

## Fresno's African American Community Newspaper

### Christmas Celebrations In Fresno

**"Music for the Holiday Season"**

**A Concert by Earl Meyers Jr.**

4 p.m. Saturday December 13 at Fresno Westside Seventh-day Adventist Church, 2750 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Tickets: free (arrive early for good seating) Details: (559) 323-5835



This year's concert will feature Meyers singing such well-known tunes as "Joy to the World" and "Go! Tell It On the Mountain." He'll be joined by sopranos Judith Dickinson-Ryskamp and Cindy Paige, classical guitarist David Schramm and percussionist Kurt Logan.



### 50th Sepia Fashion Show & Casino Night

Holiday Inn Downtown, 1055 Van Ness Ave., Fresno, Ca. Dec. 11. For reservations call 559-433-1311, or order [www.BuckinghamImages.com](http://www.BuckinghamImages.com).

### Holiday Season Returns Downtown With 'Holidays at the Met'

This no-admission gift to the community – *Holidays at the Met* – is an outdoor display of lights, wreaths, decorated trees, snow everywhere, and more. The community thanks Fresno Metropolitan Museum for its annual gift. 1555 Van Ness Avenue, Fresno, 93721

### 'Miracle'

A Musical and Narrative Christmas Program. December 20, @ 7 pm and December 21, @ 9:15 am. Westside Church of God, 1424 W. California Ave. Fresno, CA

A Fresno Stage Play You Gotta See!

### 'Bearing It All'

A PLAY BY AVENA FIELDS

A family that has struggles, heartaches, trials and tests is just your average dysfunctional family because we all must go through hardships in this life.

But this is a family which has been through so much; from drug dependency, child abuse, domestic violence, alcoholism and more.

They are just trying to hold it all together. But sometimes it seems to be more than they can bear. Will they all finally come together for a change or will they continue to push

each other away?

All that they have left to believe in is their mother's prayer.

Saturday, December 27, 2008 @ 6 p.m. Veterans Memorial Auditorium - 2425 Fresno St. - Fresno CA. Tickets: \$10.00 donation. For group rates or more information, contact Vena Fields @ 559-226-0121 or Aphesis: 559-264-5993.

Email: [expressivecreations@live.com](mailto:expressivecreations@live.com)

Aphesis Apostolic Ministry Pastor T.A. Carter Sr.

### Despite Attempt By Justice Clarence Thomas



Barack Obama



Clarence Thomas

# Obama is Natural Born Says Court

WASHINGTON (AP) –

The Supreme Court has turned down an emergency appeal from a New Jersey man who says President-elect Barack Obama is ineligible to be president because he was a

British subject at birth. The court did not comment on its order Monday rejecting the call by Leo Donofrio of East Brunswick, N.J., to intervene in the presidential election. Donofrio says that since

Obama had dual nationality at birth - his mother was American and his Kenyan father at the time was a British subject - he cannot possibly be a "natural born citizen," one of the re-

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### Jackson Looks to Fill Obama's Senate Seat

CHICAGO (AP) –

The man who will pick President-elect Barack Obama's successor in the U.S. Senate is talking to someone interested in the job: U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr.

Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich says he's meeting Monday with Jackson and describes the Chicago Democrat as a "very strong" candidate. The son of civil rights leader the Rev. Jesse Jackson is among several Illinois politicians mentioned as contenders.

The governor will not say who is on his short list. He says his hope is to pick a replacement before the holidays.

He dismissed the notion that his pick would be tainted by the cloud of a federal investigation hanging over his administration.

Blagojevich says there is no cloud hanging over him, only "sunshine." ■

### Unknown Thousands Dying in Zimbabwe

BY MICHELLE FAUL

SOUTH AFRICA (AP) –

Thousands of Zimbabweans are dying, uncounted and out of sight in a silent emergency as hospitals shut, clinics run out of drugs and most cannot afford private medical care, health groups say.

Even as deaths from a cholera epidemic climbed into the hundreds, international

and local organizations say many more are dying needlessly in a disaster critics blame on President Robert Mugabe's government.

The toll will never be known, according to Itai Rusike, executive director of the Community Working Group on Health - a civil society network grouping 35 national organizations.

"Zimbabwe used to have one of the best surveillance

systems in the region," Rusike said in a telephone interview. "But phones are not working, nurses are not there, so their information system has collapsed. ... It is very difficult to tell how many people have died."

"These are symptoms of a failed state," he said in a telephone interview. "Nothing is working."

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### Belafonte to Auction Unknown Papers of MLK

By Richard Pyle

New York (AP) –

An original handwritten outline for Martin Luther King Jr.'s first speech condemning the Vietnam War owned by his friend Harry Belafonte is going on the auction block this week.

Sotheby's will offer the document for sale Thursday along with two others: the scribbled notes for a speech King planned to deliver in Memphis, Tenn., three days after he was assassinated and a letter of condolence from President Lyndon B.

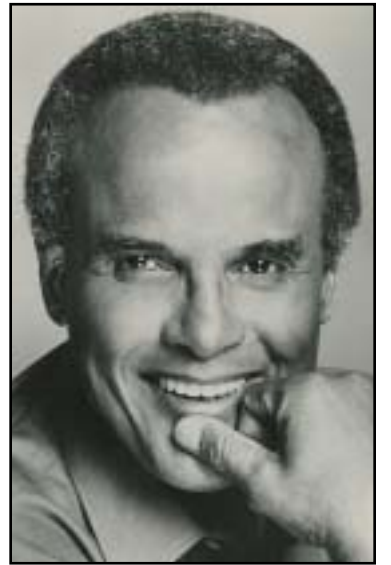
Johnson to King's widow.

The auction house put the overall pre-sale estimate for the three documents at \$750,000 to \$1.13 million, with the Vietnam speech valued at \$500,000 to \$800,000.

Belafonte, a singer and actor, was an early disciple of King and his host on King's visits to New York dating from the mid-1950s.

In a telephone interview, Belafonte said he was putting his documents up for sale because "I am at the end of my life - I will be 82

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Harry Belafonte

### BLACKS AND THE WHITE HOUSE: Slavery and Service

BY JESSE J. HOLLAND

WASHINGTON (AP) –

The first child born at the White House was the grandson of President Thomas Jefferson. The second child born there was his property - the African-American baby of Jefferson's two slaves.

Slaves not only helped build the White House, but also for decades men and women in bondage served America's presidents and first families as

butlers, cooks and maids.

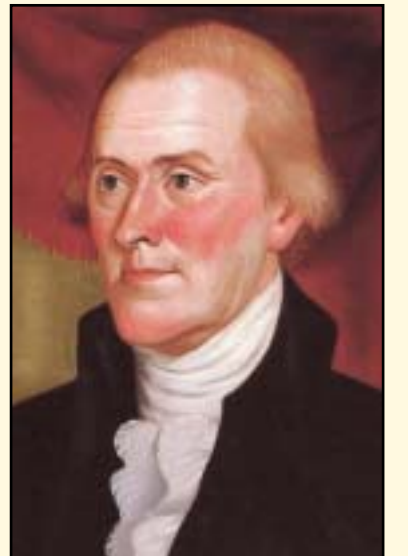
Two hundred years later, Barack Obama's election as the 44th president - the first black chief executive - is casting a spotlight on the complicated history of African-Americans and the exalted place they called home - the White House.

During and after slavery, black workers made the White House function. Obama's entry on Jan. 20, 2009, will be a moment for the ages that few of

them could imagine.

"I'm very proud of the fact we're going to have an African-American president and I think the help is going to be pleased to be working for an African-American president," said 89-year-old William Bowen Jr., a second-generation White House butler who worked for Presidents Dwight Eisenhower to George H.W. Bush.

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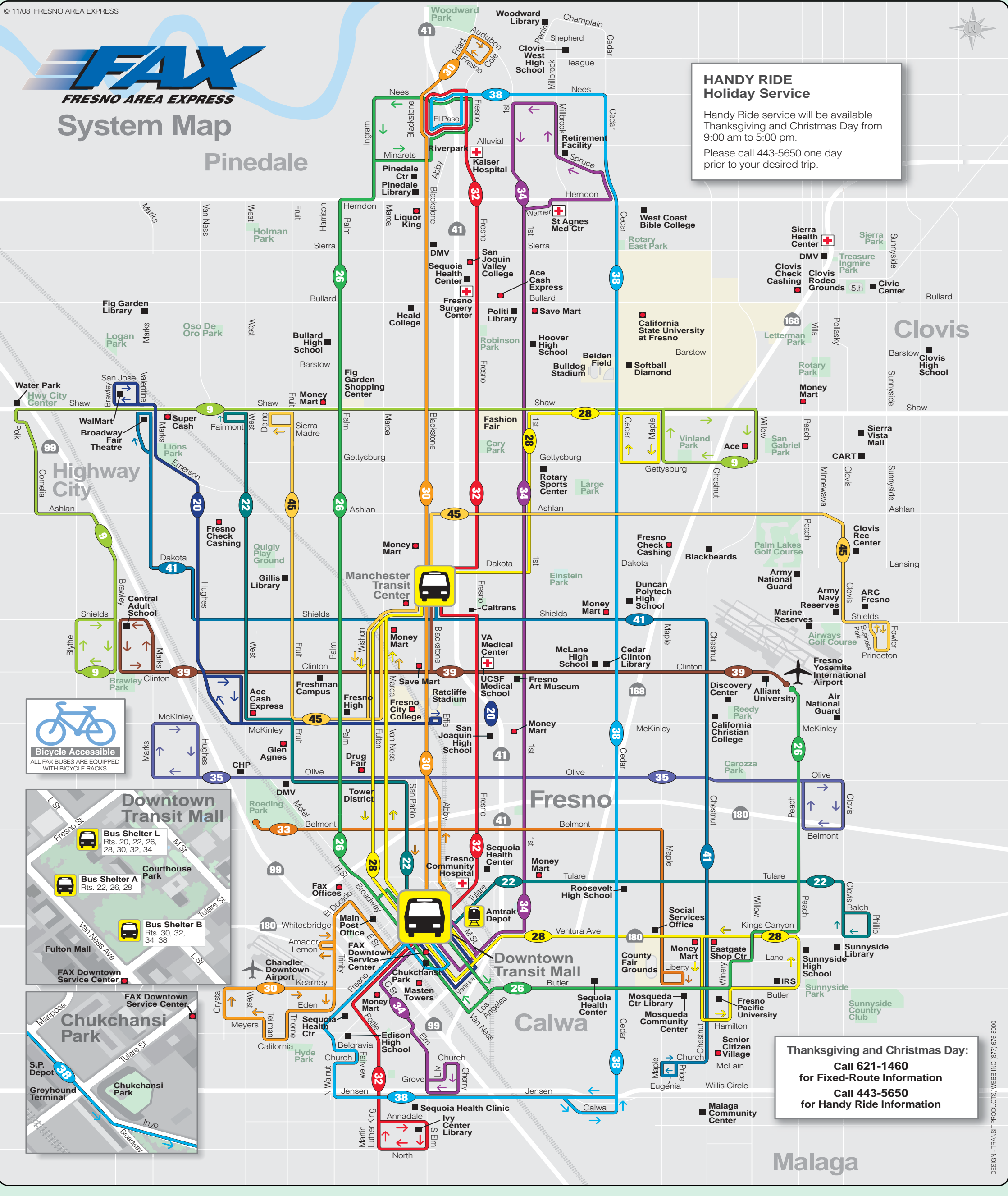
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# Fresno FAX Christmas Service Schedule

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## FRESNO AREA EXPRESS System Map



### HANDY RIDE Holiday Service

Handy Ride service will be available Thanksgiving and Christmas Day from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.  
Please call 443-5650 one day prior to your desired trip.

**Thanksgiving and Christmas Day:**  
Call 621-1460 for Fixed-Route Information  
Call 443-5650 for Handy Ride Information

### 32 N. Fresno/Manchester Center/W. Fresno

**SOUTHBOUND**

| LEAVE   | FRESNO  | FRESNO | LEAVE   | FRESNO | ARRIVE | MANCHESTER CENTER | FRESNO | LEAVE | FRESNO | NORTH |
|---------|---------|--------|---------|--------|--------|-------------------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| EL PASO | EL PASO | CLAY   | EL PASO | CLAY   | CLAY   | CLAY              | CLAY   | CLAY  | CLAY   | CLAY  |
| 800     | 803     | 817    | 825     | 830    | 890    | 895               | 905    | 915   | 923    | 923   |
| 950     | 953     | 1005   | 1010    | 1020   | 1040   | 1045              | 1055   | 1105  | 1103   | 1103  |
| 1040    | 1043    | 1052   | 1105    | 1110   | 1130   | 1135              | 1145   | 1195  | 1193   | 1193  |
| 1130    | 1133    | 1142   | 1155    | 1200   | 1220   | 1225              | 1235   | 1285  | 1283   | 1283  |
| 1220    | 1223    | 1232   | 1245    | 1250   | 1310   | 1315              | 1325   | 1375  | 1373   | 1373  |
| 1410    | 1413    | 1422   | 1435    | 1440   | 1460   | 1465              | 1475   | 1525  | 1523   | 1523  |
| 200     | 203     | 212    | 225     | 230    | 250    | 255               | 265    | 305   | 303    | 303   |
| 280     | 283     | 292    | 305     | 310    | 330    | 335               | 345    | 385   | 383    | 383   |
| 340     | 343     | 352    | 365     | 370    | 390    | 395               | 405    | 445   | 443    | 443   |
| 430     | 433     | 442    | 455     | 460    | 480    | 485               | 495    | 535   | 533    | 533   |

**NORTHBOUND**

| MARTIN LUTHER KING | ARRIVE             | FRESNO | FRESNO | LEAVE | MANCHESTER CENTER | FRESNO | LEAVE | FRESNO | ARRIVE             |
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| MARTIN LUTHER KING | MARTIN LUTHER KING | CLAY   | CLAY   | CLAY  | CLAY              | CLAY   | CLAY  | CLAY   | MARTIN LUTHER KING |
| 823                | 826                | 840    | 845    | 857   | 1010              | 1015   | 1025  | 1035   | 1038               |
| 1013               | 1016               | 1030   | 1035   | 1047  | 1100              | 1105   | 1115  | 1125   | 1128               |
| 1103               | 1106               | 1120   | 1125   | 1137  | 1190              | 1195   | 1205  | 1215   | 1218               |
| 1153               | 1156               | 1210   | 1215   | 1227  | 1240              | 1245   | 1255  | 1305   | 1308               |
| 1243               | 1246               | 1300   | 1305   | 1317  | 1330              | 1335   | 1345  | 1395   | 1398               |
| 133                | 136                | 155    | 155    | 207   | 220               | 220    | 229   | 236    | 245                |
| 223                | 226                | 240    | 245    | 257   | 270               | 270    | 279   | 286    | 295                |
| 313                | 316                | 330    | 335    | 347   | 400               | 400    | 409   | 416    | 425                |
| 403                | 406                | 420    | 425    | 433   | 440               | 440    | 447   | 453    | 500                |

### 20 N. Hughes/N. Marks/Downtown

**SOUTHBOUND**

| MARKET | MARKET | MARSH  | MARSH  | HUGHES | HUGHES | MARSH  | MARSH  | MARSH  | MARSH  |
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| 900    | 903    | 913    | 921    | 921    | 1021   | 1021   | 1021   | 1021   | 1021   |
| 1100   | 1103   | 1113   | 1121   | 1121   | 1221   | 1221   | 1221   | 1221   | 1221   |
| 1300   | 1303   | 1313   | 1321   | 1321   | 1421   | 1421   | 1421   | 1421   | 1421   |
| 1500   | 1503   | 1513   | 1521   | 1521   | 1621   | 1621   | 1621   | 1621   | 1621   |
| 1800   | 1803   | 1813   | 1821   | 1821   | 1921   | 1921   | 1921   | 1921   | 1921   |
| 2000   | 2003   | 2013   | 2021   | 2021   | 2121   | 2121   | 2121   | 2121   | 2121   |
| 2200   | 2203   | 2213   | 2221   | 2221   | 2321   | 2321   | 2321   | 2321   | 2321   |
| 2400   | 2403   | 2413   | 2421   | 2421   | 2521   | 2521   | 2521   | 2521   | 2521   |
| 2600   | 2603   | 2613   | 2621   | 2621   | 2721   | 2721   | 2721   | 2721   | 2721   |
| 2800   | 2803   | 2813   | 2821   | 2821   | 2921   | 2921   | 2921   | 2921   | 2921   |
| 3000   | 3003   | 3013   | 3021   | 3021   | 3121   | 3121   | 3121   | 3121   | 3121   |
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| 3800   | 3803   | 3813   | 3821   | 3821   | 3921   | 3921   | 3921   | 3921   | 3921   |
| 4000   | 4003   | 4013   | 4021   | 4021   | 4121   | 4121   | 4121   | 4121   | 4121   |

**NORTHBOUND**

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| 923   | 926   | 940   | 945   | 957   | 1010  | 1015  | 1025  | 1035  | 1038  |
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| 1103  | 1106  | 1120  | 1125  | 1137  | 1190  | 1195  | 1205  | 1215  | 1218  |
| 1153  | 1156  | 1210  | 1215  | 1227  | 1240  | 1245  | 1255  | 1305  | 1308  |
| 1243  | 1246  | 1300  | 1305  | 1317  | 1330  | 1335  | 1345  | 1395  | 1398  |
| 133   | 136   | 155   | 155   | 207   | 220   | 220   | 229   | 236   | 245   |
| 223   | 226   | 240   | 245   | 257   | 270   | 270   | 279   | 286   | 295   |
| 313   | 316   | 330   | 335   | 347   | 400   | 400   | 409   | 416   | 425   |
| 403   | 406   | 420   | 425   | 433   | 440   | 440   | 447   | 453   | 500   |

### 28 CSUF/Manchester Center/Ventura Ave.

**SOUTHBOUND**

| CEDAR | SHAW | FIRST | MANCHESTER CENTER | ARRIVE | VENTURA AVE | DEPART | VENTURA AVE | CEDAR | KINGS CANYON |
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| CEDAR | SHAW | FIRST | MANCHESTER CENTER | ARRIVE | VENTURA AVE | DEPART | VENTURA AVE | CEDAR | KINGS CANYON |
| 940   | 942  | 946   | 955               | 1010   | 1015        | 1023   | 1029        | 1038  | 1038         |
| 1040  | 1042 | 1046  | 1055              | 1110   | 1115        | 1123   | 1129        | 1138  | 1138         |
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| 140   | 142  | 146   | 155               | 210    | 215         | 223    | 229         | 238   | 238          |
| 240   | 242  | 246   | 255               | 310    | 315         | 323    | 329         | 338   | 338          |
| 340   | 342  | 346   | 355               | 410    | 415         | 423    | 429         | 438   | 438          |
| 440   | 442  | 446   | 455               | 455    | 455         | 455    | 455         | 455   | 455          |

**NORTHBOUND**

| KINGS CANYON | VENTURA AVE | ARRIVE | FIRST | SHAW | CEDAR |      |      |
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| KINGS CANYON | VENTURA AVE | ARRIVE | FIRST | SHAW | CEDAR |      |      |
| 929          | 945         | 955    | 1000  | 915  | 924   | 928  | 933  |
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| 1149         | 1145        | 1155   | 1200  | 1215 | 1224  | 1228 | 1233 |
| 1239         | 1245        | 1255   | 1300  | 1315 | 1324  | 1328 | 1333 |
| 139          | 145         | 155    | 200   | 215  | 224   | 228  | 233  |
| 239          | 245         | 255    | 300   | 315  | 324   | 328  | 333  |
| 339          | 345         | 355    | 400   | 415  | 424   | 428  | 433  |
| 439          | 445         | 455    | 455   | 455  | 455   | 455  | 455  |

### 30 Pinedale/N. Blackstone/West Fresno

**SOUTHBOUND**

| BLACKSTONE | BLACKSTONE | BLACKSTONE | BLACKSTONE | MANCHESTER CENTER | ARRIVE | DEPART | EL DORADO | CRYSTAL |
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| BLACKSTONE | BLACKSTONE | BLACKSTONE | BLACKSTONE | MANCHESTER CENTER | ARRIVE | DEPART | EL DORADO | CRYSTAL |
| 904        | 909        | 919        | 930        | 941               | 950    | 955    | 965       | 974     |
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| 1184       | 1189       | 1199       | 1210       | 1221              | 1230   | 1235   | 1245      | 1254    |
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| 1814       | 1819       | 1829       | 1840       | 1851              | 1860   | 1865   | 1875      | 1884    |
| 1914       | 1919       | 1929       | 1940       | 1951              | 2000   | 2005   | 2015      | 2024    |
| 2014       | 2019       | 2029       | 2040       | 2051              | 2060   | 2065   | 2075      | 2084    |
| 2114       | 2119       | 2129       | 2140       | 2151              | 2160   | 2165   | 2175      | 2184    |
| 2214       | 2219       | 2229       | 2240       | 2251              | 2260   | 2265   | 2275      | 2284    |
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| CRYSTAL | EL DORADO | ARRIVE | DEPART | CEDAR | MANCHESTER CENTER | BLACKSTONE | BLACKSTONE | BLACKSTONE |
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| 1124    | 1127      | 1135   | 1140   | 1145  | 1150              | 1155       | 1160       | 1165       |
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| 1724    | 1727      | 1735   | 1740   | 1745  | 1750              | 1755       | 1760       | 1765       |
| 1824    | 1827      | 1835   | 1840   | 1845  | 1850              | 1855       | 1860       | 1865       |
| 1924    | 1927      | 1935   | 1940   | 1945  | 1950              | 1955       | 1960       | 1965       |
| 2024    | 2027      | 2035   | 2040   | 2045  | 2050              | 2055       | 2060       | 2065       |
| 2124    | 2127      | 2135   | 2140   | 2145  | 2150              | 2155       | 2160       | 2165       |
| 2224    | 2227      | 2235   | 2240   | 2245  | 2250              | 2255       | 2260       | 2265       |
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# LOCAL NEWS

CALIFORNIA ADVOCATE NEWSPAPER'S 2009

Drum Major for Justice Awards Banquet

## INAUGURAL BALL

Celebrating the Inauguration of

# BARACK OBAMA

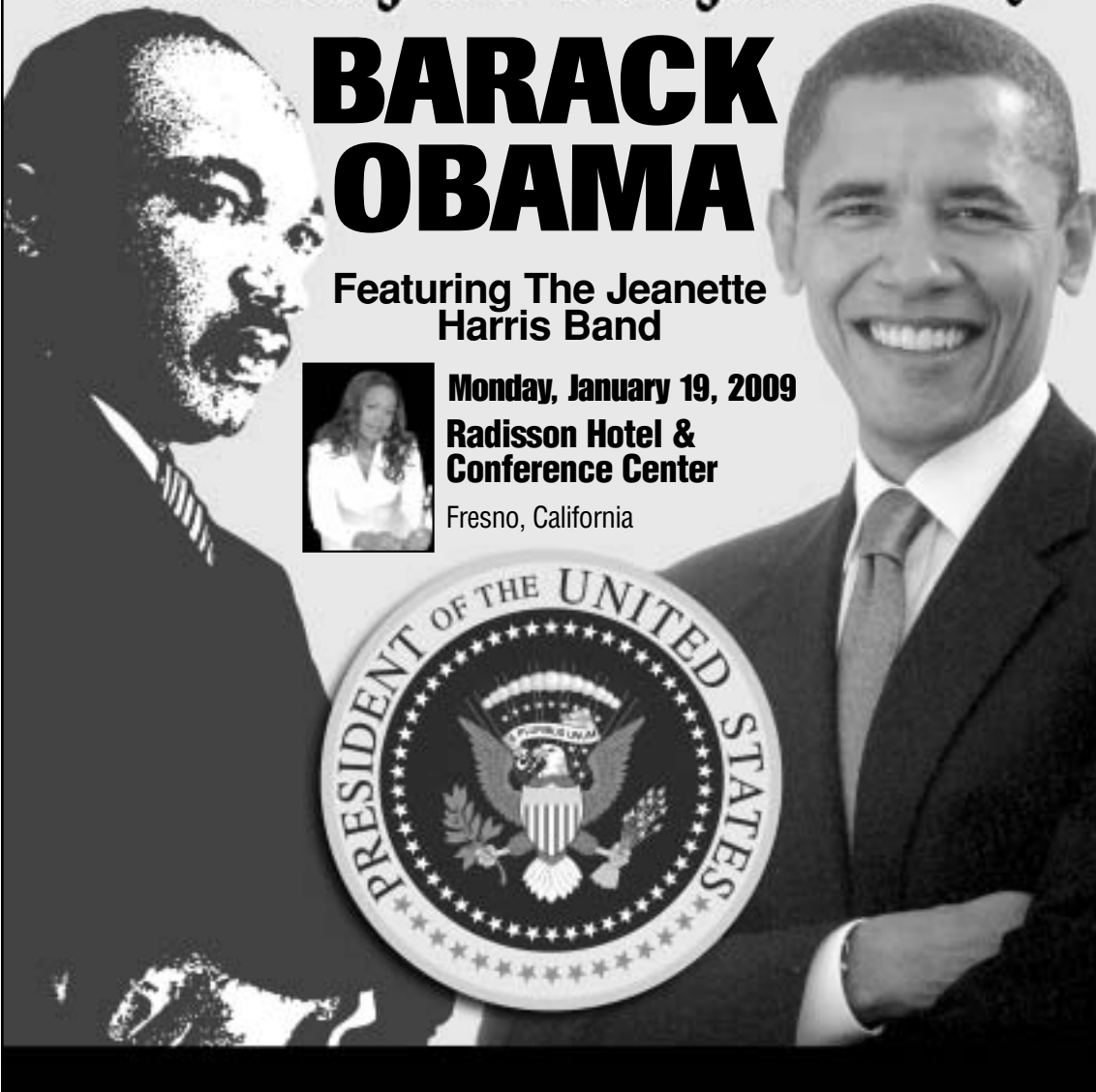
Featuring The Jeanette Harris Band



Monday, January 19, 2009

Radisson Hotel & Conference Center

Fresno, California



### THE AFRO-AMERICAN HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

Invites You To Attend

## “Standing on the Shoulders of Giants”

4th Annual Christmas Luncheon

Saturday, December 13, 2008  
11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Cost: \$25.00 per Adult, \$15.00 per Child (Ages 12 and Under)

Guests Welcome!

Lunch will be served at 12:00 Noon.

The Palms Restaurant  
7550 N. Palm, Fresno CA

For More Information, Call (559) 213-7602

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## What's Going On in Our Community

### Big Stove Give-a-way

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## Are You Ready for Christmas?

By Pauline Kimber

**Would you believe it?? Christmas is almost here!! And guess what...I talk about Christmas all year, and when it finally gets here I'm surprised. I cannot believe it's here already!**

But you know what I've been wondering, ladies??... Are our homes ready for Christmas? Is mine? We have the lights, the tree and gifts for the grandchildren. My house is ready, but is my home ready? Is yours? Because you know what, if your family does not experience joy and love, and forgiveness and understanding where they live, then it's not really home to them... **Your family is homeless...** You may as well be living out of a shopping cart. Just because you have a beautiful house, does not mean you have a happy, loving home. And, speaking of a loving home... I am reading the book of Luke this month and I have especially noticed Mary, the soon-to-be mother of Jesus. Let's listen in on her and take notice of her home:

**"For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name." Luke 1:49**

Mary said those powerful words when she was rejoicing over the news that she was chosen to give birth to Jesus. She was chosen to be the mother of Jesus. She was chosen to establish a loving and caring home for Jesus. She was chosen for these "great things."

But before that, when she was first approached by the angel Gabriel and told that she would conceive and give birth to Jesus, notice what she did NOT say. She did not say, "That's impossible," or "I can't believe this," or "Whoever heard of that?" or "No way," or "what will people say???"

She said, **"How..."**

**How shall this be...?"** You notice her faith? She believed God was God and nothing was impossible with God. She simply asked: How, Lord; I'm willing. I know you can do all things. How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? She recognized that he was Mighty and that his name was Holy, and that He had done great things to her.

So, you know what I realized? Not only did God do great things for Mary – who was not perfect, but willing and obedient, He has done the same for you and for me, and for every other woman who lives a godly life. During her entire young life, Mary had been preparing for her ministry.

**You know those children God gave you?** God chose you to be their mother; you are the perfect mother for them. Did you end up with some that are not yours? That's okay. God already knew that, and he has equipped you for them too. Does one of them have special needs? You can handle that too. Nothing can happen in your home that you and God together cannot handle.

But not only that, there's more. You are the perfect wife for that Christian husband...God chose you for him. And, you know what, I am perfect for my husband...He needs me to be his helpmeet, to help meet his needs, to encourage him, to pray for him, to be his biggest cheerleader. I am perfect for him and he is perfect for me, because God chose us for each other. I didn't say we were perfect. Sometime we blow it. But God has already allowed for us to blow it. He said: **"My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." I John 2:1**

Mary knew this. She was not only a godly young woman, she knew the attributes of her Father in heaven and she believed...she had faith in His words. So without ever going to Mary's home, I already know certain things about it. I know that it was built on wisdom, it was established by understanding, and by knowledge it was filled with all precious and pleasant riches. God is "Wisdom," the Holy Spirit is "Understanding," Jesus is "Knowledge."

We need the same things Mary needed to be chosen for great things. If you are a Christian mother, God has "chosen" you to maintain a peaceful (most of the time), joyful and Christ-centered home. You are more than likely sensitive to other families that are struggling; and, you are a giver of encouraging words and of your own substance. Am I right? That's why folks like to come to your home all the time!!

**"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name he may give it you." John 15:16**

Now, let's decorate with some lights and pleasant riches inside our homes. We can do this by setting aside a special time to read the Christmas story of Jesus' birth to our children or grandchildren. I mean stop everything, turn everything off, and snuggle on the sofa or in the bed and read that breathtaking Christmas story with awe and wonder; from the angels and the shepherds to the wise men and the evil king. Matthew 1 and 2; and Luke 2 are excellent chapters to read together.

Explain that First Christmas to them and that Jesus is the best gift we can ever have. You may even sing a Christmas carol softly. You may go on to mention that this same little baby grew to become the Jesus on the cross at Easter time; and that he is alive and he will come back again to get us if we receive him in our hearts and make him Lord of our lives.

You can even explain to your youngsters that "God chose you to be my little boy/girl...Of all the little boys and girls in the whole world, he chose you to be mine..."

Isn't this wonderful? You know why, because the closest thing to heaven-on-earth is a loving home, filled up with Jesus!

**Mothers, make your home – Home – at Christmas time and all year long.**

*Now Father, I pray that every mother/father reading this will be filled with wisdom and knowledge and spiritual understanding, and love and joy and peace, so that their home may be maintained according to your word. Bless each family physically, spiritually and financially during this special season Father, so that they may be a blessing to someone else. I thank you that no weapon formed against these families shall prosper and that their children are wise and make their hearts glad. Thank you for Jesus our Savior and for your Holy Spirit – our Teacher, our Intercessor, or Comforter. Amen.*

**Pauline Kimber has been a Bible Teacher for over 40 years. She and husband Les Kimber, a former Fresno City Councilman, founded The California Advocate Newspaper in 1967. They have three children and four grandchildren: Brittany, Brooklynn, Taylor, and Elias.**

## RELIGION

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Listen, I am not coming at you as a person who has read about how rough life is and the limitations that society puts on you as youth to change; but I speak to you as a boy, now a man; a gangsta, now a preacher; a playa now a manager.

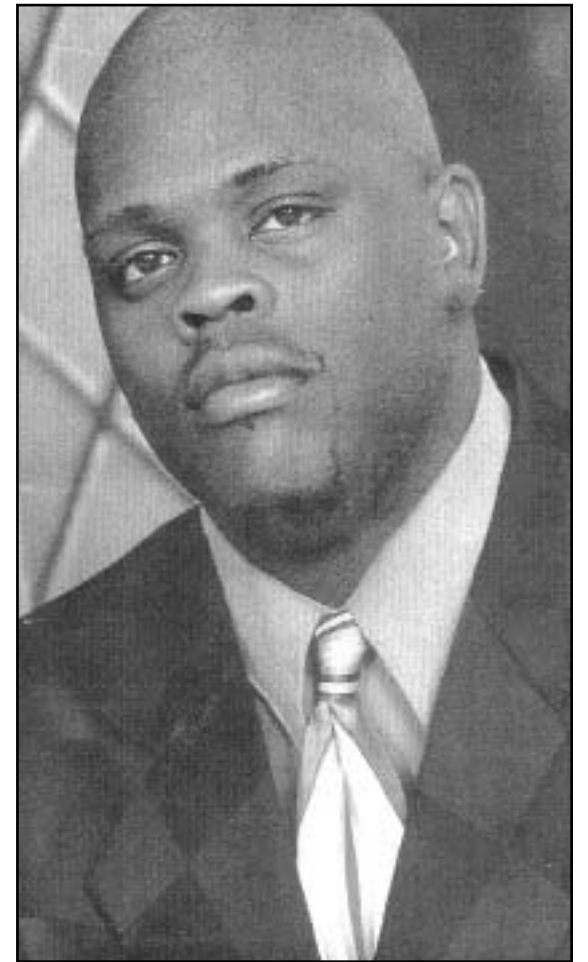
I have come from sagging in jeans, to slacks with a dress belt; from blue chucks with fatty white laces to dress shoes; from a blue rag hanging out my back left pocket, to a blue Bible hanging out of my left palm. I have been through it all and done it all, and more.

I thought I knew what it was to be the man. I thought playing girls, clubbing, drinking, smoking and staying strapped was what it took, until I discovered the real man, and realized that though I can not change my past, I can change my present and start a new future.

I am not coming to you with a sermon, I am just coming on a mission from God which is, if he can change a nappy knuckle-head from the south-side of Stockton, he can do wonders with you.

As I listen to youth from Fresno to Stockton and from L.A. to the Bay, it amazes me that many of you lack self esteem. You lack the ability to believe that you can do what you put your mind to do, but the problem is that you are putting your mind to doing everything but the right thing.

Is it not amazing that we know every word that T-Pain (who can't sang) sings, but don't know the words to Dr. King's "I Have A Dream" speech. We know the formula to download a background on Myspace but don't know the slope intercept formula. We get excited when The Dream sings that "Shorty You A Ten" when we should feel slighted because your name is not shorty and the Bible says you are worth more than rubies so



D.J. Criner

that means you are worth more than a ten. You need to change. You are a child of God, a daughter of Zion and a son of Grace.

It is awful that we will pay the devil to kill us. We should be tired of saying the devil is messing with me, when we are saying it from the bar or the club. By paying \$10-\$20 to get into the club, \$8 per shot to drink, and not to include the money you spent on the clothes for the night, your haircut or hair style and the gas to get to the party or club.

You have just told the enemy, "how much are you charging me to kill me, because whatever it is, I'll pay it?"

It is funny that we will party with the enemy but will not party with the Lord until we need something. Well listen to this, the party you need, the life you are looking for, God already has reserved just for you.

All you have to do is stop paying to die, and start living for a free eternal life. Today, you can change by saying "Lord I need you to take control." Who says you can't change? Look yourself in the mirror and say; "Not me, **Yes I Can!**"

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## Unknown Thousands Dying in Zimbabwe...

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"When you look at people who are already weakened by hunger, many already weakened by HIV and AIDS, and with rainy season comes malaria, and we know anthrax is spreading, it's really just a recipe for disaster," spokeswoman Caroline Hooper-Box said in neighboring South Africa.

She said many people Oxfam interviewed in Zimbabwe say they have cut back to one meal in three days. Some are trying to survive on insects and berries.

Once a major food exporter, Zimbabwe has been crippled by shortages of necessities including food and

medicine as Mugabe, the leader since independence in 1980, clings to power.

As businesses collapse, unemployment has risen to 80 percent with the majority of the population depending on handouts from a growing diaspora; more than a third of a population has fled, many to South Africa and former colonizer Britain, but some as far as New Zealand.

In a new health report published last week, the civic group Women of Zimbabwe Arise recounted the case of an 8-year-old boy who fell in a school yard and twisted his knee.

"A week later, he was dead," the report said. "The death certificate cited cause of death as 'swollen knee' ... But the real cause of death is clear criminal negligence of the worst kind on the part of the ZANU-PF government."

The report was dedicated to two of the group's own

leaders who it said died needlessly. One was Thembelani Lunga, a 32-year-old in Zimbabwe's second city of Bulawayo who was HIV-positive and had problems accessing life-preserving antiretroviral medication.

Lunga died after being jailed for four days in Bulawayo Central Police Station, where she was denied access to AIDS medication, the organization said.

To the cholera deaths, the report said, it was necessary to add people with diabetes who run out of insulin, appendicitis cases, asthma attacks, bleeding ulcers and septicemia - "all treatable conditions from which thousands of deaths are now occurring."

Save the Children, a British charity, said hundreds, if not thousands of pregnant women and their children "stand a very high risk of death."

Zimbabwe director Rachel Pounds said the United Nations reported that 700 women were recently turned away from hospitals in Harare that are no longer able to provide maternity services.

Last week, Health Minister David Parirenyatwa appealed for help from international organizations.

"Our central hospitals are literally not functioning. Our staff is demotivated and we need your support to ensure that they start coming to work and our health system is revived," he was quoted as saying in The Herald.

Both Rusike, of the community health group, and Women of Zimbabwe Arise said the cholera epidemic could be linked directly to the government's failures. The disease is caused by contaminated water and food, in Zimbabwe's case the collapse of water and sewage services.

## Belafonte to Auction Papers of MLK...

► **Continued from Page 1** shortly - and there are a lot of causes I believe in for which resources are not available, and there is a need to redistribute those resources."

Selby Kiffer, a senior manuscripts curator at Sotheby's, said the anti-war speech possibly ranks in importance with King's most famous papers: his "I Have a Dream" speech, "Letter from a Birmingham Jail" and a draft of his Nobel Prize acceptance address.

Kiffer and Elizabeth Muller, a Sotheby's expert on manuscripts who in 2006 discovered a printed version of the jail letter, said the Belafonte papers were previously unknown to King archivists.

Some 10,000 King docu-

ments that his family had planned to auction at Sotheby's in 2006 were bought for \$32 million by the city of Atlanta and are housed at King's alma mater, Morehouse College. Another King collection is at Boston University.

King wrote the first draft of his Vietnam speech in ink on three sheets from a yellow legal pad and left it behind at Belafonte's apartment when he went to Los Angeles to deliver the finished remarks on Feb. 25, 1967, before a hotel crowd of Hollywood celebrities and four U.S. senators who also had denounced the war.

The speech, titled "The Casualties of the War in Vietnam," cited, along with military and civilian vic-

tims, a loss of moral principle, resources diverted from the fight for civil rights and the war's effect in alienating other nations from the United States.

The Memphis notes, found in King's pocket after he was gunned down April 4, 1968, on the balcony of a Memphis motel, were given by Coretta Scott King to the late Stan Levison, a close friend who then gave them to Belafonte.

In the notes, King praises the city's sanitation workers for striking against "starvation wages" - the cause that had brought him to Memphis. "What does it profit to be able to eat in an integrated restaurant and not make enough money to take the wife out?" he asks.

Johnson's letter of condo-

lence tells Mrs. King that the "full powers of local and federal authority" had been committed to finding her husband's killer, and "we will overcome this calamity and continue the work of justice and love that is Martin Luther King's legacy."

She gave the letter to Belafonte after the funeral service, where he stood at her side.

Belafonte said his personal relationship with King began in early 1956 when the preacher was invited to speak at Harlem's Abyssinian Baptist Church, then led by the Rev. Adam Clayton Powell, and Belafonte went to hear him.

King hoped to gain Belafonte's support in spreading the civil rights gospel in the entertainment industry.

## Slavery: Blacks and the White House...

► **Continued from Page 1** er James Hoban used some of his slave carpenters to build it.

President George Washington forced slaves from Mount Vernon to work as staff inside "the President's House" in Philadelphia during his term. Thus began a tradition of enslaved men and women working for the president in his residence, a practice that continued until the 1850s.

Not only did they work in the White House, enslaved men and women lived there as well. According to the White House Historical Association, the slave and servant quarters were in the basement, now called the ground floor. The rooms now include the library, china room, offices and the formal Diplomatic Reception Room. At least one African-American baby was born there, in 1806 to Fanny and Eddy, two of Jefferson's slaves. The child, who was also considered a slave, died two years later.

History values these slaves for more than just their labor.

Paul Jennings, President James Madison's personal slave, told the first tale of White House life written by someone who lived there. Jennings, in his memoirs, debunked the oft-repeated White House legend of first lady Dolley Madison saving the portrait of Washington from invading British troops.

"This is totally false," Jennings said. "She had no time for doing it. It would have required a ladder to get it down. All she carried off was the silver."

Instead a Frenchman, John Suse, and Magraw, the president's gardener, took the painting down and sent it off on a wagon, Jennings said. Later in his life, he would give part of the money he earned as a freedman to help a destitute Dolley Madison after her husband's death.

As the years progressed, so did the role of African-Americans inside the White

House.

Blacks moved from slaves to honored guests - President Abraham Lincoln met with abolitionists Frederick Douglass and Sojourner Truth in the White House - to indispensable parts of White House life. President Andrew Johnson appointed William Slade as the first White House steward, the person charged with running the domestic side of the White House.

Not only did blacks work in the White House, they also started working at the White House. E. Frederick Morrow was the first African-American appointed a White House aide by Eisenhower in 1955; John F. Kennedy named Andrew Hatcher associate press secretary in 1960.

The progress was hardly smooth.

In 1901, President Theodore Roosevelt formally invited Booker T. Washington to the White House for dinner. But as Republican presidential candidate John McCain noted in his concession speech last month, Southern newspapers were outraged and publicly condemned Roosevelt after they learned of the invitation from an Associated Press dispatch. Roosevelt never invited another African-American to a White House dinner.

All the while behind the scenes, African-American domestic workers such as John Pye kept the White House humming along.

"These are the folks who not only keep the leadership comfortable, but they make the White House into a home for those occupants, and they make government service more than tolerable for high-level staffers who are working long hours," said Gail Lowe, senior historian at the Smithsonian Anacostia Community Museum. "Without their eyewitness to history, we probably would not have as full a story as we have of the inner workings of the White House."

The Smithsonian holds

memorabilia belonging to

Pye, who worked as valet, messenger, driver, cook and butler in the White House during President Franklin Roosevelt's administration.

Sometimes the workers also made history, Lowe said.

"When the first war bonds were issued in April 1942, President Roosevelt did a little presale as a publicity move, and the first person to whom he sold a war bond was John Pye," said Lowe. "It cost \$18.75. And as President Roosevelt made his pitch for the war bonds - 'This is to support our war effort. Our young men are serving overseas. They're giving their lives, we can lend our money.' - almost before the words were out of his mouth, John Pye had stepped forward to purchase the bond."

Despite their contributions, blacks experienced racism even inside the White House.

Alonzo Fields, a former maitre 'd who worked in the White House for 31 years, said they had segregated dining rooms for the workers at one point.

"I'm good enough to handle the president's food and do everything, but I cannot eat with the help," Fields, who died in 1994, told the Smithsonian Institution Center for Folklife Programs & Cultural Studies for its Workers in the White House project.

Pye faced at least one incident with Richard M. Nixon, then vice president, who came to him and asked about some leftover food.

Nixon said: "Boy, what are you all going to do with the rest of the food," Lowe said. "Mr. Pye did not like being called 'boy' and he didn't like to be questioned about how the kitchen would deal with leftovers."

Pye told him that the food went to charity, but it turned out Nixon wanted to eat the leftovers.

"Pye made sure they went to charitable organizations that day," Lowe said.

## O.J. Simpson Sentenced To Up To 15 Years In Prison

NEVADA (AP) -

A broken O.J. Simpson was sentenced Friday to as much as 15 years in prison for a hotel armed robbery after a judge rejected his apology and said, "It was much more than stupidity."

The 61-year-old football Hall of Famer stood shackled and stone-faced when Judge Jackie Glass quickly rattled off his punishment soon after he made a rambling, five-minute plea for leniency, choking back tears as he told her: "I didn't want to steal anything from anyone. ... I'm sorry, sorry."

Simpson could serve up to 15 years but could be eligible for parole after nine years, according to Elana Roberto, the judge's clerk.

The judge said several times that her sentence in the Las Vegas case had nothing to do with Simpson's 1994 acquittal in the slaying of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman.

"I'm not here to try and cause any retribution or any payback for anything else," Glass said. Simpson was immediately led away to prison after the judge refused to permit him to go free on bail while he appeals.

Simpson's co-defendant and former golfing buddy, Clarence "C.J. Stewart, also was sentenced to at least 15 years.

Outside court, Goldman's father, Fred Goldman, and sister, Kim, said they were delighted with the sentence.

"We are thrilled, and it's a bittersweet moment," Fred Goldman said. "It was satisfying seeing him in shackles like he belongs."

The Goldmans took a measure of credit for Simpson's fate, saying their relentless pursuit of his assets to satisfy a \$33.5 million wrongful-death judgment "pushed him over the edge" and led him to commit the robbery to recover some of his sports memorabilia.

Simpson and Stewart were both brought to the courtroom in dark blue jail uniforms, their hands shackled to their waists with chains. Simpson, who looked weary and had not been expected to

speak, delivered a somber statement to the judge.

As he spoke in a hoarse voice, the courtroom was hushed. His two sisters, Shirley Baker and Carmelita Durio, sat in the front row of the courtroom, along with his adult daughter.

Both men were convicted Oct. 3 of 12 criminal charges, including kidnapping and armed robbery. "As stupid and as ill-conceived as it was, it wasn't something that was from this evil mind they teach us about," Simpson attorney Yale Galanter said before sentencing.

"Not bright, not smart, not well thought out, but certainly not from an evil mind," Galanter said. Most of the 63 seats in the courtroom were taken by media, lawyers and family members of the defendants. Fifteen members of the public were also allowed.

After sentencing was over, the Goldmans left the courtroom and Kim threw her arms around her father and wept.

Simpson's sisters declined to comment, but Shirley Baker said on her way out: "It's not over." Jurors who heard 13 days of testimony said after the verdict that they were convinced of Simpson's guilt because of audio recordings that were secretly made of the Sept. 13, 2007, robbery at the Palace Station casino hotel.

The confrontation involved sports memorabilia brokers Alfred Beardsley and Bruce Fromong. It was recorded by collectibles dealer Thomas Riccio, who was acting as middleman.

"Don't let nobody out of this room!" Simpson commands on the recordings, and instructs other men to scoop up items he insists had been stolen from him.

On Tuesday, Glass is scheduled to sentence four former co-defendants who took plea deals and testified against Simpson and Stewart.

Michael McClinton, Charles Cashmore, Walter Alexander and Charles Ehrlich could receive probation or prison time. McClinton could get up to 11 years; the others face less.

## Obama is Natural Born Says Court...

► **Continued from Page 1** Allegations raised on the Internet say the birth certificate, showing that Obama was born in Hawaii on Aug. 4, 1961, is a fake.

But Hawaii Health Department Director Dr. Chiyome Fukino and the state's registrar of vital statistics, Alvin Onaka, say they checked health department records and have determined there's no doubt Obama was born in Hawaii.

The nonpartisan Web site Factcheck.org examined the original document and said it does have a raised seal and the usual evidence of a genuine document.

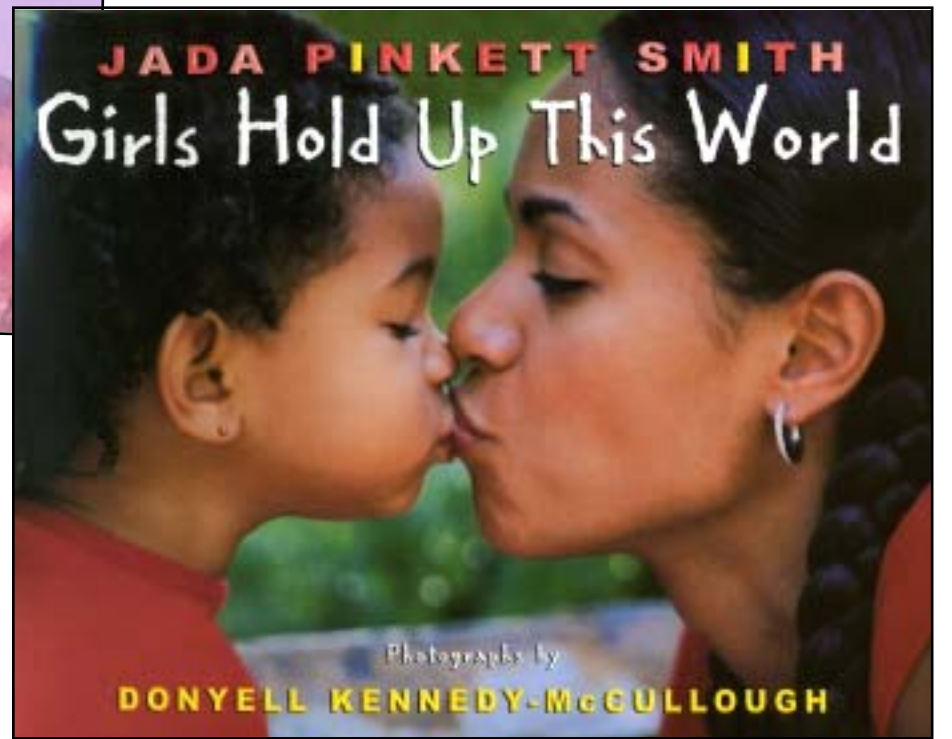
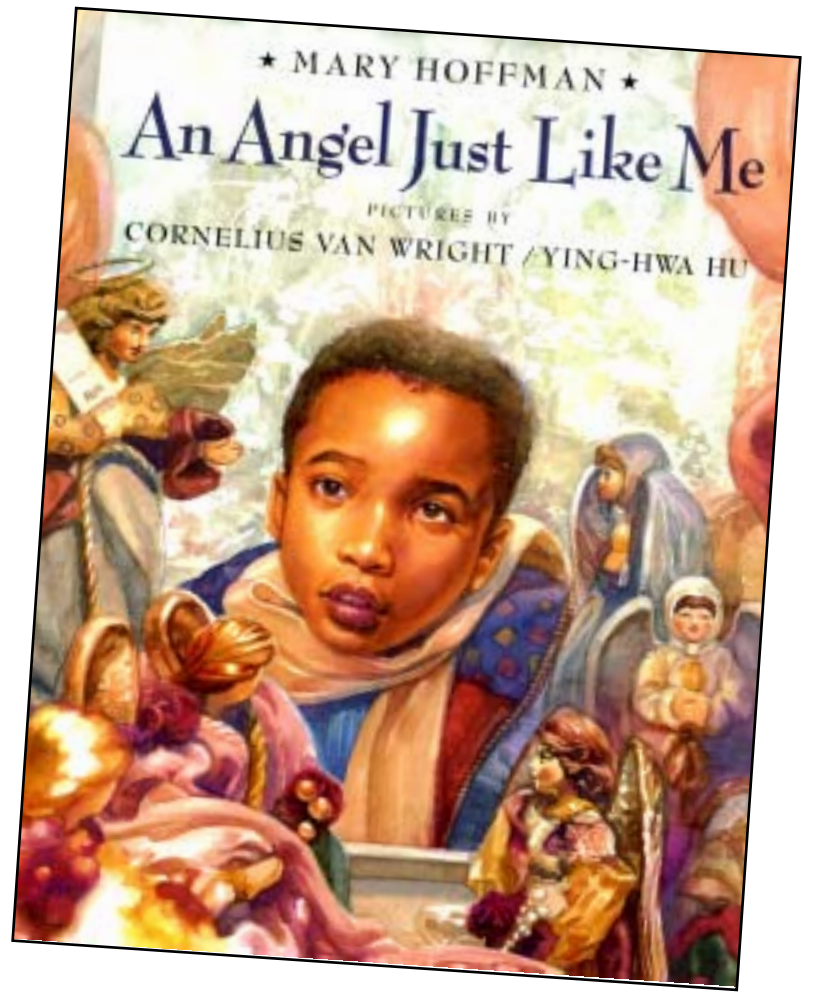
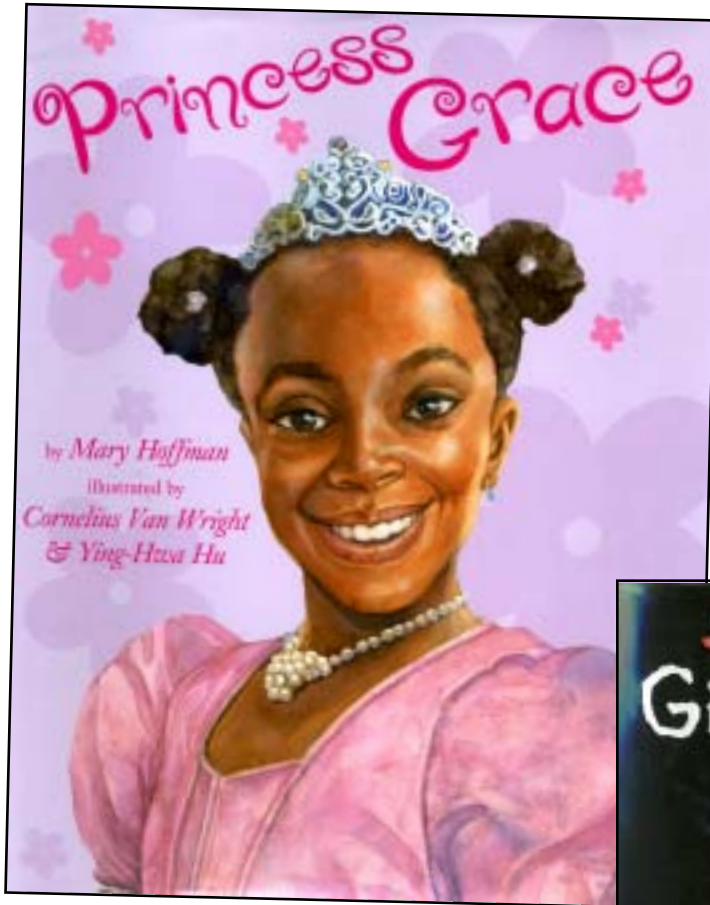
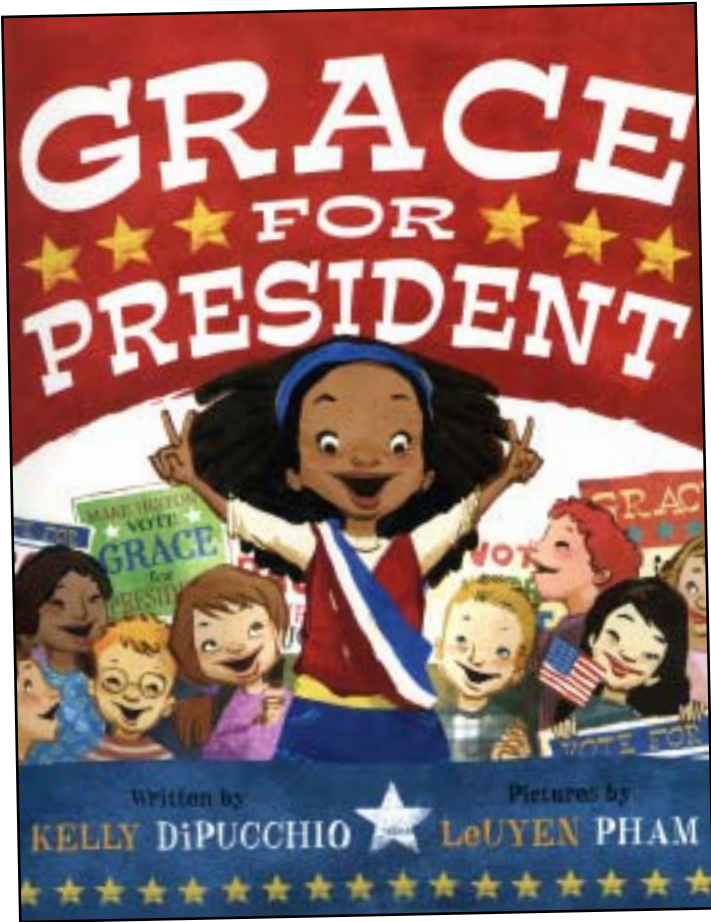
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