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## Home Sweet White House:



President-elect Barack Obama.

## Obama's Ready for Move to White House

BY DEANNA BELLANDI

CHICAGO (AP) –

President-elect Barack Obama's 10-year-old daughter Malia is looking forward to decorating her new room, and already there's talk of sleepovers at the White House.

Michelle Obama has turned her attention to schools, asking Washington staff members and friends about what might be the best fit for Malia and 7-year-old Sasha.

And Grandma, a lifelong Chicago resident, is preparing to pick up and move to Washington to help shuttle the girls to soccer games and recitals.

Since Election Day, much of the attention has been on the government

transition, but there is family transition unfolding, too, as the president-elect, his wife and daughters prepare for life at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

They will be putting their lives in boxes and adjusting like any other family set for a big move, except they will be doing it under the watchful eye of the media and the Secret Service.

Before the election, 71-year-old Marian Robinson, Michelle's mother, told The Associated Press that she would be a big part of keeping her granddaughters grounded.

"I will do whatever Michelle needs simply because I know how important it is for her to see that

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## Michelle Obama Visits D.C. Private Schools



Michelle Obama

WASHINGTON (AP) –

Michelle Obama visited at least two well-known private schools in Washington on Monday as she and President-elect Barack Obama prepare to move their two young daughters to the White House in January.

The soon-to-be first lady toured Georgetown Day School in the morning and Sidwell Friends School, which former President Bill Clinton's daughter, Chelsea, attended, in the afternoon. In between, she spent about two hours visiting the residential portion of the White House with first lady Laura Bush. Their husbands met pri-

vately in the Oval Office. Michelle Obama flew from Chicago to Washington and back separately from her husband, who did not visit the schools. It was not clear whether the Obamas will look at other schools, and their staff provided no details.

Ten-year-old Malia Obama and 7-year-old Sasha now attend a private school in Chicago. Sasha will be the youngest White House resident since the Kennedy administration, and Washington is abuzz with speculation about where they will attend school, how much they will appear in public, and

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# Obama Picks First Black Attorney General

Eric H. Holder Jr., a former Justice Department official who was President-elect Barack Obama's campaign co-chairman is now the next U.S. attorney general and will serve President-elect Obama as U.S. Attorney General.

Holder, 57, was offered the job late last week and tentatively accepted it, sources said. The Obama team intends to make the nomination offi-

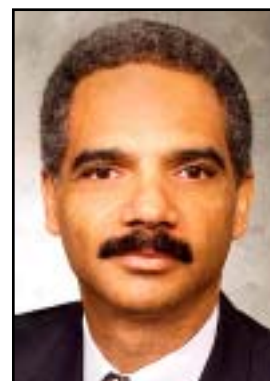
cial if he receives at least moderate support from Republican lawmakers and completes the vetting process, the sources said. Intermediaries began to reach out to Republicans on the Senate Judiciary Committee last week, and the vetting pace accelerated yesterday.

Sources close to the process said Holder was a "near-certainty" to become the first

African American nominated to head the Justice Department, which plays a leading role in enforcing civil rights laws. Officials in the Obama transition office said no final decision has been reached.

Holder will inherit significant challenges, including a workforce demoralized by allegations of political interference in the Bush years; the

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Eric H. Holder, Jr.

## Al-Qaida Insults Obama with Racial Epithet

BY MAAMOUN YOUSSEF AND LEE KEATH,

EGYPT (AP) –

Al-Qaida's No. 2 leader used a racial epithet to insult Barack Obama in a message posted Wednesday, describing the president-elect in demeaning terms that imply he does the bidding of whites. The message appeared chiefly aimed at persuading Muslims and Arabs that Obama does not represent a change in U.S. policies.

Ayman al-Zawahri said in the message, which appeared on mil-

itant Web sites, that Obama is "the direct opposite of honorable black Americans" like Malcolm X, the 1960s African-American rights leader.

In al-Qaida's first response to Obama's victory, al-Zawahri also called the president-elect – along with secretaries of state Colin Powell and Condoleezza Rice – "house Negroes."

Speaking in Arabic, al-Zawahri uses the term "abeed al-beit," which literally translates as "house slaves." But al-Qaida supplied English subtitles of his

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## Jobless Claims Jump to 16-Year High

WASHINGTON (AP) –

The government says new claims for unemployment benefits jumped last week to a 16-year high, providing more evidence of a rapidly weakening labor market.

The Labor Department says new applications for jobless benefits rose to a seasonally adjusted 542,000 from a downwardly revised figure of 515,000 the previous week. That's much higher than economists' expectations of 505,000, according to a survey by Thomson Reuters.

That's also the highest level of claims since July 1992, the depart-

ment says, when the economy was coming out of a recession.

The four-week average of claims, which smooths out fluctuations, was even worse: it rose to 506,500, highest in more than 25 years.

In addition, the number of people continuing to claim unemployment insurance rose sharply for a third week to more than 4 million, highest since December 1982, when the economy was in a painful recession.

Those figures partly reflect growth in the labor force, which has increased by about half since the early 1980s. ■

## WITH '08 ELECTION, Arkansas Continues History of Denying Blacks Elective Office

BY ANDREW DEMILLO

ARKANSAS (AP) –

Arkansas remains the only state from the former Confederacy not to elect an African-American to Congress or any statewide office since Reconstruction – and last week it soundly rejected the man

set to become the nation's first black president.

Barack Obama lost by 20 percentage points, even though fellow Democrats control all of Arkansas' statewide offices, both chambers of the Legislature and three of its four congressional districts.

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## POLICE: Obama Threatened More Than any Other President-Elect

WASHINGTON (AP) –

Threats against a new president historically spike right after an election, but from Maine to Idaho law enforcement officials are seeing more against Barack Obama than ever before.

The Secret Service would not comment or provide the number of cases they are investigating. But since the Nov. 4 election, law enforcement officials have seen more potentially threatening writings, Internet

postings and other activity directed at Obama than has been seen with any past president-elect, said officials aware of the situation who spoke on condition of anonymity because the issue of a president's security is

so sensitive.

Earlier this week, the Secret Service looked into the case of a sign posted on a tree in Vay, Idaho, with Obama's name and the offer of a "free public hanging." In

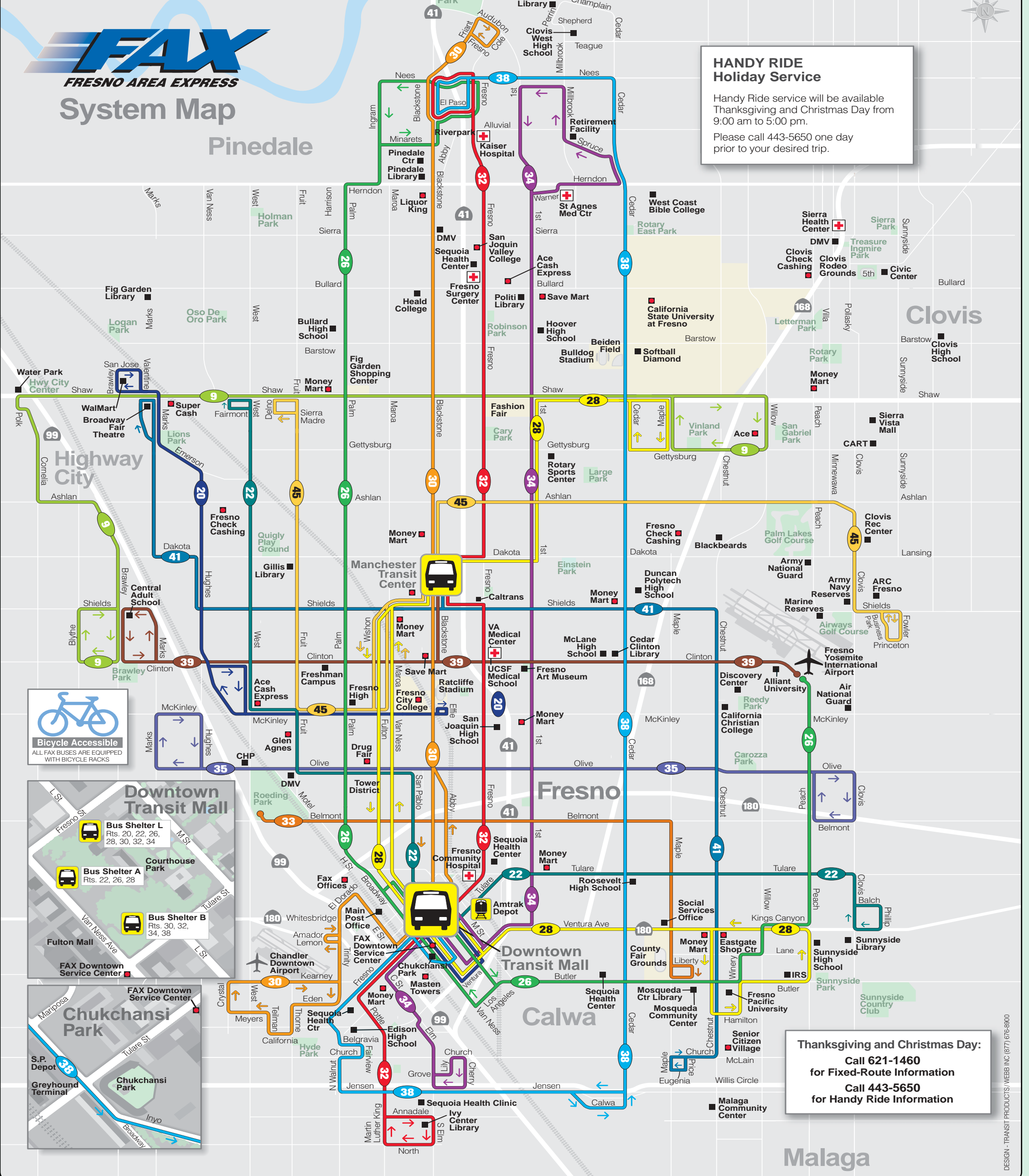
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## 'He Keeps Blessing Me...'

By Pauline Kimber

### EVERYBODY STOP... Lets just praise God today...

When I entered our church sanctuary one beautiful Sunday morning, the choir and audience were singing:

"I don't know what you come to do.  
I don't know what you come to do.  
I come to praise HIS name/his name  
I come to praise HIS name/his name..."

Then we went into "E-v-e-r-y Day is a Day of Thanksgiving...God's been so good to me...Every day he's blessing me..."

It didn't stop there...We praised him more with "The Lord is B-l-e-s-s-i-n-g Me, Right Now, Ohooooo Right Now." Then, "God is a Good God, Yes He is," followed by "Oh Lord, Oh Lord, How Majestic is Your Name in all the earth..."

You should have been there...It was a beautiful time of worship and praise. But you were probably doing the same thing in your church...Let's just praise him some more...We are not going to ask him for a thing...Anyway he's heard our list so much he knows your list and mine....So, let's just talk about how good God is...Okay?

I'll go first.

"...And the clouds are the dust of his feet." Nahum 1:3

I have always liked pretty, fluffy white clouds in the sky against a blue heaven. As a young girl I loved to lie down on the lawn and look up in the sky at the clouds. I would hear people say, "What a beautiful day, not a cloud in the sky." I would think, but I *like* the clouds in the sky. Then, years later, I read in the Book of Nahum 1:3 that the clouds are the dust of the Lord's feet. I had to stop and re-read that...No wonder I love clouds! So I praise you Lord for the beautiful clouds in the sky...the dust of your feet. "I don't know what you come to do..."

**"The Lord is gracious and full of compassion;  
slow to anger, and of great mercy." Psalm 145:8**

He doesn't just "have compassion," he is full of it. He is eager and yearning and anxious to demonstrate to us his love and compassion. Then, not only is he slow to become angry with us, he has "great mercy." Not just mercy, but great mercy. Mercy is such a complex phenomenon that it is often preceded with "great" or "tender." And, of course, there is "Grace." "We are saved by grace, through faith..." Ephesians 2:4-9.

**"Justice"** is GETTING what you deserve.

**"Mercy"** is NOT GETTING what you deserve.

**"Grace"** is getting what you DO NOT deserve.

I hear some people say, "Well I want what's coming to me...I want what I deserve!" NOT ME. In fact, I pray that I don't get what I deserve. I want at least "mercy" and preferably "grace."

**"His mercies are new every morning..." Lamentation 3:23**

**We praise you Lord for mercy and Grace.  
"E-v-e-r-y Day is a day of thanksgiving..."**

**"No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.  
Psalm 84:11b**

But Lord, you gave me a "good thing" before I had even walked...let alone "walked uprightly"...I'm still trying to do that! You gave me a beautiful, sweet, Mother who wore "strength and honour" as her clothing. And when she spoke it was "wisdom in her mouth" and "kindness on her tongue." She and our wonderful dad trained up their ten children in the way they should go.

Lord, nobody can choose their parents...Yet you gave me the most wonderful of all earthly gifts. You blessed me that I may be a blessing.

*"The Lord is b-l-e-s-s-i-n-g me, right now, Ohooooo, right now."*

**Now it's your turn...**Tell me how good God has been to you... "God is a good God," isn't he? I absolutely love it when people stop me and tell me how they love God too...and how great he has been...and ask me, "What are you reading now?" ...and tell me that they are reading Proverbs every day too...I love it, I love it, I love it.

You can read with us too. Whatever day of the month, that's the chapter in Proverbs we are reading. It's only 31 chapters in Proverbs, and 30 or 31 days in a month. Read one verse if nothig else, and meditate on it. Today is November 21, so we are reading Proverbs, chapter 21.

**Delight thyself also in the Lord, and he will give you  
the desires of thine heart. Psalms 37:4.**

Lord, the desire of our heart to day is to praise you. *Oh, Lord, Oh Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth..."*

**"Wherefore God hath...given him a name which is above every name."  
His name is JESUS...And he just keeps on blessing me...**

You too?...I knew it, I knew it.

He's so wonderful.

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## RELIGION

# The Power of Love: Faithmates Robert & Denise

*A True Story of Love and Devotion That Started at Faithmate.com*

"Faithmate was a blessing to Robert and I," says Denise H., who becomes a blushing bride all over again when she describes her match made in heaven. She recites every detail as if it were yesterday.

"Robert first contacted me through Faithmate on Aug. 1, 2007. We emailed each other and exchanged numbers." Though hundreds of miles separated them, they immediately found so many common bonds that they decided to take the next step.

"He drove from Atlanta up to Maryland to meet me mid-August."

The stars burst right away for these two – says Denise, "I knew, even from our first encounter, that he was special," and clearly he felt the same way. "We continued to communicate with one another," with Robert traveling to Maryland and Denise going to Atlanta.

But a challenge from above was laid before the happy couple.

On Dec. 7, 2007 Robert suffered a stroke.

Now, any Faithmate will tell you that barriers are made to be stepped over. When a door is shut, use the window – Once Robert was released from the hospital in January, Denise flew to Atlanta for 11 days to care for him.

"During that time, God brought us closer

together." Though he was getting better, Robert had to move back to New Jersey to be with family since he could not work yet.

"We continued to see one another. I actually helped him with his move, driving his car from Atlanta," writes Denise, before drawing a big breath for the beautiful next chapter of the story:

"Robert proposed to me Aug. 4, 2008. We immediately began planning our wedding for May 16, 2009."

But this love would not wait, so "we decided to get married in my home Sept. 25th."

To celebrate this union, Faithmate is bringing Robert and Denise to visit Bishop Noel Jones at the City of Refuge Church in Los Angeles in December.

Amen.

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## 'Christmas...Who Needs It' in Stores November 25, 2008

EMI Gospel and Fred Hammond have partnered in order to release the first DVD of Hammond's Stage play produced by fHammond Family Entertainment, entitled Christmas...Who Needs It.

"This is a faith based 'dramedy' that will surely put us all in the Christmas spirit. The inspiration for this play was based on the early Tyler Perry plays and I just took the idea and kicked it up a notch by shooting it in Panasonic HD with Redrock Panavision," said Fred Hammond, the Producer and Star of the movie. "The timing is divine and it will hopefully enable people to find some joy during these difficult times in which we presently find ourselves as a nation."

Christmas...Who Needs It will be released by EMI Gospel and will be available

in retail outlets on November 25, 2008.

"This movie is uplifting and as a Christian, this is the type of movie I have wanted in the marketplace for years," says Roy Campbell, Hammond's business partner and fHammond Family Entertainment Board Chairman.

Christmas...Who Needs It is presently on sale on-line at [www.fredhammondlive.com](http://www.fredhammondlive.com)

"There is definitely a marketplace for this play and the agreement with EMI Gospel will only enhance the visibility of Christmas...Who Needs It," said Christopher Brown, of Brown & Rosen LLC, legal counsel to Fred Hammond. Ken Pennell, President of EMI Gospel also stated "We have great expectations for the film and look forward to a continued relationship with Fred Hammond."

## Sheri Jones-Moffett Leads T.D. Jakes 'The Gift Remains'

*The Title Song from Bishop T.D. Jakes' Latest Holiday CD Featuring Mary Mary, Brian McKnight, Kirk Whalum and BeBe & CeCe Winans, Among Others*

Sheri Jones-Moffett has been a busy lady. The singer best known for such Top Ten gospel smashes as "Come Ye Disconsolate" and "Celebrate" with vocal partner Ted Winn, is enjoying a nice side career as a solo artist. Aside from leading Donald Lawrence & the Tri-City Singers' 2007 #1 gospel hit "Encourage Yourself," she recently gave birth to a son, Jamal. She and her husband, Dion, also have a three-year old daughter named Khady.

The songstress will soon announce a new solo recording deal with a major gospel recording label; but in the meantime, Jones-Moffett adds her lush vocals to the breathtaking title song of Bishop T.D. Jakes' new holiday CD, The Gift Remains (Dexterity Sounds/Rhino). This jazzy tune is destined to become a future Christmas classic with its heavenly backing vocals, acoustic guitar strumming, an intro by Bishop Jakes himself and percussive Latin textures. In the majestic track, Jones-Moffett sings, "It's more than just some mistletoe, blinking

lights and falling snow" in the song which reminds the world that Jesus Christ's birth is the reason for the holiday season.

Eboni Funderburk Grimes of EFG Promotions & Consulting in Nashville is working the song at radio and Capital Entertainment is working it in the press. The twelve-song collection boasts Grammy-winning saxophonist Kirk Whalum, CeCe Winans' majestic "O Little Town of Bethlehem", Debbie Winans' cover of the David Foster-Natalie Cole chestnut "Grown Up Christmas List" and BeBe Winans' orchestral take on "Joy to the World." Crooner Brian McKnight offers an urban-flavored reading of "The First Noel" while the project is rounded out with sing-a-long cuts by Mary Mary, the Joint Heirs duo, Angel Chisholm (daughter of Jacky Clark of the Clark Sisters), and Cyndy Paisley. In between songs, Bishop Jakes' sonorous baritone offers inspiring Christmas messages of hope and faith. Visit [www.dexteritysounds.com](http://www.dexteritysounds.com) for more information.

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# Obama Picks First Black Attorney General...

► **Continued from Page 1** vexing issue of how to close the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; and the question of whether to open criminal investigations of administration officials who approved harsh interrogation tactics and warrantless wiretapping.

As a former judge and top federal prosecutor in the District of Columbia, Holder has extensive experience with the criminal justice system. He is widely known within the city's legal community and for his philanthropic work on behalf of troubled juveniles detained at the Oak Hill facility. In recent years he defended corporations as a partner at the Covington & Burling law firm, and he took an active role in the presidential campaign after befriending Obama at a dinner party.

Holder joins several other members of the Clinton administration who have signed on to the Obama team, including White House counsel Greg Craig, White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel and Ron Klain, chief of staff to Vice President-elect Joseph R. Biden Jr.

As attorney general, Holder would be in charge of a department that has overseen enforcement of

the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, two of the landmark pieces of legislation affecting blacks and other minorities.

"It's fantastic that he will be a great attorney general," said John Payton, president of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund. "It's also significant that he will be the first African American attorney general."

# Obama's Ready for Move to White House...

► **Continued from Page 1** the children ... still have discipline and still have things that children do at their disposal," Robinson said. She plans to move to Washington, though the timing and where she will live remain unclear.

The Obamas worked hard during the campaign to make sure life stayed as normal as possible for their girls. They plan to keep their Chicago home, a \$1.65 million mansion in a South Side neighborhood near the University of Chicago.

"This has been their anchor," said longtime friend Cindy Moelis.

Barricades were erected long ago along two streets running past his home, but the restricted zone got bigger after his election. Residents must show ID to get onto his street. Neighbors inside the zone have to wait about an hour to receive deliveries from Medici on 57th, a local restaurant and Obama haunt.

Agents carrying guns also escort the family wherever they go. But the family had

time to get used to the heightened security during the campaign.

To prepare the girls for the big move to the nation's capital, the Obamas had talked to them about what would happen if their father won the presidency. The girls had plenty of questions, including whether they would get to decorate their own rooms in the White House.

Their parents also encouraged them to talk to their cousins about what it is like to move, start a new school and make new friends. Michelle's brother, Craig Robinson, is a college basketball coach who has moved around for his job. Robinson recently went to Oregon State after coaching at Brown University in Rhode Island.

The family plans for the Obama girls to keep up a full schedule of their favorite activities. For Malia that includes acting and soccer, while Sasha loves singing, dancing, playing the piano and tennis.

The transition is also sure to be made easier by a new

family dog the Obamas have promised their daughters - a promise set in stone in Obama's acceptance speech. What breed they select is sure to be analyzed for its political meaning.

At his first post-election news conference Friday, Obama called the dog's selection a "major issue" in his household.

"We have two criteria that have to be reconciled. One is that Malia is allergic, so it has to be hypoallergenic," the president-elect said. "On the other hand, our preference would be to get a shelter dog, but a lot of shelter dogs are mutts like me."

The soon-to-be first lady has already started looking into schools for the girls, who now attend the private University of Chicago Laboratory Schools, where Malia is in fifth grade and Sasha is in second.

President George W. Bush's twin daughters were 19 when he became president, but President Bill Clinton's daughter, Chelsea, was 12 when she moved into the White House. Her

parents sent her to the elite Washington private school Sidwell Friends. Jimmy Carter's daughter, Amy, who was 9 when her father took office in 1977, was sent to a public school. Caroline Kennedy was almost 4 when she moved into the executive mansion in 1961. She attended first grade in a makeshift third-floor classroom inside the White House.

Friends say having Robinson, who retired last year from her job as a bank executive secretary to help with her granddaughters, will be a comfort to the Obama girls.

While their parents pounded the campaign trail, Robinson took care of them, picking them up from school and shuttling them to play dates or other activities and making sure they were home in time for piano lessons. She will probably continue that role in Washington.

"There's nothing like Grandma," said Sandy Matthews, a close friend of Michelle Obama's.

# Michelle Obama Visits Private Schools...

► **Continued from Page 1** other details.

"She's so tall, oh my gosh! And she's prettier in person," Ellie Lasater-Guttmann, an eighth grader at Georgetown Day, said in an interview near the campus after glimpsing Michelle Obama. Ellie, who is 13, said she

hoped the Obama girls would attend Georgetown Day. "It's really our turn," she said, noting that Sidwell Friends had been the presidential family's choice in the past.

Students at Georgetown Day said they were told Monday morning that

Michelle Obama would visit the school sometime this week. She walked in shortly before noon, wearing a black skirt and jacket. She was accompanied by four to five secret service agents and the head of the school, they said.

Reporters and TV crews had camped out at George-

town Day, Sidwell Friends and the Maret School.

Georgetown Day, founded in 1945, was an early pioneer in integration and prides itself on its diversity. A report posted on the school's website says about 35% of its estimated 1,000 students are of color.

# Prop. 8 Goes to Supreme Court...

► **Continued from Page 1** said the court's refusal to put Proposition 8 on hold pending a ruling did not suggest that the court would eventually uphold the measure. "A stay is an extraordinary measure," he said.

Lawyers pressing the legal challenges praised the court and also refused to draw inferences from the court order.

Shannon Price Minter, a lawyer for the National Center for Lesbian Rights, one of the litigants, expressed gratitude for the "extremely fast" time-table and disappointment that the court did not permit same-sex marriages to resume pending a final ruling.

"We are concerned that there may be some couples who will never be able to marry because of this because of death or illness," Minter said.

Asked about Kennard's

vote to refuse to hear the challenges, Minter said: "I am neither worried nor complacent. I just feel like with all of them we have our work cut out to convince them. There is no telling where any of them stand."

The campaign for Proposition 8 also praised the court's action, which granted the campaign the right to argue in favor of the measure.

"We see today as a grand slam," said Andy Pugno, general counsel of Protect Marriage.com. "Everything we asked for was granted."

He said Kennard's vote "seemed to indicate that she thought the lawsuits had ... little merit."

California Atty. Gen. Jerry Brown, whose office also will defend Proposition 8, called the court's decision to review the cases "welcome news."

# Obama Threats...

► **Continued from Page 1** North Carolina, civil rights officials complained of threatening racist graffiti targeting Obama found in a tunnel near the North Carolina State University campus.

And in a Maine convenience store, an Associated Press reporter saw a sign inviting customers to join a betting pool on when Obama might fall victim to an assassin. The sign solicited \$1 entries into "The Osama Obama Shotgun Pool," saying the money would go to the person picking the date closest to when Obama was attacked. "Let's hope we have a winner," said the sign, since taken down.

In the security world, anything "new" can trigger hostility, said Joseph Funk, a former Secret Service agent-turned security consultant who oversaw a private protection detail for Obama before the Secret Service began guarding the

candidate in early 2007.

Obama, of course, will be the country's first black president, and Funk said that new element, not just race itself, is probably responsible for a spike in anti-Obama postings and activity. "Anytime you're going to have something that's new, you're going to have increased chatter," he said.

The Secret Service also has cautioned the public not to assume that any threats against Obama are due to racism.

The service investigates threats in a wide range. There are "stated threats" and equally dangerous or lesser incidents considered of "unusual interest" - such as people motivated by obsessions or infatuations or lower-level gestures such as effigies of a candidate or an elected president. The service has said it does not have the luxury of discounting anything until agents have investigated.



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# Arkansas Denies Blacks Elective Office...

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 Many blacks say race is the reason, and consider the poor showing to be another frustrating chapter in Arkansas' long and tortured civil-rights history.

"To vote for an African-American at a statewide level would show we're willing to move forward. We have an obligation to continue to belie that piece of history that is indelibly in people's brains," said Joyce Elliott, a Democrat unopposed last week in a state Senate race in Little Rock.

Elliott, who is black, said she would someday like to run for statewide or congressional office but is not encouraged by the state's history.

"It's important for all of the state to say this is something we want to do. This is an opportunity gap we need to fill," she said.

Obama's losing Arkansas was not unexpected. He made no trips to a state that had gone Republican in every presidential election since 1980 except when its former governor Bill Clinton was running for the White House.

Since Obama did not campaign here the way he did in the Southern states he won - Florida, Virginia and North Carolina - it's hard to predict how future black candidates might fare in Arkansas, said Jay Barth, a political scientist at Hendrix College in Conway.

"There really wasn't a dialogue about his candidacy in the state," Barth said. "In

the absence of that conversation, it allowed certain stereotypes and assumptions about Obama to really lock in in the eyes of the Arkansas electorate."

Exit polls conducted with Arkansas voters last week showed that 68 percent of white voters went for Republican John McCain, with 30 percent voting for Obama. In 2004, President Bush carried 63 percent of the white vote, compared to 36 percent for Democrat John Kerry. Among white women in 2004, 60 percent voted for Bush; this year 68 percent went for McCain.

Arkansas, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana are the only states where President-elect Obama fared worse among white voters than Kerry did in his 2004 loss.

"It says to me that race is still a predominant issue in those states and that it was race that was the explanation" for Obama's loss in those states, said David Bositis, senior political analyst at the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies in Washington.

One reason no blacks have been elected to Congress in Arkansas is demographics: Unlike many Southern states, it has no predominantly black congressional districts. In a state of less than 3 million people, about 16 percent of them black, it would be difficult to draw up such a district.

For statewide offices, meanwhile, it took until 2002 for Democrats to even

nominate a black candidate. Ron Sheffield, a lawyer in his first political run, lost in lieutenant governor's race that year to billionaire GOP incumbent Win Rockefeller. Sheffield said he wanted to show other minority candidates what was possible.

"Why run for a legislative seat that is in a district that is 80 percent minority? OK, you know a minority is going to be elected in a district that's predominantly minority, but should a political candidate only run in districts that are safe districts where they know they're going to probably get elected?" Sheffield said. "I don't understand that."

In 2004 and 2006, Appeals Court Judge Wendell Griffen lost statewide bids in nonpartisan state Supreme Court races while simultaneously fighting a disciplinary panel over the rights of judges to speak out on political issues.

Arkansas Republicans have fared better than Democrats in nominating blacks to statewide office. Kenneth "Muskie" Harris won a GOP runoff for lieutenant governor against former Nazi and Ku Klux Klan sympathizer Ralph Forbes in 1990 but lost to Jim Guy Tucker in the general election.

Retired educator Rose Bryant Jones ran for secretary of state in 1998 but lost to Democrat Sharon Priest. Chris Morris, part of then-Gov. Mike Huckabee's administration, lost the treasurer's race in 2006 to Democrat Martha Shoffner.

Republicans here say they have a chance to show off their diversity in upcoming elections. State Party Treasurer Joseph Wood, who is black, said he's likely to run for party chairman when the state committee meets next month and said he believes the party will have a diverse field of candidates.

"Do I think we'll see more? Absolutely," Wood said.

Democrats also say they think the state's 2010 elections will offer a chance for them to shine, with at least one black state senator eyeing a race for secretary of state.

"Arkansas over the years has become a more progressive state than it's ever been. The issues of race politics are less prevalent than they were in our previous history," said Sen. Hank Wilkins, D-Pine Bluff. "I think there's a convergence of things that make it possible for that to happen in the future."

Black leaders in the state say both parties need to do a better job of recruiting black candidates who can run for higher office and win. If not, the state could suffer economically as much as politically, they say.

"That's why we're having a migration out of Arkansas of talented young black professionals," Griffen said. "They don't see an opportunity for real long-term progress in public policy involvement if they stay here in this state."

# Al-Qaida Insults Obama with Epithet...

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 speech that included the translation as "house Negroes."

The message also includes old footage of speeches by Malcolm X in which he explains the term, saying black slaves who worked in their white masters' house were more servile than those who worked in the fields. Malcolm X used the term to criticize black leaders he accused of not standing up to whites.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said the latest message was just "more despicable comments from a terrorist."

The 11-minute 23-second video features the audio message by al-Zawahri, who appears only in a still image, along with other images, including one of Obama wearing a Jewish skullcap as he meets with Jewish leaders. In his speech, al-Zawahri refers to a Nov. 5 U.S. airstrike attack in Afghanistan, meaning the video was made after that date.

Al-Zawahri said Obama's election has not changed American policies he said are aimed at oppressing Muslims and others.

"America has put on a new face, but its heart full

of hate, mind drowning in greed, and spirit which spreads evil, murder, repression and despotism continue to be the same as always," the deputy of al-Qaida chief Osama bin Laden said.

He said Obama's plan to shift troops to Afghanistan is doomed to failure, because Afghans will resist.

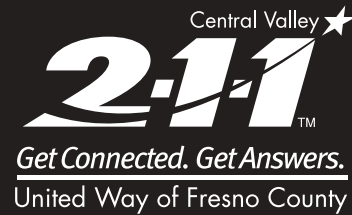
"Be aware that the dogs of Afghanistan have found the flesh of your soldiers to be delicious, so send thousands after thousands to them," he said.

Al-Zawahri did not threaten specific attacks, but warned Obama that he was "facing a Jihadi (holy war) awakening and renaissance which is shaking the pillars of the entire Islamic world; and this is the fact which you and your government and country refuse to recognize and pretend not to see."

He said Obama's victory showed Americans acknowledged that President George W. Bush's policies were a failure and that the result was an "admission of defeat in Iraq."

But Obama's professions of support for Israel during the election campaign "confirmed to the Ummah (Islamic world) that you have chosen a stance of hostility to Islam and Muslims," al-Zawahri said.

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