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Poetic Dimensions From Page 10

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To tell me
I can't do that,
Or, that it's a waste of time,
You have lived your life;

Now leave me alone
And let me live mine!

[IN PARTING: It's great to be back and God bless you! BYE!]

Musical Notes From Page 10

enough, Vandross produced the Aretha Franklin LP "Jump To It" that's been holding onto number one on the charts for months, wrote the hit Aretha single

"Jump To It," has a new solo LP ("Forever, For Always, For Love") leaping up the charts, a solo single ("Bad Boy") in the top 10, and

another nearly-platinum solo LP. ("Never Too Much") that's moving up the charts after hanging in there for well over a year. And Luther has just

embarked on a coast-to-coast concert tour. No wonder *Billboard* called Luther Vandross "This year's hottest property in black music."

Jerry Smith From Page 1

wife for \$20,000 on charges of slander. Smith, in turn, filed a counter suit, demanding \$253,000 in punitive damages and an additional \$3,000 in lost wages.

He gained community support through the efforts of the Jerry Smith Defense Committee, formed to help Smith through the legal battle and to educate the public on the case. Smith also has been appearing before local groups to relate his story and solicit their backing.

Ronald Gray, assistant to the president of the local NAACP, reemphasized the organization's support at the conference.

A spokesperson for the National Organization for Women, (NOW) another endorser of the cause, did likewise.

"We believe he has a right to report his observations and experiences without fear of persecution," said NOW representative Sarah Brakley.

Willie McDowell, the defense committee's co-chairman, urged the public to "support people's rights to speak out for a better community. If government agencies cannot be used by citizens, then our agencies become useless. We are not just asking you to help in Jerry Smith's legal defense, but to help protect your right to speak out."

The committee has raised \$1,500 from individuals and organizations who support its cause.

"I have all the faith in the world in the groups that are behind us," Smith said after the conference. "They have done an outstanding job of relaying the message to other groups and other people. The unions in Winston-Salem have come to my aid like you would a child drowning in water. They have been open-minded. They sat down. They listened. And they cried."

Democrats Choose Wood From Page 1

"We need to rally behind Ms. Parmon whatever her endeavor is," Johnson said.

Johnson also said after the election that efforts to get additional black representation through the nominated positions would be futile at that point. "The chances are nil after this election," Johnson said. "This is it. It's very seldom that the county commissioners will turn down the nominee that is sent in by the delegation."

He added that the black community will immediately start rallying behind and encouraging prospective 1984 black school board hopefuls.

A Republican vacancy on the board became available when incumbent Margaret Plemmons, who was serving the remainder of a vacated post, won a full term on the board.

Incumbent Garlene Grogan, who failed to be re-elected Nov. 2, was approved as the Republican Party selection by the commissioners and will complete that term.

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thankful that things are getting better in my life." Larry Gordon, resident of East Winston: "I'm thankful, first of all, that I'm a Christian. I'm also thankful that God has permitted me to share another Thanksgiving with my family."

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