

King's Temple Hosts Festival

King's Temple Christian Center is inviting the community to join them for a concert in the park. A day of food, music and testi-

monials is planned Wednesday, July 25 at Dawson Park, located at North Stanton Street and Williams Avenue.

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Better Health to Our People

Christeen Johnson presents a heart defibrillator to Melissa Knight on behalf of First Steps Sports Academy, the organization that hosted Community Health Care in the Park on Saturday at Irving Park in northeast Portland. Johnson presented the life-saving device in honor of the Eddie Barnett Jr. Foundation, the non-profit she founded in her 15-year-old son's name after he died of heart failure during a basketball game in 2005.

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Americans see Americans as Prejudiced

Biases explored in new poll

Most Americans believe their fellow citizens hold strong biases against minorities, according to a new landmark poll by Zogby International.

The survey of 10,387 American adults, one of the most comprehensive ever conducted on prejudice, according to Zogby, explores attitudes about race, religion, age, sexual orientation, gender, physical appearance and politics.

While 67 percent of respondents claimed to have no preference themselves between a white, black or

Middle Eastern clerk in a convenience store, 71 percent said, most Americans would seek out the white clerk.

Just 1 percent said Americans' first choice would be to approach a black clerk, while less than 0.5 percent said the same for an Middle Eastern clerk. And yet, ironically, 55 percent of respondents said race relations have improved over the past 10 years.

Other results on race where respondents picked from among several races show just how much race improvements may not be improved.

In the event of a shooting, 73 percent said most Americans would

expect African Americans to be involved and 55 percent expected blacks would be involved in a drug bust. But for non-violent crimes like identity theft and insurance fraud, more than half said that most Americans would expect these criminals to be white.

The poll also asked which political party is responsible for the gravest problems facing the world. Republicans were blamed 62 percent for war. For other issues like prejudice, poverty and corruption the Republican Party was polled as the demon for more than half of the respondents.

However when it came to crime, 42 percent blamed Democrats and

23 percent blamed Republicans.

"Over my years of polling, I've learned that Americans tend to offer socially acceptable responses when questioned on their own views about race and prejudice. That's why in this poll we predominantly asked people about 'most Americans'" views on race and prejudice," said Pollster John Zolby. "We believe this provides a far more accurate window into how people really think about these issues. Americans are more forthcoming when discussing the problem in the context of their neighbors' lives than in the context of their own lives."

The poll's margin of error was plus or minus one percentage point.

Doctor Cleared in Katrina Deaths

Grand Jury says 'no' to charges

(AP) -- A grand jury in New Orleans refused on Tuesday to indict a doctor accused of murdering four seriously ill hospital patients with drug injections during the desperate aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, closing the books on the only mercy-killing case to emerge from the storm.

Dr. Anna Pou acknowledged administering medication to the patients but insisted she did so only to relieve pain.

Pou and two nurses were arrested last summer after Attorney General Charles Fofi concluded they gave "lethal cocktails" to the four patients at the flooded-out, sweltering Memorial Medical Center after the August 2005 storm.

At a news conference, Pou fought back tears as she read a prepared statement. She refused to answer questions about what happened at the hospital because of lawsuits filed by families of three patients.

"Today's events are not a triumph but a moment of remembrance for those who lost their lives during the storm, and a tribute to all those who

stayed at their posts and served people most in need," Poe said.

If another hurricane threatened, Pou added, she would stay on duty in a hospital, but she is concerned her case will keep other medical professionals from remaining with patients during storms.

"All of us need to remember the magnitude of human suffering that occurred in the city of New Orleans in the wake of Hurricane Katrina so

we can be assured that this never happens again and that no health care professional should ever be falsely accused in a rush to judgment," she said.

Regarding her feelings toward the attorney general, Poe said she "puts his fate in God's hands."

Charges against the four patients at the flooded-out, sweltering Memorial Medical Center after they were compelled to testify last month before the grand jury under legal guidelines that kept their testimony from being used against them.

Many people in New Orleans believed the three acted heroically under punishing conditions. Last week, a group of doctors and nurses held a rally on the anniversary of Pou's arrest, and hundreds of people turned out to show support.



Dr. Anna Pou

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