



# Southwest Digest



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### Community Meetings

\* Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive.

\* Hub City Kiwanis meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p. m., Mt. Vernon UMC, East 23rd & Cedar Avenue

\* Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm.

\* Booker T. W Washington American Legion, Post 808, meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 pm, American Legion Building in Yellowhouse Canyon.

\* Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Branch Library.

\* East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Mae Simmons Senior Citizens.

\* Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center.

\* Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 7:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center, 1301 E. 24th Street.

\* West Texas Native American Association Pot Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturdays of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.

\* The Unified Juneteenth Commission of Lubbock meets every Monday evening at Patterson Library, 1834 Parkway Drive, beginning at 6:00 p. m.

\* West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men of West Texas meets 3rd Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at Lanier Center, 2nd Floor, TTU Law Center.

\* The Parkway & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary School.

\* Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at Iles Elementary Cafeteria.

CITIS (Creating Inspirational Thoughts in Singles) meets 2nd & 4th Thursday at 2404 23rd near Avenue X at 7:00 pm

\* If you have an announcement about your organization, please advise by calling (806) 762-3612 or e-mail [swdigest@sbcglobal.net](mailto:swdigest@sbcglobal.net).

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## Meet The New Teachers At Dunbar Preparatory Collegiate School



The Southwest Digest is proud to introduce the new teachers at Dunbar Preparatory Collegiate School. They are: First Row (Left to Right), Megan Dennis, 7th Grade ELAR Tonya Kline, Diagnostician, Whitney Beach, 8th Grade ELAR, Stephanie Brown, 7th/8th Grade ELAR, Deborah Pollack, 7th/8th Grade Science, Ashlynn Joseph, 8th Grade Math

Middle Row (Left to Right): Adrian Holland, PE/Boys' Head Coach; Taylor Ernst, Art; Rebecca Hamilton, 6th Grade Math; Abra Jakstas, 6th Grade ELAR; Marcie Chapman, 6th Grade Science; and Oscar Denis, Band Director.

Back Row (Left to Right): George Love, Principal; Amy Carroll, Assistant Principal; Natalie Anderson, Assistant Principal; Andre Lee, 8th Grade ELAR Co-Teach/Boys' Coach; Les Brewer, 7th Grade Science; Frank Shepherd, 7th Grade Social Studies/Boys' Coach; Robyn Galloway, 6th Grade ELALance Branscum, 6th Grade ELAR Co-Teach/Boys' Coach.

Not Pictured: Angela Lambert, Campus Technologist; Regan Riley, Counselor; Crystal Scott, Counselor.

**MET STANDARD CELEBRATION:** The Estacado student body gathered for an academic celebration on the third day of school. Principal Dr. Sam Ayers reminded the students from where Estacado High School had come with the 2010 "persistently low performing" designation. He highlighted incremental gains in attendance, achievement, AP and dual credit participation, college acceptances and graduation rate. As of 2013, Estacado High School is a Texas Education Agency designated "Met Standard" campus. The drum line played and campus leaders displayed celebration banners (Dustyn Acevedo, Micheal Jones, Kevi Manahan



and Grant Hill). Aramark and Blue Bell provided ice cream for the entire student body following the assembly.

## The Lewis Sister 2013 Reunion Was Held In Lubbock This Year!



### The Lewis Sisters

The 2013 Lewis Reunion was held in Lubbock, Texas this year. If you ask them about the outcome, they would say: "We had a blast!!!"

Each Sister reported they had an awesome Musical on Friday, July 12, 2013. They want to thank everyone who came out and supported their special effort.

The Lewis Sisters made their own jewelry and wore it while

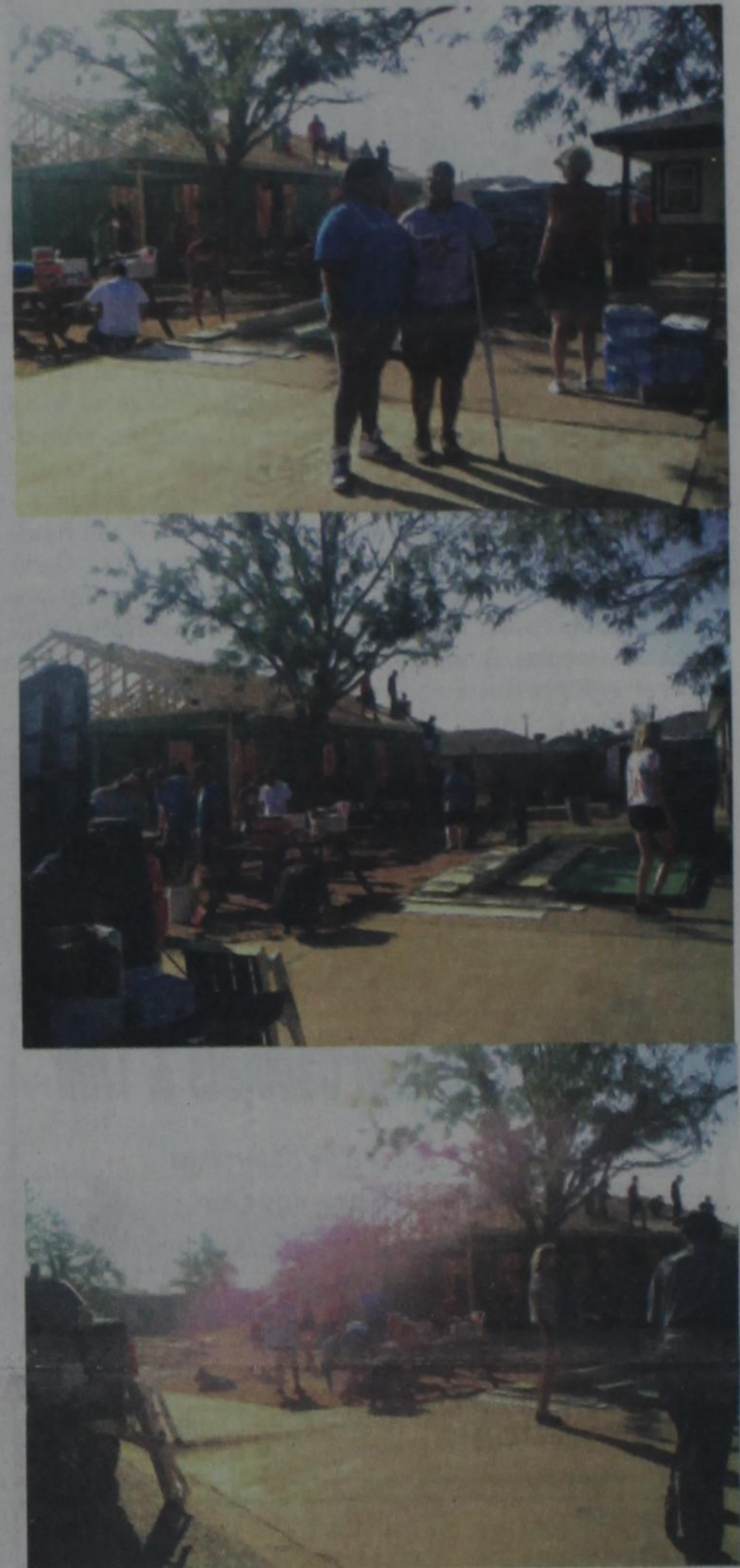
being interviewed on KLBK, Channel 13 News. This presentation was the highlight of their reunion this year. If there are those of you want to view their presentation, then go to internet, [everythinglubbock.com](http://everythinglubbock.com).

We had a wonderful time at Victory in Praise on Sunday morning, July 14, 2013. Our Brother, Curtis Lewis, prepared a delicious dinner. We believe it was the best dinner as always.

As always, we want to thank our Daddy, George Lewis, for being there for us. "Thank you, Mama Rose, for keeping our Daddy young!"

To all Sisters and Families, we want you all to know that it's a blessing to have family. Please love each other! Don't let it be said, we should have! We could have and if we would have. Do it now before your love one is

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Here are photos of Asya Harris' Home. She is also shown with her mother, Shelia Renee Harris, in top photo.

## Many Lubbock Volunteers Working Very Hard On Asya Harris' Home!

There is a very happy and appreciative young lady in Lubbock, Texas who is about to receive a home -- not house -- being constructed by Habitat For Humanity. She is Asya Harris, and the daughter of Shelia and Shaun Harris.

"I am so thankful to have this opportunity to be blessed with such a wonderful opportunity," said Asya. "It lets me know that anything is possible in life if you only believe and willing to work for it. You see, God knows what you need and when you

need it," continued Asya. The nearly 1,300 square feet residence is expected to be completed in December of this year. It has three bedrooms.

There have been more than 100 volunteers working on this residence since its beginning. Among them have been the Texas Tech University Habitat Club, members of the U. S. Marine Corps, and others.

"It's just amazing to see so many come and help," said Asya. "God has been so good with all these volunteers."

## Required Identification For Voting In Person

### Frequently Asked Questions:

In 2011, the Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 14 (SB 14) creating a new requirement for voters to show photo identification when voting in person. While pending review within the judicial system, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its opinion in Shelby County vs. Holder, which effectively ended all pending litigation. As a result, voters are now required to present an approved form of photo identification in order to vote in all Texas Elections.

This requirement is effective immediately. This will be utilized in the November, 2013 elections.

Here is a list of the acceptable forms of photo ID:

- \* Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS);
- \* Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS;
- \* Texas personal identification card issued by DPS;

\* Texas concealed handgun license issued by DPS;

\* United States military identification card containing the person's photograph;

\* United States citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph; and

\* United States passport.

With the exception of the U.S. citizenship certificate, the identification ation must be current or have expired no more than 60 days before being presented for voter qualification at the polling place.

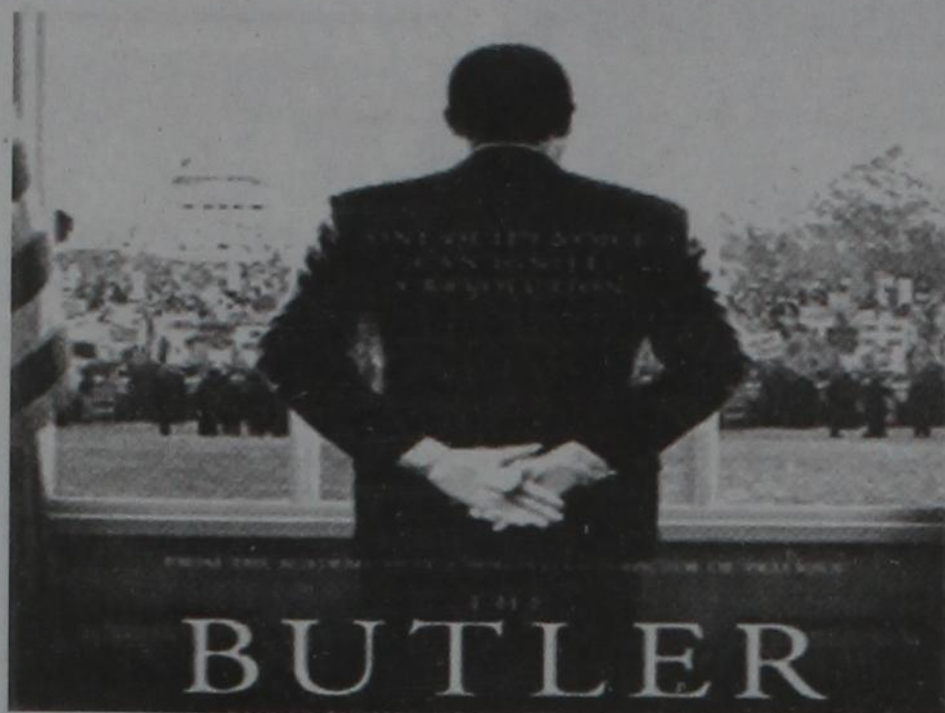
### Procedures for Voting

When a voter arrives at a polling location, the voter will be asked to present one of the seven (7) acceptable forms of photo ID. Election officials will now be required by State law to determine whether the voter's name on the identification provided matchest the name on the official list of registered voters ("OLRV"). After a voter presents their ID, the election worker

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## "The Butler" Starring Oprah Winfrey and Forest Whitaker Is #1 Again



For the fourth weekend in a row, "The Butler" starring Oprah Winfrey, Forest Whitaker, Terrence Howard, Cuba Gooding Jr, and many others, easily won the weekend with an estimated \$17 million in ticket sales. That brings its gross revenue to more than \$52 million. Experts say the film is well on the way to \$100 million.

The success of the film, which was directed by Lee Daniels, has been credited to strong reviews, positive word-of-mouth via social media, and great timing as this weekend marked the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King's March on Washington.

In the film, Forest Whitaker stars as Cecil Gaines, an African-American who works as a butler for 34 years in the White House and eyewitnesses many notable events of the 20th century. Oprah Winfrey stars as Gloria Gaines, Cecil's wife. Terrence Howard stars as Howard, the Gaines' neighbor who romantically pursues Gloria. And Cuba Gooding, Jr. stars as Carter Wilson, the fast-talking head butler at the White House who becomes a longtime friend of Cecil's.

Here's a picture of a scene with Terrence Howard and Oprah:



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L. V. Andrews  
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## President Andrews Invites Community To Attend MLK 2014 Celebration

The MLK Commemorative Council is preparing for the 2014 MLK Celebration. Your participation is needed. Mark your calendars for a marvelous time January 17-20, 2014. More details to come.

## Lewis Sisters

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gone.

Remember, we can do things through Christ!

The Lewis Sisters get together, because our Mom and her Sisters would get together without husbands and no kids. Sisters only!

So the Lewis Sisters decided to keep it going after she passed away. The Lewis Sisters has kept the tradition for 23 years.

## Ushers and Nurses Day

Ushers and Nurses Day program will be held at the Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, September 22, 2013, beginning at 4:00 p. m.

The theme will be: "Using Spiritual Gifts From God And For God." Romans 12:-7; Phillipians 4:13.

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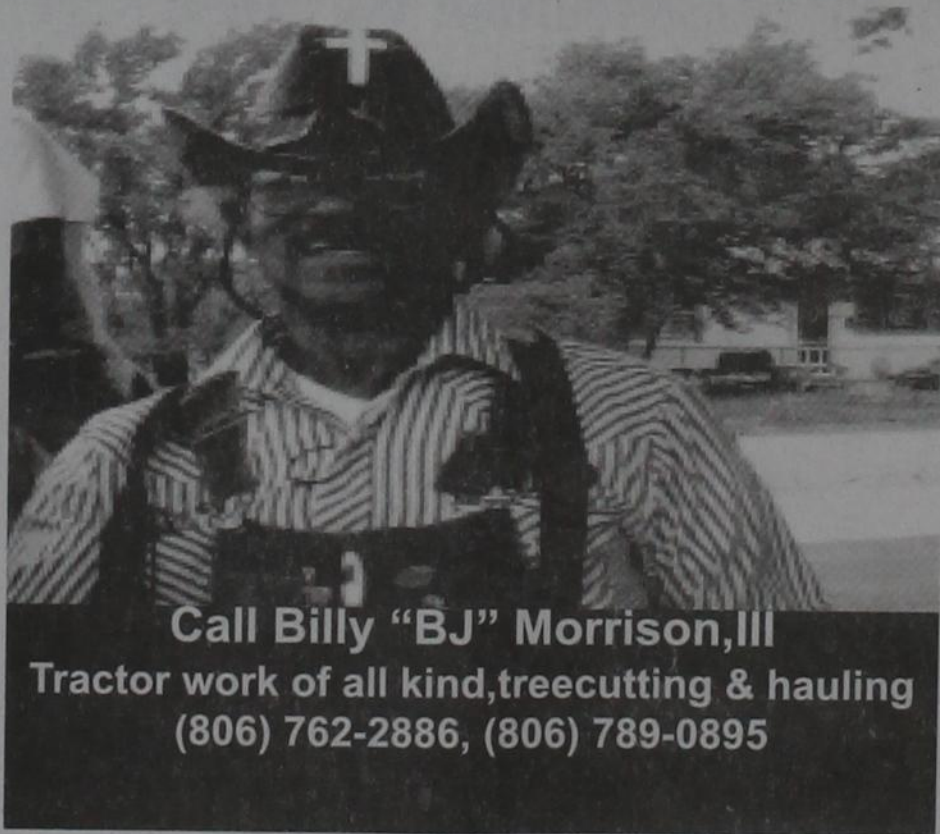
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will compare it to the OLRV. If the name on the ID matches the name on the list of registered voters, the voter will follow the regular procedures for voting.

If the name does not match exactly but is "substantially similar" to the name on the OLRV, the voter will be permitted to vote as long as the voter signs an affidavit stating that the voter is the same person on the list of registered voters.

If a voter does not have proper identification, the voter will still be permitted to vote provisionally. The voter will have (six) 6 days to present proper identification to the county voter registrar, or the voter's ballot will be rejected.

## Exemption/Exceptions

Voters with a disability may apply with the county voter registrar for a permanent exemption. The application must contain written documentation from either the U. S. Social Security Administration evidencing he or she has been determined to have disability, or from the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs evidencing a disability rating of at least 50 percent. In addition, the applicant must state that he or she has no valid form of photo identification. Those who obtain a disability exemption will be allowed to vote by presenting a voter registration certificate reflecting the exemption. Please contact your voter registrar for more details.

Voters who have a consistent religious objection to being photographed and voters who do not have any valid form of photo identification as a result of certain natural disasters as declared by the President of the United States or the Texas Governor, may vote a provisional ballot, appear at the voter registrar's office within six (6) calendar days after election day, and sign an affidavit swearing to the religious objection or natural disaster, in order for your ballot to be counted. Please contact your county voter registrar for more details.

## Benjamin Jealous To Resign After 5 Years As NAACP President



Benjamin Todd Jealous, who signed on to be president of the NAACP back in 2009, has announced that he will retire by December 31, 2013. During his tenure, he has led the NAACP - from marches protesting the death of Florida teen Trayvon Martin to vigils for death row inmate Troy Davis in Georgia.

In an interview with USA TODAY, Jealous said the constant travel as president and CEO of the nation's largest civil rights organization has kept him away too much from his family.

He commented, "Leadership knows when to step up and

when to step down. This day I can say with pride that I'm prepared to step down and make room for the next person who will lead this organization to its next chapter."

Under Jealous' leadership, the NAACP donor base grew from 16,422 in 2007 to well over 100,000 last year. Revenue has grown from nearly \$26 million in 2008 to almost \$50 million in 2012. Out of a total score of 70, independent non-profit reviewing organization Charity Navigator gives the NAACP 51.42 for finances and 70 for accountability and transparency.

## My ID is expired. Will it still work?

With the exception of the U. S. citizenship certificate, the identification must be current or have expired no more than 90 days before being presented for voter qualification at the polling place.

## But what if a voter does not have any of these forms of photo ID? Are there any exceptions?

If a voter does not have a permanent disability exemption indicated on his or her voter registration certificate AND the voter does not have any of the photo identifications indicated above at the time of voting, the voter may cast a provisional ballot at the polls. However, in order to have the provisional ballot counted, the voter will be required to visit the voter regis-

trar's office within six calendar days of the date of the election to either present one of the above forms of photo ID OR submit one of the temporary affidavits addressed (e.g., religious objection or natural disaster) in the presence of the county voter registrar while attesting to the fact that he or she does not have any of the required photo IDs.

A permanent exemption is available for voters with documented disabilities. Voters with a disability may apply with the county voter registrar for a permanent exemption. The application must contain written documentation from either the U. S. Social Security Administration evidencing the applicant's disability, or from the U. S. Department of Veteran Affairs with a 50% disability.

## Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

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Sunday School - 9:30 a. m;

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Pastor Eddie William  
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Community and Senior Centers

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# We Thank God for Jesus

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**Isaiah 58:1** -- The Lord said, cry aloud, spare not, lift up your voice like a transgression.

**Revelation 2:7** -- Jesus said, he that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit said unto the churches.

Many **CHURCHES** have their **BIG SHOTS**, up front; **PROUD AND CLEAN**. They **LOVE** the first **FIVE SEATS**; **SITTING LIKE KINGS AND QUEENS**.

**Luke 11:43** -- Jesus said, woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees! For you love the uppermost seat in the synagogues, and greetings in the markets.

Some **CHURCHES** have some members on the rolls; that **LIVE IN SHACKING**. They think it a **LITTLE THING**; **BUT IN GOD'S EYES; IT IS A SHAME, SHAME, SHAME!!!**

**I Corinthians 7:10** -- If they cannot contain, let them marry; for it is better to marry than to burn. And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord. Let not the wife depart from her husband.

Some **CHURCHES** allow the **HOMOSEXUALS** to play the **CHURCHES HOLY INSTRUMENTS**. **THE UNGODLY TO PLAY; PRAY FOR SAVED ONES TO BE SENT!!!**

**Malachi 1:7** -- The Lord said, you offer polluted bread upon mine altar, and you say, wherein have we polluted thee? In that you say, the table of the Lord is contemptible (**WORTHLESS**).

Some **PREACHERS** have forgotten **JESUS' WORDS; DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME**. They are coming up **WITH MANY NEW THINGS; THAT MAKES THEM A THIEF!!!**

**Isaiah 56:10-11** -- The Lord said, his watchmen are blind; they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs. They cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yes, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they look to their own way, everyone for his gain, from his quarter.

(A year comes with four Quarters, and **EVERY YEAR COMES AN ANNIVERSARY**; if only the **CHURCHES** would get **BUSY ABOUT GOD'S BUSINESS; SAVING SOULS, KNOCKING ON DOORS; TRYING TO GET SOMEONE TO KNOW JESUS; AS LORD AND SAVIOR!!!**)

Even the **UNGODLY** knows that some of the things are **WRONG IN THE CHURCH**. And the **PREACHER** sees it, act **AS IF HE DOESN'T AND THE CHURCH IS HURT!!!**

**\*\*\*\*\* THAT'S HOW THE CHURCHES ROB GOD; NOT WITH MONEY!!! \*\*\*\*\***

**Malachi 1:6** -- A son honors his father, and a servant his master: if I then be a father, where is mine honor? And if I be a master, where is my fear? Said the Lord of hosts unto you, Priests (**PREACHERS**) that

despise my name, and you say wherein have we despised your name?

### 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Movement in Birmingham

An afternoon at a lunch counter. A thousand arms linked at the elbows. A firing line of water hoses. A pack of German Shepherds. A letter from a Birmingham jail. A devastating explosion. A world that would never be the same.

The year was 1963, and as the world watched, events in Birmingham sparked an unstoppable surge toward equal rights for people of all races. As Birmingham enters 2013, the city will mark the 50th anniversary of pivotal events of 1963 in America's Civil Rights Movement.

Birmingham's historic Civil Rights District was ground zero for the 1963 campaign. With the opening of the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute in 1992, the city found a place to tell its story. Richly detailed exhibits in the institute reveal slices of black and white life in Alabama from the late 1800s to the present.

One of the most compelling sites in the Civil Rights District is Kelly Ingram Park. The park served as a gathering place for demonstrations in the early 1960s, including ones in which police dogs and fire hoses were used.

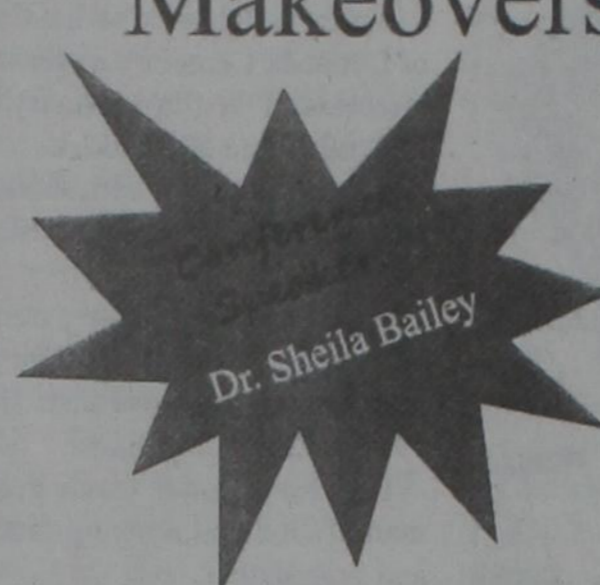
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**Sheila M. Bailey, Hum.D.**

As an inspirational speaker on issues that focus on women and the family, Sheila Bailey's poignant style will hold the attention and respect of any audience. Sheila's faith has been tested and tried throughout her life, most recently at the October 2003 death of her husband of 34 years, the late Dr. E.K. Bailey, founding pastor of Concord Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas. Presently, she continues her faithful service to the Concord Church where the very able and efficient Rev. Bryan Carter is the Senior Pastor.

Throughout her life as a pastor's wife, Sheila honed her teaching skills, allowing the Lord to use her in many different venues. She now serves as President of Sheila B. Ministries and speaks to a variety of audiences, including churches, colleges, seminaries and conferences.



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# St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Again, it's a blessing to report about church services held last Sunday morning, September 15, 2013, at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Church services begun at 10:10 a. m. with Sunday School. Sister Annie Onasanta is our Assistant Superintendent, who was in charge.

The morning lesson was

taught by our teacher, Sister Susie Davis, and what a wonderful job she did.

The subject of the morning lesson was "Choices and Consequences." The Unifying Topic was "Knowledge of Good and Evil." The main thought came from (Genesis 3:22-23, KJV.)

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The Sunday morning devotion was conducted by Deaconess Sister Ethel Williams and

Brother Gregory Saunders.

Our Pastor entered the Church with the Choir singing "Because of Who You Are."

The morning sermon was delivered by Minister Rodrick Scott. His scripture text was Romans 2:8 and St. Luke 15:11-19.

The morning announcements were read by our First Lady, Sister Shirley Canady. She always does a wonderful job. Praise

God for her and all that she does.

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Our weekly meetings held at St. Matthew Baptist Church are as follows:

The Missionary Society meets at 5:00 p. m. on Wednesday evenings. This is a very interesting meeting to attend end. Come see for yourselves.

Bible Study is held on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p. m.

Choir rehearsal is held on Fri-

silent. Of course, they also were silent when Democrats used black churches to push Democrat candidates. Read more: <http://godfatherpolitics.com>

day afternoon, beginning at 2:00 p. m. If you want to sing God's Praises, then show up!

Brotherhood meets at 5:00 p. m. on Friday afternoons.

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If you do not have a Church Home, then remember you are cordially invited to come and visit the St. Matthew Baptist Church, and join us each week. We will be looking for you.

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Let us continue to remember all of our sick and shut-in. Today it is them, and tomorrow it could be you or I.

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**Thought For The Week:** "Blessed is the person who finds out which way God is moving and then goes in that direction."

May God continue to bless each of you!!

## Eric Holder Helped Black Churches Avoid IRS Rules

Black churches led the fight for civil rights in the United States. If it hadn't been for pastors and churches leading the Montgomery bus boycott, it most likely never would have happened. It was the REV. Martin Luther King who led the March on Washington in 1963. If you want to get elected as a liberal Democrat, you better make your way to the black churches in America. It's always been OK for black religious leaders to get involved in politics, even to the point of endorsing candidates. We all know it

happens. A new report has come out charging that there's been some IRS hanky-panky with Eric Holder deep in the panky: "Attorney General Eric Holder and IRS officials advised black ministers on how to engage in political activity during the 2012 election without violating their tax-exempt status." This is a non-story. Democrat politicians have been endorsed from the pulpit for decades by black pastors. The evil part of this story is that the IRS has been harassing conservative groups on

Holder and Obama's watch and the media and usual secular suspects have been notoriously

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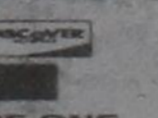


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# Obsequies

## Calvin N. "Mudcat" Hodge

Funeral services were held for Calvin N. Hodge on Thursday evening, August 22, 2013, at the Ossie Curry Funeral Home/Chapel with Rev. B. R. Moton, pastor of the New Hope Baptist Church, officiating.

Mr. Hodge, who was known as "Mudcat", was 68 years of age. He was raised in Mt. Enterprise, Texas, and was the son of George and Geneva Hodge.

He was the brother of nine sisters and three brother. He was also the father of two children, a son, Brian Hodge; and a daughter, Chloe Hodge.

Mr. Hodge was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, eight sisters, and a son, Brian Hodge.



He leaves behind to cherish his memories: Sandra Evans, his daughter, Chloe Hodge, a sister, Celestine Hodge; a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

According to his family, "He never met a stranger."

## Rev. Alvin Lee Butler

Funeral services were held for Rev. Alvin Butler on Saturday afternoon, September 7, 2013, at Lyons Chapel Baptist Church with Rev. Wendell Davis, pastor, officiating.

Interment followed at the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Rev. Butler, 74, of Lubbock passed away on Sunday, September 1, 2013.

Alvin was born to the parentage of Elnora and James Sunnyman Butler on November 28, 1938, in Wharton, Texas.

Reverend Butler was a great man of God and a loving father and grandfather.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elnora and James Butler; a son, Allan Leon Sunnyman Butler; a brother, Freddy Butler; and three sisters, Ina Mae Page, Esther Curry and Annie Lee Hunny Dial.



He leaves to cherish his memories: two sons, Alvin Butler Jr. and Timothy Squalls; six daughters, Charlotte Davis, Maybeline Banks, Sandra Martin, Sharon Richardson, Monique Niblett and Rhonda Watkins; daughter and son-in-law, Charles and Rosalind Phynon; 14 grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

## Mattie Mae Griffin

Funeral services were held for Mattie Mae Griffin on services will be held on Saturday afternoon, September 7, 2013 at Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. J. H. Ford, pastor, officiating.

Interment followed at City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Griffin, 76, of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on August 30, 2013.

Mattie was born on April 16, 1937, to the parentage of Earnest and Estella Hargers in Kosse, Texas.

Pastor Garfield Griffin Jr. and Mattie Mae Griffin were the proud pastor and wife of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Hart, Texas, for 19 years.

She was preceded in death by her father, Earnest Hargers; brothers: L.C. Hargers, Robert Hargers, Larry Hargers and Bobby Ray Hargers; sisters: Bernice Griffin and Allie Mae McNeal.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her husband, Pastor Garfield Griffin Jr.; her mother,



Estella Hargers; three sons, Coydell Mitchell, Garfield Griffin III (Relita) and Bobby Ray Griffin (Tomeka); three daughters, Linda Kay Carroll, Geraldine Thompson (Robert) and LaVerne (Lawrence); brothers, A.D. Hargers (Brenda), Eugene Hargers (Carolyn) and Curtis Hargers; six sisters, Helen Livingston, Annie Marie Williams, Rosetta Pleasant, Dorothy Ware, Birdia (William) and Ernestine McClendon (Von); 18 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

## Mae Dean McCoy

Funeral services were held for Mae Dean McCoy on Friday morning, September 13, 2013, at Lyons Chapel Baptist Church with Rev. Wendell Davis, pastor.

Interment followed at Peaceful Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

McCoy, 75, of Lubbock passed away on September 3, 2013.

Mae was born on May 15, 1938, in Madison County, Texas, to the parentage of Clifton and Leona McCoy. She attended and graduated from Anderson High School in Mart, Texas.

She relocated to Lubbock in 1959 and was employed as a do-



mestic worker for Dr. Reynolds and the Underwoods. Mae joined Lyons Chapel Baptist Church under the late Rev. O.D. Hollins. She served as a faithful member of the usher's board.

## NaCreasha Nadea "Kris" Hereford

The Funeral services for NaCreasha Nadea Hereford were held on Saturday morning, September 14, 2013, at Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, with Rev. Wendell Davis, pastor, officiating.

Interment followed at Englewood Cemetery in Slaton, Texas, under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Hereford, known as "Kris," 34, of Lubbock, passed away on Tuesday, September 10, 2013.

Kris was born on April 10, 1979, to the parentage of Betty Hereford and David Gentry in Lubbock, Texas. She received



her education at Ella Iles Elementary, graduated from Monterey High School in May 1997, and received her undergraduate degree from Texas Tech University in December 2003.

Kris accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age and was an active member at Lyons Chapel Baptist Church.

She worked for Lubbock Independent School District at Maedgen Elementary for seven years.

Kris was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Limuel and Willie Mae Hereford Sr., and paternal great-grandmother, Emma McGowen.

Kris leaves to cherish her memories: her goddaughter, Brieyanah Session; her mother, Betty Hereford; father, David Gentry; grandmother, Lula Mae Gentry; a special cousin, LeKisa Asberry; one half-sister, Natalie Gentry; four half-brothers, David Harper, Mark Gentry,

In 2007 she moved her membership to Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church to be with her brother, during which she continued to work and support the usher board.

Mae was preceded in death by her parents, Clifton and Leona McCoy; three brothers, and two sisters.

She leaves to cherish her memories: a godson, Kenny Chiles-Sandy; two brothers, Rev. Ray McCoy (Barbara); Clifton McCoy, Jr.; two sisters, Lockie Mae Nugent and Louise Foyles; a loving sister-in-law, Crystal McCoy; two special nieces, Annie Busby and Rena Robertson; and a host of other nieces, nephews, relatives, church family and friends.

## Events For 50th Bombing Anniversary

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turned on marchers, many of them children.

Across from the park is Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham's most famous civil rights landmark. On a bright September morning in 1963, a dynamite bomb set by Ku Klux Klansmen exploded at the church, killing four little girls as they prepared for morning worship.

Special exhibitions and events are planned to commemorate the year of 1963. A Sample of Special Events for the 2013 Commemoration:

**December 2012** - February 2013 - Birmingham Civil Rights Institute. "Black from the Heart of Dixie" honors some of the most influential African-Americans to come out of Alabama.

**January 13 - April 7, 2013** - Birmingham Museum of Art. "Face Jugs: Art and Ritual in 19th Century South Carolina" is an exhibit of formative African American vessels that represent the difficulties of being a slave on a Southern plantation. February 2013 - New Gallery of African Ceramics Opens at Birmingham Museum of Art. The works come from West,

Derrick Gentry and Joshua Gentry; two aunts, Marcie Hereford and Demetra (Herbert) Hereford-Wilburn; four uncles, Ronald (GeorgeAnn) Hereford, Edward Hereford, Limuel (Marilyn) Hereford Jr., and Walter (Robin) Hereford; her stepmother, Lola Gentry; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Central and Southern Africa and were created for utilitarian and ritual use.

**March - November, 2013** - Birmingham Civil Rights Institute. "Marching On: The Children's Movement at Fifty" tells the story of the Children's Crusade through the people who participated in 1963.

**March 12-14, 2013** - National Association for the Study and Performance of African-American music. More than 4,000 musicians are expected for the conference.

**Spring 2013** - Birmingham Museum of Art. Chicago artist Theaster Gates creates minimalist homages to the violence of the 1960s using decommissioned fire hoses and found objects. The fire hoses evoke the indelible images of police water cannon used on demonstrators in 1963.

**April - June, 2013** - Location TBA. Academy award nominated documentary showing of "The Barber of Birmingham: Foot Soldier of the Civil Rights Movement."

**April 11-14, 2013** - Red Mountain Theatre Company. A one-act play in honor of the 50th year of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "Letter from a Birmingham Jail," written during his 1963 incarceration.

**April 5 - September 29, 2013** - Vulcan Park and Museum. "A Place of Our Own: The Fourth Avenue District, Civil Rights and the Rise of Birmingham's Black Middle Class" - The exhibition illustrates how the historic black business district propelled the success of the Civil Rights Movement in Birmingham.

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# In Cinque

By Renetta Howard



I may be pushing my limits, but I just had to get out today to "Rhapsody in Blue" the pop symphony featuring the musical talent of George Gershwin and his brother, Ira. This is the first symphony that I have attended in many years due to the location of my living arrangements. Many small rural urban communities do not have symphonies and very few who do have symphonies, do not have opera.

I was blessed to live in Chicago where all art forms were immediately accessible. In Lubbock, Texas, the symphony was quite good and once in a while, there would be an opera which featured someone from the Metropolitan Opera along with a cast of musicians from Texas Tech University. This was all enjoyable.

In the sovereign state of Mississippi, this form of musical culture was basically found in the state capital. Attending such performances usually meant traveling a hundred miles, more or less and perhaps spending the night in the city. The trip would usually be worth the while, but because of obstacles, few and far apart.

Fort Worth, Texas on the other hand, presents access to musical endeavors and finds support for them through a variety of businesses in the city, especially the newspaper and certain airlines. Art is encouraged and supported in the city. A new School of the Arts has recently been built in southwest Fort Worth. It is encouraging to see, when many school curriculums are eliminating all forms of art.

Music, especially, does not need to be eliminated at any cost. Most often in elementary schools, students are taught to

sing a song. When they enter high school, music is usually participating in a school choir, chorus or glee club. This is good, but students need to be taught about the great composers and the influence that they had on the society of their day and the things that motivated them. Music can best be appreciated by our youth if they actually know something about the composers. You can check out what our youth knows about the Hip Hop artists. They know the words to every lyric and can tell you when the artist was born, where and why. They have an ever loving relationship with the lyricist. I have a difficult time with this because it does not really follow the pattern of music with which I am familiar.

I was taught the history of classical musicians in high school and maybe because I attended a private school, but this is a privilege which all students should have, regardless to the school attended. Music is a part of the American way, and great artists like the Gershwin brothers, Ira and George should be a part of any school music curriculum. In my opinion, George Gershwin is America's most outstanding composer. His brother Ira was the lyricist. George Gershwin was Jewish and I am certain that my daughter and I should not have been the only individuals of color sitting in that large music hall today. It seems that certain ethnic groups are not being exposed to fundamental music appreciation. We need to get 'in cinque' and revamp our public school music departments to expose all students to the various avenues of music and its history in America.

## YOU'VE JUST STEPPED INTO ... THE RETIREMENT ZONE

By Ray Vigil

Social Security Public Affairs Specialist in El Paso, Texas

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That's not exactly sticking to the original script, but some television viewers may be hearing the voice of Rod Serling ringing in their heads right now. The Twilight Zone television program first aired in 1959 and ran for five seasons — and continues to live on in reruns. The series took viewers through amazing journeys with each episode featuring characters who faced unusual or extraordinary circumstances.

If you're nearing retirement now, it may seem an extraordinary circumstance that these days you really can do it all from the comfort of your home or office computer. Amazing but true: you can do so much online, including getting an estimate of future benefits, testing out different retirement scenarios, completing and submitting your retirement application online, and much more!

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she can complete the entire application online and submit it in about 15 minutes. As in most cases, there are no papers to sign and no documents to provide. She ventures from www.socialsecurity.gov to an audio book and closes her eyes to begin enjoying her retirement.

Back when The Twilight Zone first hit television screens, the idea of testing out retirement

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Marian Wright Edelman's Child Watch Column



## Mentors Matter

These are the words of an 18-year-old who recently graduated from high school in a high-poverty neighborhood in the nation's capital: "Where I live, which is Ward 7, everyone is the same . . . If you follow the crowd, you're going to end up dead or in jail because that's where most of them are. But if you're a leader and you make your own decisions, then you can set your path for life."

Mike Ruff had to make up his mind a while back that he was going to step up and become one of the leaders. That's what he told participants at the recent symposium "Black Male Teens: Moving to Success in the High School Years," sponsored by the Educational Testing Service and the Children's Defense Fund. Mike explained how he came to embrace standing out from the crowd by defying low expectations—and how he reached a key turning point when a mentor told him he couldn't succeed.

College and career planning wasn't a reality for the people he knew: "Ninety-five percent of the students are poor. We come from basically nothing, because our parents were in the same situations that we are." His father had dropped out of school in tenth grade, and when Mike started high school he seemed to be heading down a similar track: "Ninety percent of the school did the same thing I did—skipped class, left school, and no one seemed to try to find out what the problem was." His grade point average freshman year was a 2.5, and at the time his main ambition was to keep up a D average so he could graduate.

But then he met with Mr. Mungin, one of the adults he'd met through an enrichment program he'd enrolled in during middle school, who asked Mike how his plans for life after high school were coming. Mike told Mr. Mungin he'd started thinking about a career in hospitality management, and Mr. Mungin

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by T. J. Patterson

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asked to see his grades: "So he looked at my transcript, just for that ninth grade year . . . saw my grades, D, D, B, D, D, A, and looked back up at me with the straightest face and said, 'You can't do it.' So that kind of hurt me, for a grown man telling me that I can't do something. So then I just got up, walked out, and [caught] the bus home."

With some uncaring and uninterested adults, that's exactly where the story would end. Mike would have left discouraged from having a dream at all. But that wasn't Mike's story: "By the time I arrived home, there is Mr. Mungin already there. I was wondering, why is this man at my house after he told me that I can't do something?" Mike had been lucky enough to find a true mentor on a mission. As Mr. Mungin talked to Mike and his mother that day he was able to show Mike that of course he believed he could succeed, but he also knew the path Mike was on so far wasn't going to get him there. Mike took the message to heart. Other mentors stepped in along the way to support him. By eleventh grade Mike had brought his GPA up to a 3.0, and by twelfth grade, a 3.75.

Now Mike is attending Tuskegee University, a histori-

cally Black university in Alabama founded by Booker T. Washington and the alma mater of the brilliant scientist George Washington Carver and many other scholars and leaders, where he plans to double major in hospitality management and psychology. Mike knows that in his graduating class he is one of the lucky ones: "We started off in this twelfth grade with at least 300 students . . . but only 130 twelfth graders graduated."

Mr. Mungin helped Mike realize he needed to change, and every one of the other young Black male leaders on the panel—all college students and recent college graduates—agreed on the importance of the mentors in their lives. But what happens to the students who never know a Mr. Mungin? What will happen to the other students in Mike's high school

class who didn't graduate at all or were content to get out with mostly Ds? Far too many young Black boys are only hearing the first part of the message—"You can't do it." We need supports in place to show them that they can choose a different path—and even if no one else they know has done it, they can decide to be the ones to step up and lead the way.

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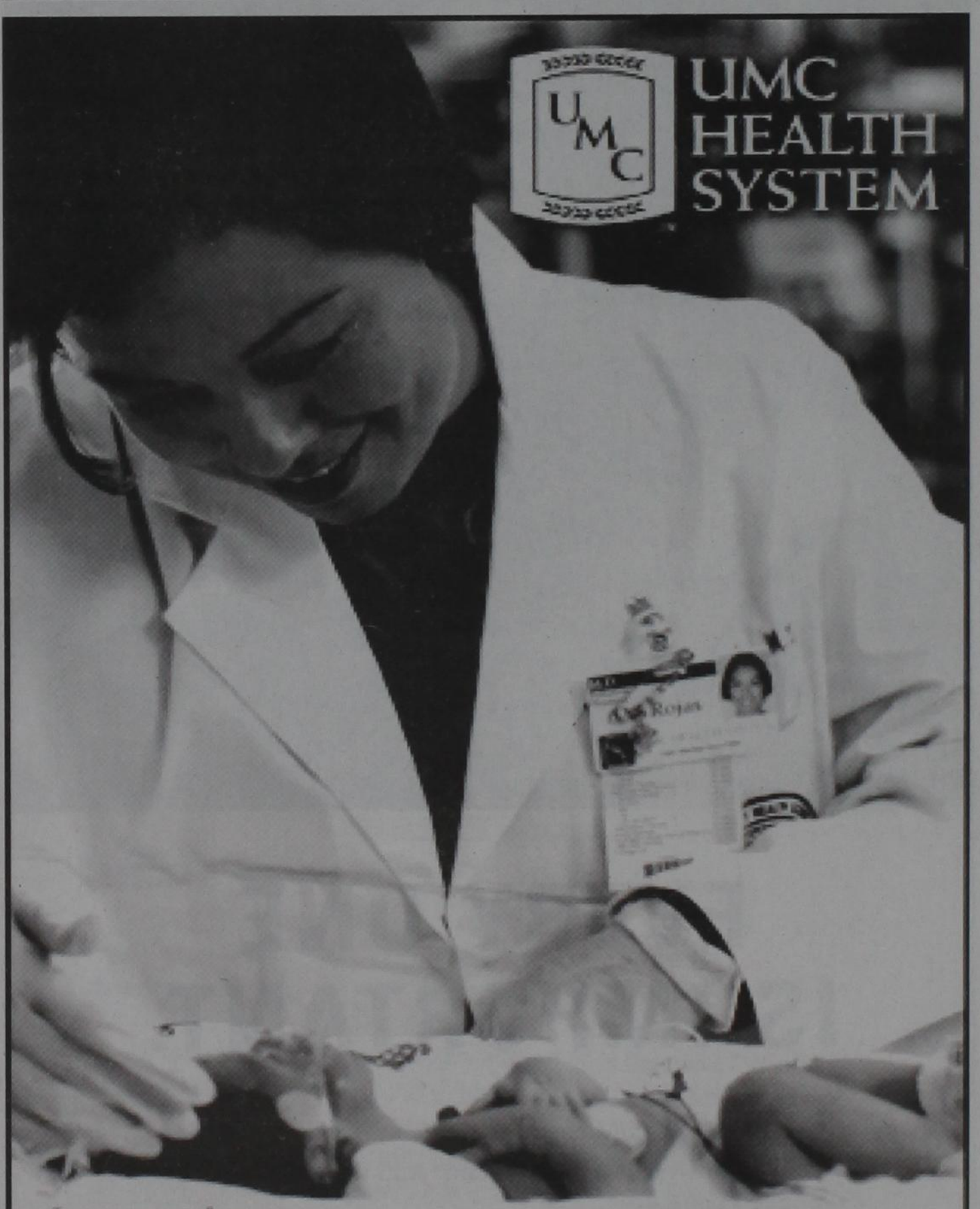
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### LISD Teachers, Administrators, & Dr. Robertson Walk To Invite Students To Return Back To LISD

LISD teachers, administrators and attendance officers were joined by community volunteers Monday morning, September 14, 2013, in the annual effort to invite students to return to school.

According to the Texas State Data Center, the average lifetime earnings of a person without a high school diploma are \$500,000 while the lifetime earnings of a person with a high school diploma are more than double that - \$1,167,000. Statistics from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice show that a person who has not completed high school is three times more likely to commit a crime and end up in a Texas prison than is a high school graduate.

Dr. Berhl Robertson, Jr., su-


perintendent, said, "This is our fourth Expectation Graduation Walk and we know this program can make a difference in the lives of students. It is critically important to their futures and the health of our community that every student graduates from high school and is college and

career ready."

Robertson pointed out that the walk is only one piece of a larger strategy for dropout prevention and recovery. Research suggests many students drop out because they have academically fallen behind in school. The district uses data to closely track student progress from the time the child enters school and attempts to provide early intervention to help all students be successful.




Dr. Berhl Robertson, Jr., LISD Superintendent, gives Annamarie Palacio a congratulatory hug for her decision to return to high school and graduate. Palacio, a former Monterey High School student, was contacted through the Expectation Graduation Walk program on Saturday morning.



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**Professional Background**

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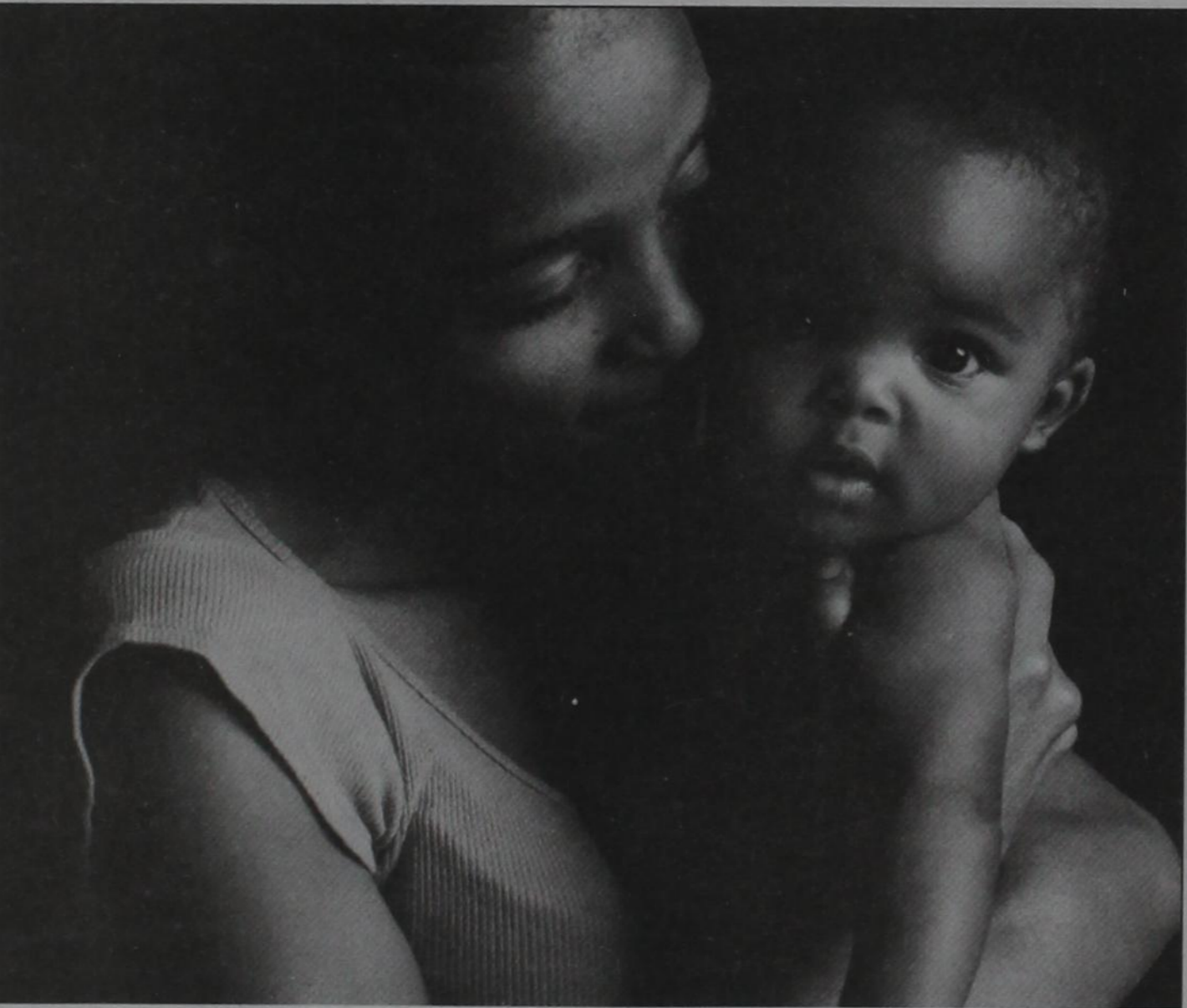


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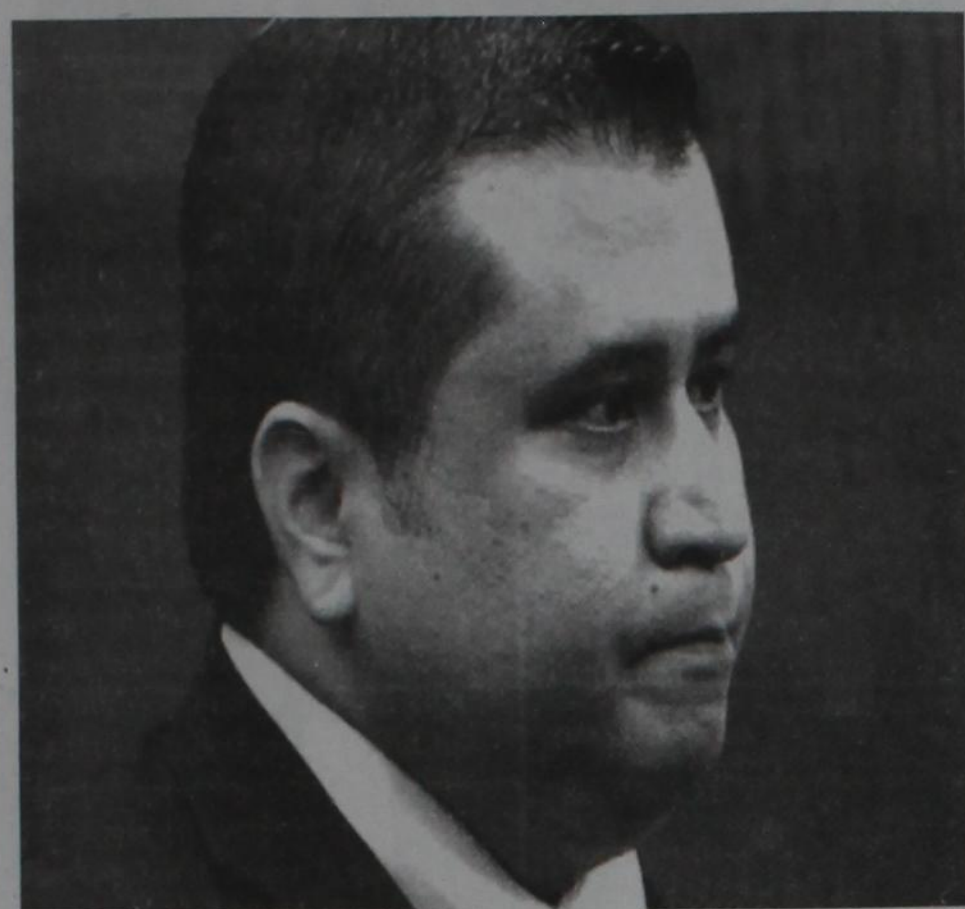
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## George Zimmerman Flips Out; Threatens Ex-Wife With Gun and Punches Her Father in the Face



George Zimmerman

According to news reports, George Zimmerman was recently taken into custody after an incident involving a gun, his ex-wife, and his father in law. Lake Mary, Florida police are reporting that Zimmerman was taken away after his ex-wife made a 911 call alleging that he was threatened her with a gun. Zimmerman also allegedly punched her father.

Sources close to Zimmerman told TMZ that "George and his

estranged wife Shellie Zimmerman have been renting a home from her parents, but ever since she filed for divorce they've been avoiding each other like the plague -- scheduling house visits ahead of time to keep the peace." To make matters worse, George reportedly also showed up to the house with his new girlfriend.

A spokesman for the police said they are still "trying to determine what exactly happened.

## Tom Joyner Foundation and Denny's To Give Away Thousands in 2013-2014 Scholarships to Minority Students



Tom Joyner

The 2013-2014 Denny's Hungry For Education Scholarship program is back, and aims to recognize students by awarding deserving high school and college students with scholarships for their ideas to help Denny's efforts to fight childhood hunger.

The scholarships will be given away in partnership with many organizations including the Tom Joyner Foundation, Urban League of the Upstate, and the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU). For the Tom Joyner Foundation scholarships, the applicant must

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Issa Rae

## Alright TV Announces New Series From Issa Rae

Los Angeles, CA -- Tracey E. Edmonds, President and CEO of Alright TV, today announced the debut of the new digital series The Choir from YouTube sensation Issa Rae, creator and star of the hit web-series The Mis-Adventures of Awkward Black Girl. The Choir is a faith-friendly dramedy that follows the United Church of Holy Christ in Fellowship's choir as they attempt to rebuild a declining congregation.

"Issa Rae is a groundbreaking writer and producer. We are thrilled to showcase her new series, The Choir, on Alright TV," said Edmonds. "Issa is a rising star in the industry and her work is not only thoughtful and clever, it is hilariously funny and a delight to watch. I am certain Alright TV viewers will find her

latest production interesting and relatable," she concluded.

"I'm excited to join the Alright TV family and to share my new show, The Choir," said Issa Rae. "Tracey is such an inspiration as

a producer and executive and she and her team have been very supportive as we worked to develop the series. It has been a joy to work with her, and I'm so excited to bring my vision and voice to the Alright TV audience."

As the creator of The Mis-Adventures of Awkward Black Girl, Issa Rae is at the forefront of the digital web revolution and

has become a pioneer in the fight against the narrow, mainstream portrayal of people of color in the media. Join her latest adventure in The Choir as members look for new, innovative, and at times outlandish ways to make the church thrive as it once did!

The Choir, debuts exclusively on Alright TV on August 29th, 2013! Watch the series online at [www.youtube.com/alrighttv](http://www.youtube.com/alrighttv).



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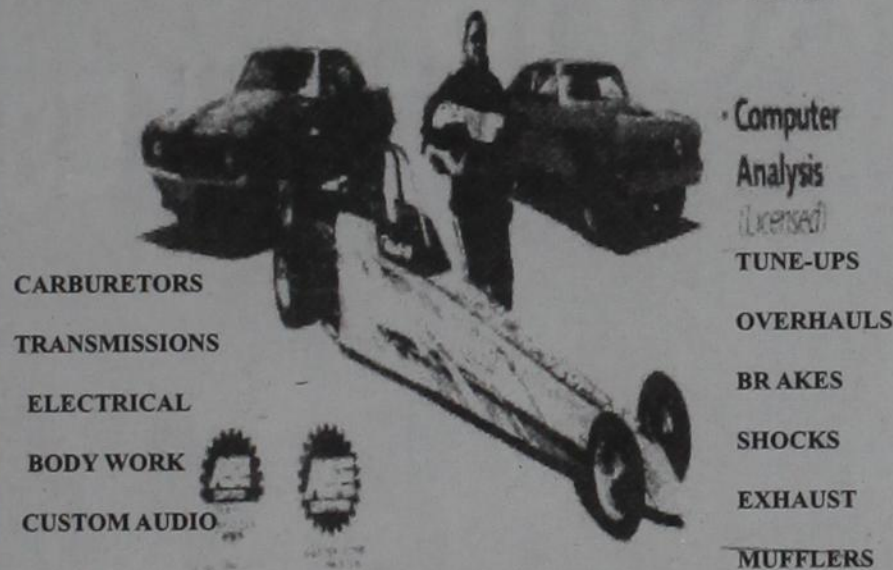
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Completed applications may be returned to the above address, **Monday-Wednesday between the hours of 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM. This is a walk in interview and you will be seen in the order that you come in.** Applications outside of these dates will not be accepted. The following documents will be required at the time of interview:

All information is required at the time of the interview, we must have original documents no copies will be accepted.

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- Make sure that you bring your application **completed and signed.** (No Blanks)
- Birth certificates for all children (**Birth facts will not be accepted!**)
- Social security cards for everyone in household. (**We will also accept the receipt print out with the social security number on it from the Social Security office.**)
- **Current picture ID/DL** for all adults in household are **required** at the time of the interview,
- All adults must attend this interview, unless **working or attending school, contact the Intake department to see if accommodations can be made!** Failure to attend could result in not being interviewed or your appointment being rescheduled.

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**Pastor & 1st Lady O. DeShun Avery**

The Lubbock Community is invited to come and help celebrate with First Progressive Baptist Church in the 5th Year Anniversary for Pastor & 1st Lady O. DeShun Avery. Pastor Avery is continuing the work begun by his father, the late Rev. Homer Avery. Services got underway on Friday evening, September 13th, with a 'Youth Explosion.' on Sunday morning, September 15th, Pastor W. Austin of Waco, Texas delivered the morning sermon. Pastor L. Slaughter of the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church

**SPC releases fall 2013 enrollment figures**

**LEVELLAND** – South Plains College officials recently announced the fall enrollment numbers. As of the 12th day of classes, enrollment across all SPC campuses is 9,606. The enrollment for fall 2012 was 9,678. "We know that unemployment in our region is low and that rate impacts our enrollment," said Dr. Kelvin Sharp, President of South Plains College. "However, 9,600 students is a good position for us to be in at this time."

"We have an opportunity to help students and their families as they make their decisions into career options," he said. Prior to the enrollment surge in 2009, South Plains College normally averaged around 9,500 students. In fall 2009, the census number was 10,046. In fall 2010, enrollment stood at 10,190, 10,549 in fall 2011 and 9,678 in fall 2012. "We will continue to position ourselves to help this region with an educated workforce to keep the vitality in our communities," said Dr. Sharp. For additional information, call Dane Dewbre, associate dean for College Relations, at (806) 716-2210.

**Air Force Airman Nickolas A. Smith Graduates**

Air Force Airman Nickolas A. Smith graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Smith is a 2011 graduate of Coronado High School, Lubbock.

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cial need, and be in good academic standing. For the Urban League scholarships, applicants must be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident. Grades and academic performance will serve as indicators of potential; however, an emphasis may be placed on the individuals essay submission.

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