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Fresno's African American Community Newspaper

Marvin Howard



Marvin Troy Howard

Local Educator, Advocate Social Columnist Dies at Age 64

Marvin Troy Howard, 64, of Fresno, CA, died Sunday, Dec. 7, 2008 after a long courageous battle with cancer. He was a Fresno Unified School District education administrator for 32 years and the social columnist for the California Advocate Newspaper from 1970 thru 1998. Howard's column was a regular feature of the Advocate. His columns were the 'talk of the town' as he covered most of the social events in the Black community including the Fresno performances of the Ebony Fashion Fair and the Advocate's Drum major For Justice Awards Banquets.

"Marvin had a gift for making people feel glamorous and important and his involvement with our newspaper and our

family will be missed very very much," stated Mark Kimber, second generation publisher of the Advocate.

PLEASE DONATE:

Because of Marvin's long courageous battle with cancer donations are being accepted to help the family pay for memorial and burial services.

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OBITUARY Marvin Troy Howard

Marvin Troy Howard was born June 29, 1944, in Fresno, California. He passed away on December 7, 2008, at Fresno Hinds Hospice Home, after a long and brave battle with cancer.

With patience, compassion and resolve to uphold his dignity, in the face of the sober reality, his wife Ora Howard selflessly tried the best she could to take good care of him at home.

In a serene evening, on November 2, 2008, she led Marvin to Christ. He calmly confessed that he was a sinner, accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and personal Savior, believed that He died on the cross for his sins, and that he was raised from the dead for his personal salvation. He then autographed her Bible. It was a special and silent moment.

As a young boy, Marvin was baptized by the Rev. Henry Y. Gordan, Pastor of Corinth Baptist Church, where he sang in the youth choir. He graduated from Edison High School in 1962. In 1974, he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology and a minor in Psychology from Fresno State University. In 1977, he received his Master of Arts degree in Administration from Fresno Pacific College. As an educator, he had a long career with Fresno Unified School District. During a span of 32 years, he assumed different titles and roles. At Ryle Elementary School: Vice Principal, Resource Teacher and Program Manager; Homan Elementary School; Guidance Instructional Specialist; Teacher on Special Assignment for Restart Independent Study Program; and Transition Specialist for Alternative Education Programs. He retired January 1, 2006.

Marvin was a community activist. He loved others and provided any as-

sistance, if possible. He was a member of many professional organizations. McCaffrey & Imani Scholarship and African American Educators were a few of his favorite ones. He received many special awards, from African American Educators, Association of California School Administrators, Cesar Chavez, California Advocate Newspaper, The Fresno chapter of the Links, and from many other organizations.

**IN TRIBUTE TO
Marvin Troy Howard
the Advocate has published
two vintage Marvin Howard
Advocate Social Columns
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Marvin was preceded in death by his grandmother Carrie Lee Howard and grandfather, Moses Howard; his two brothers, Timothy Lynn Miller and Larry Eugene Miller.

He is survived by his mother, Istaka Miller, of Stockton, his wife, Ora Howard of Fresno; his son Jordan Howard of Fresno; His four brothers; Haamid Jaavaid of Oakland, Robert Miller of Stockton, Bernard Miller of Stockton, and Steve Miller of Stockton; his five sisters Marlon Jones and husband Lee Jones of Fresno, Shirley Knuckles of Tempe, Az, Rasheeda Blake of Richmond Ca; His cousin Janice Anderson and her husband Anthony of Fresno, , plus many nieces, nephews and friends

Celebration of Life:

11 a.m. Dec. 22
Northwest Church
Fresno, CA

Obama to Jolt Economy with \$850 Billion



Obama

WASHINGTON (AP) –

Eager to jolt a worsening economy back to life, President-elect Barack Obama's aides

are assembling a two-year stimulus package that could cost \$850 billion with a blend of

new jobs, middle-class tax relief and expanded aid for the poor and the unemployed.

Obama has not settled on a grand total, and the final figure could be smaller. But after consulting with

outside economists of all political stripes, his advisers have begun telling Congress the stimulus should be bigger than the \$600 billion initially envisioned, congressional

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ADVOCATE FOUNDERS WIN NATIONAL AWARD FROM GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

California Advocate Newspaper Founder's Lesly & Pauline Kimber received the Meritorious Award (second highest national honor given by The Afro-American Historical And Genealogical Society, Inc.) Above photo L-R: Martha Jones (V.P. Genealogist); Lawanda Reed (V.P. Historian); Pauline and Lesly Kimber (Founders of California Advocate) & Denise Lancaster-Young, President. (SEE STORY ON PAGE 9)

Rwandan Convicted of 1994 Genocide

PARIS –

A senior Rwandan military officer charged with being one of the masterminds of the 1994 slaughter in Rwanda in which bands of Hutus massacred hundreds

of thousands of Tutsis and moderate Hutus was convicted by a United Nations court in Tanzania of genocide on Thursday and sentenced to life in prison. In a statement, the United

Nations tribunal said that it had sentenced the officer, Col. Theoneste Bagosora, and his accomplices, two other Rwandan military officers who were also on tri-

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Two Parent Black Families On The Rise

The number of black children being raised by two parents appears to be edging higher than at any time in a generation, at nearly 40 percent, according to newly released census data.

Demographers said such a trend might be partly at-

tributable to the growing proportion of immigrants in the nation's black population. It may have been driven, too, by the values of an emerging black middle class, a trend that could be jeopardized by the current economic meltdown.

The Census Bureau attributed an indeterminate amount of the increase to revised definitions adopted in 2007, which identify as parents any man and woman living together, whether or not they are married or the

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Aretha Franklin to Sing at Obama Inauguration

BY PAULINE JELINEK

WASHINGTON (AP) –

Aretha Franklin will sing, the Rev. Rick Warren will pray and more than 11,000 U.S. troops will be watching over inauguration ceremonies in case of an attack during President-elect Barack Obama's swearing-in on Jan. 20.

As many as 4 million visitors are expected to be on

hand when Obama takes the noontime oath from Chief Justice John Roberts on the steps of the Capitol.

Some 4,000 local police, 4,000 police from around the country and security agents from other government agencies will be on hand, taking direction from the Secret Service. About 7,500 active duty military and 4,000 National Guard

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Aretha Franklin



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Friday, January 16, 2009 – Opening Garlanding Ceremony (12:00-1:00pm). Location: Fresno County Courthouse Park (at MLK Bust), 1100 Van Ness Ave. Opening Ceremony. Please bring flowers. Contact: Dr. Sudarshan Kapoor (559) 435-2212 or Gail Gaston (559) 681-3140.

Friday, January 16, 2009 – Award Reception (6:00-7:30pm / Program begins at 6:30pm). Location: African American Museum, 1857 Fulton Ave. Reception to honor awardees for outstanding service to the community in five categories: 1) Business 2) Organization 3) Youth 4) Female, and 5) Male. Contact: Julia Dudley (559) 352-1444.

Saturday, January 17, 2009 – Community Breakfast (Breakfast served at 8:30am / Program starts at 9:30am). Location: Clovis Veterans Memorial Building, 453 Hughes Ave, Clovis (Hughes & Fifth Street). Come enjoy food, entertainment, and Keynote Speaker Pastor Steve Davidson from Clovis Hills Church. Tickets: \$5.00 each in advance (tables of 8 available) & canned food donations to benefit the Clovis Salvation Army. Contact: Caroline Carlson (559) 324-2416 at Clovis Police Department or Gail Gaston (559)681-3140.

Saturday, January 17, 2009 – All Faith Service (4:00-6:00pm). Location: 2nd Baptist Church, 1041 E. Jensen Ave. (Jensen & MLK Blvd) Various beloved community speakers, spiritual leaders, and musical talent. Contact: Dr Sudarshan Kapoor (559) 435-2212 or Rev. Bruce McAlister (559) 227-9819.

Sunday, January 18, 2009 – Candlelight Vigil (5:00-6:00pm). Location: Saints Rest Missionary Baptist Church, 1550 E. Rev Chester Riggins Ave. Enjoy a variety of community speakers & musical performances. Contact: Dr. David Howard (559) 277-9552, Pastor Rufus Fruge (559) 347-8217, or Janet Capella (559) 974-1824.

Monday, January 19, 2009 – March and "Mountain of Food" Collection (9:15-10:45am). Location: St. John's Cathedral, 2814 Mariposa Ave. Marchers assemble at 9:15AM. March begins at 10:00AM, ending at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium for Commemoration Program. "Mountain of Food" will be collected at St. John's Cathedral. Contact: Enrique Reade (559) 940-2159, Bishop John Sims (559) 351-9524, or James Leftill (559) 284-6420.

Monday, January 19, 2009 – Commemoration Program (10:45am-12:00pm) Location: Veterans Memorial Auditorium, 2425 Fresno St. Commemoration program featuring inspirational speakers and musical talent. Contact: Julia Dudley (559) 352-1444 or Bishop John Sims (559) 351-9524.

Monday, January 19, 2009 – Fresno Falcons Hockey in collaboration with Fresno MLK Unity Committee and HandsOn Central California. Location: Selland Arena. Doors open at 12:00PM / Game starts at 1:05pm. Fresno Falcons vs. Utah Grizzlies Game honoring Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and volunteers throughout the Valley. All Tickets 1/2 price. Contact: Fresno Falcons Ticket Office (559) 485-PUCK (7825).

Thursday, February 12, 2009 – Student Art Exhibition/Reception (Reception 4:00PM / Program 5:00PM). Location: Fresno Metropolitan Museum, 1515 Van Ness Ave. Honoring student speech, essay, and art winners from Fresno and Clovis Unified, and other Fresno County School Districts. Art on display January 27-February 22, 2009. Contact: Shirley Hargis (559)265-3060.

FRESNO MLK UNITY COMMITTEE

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'RUN FOR THE DREAM' INDOOR TRACK MEET

The "Run for the Dream" Track Meet is scheduled indoor Track Meet is scheduled for January 19, 2009, in the beautiful Save Mart Center on campus at Fresno State College.

The "Run for the Dream" Track Meet is about building up the sport of Track and Field in California, and developing the potential the San Joaquin Valley has for youth involvement in the sport.

Activities will include Collegiate Competition, California vs. Texas High schools, Evening with the Stars, Banquet of Champions, Mini Reunions, World Class Competitions, and The Fastest Kids contest.

Opportunities for parents, athletes and teachers to experience the potential Track & Field offers to fight to epidemic of obesity, diabetes and more.

The "Run for the Dream" Committee has members that represent city schools, county schools, medical organizations, valley cities, agribusiness, college professors, ministers, the media, and former National Champions and Olympians.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

What's Going On in Our Community

Drinking Water for Homeless

Drinking water donations needed for the Fresno homeless population. Call 559-251-0540 or 559-270-1023 for water pick-up arrangements. Project contact persons: Dr. Jean Kennedy and Ms Rene Zen. Need volunteers.

Creating Dynamic Films"

Emmy Award-winning documentary maker Ric Burns will speak on "Creating Dynamic Films" on Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 10:30 a.m. at the Saroyan Theatre, 700 M Street, Fresno, presented by the San Joaquin Valley Town Hall lecture series. Burns collaborated with his brother Ken on PBS' "The Civil War" and created the eight-part "New York" series. For tickets, contact (559) 444-2189 or www.valleytownhall.com or the box office on the day of the event.

Saints Rest Missionary Baptist Church would like to extend a helping hand to families who are experiencing difficult times and need help during this Christmas Season by hosting a

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January to December

By Pauline Kimber

“A land which the Lord thy God careth for: the eyes of the Lord thy God are always upon it from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year.”

– Deuteronomy 11:12

This is so exciting... Do you wonder what God has planned for you in 2009? He chose you... He anointed you... He appointed you... and he ordained you... to do something really special this year... And, his loving eyes are always upon you. Just imagine!

Let's look at this scripture again.

“A land (a family, a person, a business, a ministry) which God cares for (loves, provides for, have mercy on, have compassion for): his eyes are always on it (he is always watching over it) from the beginning of the year (January) even to the end of the year (December).

By the way, how was 2007 with you... Was it a good year for you and yours... Or, are you glad it's over... Well, today is the first day of the rest of your life. Anyway, we cannot change what has happened, but we can do something about today, and the things we can control, and our *response* to those things which we cannot control.

Paul said it this way:

“...Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before”, Philippians 3:13b.

Paul is telling the Philippians to forget the past and start looking ahead. Paul had negative memories of his own, but he learned to put them behind him, and move on in God's program for his life. It could be interpreted: “Get a life”. You don't have the luxury of wallowing in self-pity, or fretting about a bad decision you made last year. Just start today doing better.

Excuse me, the telephone.

As I am writing this, Taylor (Granddaughter No. 3) calls to ask for help in putting the word “pertinent” in a sentence. When I determine that she has a good understanding of the meaning of the word, (and that Grandma does too), we work together to form a sentence... which went something like, “It is pertinent that our soccer team practices if we expect to win the game”. Now, I cannot get “pertinent” off my mind.. Thanks Taylor.. Now we gotta talk about “pertinent”. How about this... here goes:

Q: What is pertinent (highly significant, very important) to becoming “A land which the Lord our God cares for?”

This is a quick open-book pop-quiz... E-a-s-y!

Let's see... God loves and cares for those who keep his commandments. He loves and cares for those who are doers of his word. He said “If ye abide in me, and my word abide in you, ye shall ask what you will, and it shall be done unto you” John 15:7. I got it...

A: Obedience. Study and obey.

This book of Deuteronomy emphasizes the blessings of obedience and the curse of disobedience. Everything depends on obedience; (a) life itself, (b) possession of the land, (c) victory over the enemy, (d) prosperity. This is Deuteronomy 11:8-9. Read the entire 11th chapter.

Verses 18 and 19 says:

1. Let your hearts be filled with the Word of God.
2. Let your eyes be fixed on the Word of God.
3. Let your tongue be employed about the Word of God.

Now, beginning this month of January 2008, let us concentrate on what is important... Loving God and loving our fellowman. Then, because we have so much to look forward to, the salvation of our families, our neighbors, the world, and the blessed hope of the return of Christ the bridegroom for His Bride, the Church.

“For I know the thoughts I have for you, the plans to prosper you and not to harm, plans to give you hope and a future”. Jeremiah 29:11

God wants you to know this, beginning January 2008: His eyes are always upon you. He is concerned about your home, your family, your job, the fears you have, the heartaches you haven't told anyone about. He know, He sees, He loves you... from January 1 until December 31... every year... then he starts all over. He is so wonderful.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life”.

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

BET's 106 & Park Presents: Generation Gospel Debuts Jan. 11

Network to Premiere Brand New Faith-Based Music Video Show Hosted By Gospel Artists Angel from Tri-ni-tee 5:7 and Jorel from 21:03

On Sunday, January 11 at 12:00 p.m., BET's hit music countdown show 106 & Park leaps out on faith with the premiere of its new weekly spin-off, 106 & Park Presents: Generation Gospel. Hosted by Angel Taylor from the Stellar Award-winning gospel group Tri-ni-tee 5:7 and Jorel Quinn from the hip hop gospel group 21:03, Generation Gospel will feature a LIVE studio audience, the hottest music videos sweeping the faith-based community, celebrity guests, inter-active choir battles, exclusive packages and much more.

“Black entertainment in effect started with Gospel music and Gospel will always be in its fiber,” said Stephen G. Hill, President of Programming, BET Networks. “What's exciting is how the youth have taken the hottest rhythms and beats, mixed it with classic gospel sound and put their own stamp on the music and spirit. Generation

Gospel will give the viewers contemporary gospel sights and sounds like no other show on television--get ready!”

106 & Park Presents: Generation Gospel will kick off its premiere episode with performances by the dynamic Pastor Marvin Sapp, Stellar Award and Dove Award winner Kierra Sheard and more. Adding to the 106 & Park brand and providing viewers with a broader look at what's going on in and around the pulpit, Generation Gospel will feature weekly news, lifestyle and underground segments from across the country by some of today's favorite gospel artists and show correspondents, like Tye Tribbett, Kiki Sheard, and Sunday Best finalist Jermaine Sellers. 106 & Park Presents: Generation Gospel is poised to be a vehicle to spotlight the most sought-after stars and up-and-coming acts in the genre, as it sets out to entertain, inspire, and uplift.

106 & Park Presents: Generation Gospel Lifestyle Segments:

“Churchin' with JJ” -- The actor-comedian finds the funny in all things about the church.

“Tye's Tidbits” -- Stellar Award winner Tye Tribbett presents the latest in news and happenings in the gospel world.

“Sellin' You the Bizness” -- Sunday Best finalist Jermaine Sellers is our man on the street, talking to real people and covering hot topics from New Year's resolutions to the new President.

“Lifestyles with Kiki” -- From fashion to fitness, Stellar Award and Dove Award winner Kiki Sheard brings a fresh, energetic and spiritual perspective to issues that relate to her peers.

“The Underground” -- Stellar Award nominee Irocc brings viewers the latest trends happening in the underground and the holy hip hop church movement.

106 & Park Presents: Generation Gospel is executive produced by Marilyn Gill and Holly Carter. Connie Orlando (VP of Development) and Eugene Caldwell (VP of Production) are supervising producers, and Stephen Hill (President of Programming) serves as executive in charge for BET. For more on 106 & Park Presents: Generation Gospel, please visit bet.com/generationgospel

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– Psalm 119:165

Reprint of Marvin Howard's columns in the California Advocate

Advocate Hosts Third Annual 'Drum Major' Awards

By MARVIN HOWARD,
FEBRUARY 3, 1993



The California Advocate Newspaper, in conjunction with KFSN-TV 30 and Pacific Gas and Electric Company, hosted the third annual Drum Major for Justice Award Banquet.

Approximately 400 people attended the black-tie, \$40 per person event held in the ballroom of the Fresno Hilton.

Fresno City Councilman Les Kimber and lovely wife Pauline were at the helm to introduce and host the event. Mrs. Kimber was draped in a black off the shoulder gown with gold ruffles down the side. Their son Mark, general manager of the newspaper, helped spearhead the affair.

Retired U.S. Congressman Parren Mitchell from the state of Maryland was the 1988 award recipient and keynote speaker. He

spoke eloquently about his political career, various forms of racism that exist today, and his own scars. Most obvious of all, though, it was his strong commitment to continuing the struggle for justice for all, and to holding up the banner of integrity and hope.

A huge ice carving of a liberty bell, graced by two peace doves of ice on top was the centerpiece of the social hour in the foyer as the sounds of the Bobby Logan combo filled the air.

Some of those attending the awards banquet were Dr. and Mrs. Denard Fobbs, Mrs. Ora Jackson, my wife Ora, wearing a Bob Mackie sequined gown, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Williams, Dr. & Mrs. Ulysses Curry, Principal V. Jean Williams, Mr. Al Boyd, Mrs. Louise Miroyan, Mr. Tom Brown, Mr. & Mrs. Elijah Brewer, Mr. Odell Johnson, Sr. and Mrs. Evelyn Fouqua, Congressman Rick Lehman, Assemblyman Jim Costa, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Zinkin, Mayor and Mrs. Dale Doig. . . the Mayor gave a key to the city to Congressman Mitchell, Mr. Jimmy Carter, Mr. Kirkus

Burks, Mrs. Doris Bugg, Mr. and Mrs. Lonzell Williams, Mrs. Josephine Long, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Johnson, Ms. JoAnn Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford Gaston, Mr. Charles Hodge and pretty daughter Sharla, a coed at Howard University, Mr. and Mrs. Felix

Hawkins, Mrs. Elma Sterling, Rev. and Mrs. Matthew Daw, Mrs. Pat Mohair, Principal Omie Cormier, Rev. Chester Riggins, and the list goes on.

Others joining in the festive evening which honored Dr. Martin Luther King throughout were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Logan, Mr. Jeff Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan Lloyd, Supervisor Betty Ramacher and hubby Richard, head of local PG&E with four tables from his firm, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Edwards, head of KFSN-TV 30, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Boutte and Mr. and Mrs. Al Boutte, Mr. Earl Meyers, Mrs. Patsy Perry and Mrs. Darlynnne Michael were dynamic guest performers with their outstanding and professional singing.

And there were more, City Manager and Mrs. Jim Aldredge, NAACP president Bill Riddlesprigger and wife Paulette, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Day, Mr. and Mrs. Ron McNair, Mr. and Mrs. Kehinde Solwazi, Mr. Ray Johnson with pretty daughter Stacey and tall handsome son Rodney, Mr. and Mrs. Ellington Jordan, Police Capt. L.H. McDaniel and lovely daughter, Sandra Dailey and her entire table from Pacific Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Michaux, Mr. and Mrs. Al Alarcon, Rev. and Noe Lopez, Mr. and Mrs. John Ethridge, Mrs. Joyce Sauser and Mr. Jess Ackles, Mrs. Annie Lee Cropps, Mr. and

Mrs. Charles Francis, Mrs. Alma Johnson, Dr. and Mrs. Fonte, Ruth Gadebusch and her husband, Councilman and Mrs. Chris Petersen, Councilwoman Karen Humphrey and husband Ken, Dr. Su Kapoor, Rev. Walt Parry, Mr. Wally Porter, and there were many more at tables from Fresno State University, Bank of America, Chamber of Commerce, McDonald's, Pepsi, Congressman Tony Coelho, Chihuahua, . . .

The California State Assembly also presented the Congressman with a huge framed Resolution from the state body extolling his accomplishments and congratulating him as the California Advocate Newspaper's Drum Major for 1988. Jim Costa made the presentation.

All of the Kimbers, Les, Pauline and Mark, were at the podium to present the coveted Drum Major for Justice award to Congressman Mitchell. It was great...the Congressman was fantastic, and you should have been there.

The California Advocate would like to thank everyone for attending the affair which was truly enjoyed by all, as witnessed by the comments after the affair and the swarm of guests around the Congressman getting his autograph and having pictures taken.

We all anxiously await next year.

Astros Hold Wine Tasting and Art Show

By MARVIN HOWARD,
DECEMBER 15, 1978

The Astros of Fresno recently held an Art Show and Wine Tasting at the spacious redwood home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Michaux. Mrs. Michaux wore a chocolate colored gown and looked very lovely as she helped lovely Astros hostesses, Ora Ashley, Retha Newsome, Regina Alexander and Mabel Belton show the invitational guests throughout the home to view the sculptors and art pieces. Throughout the redwood home hung the artwork of the Khumba Art Organizations. Paintings by Archie Weaver, Rudy Gant, Buzz Ward, Mark Teemer, Bridgette Revis, Dorothy Williams Coleman. Sculptors by Ron Revis, Mark Teemer were among the Khumba Art Exhibits. Wine, Fresh apples, cheese and French bread, adorned the dining room table. The Sunday afternoon affair was attended by "art buffs" and people who find cultural activities stimulating.

The quiet sounds of jazz and other classical musicians rang softly throughout the loft and the redwood dwelling.

Among the special guests were Dr. and Mrs. George Bugg (Doris expecting again in March). Mae E. Johnson who purchased two of Mr. Revis's sculptors at a price I won't REVEAL lovely Ann Johnston purchased several art pieces and a Juanita Poe original, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jones... Marlon constantly into hubby Lee's back pocket for more money to purchase the art... She bought three and had them framed. Dr. Harold Grooms, Fresno's new physician, Mr. Robert Smith, lovely Jean Williams and Violet Cargill... Both ladies bought art work, Fannie Hayes, Vern McCullar, Michael Riddlesprigger, Mr. Ralph Porter, Dr. Moy

Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parker from Merced, Mrs. Flo Atwater, Mrs. Alice Smith, Mrs. LaFay Jay, Lucille Rash, Edna Overall, Josephine Andrews, Jacque Boutte Hall from Oakland, Carmel Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Riggins all enjoyed and made many comments about the show. Doris Michaux loves art so artists Weaver and Coleman displayed several of their works in strategic places that would enhance the couples' home. Doris especially liked one that hung in her bedroom so much that she purchased it among others.

The Michaux's home looked like an art gallery and the guests enjoyed the fine hospitality of the handsome couple and they're looking forward to the next presentation. The Astros have tentatively scheduled a spring showing.

Many THANKS to Sam and Doris for allowing both organizations to use their lovely home for the superb affair.

Birthday Congratulations - Happy Birthday

Marlon Jones, Mae E. Johnson, Curtis Hurd, Robert Edmonds, Henry Jules, Mattie Meyers who celebrated birthdays in November and December and lets not forget Ann Johnston, Diane Hunt and all those other Birthday folks.

Anniversary Party -

A small quaint catered dinner to celebrate the engagement two years ago of Doris Bugg was held recently in their beautiful home on Van Ness Extension. The Doc invited a few of the folks who were at the original engagement party over to enjoy the delicious meal prepared by Curtis Hurd. Among those wishing the couple many more years of success and happiness were: Ms. Joyce Pound, Preston

and Michelle, Cheryl Taylor and sister Phyllis Jackie, Al Boyd and Retha Newsome, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Hurd, Jerry and Sharon, Buzz Ward and Yours Truly. The guests enjoyed an elegant dinner consisting of cornish hens, wild rice, vegetables, rolls and sweet potato pie. Doris received many lovely gifts and of course the 'Doc' showed out, pranced around.

"Wedding Bells Rung Loud"

'Over one-hundred-fifty guests attended the garden wedding of the former Ethel Henderson to Mr. Willie Travis Jones. The Rev. Chester Riggins conducted the ceremony. The elegant soul-food buffet dinner was enjoyed by many who probably ate too much and everybody who like potato salad, greens, ribs, chicken and all those goodies that makes a wedding a wedding. Cocktails and champagne were on hand and the lovely couple are probably still opening their many gifts. Those in attendance were Mrs. Bertha Iams, Helen and Jeff Davis, Faye Kirkland, Juanita Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Peoples, Mary Edith Frierson, Elloren Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Prosser, Mr. and Mrs. James Prescott, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Littlefield, Mr. and Mrs. Elijas Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Brewer, Mrs. Rose Lee Mifes, Mrs. Ldestine Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Soldener Ison, Louise McCullough, Mr. Tim Ayers, LaVera Williams, Dr. and Mrs. G.E. Behn from Chicago... the brides uncle, Mrs. Flo Atwater, Dorothy Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Jones from Sacramento, Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dansky, Marion Brown, Oprelin Block, Jeff Moore, Jessie Mae Brown, Mr. Colin Montgomery, Virginia Brown were among the hundreds who attended

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She prepared roast beef, lasagna, vegetables, rolls and for dessert coffee and cake. We all enjoyed the cocktail hour the delicious food and the warm hospitality of "Flow".

Kimber's Entertain Lemoore Commander -

Les and Pauline Kimber, publisher and editor respectively, held a dinner party recently for new Lemoore Commander Robert Ferguson. It so happens that Mrs. Kimber and the Commander were schoolmates in elementary and junior high school in Southern California. Mrs. Kimber's father, Odell Johnson, Sr., was elated to see "young Robert" again, especially with his new title. So it was a time for celebration and reminiscing.

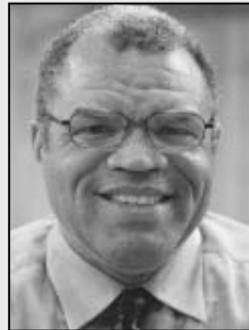
Congratulations to you, Commander Ferguson...we can appreciate what it takes to excel.

Next issue - Beauty Box Hair and Fashion Show - The Models the Entertainment and the Show.

Ciao - Merry Christmas Troy

Notes on a Scorecard

By CRAIG REID
SPORTS WRITER



First of all, let's remember that the holiday season is upon us. So please eat a turkey. Don't be one! That way, I'll be here to write and you'll be here to read, my next column. Meanwhile:

ON CHRISTMAS THE CELTICS WILL BAH HUMBUG THE LAKERS

For the second year in a row, I am not going to make too many people here in the valley happy when I prognosticate what to me is the obvious.

The Boston Celtics are still a better team than the Los Angeles Lakers.

On Christmas day, the storied NBA rivals will meet for the first time since Boston beat L.A. in last year's National Basketball Association Championship series.

For the last three months, I have heard so much hope among Central Valley residents since the Lakers have their gifted 7 foot, 285 pound center Andrew Bynum back. Last year's left kneecap injury that prevented him from playing against the Celts and the Lakers got spanked on the backboards.

Bynum's return allows Pau Gasol to return to his natural power forward position instead of the more physically demanding center spot where he was pushed around by seemingly all the Celtics in last year's title tussle. Thus, Valley Laker fans feel their team now has what it takes to reverse last year's championship outcome.

Furthermore, Lakers fans opine, that yet another positive derivative of Bynum's return will be the opportunity for 6'10 forward Lamar Odom to be one of the league's premier sixth men and prosper without having to the shoulder pressure that he can't really stand of coming up big in big games as a key member of the Lakers starting five.

If that's not enough, there is the return to health of versatile small forward Trevor Ariza who is tough on defense and a natural scorer. In summation, valley Laker fans stress that the aforementioned factors point to getting over the hump in a return match with Boston in this year's NBA finals.

Oh yea. The valley Laker fans would skewer me if I did not mention that L.A. features the Association's best player since Michael "Air" Jordan retired, Kobe Bryant.

I'm dumb but I'm not crazy.

I know what Kobe can do. But to win a championship "It Takes Two," like Marvin and Tammy used to sing. Two as in "Bird and McHale," "Jordan and Pippen," "Duncan and Ginobili," and "Kobe and Shaq."

History does feature exceptions to the "two superstar rule" such as Bill Russell's Boston Celtics and Rasheed Wallace's Detroit Pistons.

However, the Lakers aren't as rough and tough in totality as those two squads to become a third exception.

As for Boston. They lost their most valuable player off of the bench and in the locker room, when 6'8 swingman James Posey signed a four year \$25 million dollar free agent contract with New Orleans during the off-season.

Nonetheless, yours truly feels that the following Boston stranglers are irrefutable:

A) Celtic Head Coach Glen "Doc" Rivers as a motivator and leader combines with the NBA's brightest defensive coaching mind, assistant Tom Thibodeau to join Larry Brown and Greg Popovich as the only coaching minds that can beat Lakers' coaching immortal Phil Jackson down board.

B) As for the all important point guard battle. Neither neither old Derek Fisher nor young Jordan Farmar are swift enough a foot to keep Celtics' point guard Rajon Rondo from driving anywhere, anytime he wants.

This means the Lakers cannot take advantage of Rondo's only weakness which is;

A) below par jump shot because if they play off of him, he still dribbles straight down the lane and sets up Paul Pierce, Kevin Garnett, Kendrick Perkins, Leon Powe, the Boston Garden ushers, ball boys, and anybody else wearing green.

B) On defense Rondo exposes Fisher as a spot up jump shooter disguised as a point guard and he can throw Farmar off his game just slightly enough

C) Paul Pierce is closer to Kobe Bryant in terms of offensive weaponry than Bryant is to Pierce in terms of physicality.

D) Kevin Garnett finally got the "he is one of the Association's best players never to never to win a championship" monkey of his back last year. He didn't have a bad championship series last year with all the aforementioned pressure.

This year look out.

Furthermore, do not underestimate the impact of Garnett having the greatest Celtic and basketball player of all time Bill "11 titles in 13 years" Russell as his mentor. (That was for my boy Nate "That's Why They Keep Score" Simpson!)

E) Boston will have the home court advantage.

F) Finally, just as the defending champion New York Giants exacted their anger on the other National Football League teams this year because of the national media attitude that the Dallas Cowboys would beat the Giants without even considering New York's defending champion status, the Celtics have not taken too kindly to all of the nationwide talk about this year's Laker squad winning it all.



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Obama to Jolt Economy with \$850 Billion...

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officials said Wednesday.

Obama is promoting a recovery plan that would feature spending on roads and other infrastructure projects, energy-efficient government buildings, new and renovated schools and environmentally friendly technologies.

There would also be some form of tax relief, according to the Obama team, which is well aware of the political difficulty of pushing such a large package through Congress, even in a time of recession. Any tax cuts would be aimed at middle- and lower-income taxpayers, and aides have said there would be no tax increases for wealthy Americans.

While some economists consulted by Obama's team recommended spending of up to \$1 trillion over two years, a more likely figure seems to be \$850 billion. There is concern that a package that looks too large could worry financial markets, and the incoming economic team also wants to signal fiscal restraint.

In addition to spending on roads, bridges and similar construction projects, Obama is expected to seek additional funds for numerous programs that experience increased demand when joblessness rises, one Democratic official said.

Among those programs are food stamps and other nutrition programs, health insurance, unemployment insurance and job training programs.

Obama advisers, includ-

ing Christina Romer and Lawrence Summers, have been contacting economists from across the political spectrum in search of advice as they assemble a spending plan that would meet Obama's goal of preserving or creating 2.5 million jobs over two years.

Among those whose opinions Obama sought were Lawrence B. Lindsey, a top economic adviser to President George W. Bush during his first term, and Harvard professor Martin Feldstein, an informal adviser to John McCain and the chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers under President Ronald Reagan.

Feldstein recommended a \$400 billion investment in one year, Obama aides said, and Lindsey said the package should be in the range of \$800 billion to \$1 trillion. The aides revealed the discussions on condition of anonymity because no decisions had been reached.

"I do recommend \$400 billion in year one and expect a similar amount in year two," Feldstein said in an e-mail. "The right amount depends on how it is used."

Lindsey could not be reached.

Obama aides also pointed to recommendations by Mark Zandi, the lead economist at Moody's Economy.com and an informal McCain adviser who has been proposing a \$600 billion plan.

"I would err on the side of making it larger than making it smaller," Zandi said in an interview. "The size of

the plan depends on the forecast – the economic outlook – and that is darkening by the day."

"Even a trillion is not inconceivable," he said.

Only one outside economist contacted by Obama aides, Harvard's Greg Mankiw, who served on Bush's Council of Economic Advisers, voiced skepticism about the need for an economic stimulus, transition officials said.

The advisers say they agree with economic forecasts that predict that without a government infusion unemployment will rise above 9% and not begin to come down until 2011.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said Wednesday that Obama has indicated that Congress will get his recovery recommendations by the first of the year.

"He's going to get that to us very quickly and so we would hope within the first 10 days to two weeks that he's in office, that is after Jan. 20, that we could pass the stimulus plan," Reid said. "We want to do it very quickly."

In a letter to Peter Orszag, Obama's choice to be White House budget chief, Reid asked, among other things, that the stimulus package include tax relief for middle-class families, including a reduction in rates and an extension of the child tax credit.

Obama's aides have said they hope to work with Republicans in writing the bill, particularly in the Senate, where the GOP could slow

action if it chooses. This week, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Democrats were preparing their own recovery bill in the range of \$600 billion, blending immediate steps to counter the slumping economy with longer-term federal spending that encompasses Obama's plan.

A stimulus package that approaches \$1 trillion could run into significant Republican opposition in Congress. It also could cause heartburn for moderate and conservative Democratic lawmakers, known as Blue Dogs, who oppose large budget deficits.

"Republicans want to work with the president-elect to help get our economy on the path to recovery, but we have grave reservations about taking \$1 trillion from struggling taxpayers and spending it on government programs in the name of economic 'stimulus,'" House Republican leader John Boehner said in a statement.

In February, Congress passed an economic stimulus bill costing \$168 billion and featuring \$600 tax rebates for most individual taxpayers and tax breaks for businesses. Pelosi largely bowed to Bush's insistence to keep the measure free of spending on federal projects.

The upcoming effort would dwarf that earlier measure as well as a \$61 billion stimulus bill the House passed just before adjourning for the elections. That measure died after a Bush veto threat and GOP opposition in the Senate.

GM Is Likely to File for Bankruptcy

BY CAROLINE SALAS

General Motors is likely to file for bankruptcy protection with government backing, giving bondholders a recovery of more than 25 cents on the dollar, according to Moody's Investors Service.

There is a 70 percent probability that the restructuring plan for U.S. automakers will consist of a prepackaged bankruptcy financed by government loans to get GM and Chrysler through to 2009, Moody's said in a report dated Dec. 15. Under that scenario, bondholders would be likely to lose less than 75 percent of their investment, Moody's said.

The Moody's assessment comes as the White House weighs a bailout of the automakers. GM and Chrysler are seeking \$14 billion in federal funds to keep operating through the first quarter of next year. GM debt traded yesterday for as little as 7.7 cents on the dollar, so if Moody's recovery prediction is right, bondholders stand to gain.

"We believe the potential loss for creditors under this scenario would exceed the loss that would occur in a scenario where the restructuring did not involve a bankruptcy filing, but will probably be less than the 75-100 percent range associated with a freefall

bankruptcy scenario," Moody's analysts Mike Mulvaney and Bruce Clark wrote in the report.

Moody's assigned a 25 percent probability that the United States will bail out the automakers with no bankruptcy, and a 5 percent chance the automakers will go bankrupt without government assistance.

The Bush administration agreed Friday to consider aid options, including use of the Treasury's Troubled Asset Relief Program, after Senate Republicans refused to take up the plan passed by the House earlier in the week.

Sen. Bob Corker (R-Tenn.), who tried to broker the failed Senate compromise legislation, proposed a plan that would require automakers to offer bondholders

30 cents on the dollar and set wages similar to those paid by foreign companies such as Volkswagen.

"We think there is a declining level of support for the initial plan discussed, in which it was the view of auto manufacturers that they are on the right track and the problem is one of liquidity," Clark said on a conference call with reporters yesterday.

Ford isn't seeking short-term U.S. aid and said in a statement that it "fully supports and appreciates" the administration's effort to help automakers.

2 Parent Black Families Make On The Rise...

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child's biological parents.

According to the bureau's estimates, the number of black children living with two parents was 59 percent in 1970, falling to 42 percent in 1980, 38 percent in 1990 and 35 percent in 2004. In 2007, the latest year for which data is available, it was 40 percent.

For non-Hispanic whites, the figure in 2007 was 77 percent, down from 90 percent in 1970.

While expressing skepticism about an increase so large in so short time in the number of black children living with two parents, a number of experts said the shift was potentially significant.

"It's a positive change," said Prof. Robert J. Sampson, the chairman of Harvard's sociology department. "It's been hidden."

The 2007 figure, itself, was more or less hidden among the nearly 1,400 tables in the 2009 Statistical Abstract of the United States, a portrait-by-numbers of the nation released Tuesday by the Census Bureau.

Andrew J. Cherlin, a sociology professor at Johns Hopkins University, said that before 2007, a child living with two unmarried parents was usually classified as living with either a mother or a father, depending on who was the head of the household.

"The unmarried parent was invisible," Professor Cherlin said. Given a new category, "living with both parents, not married to each other," he added, "I think the news is that the Census Bureau estimates that about 3 percent of American children are living with two unmarried parents. Because of the increases in living-together relationships, this is probably a higher figure than a generation ago."

Other experts embraced the direction of the statistics, if not the dimension of the changes they suggest.

"What we might be seeing is more cohabitation," said Kay S. Hymowitz, a scholar at the Manhattan Institute, a research group.

Douglas S. Massey, a sociology professor at Princeton,

said that "a bad economy does not make for stable marriages, so it is possible that we may see a reversal in 2008."

Professors Massey and Sampson recently edited a retrospective for the annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science on Daniel Patrick Moynihan's seminal study of the black family.

One contributor, Frank F. Furstenberg, a sociology professor at the University of Pennsylvania, cites trends of single motherhood by race, with the number of non-Hispanic white children living with two parents declining over a generation.

"These racial differences have waned as a growing number of black women have begun to exercise greater control over their fertility," Professor Furstenberg writes, "and as white women have started to experience the same sorts of constraints that blacks were feeling about their prospects of forming a lasting marriage when Moynihan focused on their plight."

Among other facts, the Statistical Abstract reveals that West Virginia is the only state in which more people have died since 2000 than have been born; more Burmese were granted asylum than people from any other country; more people speak Italian at home than Arabic; beds injure more people than bicycles; per capita consumption of tea has surpassed that of fruit juice; enrollment of college students from Saudi Arabia and Iran has returned to the levels before the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Also, women make up a majority of pharmacists, bartenders and bus drivers and nearly half the medical students granted degrees; bottled water consumption is up at the same time that per capita water use nationally is down; 91 percent of the nearly 12 million surgical and other cosmetic procedures performed in 2007 involved women; consumer complaints against airlines soared to 10,960 last year from 6,452 the year before.

Aretha to Sing at Obama Inauguration...

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troops also will participate. That includes a contingent on alert to respond to a chemical attack.

A "big chunk" of active and guard units will perform ceremonial work involving parades, reviews and honor guards, the U.S. commander in charge of domestic defense said Wednesday.

Planners are working under the assumption a terrorist or rogue element might try to interrupt the event, said Gen. Gene Renuart, head of the U.S. Northern Command. "So it's prudent for us to plan for the possibility of that kind of event, and to be prepared either to deter it or to respond to it," he said in a session with defense writers.

Also Wednesday, officials announced the list of participants for the inaugu-

ration.

The program is to feature poet Elizabeth Alexander; the Rev. Joseph Lowery, a veteran civil rights leader; the U.S. Marine and Navy bands; and the San Francisco Boys Chorus and the San Francisco Girls Chorus.

"So it's prudent for us to plan for the possibility of that kind of event, and to be prepared either to deter it or to respond to it," he said.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., chairman of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies, said the day would be "an event of historic proportion."

"It is appropriate that the program will include some of the world's most gifted artists from a wide range of backgrounds and genres," she said.

Cellist Yo-Yo Ma, violinist Itzhak Perlman, pianist Gabriela Montero and clar-

inetist Anthony McGill will perform a new work composed by John Williams, who also provided music for Obama's election night rally in Chicago's Grant Park. The committee did not release a title for the work by Williams, who is best known for his film scores such as "Star Wars" and "Jaws."

Vice President-elect Joe Biden will take his oath from Justice John Paul Stevens.

Others on the schedule were a nod to Obama's election as the country's first black president.

Lowery, who co-founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference with Martin Luther King, Jr., was scheduled to offer the event's benediction.

Franklin, a living legend with 21 Grammys, performed for President Bill

Clinton in 1993, but this would be her first Inauguration. During a Labor Day weekend rally in Detroit, Obama sang a bit of Franklin's "Chain of Fools" to her.

Alexander, a 2005 Pulitzer Prize finalist and Yale University professor, centers her poems and essays on race relations and social movements.

She is only the fourth poet to have a speaking role at a presidential Inauguration. Robert Frost, who was 86 at the time, wrote a poem for Kennedy's inaugural in 1961 but couldn't make out the words of the poem in the sun's glare. Instead, he recited an earlier work. Clinton chose Maya Angelou to write a poem for his first inaugural in 1993, and Miller Williams read "Of History and Hope" at his second inaugural.

Rwandan Convicted of 1994 Genocide...

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Maj. Aloys Ntabakuze and Col. Anatole Nsenyumva, to life imprisonment for "genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes." But a fourth co-defendant, Gen. Gratin Kabiligi, was acquitted of all charges against him and the court ordered his release.

Colonel Bagosora, 67, was the cabinet director for the Defense Ministry at the start of the slaughter by Hutu of 800,000 Tutsi and moderate Hutu in 1994. The three other senior army officers had been on trial with him since 2002 at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, which is based in Arusha, Tanzania.

The court said that Bagosora had been "the highest authority in the Rwandan Defense Ministry with authority over the military" in the days after the death of President Juvenal Habyarimana on April 6, 1994.

The president, a Hutu, died when his plane was shot down over the airport of Kigali, the Rwandan capital. This sparked the three-month wave of grisly massacres that tore through the small east African country.

The speed and violence of the genocide were evident in the court's findings.

On April 7, 1994 -- the day after the air crash -- Colonel Bagosora was responsible for the killing of

the Rwandan prime minister, Agathe Uwilingiyimana; the president of the Constitutional Court, Joseph Davaruganda; and three top opposition figures: Frederic Nzamurambaho, Landoald Ndasungwa and Faustin Rucogoza, the court ruled.

Colonel Bagosora was also found guilty in connection with the killing of 10 Belgian peacekeepers by soldiers at Camp Kigali on April 7, and for organized killings by soldiers and militiamen at various sites throughout Kigali and Gisenyi, in the west of the country, from April 6-9, 1994.

However, the court cleared Colonel Bagosora and the others on trial of conspiring to commit genocide before April 7, 1994. The trial lasted for six years, during which a total of 242 witnesses were heard.

The court said that the prosecution had alleged that General Kabiligi, who was head of the military operations bureau of the army general staff, "participated in the distribution of weapons, meetings to plan the genocide as well as a number of specific crimes, many of which were related to roadblocks in the Kigali area." But the charges were dismissed after he advanced a successful alibi, and "it was also not proven that he had operational authority or that he targeted civilians," the court said.

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Denise Lancaster-Young, local AAHGS president, presented the award to California Advocate founders Les and Pauline Kimber at the organization's annual Christmas luncheon, held Saturday, December 13, 2008.

The Rev. Khadijah Matin, national president of AAHGS, notified the Advocate of its selection in a letter dated Dec. 9, 2008 which stated in part "...In addition to your continued support to AAHGS, through the local AAHGSSCC chapter, providing coverage of their various programs.

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Other officers of the local AAHGS include Sonya Mayo, Membership Chairperson; Lawanda Reed, vice president, Historian of Semi Valley, Ca; Centhy Hansford, Chaplin; Willie Mae Haskin, treasurer; and Marha Jones, V.P. Genealogist.

Diana Bruton, received the "AAHGS Volunteer of the Year Aware of 2008."



Above photo L-R: Martha Jones (V.P. Genealogist); Lawanda Reed (V.P. Historian); Pauline and Lesly Kimber (Founders of California Advocate) & Denise Lancaster-Young, President.



Denise Lancaster, President; Lesly Kimber & Pauline Kimber.



(L to R) Sonya Mayo (membership chairperson); Lawanda Reed (V.P. Historian) of Simi Valley, CA; Centhy Hansford (Chaplain); Willie Mae Haskin (Treasurer); Denise Lancaster-Young (President).



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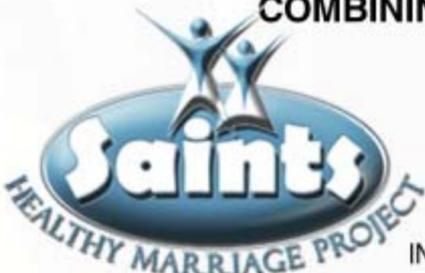


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