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Posted by: sister Apr 19 2006, 05:36 AM

The Shelton Gang rides again... Part 1

In the history of southern Illinois, in the time of gangland Chicago, Al Capone was king, there is told the story of two rival gangs: the Birgers and the Shelton. The only reason these small time hoods go down in the annals of gangland history is because they were the first gangsters to drop a bomb on a rival gang from an airplane. The bomb was hand held and it did not hit it's intended target, but then these were good old boys from southern Illinois and what more could you expect...

Many years later the Shelton name again surfaces in the history of the southern part of the state. Another Shelton has been raised up, another good old boy, but this Shelton has learned from the family history. He has two faces that he wears: one on his television work when he says to the people "ask the Lord what he would have you give..." and another when he goes about his "business".

We all know about the horses, the land and the jet plane the ministry provided for Danny, but what else does the good people do to make their sacrificial donations provide for his pleasure?

Some of the perks for being the President of 3ABN are... oh, by the way, because idea was the perk system that has provided so well for Danny over the years, while his wages are told that there wages are so low because this is a ministry and they need to make sacrifices for the LORD's work? This is beginning to sound more like French history, than southern Illinois history. Just before the French Revolution when Marie Antoinette was told that the people of France were so poor that they had no Bread to eat, she laughed and said, "There is no such thing as a free cake". There is a history of 3ABN workers with families receiving goods from Welfare. There is a program that provides food for low income families to ensure proper nutrition for children and young children. So while Danny sits up in his southern Illinois style mansion with a swimming pool and jacuzzi, having the income to eat whatever he desires, workers get their "perk" from the Welfare system.

Danny gets a brand new truck every year, not one of those cheap ones, but a big one with power something in the \$30,000+ range, of course that is necessary to pull a horse trailer. But where does the family sit? Linda always got a van for a perk, perhaps the new one will now pass on to Danny's new wife. And of course since 3ABN pays for the van, they also pay the bill for all the gas and the maintenance. But being the kind man that Danny is, he is willing to rub the noses of the workers in his good fortune, Danny always get the same size van and a new truck each year. Then of course there is a clothing allowance, but there is also a perk from 3ABN, so I guess that Danny can just buy whatever he needs, not a big reward, but it all adds to the total.

To be continued in Part 2...


Posted by: Denny Apr 19 2006, 05:52 AM

QUOTE(silsbee_bee @ Apr 19 2006, 11:00 AM) -
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accepted and embraced is this msg board.

DB

Actually the message is accepted its the Adventist interpretation some members have a problem with.

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Posted by: Clay Apr 19 2006, 07:54 AM

QUOTE(silsbee_bee @ Apr 19 2006, 05:33 AM)

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wrong... but don't let that get in the way of your making inflammatory statements... and while you opt to weigh in on this statement lest you forget, you left a few unanswered questions on the table from another thread... shall it be assumed that you are now ready to answer those questions?

Posted by: awesumtenor Apr 19 2006, 07:56 AM

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Fortunately, the rest of us are not bound by the limits of your awareness.

In His service,
Mr. J

Posted by: sister Apr 19 2006, 08:47 AM

QUOTE(Denny @ Apr 19 2006, 08:42 AM)

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Posted by: Denny Apr 19 2006, 10:11 AM

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Posted by: Clay Apr 19 2006, 10:20 AM

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Posted by: missthg Apr 19 2006, 10:25 AM

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Posted by: Clay Apr 19 2006, 10:29 AM

QUOTE(missthg @ Apr 19 2006, 11:25 AM)

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you have issue too...lol The book hasn't even been finished yet and you are already assigning roles for the movie....

Posted by: princessdi Apr 19 2006, 11:55 AM

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Posted by: Clay Apr 19 2006, 12:00 PM

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Posted by: princessdi Apr 19 2006, 12:15 PM

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QUOTE(princessdi @ Apr 19 2006, 12:15 PM)

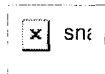
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As they did Peter Popoff and that Tilton guy....

Posted by: PrincessDrRe Apr 19 2006, 03:38 PM

My LERD!



Posted by: sister Apr 19 2006, 07:34 PM

The Shelton Gang rides again... Part 2, life in "Little Egypt"

They call Southern Illinois Little Egypt for one of two reasons: either because it's fertile, a land of milk and honey for those running from the Reconstruction South, or because it's a locust-ridden, gaunt-cow wasteland to Chicago politicians annoyed at how backward the bottom of their state is. It all depends on who you want to side with, which is often the case with most things in this life.

For a poor boy, the son of migrant workers, born and raised in "Little Egypt", the opinion of the Chicago politicians seems to best fit the early years of little Danny Shelton. But for Danny Shelton, president of Three Angels Broadcasting Network, Southern Illinois has become like it's ancient predecessor Egypt was for the brothers of Joseph, when their father was united with his lost son, "a land of milk and honey".

How did this boy from so humble a background, forget his own roots and after he had obtained more material blessing than he could have ever imagined and have so many of his boyhood dreams come true, treat his workers like the English lords treated their cowy serfs in the middle ages? Why? And are all the workers treated equally? The answer to the last question is, "No!"

Now we don't want to forget about Danny's personal corporate jet, the cost of the fuel, airport taxes, hanger space and the salary of two jet pilots (of whom Danny is very proud because they flew missions in Desert Storm) and the tremendous cost footed for his home ministry---we should just be happy that he hasn't hired a stewardess. But for most of us, let's step away from Danny's personal perks and see what kind of perks he gives his friends.

Not everyone has a sacrificial spirit at 3ABN, one example is the chief stewardess---he makes \$75,000+ a year. Now, I will not argue that he has an important job, but it's worth anywhere from three to (in many cases) five times what other workers are making.

And what about the head of the music studio, in addition to a generous salary she has a beautiful apartment that she helped decorate for which no rent is paid and she lives at the standard of the average worker in southern Illinois. And there are the many who have gone and her husband accompanied Danny and Linda on over the years. Like some of the key personnel at 3ABN she and her husband are non-ADAs and have no interest in the faith. Perhaps it is from their long close association with Danny over many years and what they have observed as his example of what it means to be a Seventh-day Adventist and what it means to be a missionary. These are just two examples, there are many more...but you get the idea.

In the early twenties, southern Illinois was also called Little Hell because of the gangsters and the prostitutes. You can go down the road a ways from the town of Benton, there is a museum there and on the outside of the building are three gallows with the hangman's noose still standing ready for service. Fortunately, the museum is no longer in use.

When the notorious gangland crime boss, Al Capone went to prison it was not for racketeering, but for tax evasion. Elliot Ness and his force of G-Men were unable to prove any of the charges stick to Capone. The witnesses either appeared or remained silent—Capone had his hold on them. It took many years for this kingpin of crime to receive what he deserved. It is the end justice was served.

What was the downfall of gangland Chicago, could pull another "Woo" zone way down in "Little Egypt". Which would only go to prove what the politicians have annoyed with all along, "how backward the business of their state really is."

Stay turned for the next episode of CSI: Illinois...

Posted by: Zephyr Apr 19 2006, 07:47 PM

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Posted by: sister Apr 19 2006, 07:59 PM

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Yes, ET Everett and her husband ... a long history with Danny a ...

Posted by: PaperTigers Apr 19 2006, 08:06 PM

As someone who used to be ... too close to the situation, ... Sister for standing up for the truth and ... right!!! It's about time ...

Posted by: Clay Apr 19 2006, 08:12 PM

yep... seems to be the same ... of rags to riches saga many of ... less sincere (or fake) televangelists have taken ...

Posted by: Clay Jul 4 2006, 08:30 PM

do they still have the plane? ... about any ummm collectibles ... work stuff like

that?

Posted by: princessdi Jul 4 2006, 11:16 PM

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Posted by: watchbird Jul 5 2006, 07:35 AM

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This isn't "easy SDA worship and culture". And the normal standard of being technically correct" are not really applicable to ABN culture, where the only thing that counts is what Danny likes, and what he does NOT like is music that is too "technically correct".

But the other element is that being Music Director at 3ABN, which is a full time job for a subset of workers that are together essentially seven days a week, is much different role than being "master of music" for a church group which meets once a week. And with the 3ABN environment being a subset of Adventism, and one which proclaims and postures itself as the "only" Adventism, it is more than merely ironic that so many of the 3ABN persons in leadership are not even SDA themselves, but Pentecostal. And the ones which are (now) born-again are the vast majority are of Pentecostal backgrounds, and they have blended with different doctrines--whether from conviction on the doctrines of convenience for their jobs is a matter of culture that few have any doubt about. And their basic Pentecostal belief system is what they have been caught by association and assimilation (as well as sometimes by overt instruction).

When one notes the animosity between conservative Adventists--both men and women--often display for anything "pentecostal", it is hard to imagine how Pentecostalism and extreme right wing Adventism can merge, as they do at 3ABN. Yet in fact, across the board, they have an affinity for each other at the deeper levels of belief and practice, even at the level of culture. One criticizes the other on more superficial levels.