summer months when catering business fell off. I hired people to do the work, but I was spending a lot of my own time taking care of complaints. That taught me you have to hire good people to see that things are done right."

Dad's Philosophy

What makes Larry King run?

"I was just never the kind of guy to come home, take off my shoes, eat dinner and watch TV." he said.

"I guess I grew up with my father's philosophy. He told us to never be idle. He always had a lot of things going. We were all involved. When he was in catering, my sisters and I would clean the shrimp. I just knew I was going to have to work when I grew up. It was ingrained into us."

At 14 he began working at the Blackstone Hotel. "I carried ice, took care of garbage," he said. At 16 he became a busboy and, a week later, a waiter. He subsequently served diners at the Blackstone's famous Orleans Room.

He nursed his singing ambitions in Central High School musical productions. "As a black," he said, "I generally played the grandfather. Once I played God."

King took voice lessons with Mildred Slocum and also studied music under John Miller at the

University of Nebraska at Omaha.

But business administration was his major field of study at UNO. Later, while in the Air Force, he completed requirements for a bachelor's degree by attending night classes at Kellogg University in Battle Creek, Mich. "I always had a feeling that God put me on earth for a special purpose," King said. "For a time I thought my purpose was to sing."

He gave up that idea after a conversation with his father: "My dad told me that a lot of singers starve to death."

Considered Ministry

After returning from the service, King got a job in the management training program of the First National Bank. He accepted the challenge

at the credit union at age 25.

"I once thought of becoming a Presbyterian minister," he said. "I think I had some qualities that would have helped me in the ministry. I wanted to serve people, and I enjoyed raising funds. But the credit union also lets me serve people, and in more varied ways."

Since 1980, he said, the credit union has made 520 home rehabilitation loans. The organization also provides counseling for people who seek advice about mortgages, leasing arrangements and utility bills.

"We've had a lot of help from a lot of people to make things work," King said. He expressed doubt that he would ever sever his connections with the credit union "entirely," despite his greater involvement in business.

The credifunion "is my soul," he said. "It's possible that before too long I'll be doing a lot of the things I'm doing now, but at a dollar a year."

Not long after coming to Franklin, King said,

he had a revealing chat with a 10-year-old boy: "I asked him what he wanted to be when he grew up. He said, 'If you think I want to be the manager of a credit union, you're crazy.'"

King said he learned the boy's role models were people who sported expensive suits and cars. In the boy's eyes, King suffered by comparison. "The kid was more impressed with street people," King said. "That taught me a lesson. I had to improve my image."

Today King has a more impressive wardrobe. He drives a Mercedes. He and his wife and their 4-year-old son, Lawrence E. King III, live north of Omaha in the Ponca Hills on a heavily wooded 26-acre plot that is watched over by two black great Danes named Bertie and Ernie.

The house, of contemporary design, offers a commanding view of the Missouri River to the east. Windows on several levels to the west look out on a ravine that is home to deer, raccoons and other wildlife.

"It's wonderful to live with nature," said King. "This is how I relax."

King often indulges in one of his favorite freetime activities, cooking.

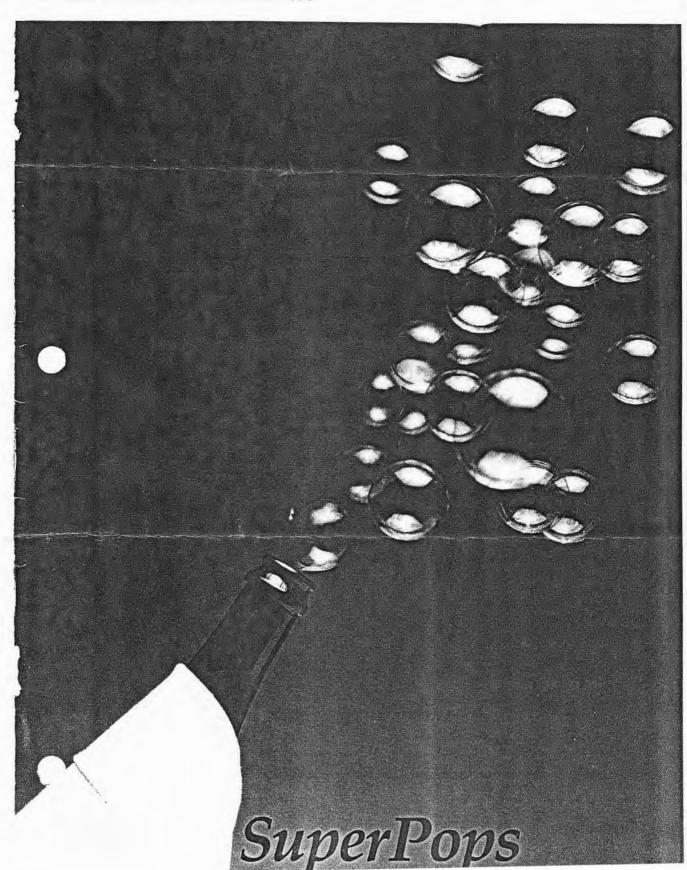
"I love to cook and I love to eat, as you can guess by looking at me," he said, patting his rather ample midsection.

"I love to entertain and cook for guests."

He said his favorite entertainment time is Sunday afternoon "after church." He is an elder in Calvin Presbyterian Church and a member of the Missouri River Valley Presbytery.

OMAHA SYMPHONY 1984-85

Bruce Hangen Music Director & Conductor



Bruce Hangen, Music Director and Conductor William Jenks, Assistant Conductor

Christian Tiemeyer, Conductor Lawrence E. King, Jr., Guest Performer

Friday, December 7, 1984 Saturday, December 8, 1984

Orpheum Theater

8:00 p.m.

Christmas Festival

LEROY ANDERSON

Selections from Amahl and the Night Visitors

GIAN CARLO MENOTTI

Introduction

March

Shepherd's Dance

GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL

And the Glory of the Lord

(from the Messiah)

Sleigh Ride

LEOPOLD MOZART

Fantasia on Greensleeves

RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

Many Moods of Christmas, Set III

ROBERT SHAW

INTERMISSION

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Selections from The Nutcracker Suite

March

Dance of the Sugar-plum Fairy

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Waltz of the Flowers

Waltz of the Snowflakes

'Twas the Night Before Christmas

A Reading of the Poem by CLEMENT CLARKE MOORE

Carol of the Drum

O Holy Night

The Christmas Song

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LEROY ANDERSON

A Christmas Sing-Along

(Please find the words to these pieces enclosed in your program)

Joy to the World

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Deck the Halls Silent Night

O Come All Ye Faithful Hallelujah Chorus

(from the Messiah)

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The use of cameras and recording equipment is strictly prohibited.

The December 8th concert will be broadcast by KIOS 91.5 FM on December 16, 1984 at 7:00 p.m.

The Omaha Symphony receives support from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Nebraska Arts Council and United Arts Omaha.

All programs at the Orpheum Theater are accessible to the handicapped.

Transportation for all guest artists and conductors furnished by H.P. Smith Ford.

LAWRENCE E. KING, JR.

wrence E. King, Jr.,
Treasurer/Manager of Franklin
Community Federal Credit Union,
is an accomplished vocalist and
an established member of the
business community.

King, who has managed the Credit Union since 1970 has continued to maintain his interest in music by performing in local concerts for church organizations and community groups. His love for the arts had, at one time, compelled him to audition for the New York Metropolitan Opera. He was accepted, but declined because of prior business and family commitments.

King has continued to express an active interest in the arts by serving on the Boards of several arts organizations. In 1982, he served as Vice-president on the Board of Directors of the Omaha Ballet, and in the same year, he was a member of the National Council for the Metropolitan Opera.

y active politically, Mr. King has, on occasion, combined his performance abilities with his political beliefs. His most recent performance was at the Republican National Convention where he sang the National Anthem for the August event.

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King's interest in the political arena has given him active roles within the National Black Republican Council. He currently serves as Chairman of the Business Coordinating Committee, Chairman of the State and

County Chapter Development Committee, and Chairman of the Youth Development Committee. Locally King serves as the Chairman of the Nebraska Frederick Douglass Republican Council.

King's interests not only lie in the political development of the community in which he has worked, but also in the social and economic development of minorities in both the local and national perspective. He currently serves on the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army, serves on the Board of Directors of Operation Bridge, Board of Directors of Tarkio College in Tarkio, Missouri, and the Board of Directors of Knoxville College in Knoxville, Tennessee. He is also on the Board of the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia, and recently received the Man of the Year Award from the New York State Council of Black Republicans. he senator. "I don't know what z's place looks like, but this is

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ou can't afford to be too overlent," said Laxalt, "not when e a Republican. I think a lot of e don't want us to be dewy-

valt didn't need to worry, at not at Riverside Farms. There, one looked a little more sweaty dewy-eyed.

Bush and Barbecue

ere was yet another barbecue it, this one with air conditioning the Apparel Mart, the huge sale center for clothes. It was by the Texas friends of Vice lent Bush, who came tieless and it sleeves.

vill not inflict upon you any poobservations except that it is to be in a city full of people who beat about the United States of ca," Bush told the crowd. a contrast to San Francisco." rybody sat on plastic chairs at tables with cactus centerand almost everybody had an about Geraldine Ferraro. ks to me like they've got a

a problem," said Rep. Richard

of Wyoming about the fi-

Currency



herine Davalos Ortega lish whatever you want," aid in an interview. gh hard work, you can

youngest of nine chilrtega rose from a proud, orking New Mexico famrefused public aid during epression. "My father," alled in a speech earlier ar, "preferred that we "They may have used a few tax shelters," said Maureen Reagan, the daughter of the president. "I'll be very surprised if it's much more than at a rally during our last election, and it worked quite well," he said. "We learned a lot from your campaign technique. I always have a really great time over here."

Penned Party Pachyderm

"I feel a little like a fish out of water in a place like this," said national security adviser Robert McFarlane, looking around at the upscale political commotion twirling around him tonight at the Neiman-Marcus store in downtown Dallas. "The president has directed that I not take part in political commentary."

The party was given by Philip Hawley, chairman and chief executive officer of Carter Hawley Hale Stores Inc. for U.N. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick, Transportation Secretary Elizabeth Dole and Health and Human Services Secretary Margaret Heckler. It was a real administration event, including people like U.S. Information Agency director Charles Z. Wick, former Reagan aide Nancy Reynolds, White House counsel Fred Fielding and forme attorney general Ed Schmults.

Asked what the Republicans were going to do to make their convention exciting, Schmults said, "Fred's gonna streak on Wednesday."

"Real classy, Ed," said Fielding.

As has become routine, there was a baby elephant named "Dutch" penned in next to the Hartmann lug-gage.

The Press of Events

The Sunday night social rounds continued at the Newsweek-Washington Post party at the Hall of State in Fair Park (site of the state and the Cotton Bowl). Several per per journalists mixed with several hundred politicians, all of them pursuing their own ends, but doing it with a smile.

Health and Human Services Secretary Margaret Heckler was very content to talk about the role of women and the convention and the effect of the Democrats' choice of Geraldine Ferraro: "I think it started earlier," she said. "I think the president's interest in the advancement of women has been carried out by his appointments and they've made a difference. I think this prompted a Democratic response, which maybe prompted a counterpoint to bring the women to the fore, but they were already in place.

"I think it really was an outstand-

Period." WASHINGTON POST
There were of course, those few
who have already soured on the convention. They spent their time com-

The Minority Party

All of it could have been right out of a Texas soap—the big sky, the sprawling white mansion, the horses grazing in the foreground. Giving out Texas welcomes and yellow roses were cowgirls wearing navy satin tights and vests, sparkling 10-gallon hats and plastic chaps. In the evening's 100-degree heat, sweat rolled down their legs. But they kept on smiling.

And on the tables there was even big money-\$100 smackers with J.R.'s picture on them. But the Ewings weren't home on their range last night at Southfork Ranch, about 25 miles north of Dallas. So receiving about 600 curious Republican convention delegates and party workers was Omaha entrepreneur Lawrence E. King Jr., chairman of the National Black Republican Council's business committee. King, who will sing the national anthem at Tuesday's convention session, and other businessmen put up the money for a gala evenir ribs, beans, coleslaw and pe-

"Blacks have for so long felt they weren't part of the Republican Party, so we're giving this party to show them they are," said King, respectably resplendent in white with sparkling gold chains around his neck.

Maureen Reagan drove up by limousine long enough to clinich the even
ning's black vote for her father in
case anybody was in doubt. Arriving
later was Housing and Urban Development Secretary Samuel Pierce,
who did a few turns around the dance
floor before returning in his limousine to Dallas. For all practical purplaby Reagan and Pierce represecond the GOP officialdom.

"There are more substantive ways to show blacks they are wanted than to go to a party," said Wright L. Lassiter Jr., president of Bishop College and a member of the Dallas welcoming committee.

A Republican convert who switched seven years ago, Lassiter said that it does blacks no good to think that Republican business interests are of no concern to them.

"The current administration has done more to stabilize the economy than any in a long while. That growth may have been at a price, and the poor may have been neglected. If true, then people like me should be in the party because that's the only way you can hope to have the interest of special interest heard," Lassiter said.

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West Texas soil, it's dry, but the grass is very, very strong, and the cattle raised here are the best in the world. It's the strength in the soil."

Words From the Women

At the Dallas Convention Center this afternoon, where the "Women in Government" press party was held, Republican women leaders spent a lot of time extolling the virtues of the Reagan administration and tried to ignore the gender gap.

"More women in America support Ronald Reagan and George Bush than Mondale and Ferraro," said Republican National Committee cochairman Betty Heitman. But what she didn't say is that fewer women than men—by as much as 10 percentage

-points-support Reagan.

Heitman and Betty Rendel, president of the National Federation of Republican Women, were hosts for the get-together, where a dozen or so women running for office introduced themselves to the reporters and praised the Republican Party for giving them full support. Some, including Rendel, showed some disappointment that support of the Equal Rights Amendment was roundly defeated by the Republican platform committee, but even those who felt as she did added that they were convinced that it was not an issue that was "going to win any election."

Rendel thought that criticism of the ERA by Republican women "has a lot to do with war and women at the front. That's a very critical issue."

Reporters pushed the women for comments on Geraldine Ferraro and the ensuing flap over her husband's business affairs. The party line seemed to be to say they were excited as women by her nomination, followed by an espousal of how Republican women are different, more conservative, and ending with the observation that Ferraro is in trouble

"Ferraro is doomed at this point," said Rendel. "I was excited at her nomination. It was a real breakthrough. But she's the seventh most liberal person in Congress. I don't think that's the mood of the country."

Red, White and Beige

"What you will really see is an earth-tone podium," explained Frank J. Fahrenkopf Jr., Republican National Committee chairman, who had just

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Omahan: Reagan Reaffirms Minorities Not Written Off

By Mary Kay Quinlan WORLD-HERALD BUREAU

Washington - President Reagan's campaign message is the same one Lawrence E. King Jr. of Omaha says he has always tried to tell low-income people as manager and treasurer of the Franklin Community Federal Credit

"People have the opportunity to look for something better in the world than four or five generations of welfare de-pendency." King said.

The Omaha businessman, who is chairman of the business coordinating committee for the National Black Republican Council, was one of about 300 black, Hispanic and other ethnic minority leaders who got a 20-minute pep talk from the president at the White House Tuesday.

King said he was pleased by the session, which, he said, reaffirms that the president "hasn't written off any mi-

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'Blacks Back Democrats'

"At a point where it wasn't even necassary for the president to do it (meet th minorities), he did it," King said.

Public opinion polls indicate blacks overwhelmingly support the Democratic ticket.

But King, who has campaigned for Reagan in California, New York, Alabama, Tennessee and Texas as well as in Nebraska, said he detects that "a majority of blacks are tired of being taken for granted,"

"Blacks are so taken for granted by the other political party," he said.

Democrats "keep making grandiose promises," but blacks always end up worse off," he said.

King said many black voters hoped the Rev. Jesse Jackson, in running for the Democratic presidential nomination, would bring new power to blacks in the Democratic Party.

'No Solutions'

Jackson "did a lot of work for the party" that candidate Waiter Mondale is depending heavily on, King said.

"But you don't see anything Jesse

State Troopers Approve Bargaining Association

Lincoln (AP) - Nebraska State Patrol troopers have overwhemingly approved the State Troopers Association of Nebraska as the exclusive bargaining unit for patrolmen.

A clerk at the Commission on Industrial Relations said the vote was 252-70 : favor of the bargaining unit.

Jackson got out of it," he added. "That's what black America is waking up to."

King said that in his campaign forays, he has found that some black audiences are tired of hearing the Democrats recite problems "over and over

again" without offering solutions.
"They (Democrats) haven't got any solutions," he said. "They just keep pointing fingers."

The Omahan said he has a hard time selling the president's message of economic opportunity "only to people who have a hard time listening to facts."

King said one reason polls indicate continued support in the black community for Democrats is that "people don't always want to accept change."
"It's very easy to accuse" others for

one's problems and not try to find solu-

tions, he said.

Many blacks active in the Republican Party are newcomers to politics who have found the GOP more open than the Democrats to people with "new hopes and new agendas, people who are futuristic," he said.





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Professional Background

Treasurer/Manager, Franklin Community Federal Credit Union, 1723 North 33rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68111. (1970-present)

President, Consumer Services Organization, Inc., Omaha. (1974-present)

Director, Franklin Housing Corporation (1979-present)

Proprietor, King Catering, Omaha (1981-present)

Restauranteur (1981-present)

Education

Bachelor's Degree, University of Nebraska at Omaha (business administration).

Honorary Master's Degree in Business, Cornell University.

Honorary Doctorate, Hunter College.

Civic Activities

Member, Interreligious Commission, National Conference of Christians and Jews. (1981-82)

Committee Chairman, University of Nebraska Medical Center Minority Scholarship Program. (1981-82)

National Council Member, Metropolitan Opera; Vice President, Board of Directors, Omaha Ballet. (1982)

Advisory Board Member, Minority Contractors Assistance Program. (1980-present)

Board of Directors, Knoxville College. (1984) Elder, Calvin Memorial Presbyterian Church. (1972-present)

(more)

Page 2 Lawrence E. King

Board of Trustees, International Theological Seminary, Atlanta.

President, Girls Club of Omaha (1973-75); Regional President, Girls Clib (1976); Assistant Secretary, Girls Clubs of America (1975-81); Treasurer, Girls Club of Omaha (1975)

Honors and Awards

Outstanding Young Man in Nebraska (1978-79); Outstanding Young Man in America (1976-1981); Ten Outstanding Young Omahan Award (1973-78)

Brotherhood Service Award, Elks Lodge (1981)

Political

Chairman, Business Coordinating Committee, National Black Republican Council. (1984) Chairman, Campaign Committee, NBRC, (1984)

Chairman, Nebraska Frederick Douglass Republican Council. (1983)

Man of the Year, New York State Council of Black Republicans. (1984)

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