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2011 BLACK GRADUATE ISSUE

The California Advocate proudly salutes and dedicates this week's special issue to all of our African American graduates for the year 2011. We would also like to thank Fresno State University and the Fresno Unified School District for their involvement in this issue. In lieu of wishing the brightest of future success to all of our graduates, we would like to share a few words of encouragement for their life's journey.

Graduation - a time for reflection, a time for good-byes, for memories recalled and for a bright new world waiting there; yours for the taking!

You may find that the world throws indifference or apathy at you. You will find yourself facing prejudice and intolerance. You may even find that the world will laugh at your dreams or that people will try and discourage you from achieving your dreams, your goals and your aspirations. Financial constraints will most likely be ever present, as will the fluctuating courage and the conviction to continue every day and step by step.

You have a solid education empowering you to reach your limitless potential. You have the courage of your convictions to chal-

lenge boundaries and obstacles that stand in your way. You have the passion to dream wildly, the heart to cherish closely and the strength of character to honor your word.

As you stand on the brink of your graduation, we entrust you - the future generation - with this responsibility: Have faith in the world. Challenge injustice. Embrace your strengths. Admit your failings.

Value all that you have been taught. Know your own self-worth. Hold unequivocally to this undeniable truth ... you have the right to be the best you can be.



Mark Kimber, Publisher
The California Advocate Newspaper

President Obama Surprises Students, Speaks at High School Graduation



President Barack Obama

TENNESSEE - President Barack Obama arrived in Memphis on Monday morning to meet with flood victims and speak to the 2011 graduating class of Booker T. Washington High School.

Senator Bob Corker accompanied President Obama on his flight aboard Air Force One from Washington. They were greeted by Governor Bill Haslam, Memphis Mayor A C Wharton, Senator Lamar Alexander, U.S. Representative Steve Cohen, U.S. Attorney Ed Stanton along with Booker T. Washington Seniors Cassandra Henderson and Christopher Dean.

Dean and Henderson were with President Obama for a surprise drop-in chat with the senior class before the ceremony. The students did not know he would join them before commencement, and erupted into cheers, and some sobs, when Obama walked out smiling.

Obama gave a small pep talk telling the students that they have shown determination, character and a willingness to work hard and "steer clear of folks who were trying to send you down the wrong path."

He told them they are an inspiration to their city, the

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2011 Stanley J. McDonald Memorial Scholarship Recipient Named

Edison High School senior Alaysia Brown receives the 2011 Stanley J. McDonald Memorial Scholarship



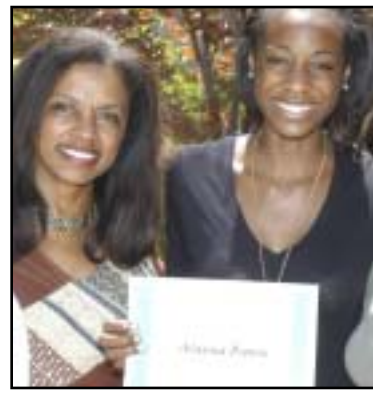
Stanley McDonald

The Stanley J. McDonald Jr. Family was pleased to award Edison High School senior Alaysia Brown with the 2011 Stanley J. McDonald Memorial Scholarship. This \$4000 annual scholarship was established in 2007 by the family for Edison High seniors who intend to pursue careers that focus in education, music or aeronautics. Stanley McDonald began his 30 year

career with Fresno Unified School District as a music teacher at Edison High School, his alma mater, where he later became principle. He ultimately retired from FUSD in 2005 as Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources. The family established the scholarship after he was killed in a gyroplane accident and intends to expand the scholarship next year to in3.16.clude

students from Hoover and Bullard High campuses, where Mr. McDonald also served as Principal.

Miss Brown, a valedictorian as well as Magna Cum Laude, will be a featured speaker at the Edison High commencement exercise. She graduated with a 4.25 GPA, and has plans to study at University of San Diego, majoring in Psychology.



Cheri Beasley & Ashley Brown

Advocate Publisher's Daughter Graduates From Edison High

FRESNO, CALIF. - Taylor Kimber, daughter of Advocate Publisher Mark Kimber and Kathi Hernandez, has successfully completed high school and is looking forward to perusing her education at Fresno City College and Reedley College this fall.

Future goals include studies in politics, law, theater and broadcast journalism.

"To Our beautiful and loved daughter, we wish you all the success in life. You have not only attained your personal goals but have inspired your parents, family, and friends along the way.

Your passion for life and exciting spirit and dedication is to be admired.

We love you Taylor Kimber very much and our entire family is secure in knowing you will continue to make us all very proud of you," stated a very, very, proud father, Mark Kimber.



Taylor Kimber

23 Graduates from BMB Leadership Academy in South West Fresno Honored

FRESNO, CALIF. - The Black Men and Boys (BMB) Leadership Academy has graduated 23 participants this year and held a reception honoring them this past Thursday. The Fresno West Coalition for Economic Development (FWCED) which hosts the BMB Leadership Academy annually.

The Advocate is pleased to

allow their representative Ms. Jean Kennedy this opportunity to inform our readers of the scope and importance of this program

SUBMITTED BY DR. JEAN KENNEDY, (PSYD.O.D)

Organizational effectiveness is often the key compo-

nent to an organization's success. The BMB Academy demonstrated "effectiveness". The experience was awesome as our Black men and youth (across generation) met for six weeks. Our participants were highly motivated and committed to the changes needing in their own lives. They demonstrated personal and professional

excellence. Our participants came from all social stratification, yet were willing to lay aside their social identities to become "one family" for the six weeks that the Academy met. We held our first graduation on June 9th, with the theme of "Creating the Life that you Want." We graduated 49 participants

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Congratulations to the African American Centennial Class of 2011!



“Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it.”

MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN



FRESNO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SALUTE TO 2011 GRADUATES



BRIA L. GRAVES

Bria L. Graves is graduating from Sunnyside High School. Bria has been a role model and actively involved in various clubs and activities such as; "Don't Laugh at Me, HOC (Helping Our Community), Leadership, Varsity Cheer, VPA (Video Production Academy), Track and Field, and Vice President of BSU (Black Student Union). Additionally, Bria is a member of Jr. Mission, Mass Choir, and the Praise Dance Team. Bria plans to pursue a career in the field for Child Psychology. Bria's family and friends are proud of her and would like to wish her continued success in her future endeavors. God Bless you Bria, Love Mom (Earline E. Graves).



TYRELL MAYBERRY

13 -years- old. 8th grade graduation from Edison Computech and will be attending Edison High. Mother is Tina Jenkins.



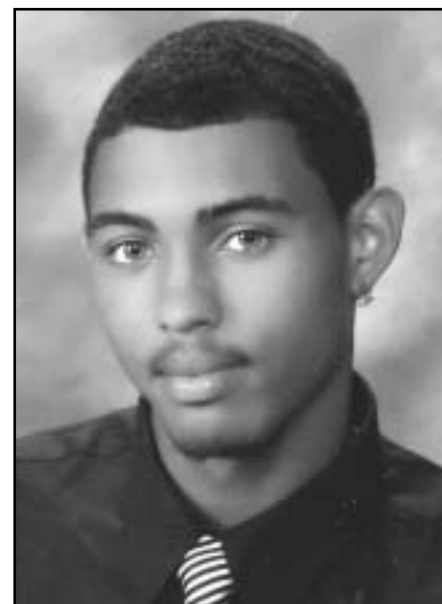
JAZMYN MONET MIKELL

Figarden Elementary School. Parents: Mr. Rodney T. Mikell, Father; Joanne Owens, Mother; Dr. Robert S. Mikell, Grandfather; Dr. Edna F. Mikell, Grandmother, Fresno, Ca. Academic GPA: Merit List. Awards/Honors: Student of the Month, Coach's Award, Basketball, Leadership Pin. Future Plans: Go to college and become a Scientist.



CHRISTOPHER ZAKAR DOUGLAS

Christopher Zakar Douglas who is the son of Ricky Douglas and Mary Zakar, will graduate for Hoover High, where he played on the 2011 Valley Championship basketball team. He also lettered in football and plans to attend a 4 year University and use his sports experience to land him a position on the Dallas Cowboy's professional Team. Chris has two sisters, Reonna Zakar and Rayen Douglas, one brother, Dwayne Rogers, and two special cousins, Brandon Green and Gregory Washington.



CRAIG A. SIMPSON II

Graduating from Hoover High School with a 3.22 G.P.A. Craig A. Simpson II was a member of Leadership training. He played three sports, and received an acceptance letter in football, basketball and baseball. He plans to go to college for the next 4 to 5 years and play basketball. He is the son for Sharirka McAllister and Craig Simpson and the grandson of Charles, Patsy, Echols McAllister and Don Monrow, Brooklyn Lee is his sister.



JASMINE ELLARD

Jasmine will be graduating from Fresno City College on May 20, 2011 with and AA degree in Liberal Arts. She will attend California State University, Northridge in the spring pursuing a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Pre-Law. Congratulations Jasmine, we are very proud of the great accomplishment you have achieved from your parents Mr. and Mrs. Ron Ellard.



KAIYA MUNERLYN

Graduated: Panda's Environmental School. Parents: Noel and Robyn Munerlyn.



AAVIAN COVINGTON

Her name is Aavian Covington, she attends BluffView Private Preschool. She is graduating from her Bumblebee's Preschool Class.



BRIANNA R. D. SIMPSON

DOB: 11-21-88. Parents: Bertram and Pamela Simpson. Grandparents: Pastor ad Mrs. Chester Riggins. College: California State University, Fresno. Bachelor of Arts: Mass Communications and Journalism - Advertising emphasis. During my college experience I worked as a Student Assistant for the office of University Communications, was an active member of the Black Students united organization and participated in other activities and events that contributed to the accomplishment for earning my degree. It was a very exciting moment when my diploma arrived; I felt like and official college graduate and could proudly say "I have a degree." I would like to thank my family, friends, and peers for their support and motivation.

BRITTANY JONES
Graduating from Rio Vista Middle School (Central Unified School District). Career goals: Registered Nurse. Parents: Robert and LaTasha Jones.



DAJANAE M. JONES

Bullard High School. Parents: Darnell Jones & Chere Perry. Academic GPA 3.0. Future Plans: City College



DARIUS A. MIKELL

School: Bella Vista Middle School, Winchester, Ca. Parent: Ms. Paulette Mikell, Winchester, Ca. Academic GPA: 3.2. Awards/Honors: Student of the Month, Art Award. Excelled in Sports: Basketball, Softball. Future Plans: Computer Programmer.



CHARLES RAY PARRISH III

Charles Ray Parrish III, will be getting his promotion from Kids Kare at the Parks day care. Charles will start Kindergarten in August. Charles is the son of Charles and Rene' Parrish.



JESSICA DUNN

School: University of California Berkeley (U.C. Berkeley)
Parents: Royce and Cindy Dunn Fresno, CA

Awards/Honors: B. A. degree-Interdisciplinary Studies Field Major; emphasis in Cross Cultural Perspectives of Health and Illness; Pre-Medical

Student Organizations: Black Students in Health Association, Co-President; Biology Scholars Program; Black Campus Ministries: Leadership Team, C-Director of Praise Dance Team, Gospel Choir

Graduate Sunnyside High School, Fresno: Valedictorian, Doctor's Academy, Prom Queen, girls Varsity Basketball Captain, Orchestra, Violin (first chair), Black Student Union.

Future Plans: Doctor in Pediatric Medicine



GARBALLE CONROE

Garballe Conroe grew up on the Westside of Fresno, CA. She has 3 brothers 1 sister. She is the daughter of Allen and Donna Conroe. Garballe has been actively involved in community outreach by mentoring at risk youth and participation in Career Day through Washington Union High School. Garballe invest in the lives of youths by educating and inspiring others to reach their goals. She took her gift and talent of helping others by Majoring in Counseling and will be receiving her Master's Degree from California State University of Fresno. She is currently working with youths that are at risk. Garballe future goals are to continue to give back to the community and continue with her professional development by pursuing her PHD in education.



ASHLEY LOGAN

Hoover High School. Granddaughter of Janie Logan & Niece of Johnny Wilson. Future Plans: Study Psychology.



ENDESHA PIERSON

17 -years-old. 12th grade graduation from Edison High/CART will be attending UC Merced for Forensic Psychology in the fall. Mother is Tina Jenkins.



MORGAN ARMANI WHITE

Morgan Armani White is graduating from Central East High School with a 3.3 G.P.A. He will be attending Monterey Peninsula College where he will be playing football, majoring in Psychology, and working with the youth. White is the son of Connie Washington and Edward L. White.



Local Students Tour Historical Black Colleges With Unique Program

Last summer TCU HEIRS Program, a local college tour organization, provided a selected number of students in Fresno the opportunity to tour college campuses around the country which included Historical Black Colleges and University's (HBCU's) in D.C and Virginia.

During their visit to various Historical Black Colleges and University's (HBCU's), the students were able to engage in college campus activities and celebrate their cultural heritage as they retraced their ancestors' journey through history. After returning to Fresno, many of these students say they came back with a thought-provoking experience that empowered them to fulfill their dreams for the future.

Here are a couple testimonials from those students:

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"The trip was truly significant because I learned so much about my culture in just a few days. It is a precious thing to be in-

formed and I have truly developed into a stronger individual. I realized there is absolutely no excuse to not go out and pursue your dreams and aspirations. I also experienced things I never thought I'd do. Best of all, I was accepted into a well-known prestigious school: Hampton University; my new home."

TAYLOR KIMBER

"My favorite part of the college tour: Washington D.C was phenomenal! I absolutely loved Howard University. The friendliness and professionalism of students and staff was so awesome. To learn in depth the rich legacy African Americans have made was almost unbelievable. The amazing landmark of D.C, such as the White House, the Capital and the Washington Monument was a great learning experience. I really enjoyed discovering the real people who have paved the way for my grandparents and others, even me. This trip exposed me to other options outside of California. The tour

opened up my eyes to the possibilities of doing so much more in my life. I have to say thank you Mrs. Holly and Mrs. Robinson for this wonderful experience."

THE TCU HEIRS PROGRAM:
We strive to connect students to invaluable resources and teach life lessons while giving them the scholastic tools to succeed in high school, college, and beyond.

Program Goals:

- Provide educational opportunities and success for every student.
- Develop a positive attitude in the student necessary for academic success, to reach career and life goals.
- Build bridges from middle school through high school and beyond which leads to college success.
- Equip students with skills to enter and succeed in college.

The Ultimate College Tour:

Students are provided with the

opportunity to tour California collegiate campuses as well as HBCU's. The students are equipped with information, to determine the best fit for their individual needs and interests.

During their visit to the various HBCU's, they're immersed in a campus community that embraces and celebrates their cultural heritage.

The students are also able to retrace their ancestors' journey through history. At the conclusion of this thought – provoking experience, students are empowered to fulfill their dreams for the future.

Our Tour Includes:

- Comprehensive Campus Tour / HBCU's in D. C. & Virginia.
- Student consultations with college admission officials.
- Visits to relevant historical sites.
- Assist student in determining if college and local area is the best fit for their needs.



Students Taylor Kimber and Bria Lewis with Regina Holly at the White House while visiting Howard University in Washington.



Ashley Washington at Howard University sharing information with prospective students, Taylor Kimber and Bria Lewis

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For submissions made in person, drop off an envelope labeled with the couple's name, including a photo (digital or print) and the couples information to the office of The California Advocate, located at 1555 E Street, Fresno, CA 93706.

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New Advocate Columnist: Beauty Expert Speaks Out On Racist Psychologist

ARE YOU SERIOUS? London Psychologist Says Black Women are Less Attractive than Whites and Asians



Sarah Giovinetti, Beauty Consultant Begins Advocate Beauty Column

BY SARAH GIOVINETTI, BEAUTY CONSULTANT

Just when you think that we are progressing towards a more cultivated and united world, we get hit by a psychologist that has a history of writing biased articles in Psychology Today. His racist's beliefs are illuminated in his damaging article of misinformation, and distorted science towards black women.

I have been a makeup artist for many years and the first thing we learn as makeup artists is to try and achieve as much symmetry as possible. Symmetry in the face and body is what makes someone attractive. I have learned over the years to hone my skills and enhance people's features by contouring and highlighting to make the features appear more attractive and thus symmetrical regardless of race.

There are also a number of other universal factors that go into what makes someone attractive. One item on the list is waist to hip ratio in women, .7 is deemed the most attractive regardless of weight. According to Barnaby Dixson, Anthropologist, who studied 100 men living in three different areas in remote New Guinea. This ratio is what defines the hour glass figure. Take a measuring tape and figure out your proportions using this equation: (waist measurement/ hip measurement = ratio). The best way to summarize this is a slimmer waist in relation to wider hips, fuller thighs and larger butt. Hmmmm ... This sounds like most of the female black population! There are thousands of other races risking their lives in surgery and often time's illegal surgery of butt injections for this attribute that many black women have naturally.

Dr. Geoff Beattie, of UK's Manchester University, relayed his findings about lips to the Daily News. He inextricably proved that lips represent one of the most sensual aspects of a women's body and play a critical role in human sexual attraction. Dr. Beattie's study tracked eye movements of 50 men, with the presentation of images of different women. They spent .95 seconds on eyes, .85 seconds on hair and 7 seconds on lips. He found that the color red on lips was the most attractive color, and men would follow the images with red lips for 7.3 seconds and pink for 6.7 seconds. Full lips were deemed to be most attractive, but the appeal of thin lips increased by more than 40% once makeup had been applied. "Full and red lips combined deliver the perfect pout to achieve male fixation." Black women are renowned the world over for having the most voluptuous lips on the planet. "re: Naomi Campbell and Meagan Good ... so ... ladies of all races ... take out the lip gloss and lip stick and get your man fixated on your lips!

There are many more universal attributes that go into attraction that Dr. Kanazawa's biased test could not do. Attractiveness has to do with scent, hairiness, height and posture, youthfulness, personality, exciting and kind attributes, contrasts are also deemed as beautiful (black hair/blue eyes, brown skin/green eyes, blonde hair/tan skin), hair luster and length, sexual dimorphism, and cross cultural dimensions. Preference in attraction is different in human groups. History has shown that Chinese men used to prefer women with small feet. Shakespearean England-ankles were the rage, and in some African tribal cultures, men adore women who insert large discs in their lips; according to Charles Feng of Stanford University.

I could easily set up an online test with all black men taking the test. I could use Tyra Banks as my black subject, Rosie O'Donnell as my white subject and Margaret Cho as my Asian subject. This is a very biased test, as you can see. A scientific test would have to compare apples to apples and oranges to oranges. The test would have to have the subjects having the same hair, facial features, body dimensions, expression, different angles of photos; and an equal number of race members as the participants in study. This would be a start; however, it would still leave out the cross cultural aspects, personality, smells, posture and sexual dimorphism. The fact of the matter is beauty is truly in the eye of the beholder scientifically speaking. There are many different factors that go into the process of being attracted to someone that are not judged purely on a photograph.

There are many races trying to look more like black women. They are going to tanning salons to get darker skin; they are getting lip injections for fuller lips and butt implants/injections for a more hour glass shape. The fact that someone would so arbitrarily put out an irresponsible blog is reckless. Black models the world over have such a high hurdle to overcome no matter how gorgeous and perfect they may be. There is racial prejudice in the world that blocks them from many coveted ad campaigns. This type of blogging agenda whose misinformation and biased reporting only further exacerbates the problem. The fact of the matter is Black is Beautiful, which Italian Vogue (the fashion bible) admitted in their July 2008 issue by dedicating and featuring only black models. I would like to give out love to all of the beautiful black women who have broken down stereotypes and let the world know that black is beautiful, thank you ... Tyra Banks, Naomi Campbell, Sade, Iman, Halle Berry, Stacy Dash, Gabriel Union, Meagan Good, Garcelle Beauvais, Beverly Peele, Lena Horne, Josephine Baker, Dorothy Dandridge, Tina Turner, Janet Jackson, Toni Braxton, Mariah Carey, Lauren Hill, Phylicia Rashad, Queen Latifah, Alicia Keys, Beyonce, Rihanna, Beverly Johnson, Chanel Iman and many more beautiful black women who are fabulous and beautiful I adore you.

You can sign a petition against the article at www.change.org
Here are my suggestions to be more attractive: 1. Be authentic, Be yourself 2. Be confident 3. Play up your assets, downplay your under assets 4. Take pride in your appearance and smell good! 5. Use body language, flirt, flirt, and flirt!

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Teachers' Low Expectations Harm Black Children, Say Parents

Black middle class parents believe many teachers have low expectations for their children, according to latest research.

Research found that many black parents believed there was 'generally low teacher expectations' regarding their children's performance

The Educational Strategies of the Black Middle Classes study was carried out by the Institute of Education and is based on interviews with 62 parents of black Caribbean heritage.

It found that many parents believed there was "generally low teacher expectations" regarding their children's performance at school.

The report added: "Good behavior and average attainments by black students are accepted as sufficient by too many teachers."

Researchers found that black middle class parents have adopted a number of strategies to counter this at-

titude from teaches. One is to rarely use the word racism, even if there is evidence of it as "it is likely to be met with resistance and antagonism by teachers, tutors and school staff".

Another is to ensure teachers are aware that they place a high value on education. A common view among families interviewed was the role of education as a key to social mobility.

One parent said: "I've probably been down to school twice now just to check on him. The teachers have been very, very supportive, but also very surprised that I've wanted to see them before parents' evening or before they asked me."

Another said: "Before he started at the new, state school I wrote to the headmaster: 'My child is coming to your school, he's always gone to private school, but I love your school. But be warned, I have very high expecta-

tions of my child, so my message is do not mess up'."

Christine Blower, general secretary of National Union of Teachers, said: "No child or young person should ever be written off or have their potential underestimated. It is crucial that our schools and colleges aspire

to equality of access and entitlement to education for all pupils.

"Teachers, however, need support for teaching a diverse school population, including explicitly how to tackle racism, during initial teaching training and also through continuing professional development."

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Community Calendar for June & July, 2011

Community Events in June

SPORTS

Track and Field League

JUNE 13 June 13-17th, 6-8pm: "Track and Field League". This event being will be held at the Edison High School Track. Division I will be for 5th and 6th graders and Division II is for 7th and 8th graders. West Fresno's Olympic Gold and Silver Medalist Randy Williams, will be the instructor of the league. The Dr. James E. Aldredge Foundation is sponsoring the league and the Foundation will once again utilize sports activities to stress to the students the necessity of academic proficiency, sportsmanship and other life skills. Boys and Girls sign-ups are "free" of charge. For further information, call (559) 515-5807.

Free Youth Football Clinic

JUNE 18 June 18th, 9am. A one day free youth football clinic at McLane Football Stadium. This is a free clinic for players and cheer in the grades 1-6. We will be having former/present NFL and college players, along with local high school coaching staffs. This clinic also includes a cheer staff to instruct on the basics of cheerleading. You must register online for attendance of this free clinic.

City/County All Star Basketball Games and Hall Of Fame Banquet

JUNE 22 June 22nd, 5:30 pm. The 41st Annual City/County All-Star Basketball Game will be held at Clovis North High School at 5:30pm (women) & 7:30pm (men). General admission will be \$10. Former players Kristi Fulton (Clovis West) and Demetrius Porter (Washington) and former coach Will Harris (Washington, McLane, Edison) will be inducted into the City/County Basketball All-Star Hall of Fame on June 20 at 6 pm, inside the Sanger High cafeteria.

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS

Summer Reading Program

JUNE 16 Starts June 16th. Make sure your kids are reading all summer long and have fun in the process! The theme for Fresno County Public Library's Summer Reading Program is One World, Many Stories. We are offering small prizes for reading books and offer fun activities for all ages, always free of cost. For West Fresno Branch Library (188 E California Ave) performances for children are each Thursday at 3:00, beginning June 16 (Puppet Show 6/16, Reptile Show 6/23, Dance to Music 6/30, World Music Show 7/7 and Magic Show 7/14) and programs for teens are each Wednesday at 3:00, beginning July 15 (Book Bead Key chains 6/15, Friendship Bracelets 6/22, Scrapbook Journals 6/29, Grossology 7/6, Dream Catchers 7/13). For details about activities at other library branches please visit www.fresnolibrary.org. Questions? Call West Fresno Branch Library at 455-6066.

Fun Day Camps

JUNE 27 June 27th-July 8th. Fun Day camp with the Frank H. Ball Community Center and Romain Neighborhood Center. Sessions will run Monday through Friday from 10am to 2pm. Session 1 will be held for children ages 8-12. Children will enjoy activities like arts and crafts, sports, games and fitness, puppetry and dance and cooking classes, field trips, computer labs, science labs. For more info call, 621-6720.

Kids Water Camp

JUNE 17 On Friday, June 17, 2011, 8:30am – 1pm at Woodward Park, kid's ages 8 to 9 are invited for a day of summer fun to learn about the water cycle and new ways to save water.

ENTERTAINMENT

Juneteenth Celebration

JUNE 17 June 17-19th at various locations. Juneteenth is an African-American holiday that commemorates the notification of the Emancipation Proclamation to the State of Texas on June 19, 1865. The theme this year is "Embracing Our Heritage through Unity & Education." Our goal is to educate and inspire our community through the planned events. June 17th: 5-9pm Juneteenth Kick-Off at The African American Museum (1857 Fulton Street Fresno 93710). June 18th, 10am: Juneteenth Parade at the Food Maxx located on Fresno and B Street. June 18th, 12pm-8pm: Juneteenth Annual Celebration at the Cecil Hinton Community Center (2385 S Fairview St., Fresno CA 93706). For more information please call (559) 497-0795. June 19th, 12pm-8pm: Juneteenth Annual Celebration at the Cecil Hinton Community Center (2385 S. Fairview St., Fresno CA 93706). For more information please call (559) 497-0795

Christopher St. James Birthday Party and Concert

JUNE 19 June 19th, 7pm. Come help Christopher St. James celebrate his birthday as they take over Fulton 55 with praise and fun and watch a few of his talented friends rock the stage! This night is open to all, but space is limited! Get you tickets early. After you have given honor to your Father, come out and have an exciting evening with live bands, Gospel Hip Hop, Spoken word (poetry), and music to get you jumpin'! Hosted by B95's "Juice Crew" Radio Personality and World Renowned Comedian Andre Covington ... you know it's gonna be wild!

Celebrity Bowling Challenge

JUNE 17 June 17th, 5:30pm. AMF Sierra Lanes will host its Celebrity Bowling Challenge! Hosted by: Ricky Manning, Jr.-St. Louis Ram, Louis Leonard-Denver Bronco, Derrick Ward-Houston Texans, Adam Jennings-New York Giants, Andre Covington of B95 Juice Crew, Mo' of Q97, and a host of NFL (present and former). The cost of this event will be \$30 per adult & \$20 per child (12 & under), 5 bowlers per lane (fees will cover 2 games of bowling, food, non-alcoholic beverages, and event t-shirt), \$5 spectator pass. All proceeds will benefit KYJO/D.R.E.A.M. Central Valley.

Messy Marv Live

JUNE 18 June 18th, 7pm located at the Fresno Fairgrounds. The Cake and Ice Cream Show. Featuring Messy Marv, San Quinn, Black C of RBL Posse, Purp Reynolds and more!

Club X Grand Opening

JUNE 20 June 20th, 8pm. Club X Grand Opening. A new teen club for ages 14-19 In Hanford. Located at Square Eights Hall 11555 Fargo Ave. Red carpet entry so dress to impress! Call (559) 410-8065 for more information.

2nd Annual Central Valley Comedy Competition

JUNE 20 June 20th-July 2nd. 8pm. 2nd Annual Central Valley Comedy Competition. Up and coming comedians from across the United States battle it out for the ultimate Central Valley Comedy Title! Hosted by B95's own Andre Covington! Over 60 comedians will get whittled down to 4 finalists who will compete for \$5,000.00 in cash and prizes at the finale! The preliminary rounds consist of approximately 25 comedians who will perform for 5 minutes each at different venues. The preliminary rounds of the comedy competition are as follows: Show time is at 8pm for all venues! Tickets can be purchased at the door, the day of an event and range from \$5.00-\$10.00. A portion of all proceeds benefit the Fresno Community Food Bank. June 20th - 21st: Crossroads Nightclub - 3315 North Cedar Avenue, Fresno. Ph. (559) 389-0770; June 22nd: Club One Casino - 1033 Van Ness Avenue, Fresno, CA 93721. Ph. (559) 497-3000; June 23rd: Pressbox - 6022 N. Figarden Drive, Fresno CA 93722. Ph. (559) 275 7777; Semi-Final Rounds: June 24th - 25th: Thai Palms - 7785 North Palm Avenue #101, Fresno, CA 93711. Ph. (559) 438-2803; The Finals: Appellation California Winery (also known as Ap Cal Winery), 32749 Avenue 7, Madera, CA. Ph. (559) 674-9493. For more information regarding the 2nd Annual Central Valley Comedy Competition or to purchase tickets to the finals visit www.559afterdark.com. Tickets for the finals can also be purchased at any of the preliminary rounds.

Fashawn Live

JUNE 25 June 25th: 9pm at the Tower Theatre. Featuring Fashawn with Diego Redd and Clouded Vision! Tickets cost \$20.50. Service fee of \$3.00 is added if you use a debit/credit card.

Community Events in July

SPORTS

Fresno Pacific Volleyball Camp

JULY 4 July 4th-8th 9am-4:30pm. Fresno Pacific All Skills Volleyball Camp begins their first session. Camp #2 will be held on July 11-15 from 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Costs:\$265 - Commuter (lunch provided) | \$395 - Resident (13 meals, 4 nights lodging). Camper check-in: Monday July 4, and Monday July 11, 8:00-9:30 a.m. | Camp begins at 9:00 a.m. sharp all other days. Concludes at 4:30 p.m. each day, except 3:00 p.m. on Friday. Registration deadline: July 1 for both camps (\$50 late fee if after deadline). For more information call (559)-453-2032.

Fresno Grizzlies 2011 Baseball Camp

JULY 6 On Wednesday, July 6th to Friday, July 8th 8:30a.m. at Chukchansi Park, boys and girls ages 5 to 14 will have the opportunity to work with and meet Fresno Grizzlies players. Manager Steve Decker, his players, and coaching staff will teach the fundamentals of baseball. Camp participants will receive a chance to meet and play with Grizzly players, instruction in Baseball fundamentals, 2 tickets to the Grizzlies game on July 9th, On-field recognition prior to the game and an official Grizzlies camp shirt. Camp registration \$150 per player (Deadline June 27th, 2011). For more information call (559) 264-0795.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Juneteenth Scholarship Program

JULY 13 July 13th, 11:30am-1pm. The Fresno Metro Black Chamber Foundation is asking the community to help us in supporting African-American student success at their Juneteenth Scholarship Program Wednesday, July 13, at the Piccadilly Inn-Shaw. The keynote speaker will be Chancellor Deborah Blue of State Center Community College District. The Juneteenth Scholars Program, held by The Fresno Metro Black Chamber aims to support African-American students who choose to go to a college or university here in the Valley between Merced and Bakersfield. All proceeds will go towards scholarships and internships for current African-American college students from this region.

July 4th Freedom Run and Walk

JULY 4 On Monday, July 4th a Freedom Run & Walk will be held at Woodward Park benefiting the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Candle lighters & Sierra Challenge. The 4-mile run will start a 7:00am the 4-mile walk will start at 7:05am

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS

Kids Water Camp

JULY 17 On Friday, July 17, 2011, 8:30am – 1:00 pm at Woodward Park, kid's ages 8 to 9 are invited for a day of summer fund to learn about the water cycle and new ways to save water.

ENTERTAINMENT

Blues, Brews and BBQ

JULY 1 July 1st: 6pm. Blues, Brews and BBQ. Located on Garden St and Main in Visalia, CA. Every Friday night starting July 1st. Your Friday nights just got a whole lot better! Come listen to a variety of great music at Garden Street Plaza on the 1st Friday of every month, April through October, from 6 to 10 p.m.. The music is FREE with beverages and food available for purchase. Bring your friends and family downtown for amazing music and beautiful summer nights. For more information call (559) 732-7737 or visit www.DowntownVisalia.com.

Ringling Bros and Barnum and Bailey Circus Tour

JULY 6 July 6th:7:30pm. Ringling Bros and Barnum and Bailey Circus Tour. Located at the Selland Arena, 700 M Street Fresno, 93721.

Blues, Brews and BBQ

JULY 8 July 8th: 6pm. Blues, Brews and BBQ. Located on Garden St and Main in Visalia CA. Every Friday night starting July 1st. Your Friday nights just got a whole lot better! Come listen to a variety of great music at Garden Street Plaza on the 1st Friday of every month, April through October, from 6 to 10 p.m.. The music is FREE with beverages and food available for purchase. Bring your friends and family downtown for amazing music and beautiful summer nights. For more information call (559) 732-7737 or visit www.DowntownVisalia.com.

Salt-N-Pepa Concert

JULY 8 July 8th: 8pm. Salt-N-Pepa Concert located in Hanford CA at 801 10th Avenue 93230 (559) 584-3318 at the Kings Fair. To purchase tickets go to www.559afterdark.com. Tickets prices include \$6.00 admission into Kings Fair.

Blues Brews and BBQ

JULY 15 July 15th and 22nd: 6pm. Blues, Brews and BBQ. Located on Garden Street and Main in Visalia CA. Every Friday night starting July 1st. Your Friday nights just got a whole lot better! Come listen to a variety of great music at Garden Street Plaza on the 1st Friday of every month, April through October, from 6 to 10 p.m. The music is FREE with beverages and food available for purchase. Bring your friends and family downtown for amazing music and beautiful summer nights. For more information call (559) 732-7737 or visit www.DowntownVisalia.com.

Ladies Night Out Concert

JULY 29 July 29th: 8pm. 103.7 The Beat's, Ladies Night Out Concert. Featuring: K-Ci & Jo Jo, Ginuwine, Dru Hill, Jon B, Rocky Sandoval & Special Guests! Ticket prices are: \$29.00, \$39.00, \$49.00 & \$59.00.

Haute Summer Nights Fashion and Entertainment Show

JULY 30 July 30th: 5pm. Haute Summer Nights Fashion and Entertainment Show, located at West Hills College Conference Center: BLDG 200. 555 College Avenue in Lemoore, CA. Hosted by Comedian and Radio Personality "Andre Covington of B95's Juice Crew Morning Show." The Dress Attire will be "All White, with a touch of Purple." Tickets are \$35.00 and can be purchased online at www.miloevents.net, at the door or you may contact us at (559) 469-7055. Evening includes: Vendors, Fashion Show, Entertainment and After Party with a No Host Bar. The After Party will be held at The Old Firehouse, 215 N. Dooty St., Hanford CA. Entry with ticket stub and White Attire is free; if not you will have to pay. DJ Straws is on the grounds at the Fashion Show. Doors for Event at WHC open at 5pm. After Party will begin around 11pm at The Old Firehouse. M.I.L.O. and Women With Visions Unlimited invites you out to support your community. Part of the proceeds will go to a non-profit (WWVU) with the objective to open an office locally for M.I.L.O. Please check out our website to get more familiar with who M.I.L.O. is. Donations, sponsors are welcomed. Doors open at 4:30pm. Event begins at 5pm.

23 Graduates from BMB Leadership Academy in South West Fresno Honored...

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and 23 received special recognition. Many of our participants submitted special grant for projects thru the BHC grants.

I call that “success” when learning can take place “across generations” simultaneously, and we observed this each week when we met at the BMB Leadership Academy. In the academy, we intentionally incorporated four outcome components – We wanted to fully involve and engage the participants in discussion. Second, we wanted the participants to develop a strong sense of their own self-concept, (motivation grows from this) third, we wanted the participants to share their own stories. Forth, we wanted our participants to build relationships. I know success when I see it and as a professor, and as an organizational psychologist, I can say that this Leadership Academy’s supported both the pedagogy and an andragogy environment that fostered learning across all social stratification.

The Academy graduated forty-nine participants from the Academy on June 9th. Twenty three earned special honors. Congratulation Recognitions certificates were also provided from Councilman Oliver Baines and Congressman Jim Costa. Our graduates had to meet certain requirements in order to graduate: get involved in Building Healthy Community (BHC) meetings, serve on one of six BMB committees, and to develop a community project along with good attendance at the BMB Academy sessions. The profile of the BMB participants ranged from age 11 to 50 plus. We had a diverse group of African American males attend this Academy. They came to us from the community college, the University, and the parochial school system. We had single men as well as married men at the academy and we had fathers. We had

professionals as well as those still researching their career options. We had foster youth. Indeed, the Academy accommodated across generations and across socio-economic sphere. There were no “hierarchy” in the room – we were one family each week that we met. A special thanks goes out to our very own African American Museum who housed our weekly Academy.

Our presenters where also as diverse and did an excellent job. We had presenters such as: Councilmember Oliver Baines, Dr. Keith Foster ,Dr. Lee Farley, Mr. Charles Francis, Mr. Joe Covington, Mr. Micheal Lefall, Mr. Landon Green, Mr. Daren Miller, Mr. Tate Hill, Mr. Solwazi, Dr. T. Hasan Johnson, Rev. Floyd Harris Mr. Richard Stone, Dr. Don Cheek, Mr. Rick Gaston, Dr. Robert Watts and Mr. Keith Kelley. We intentionally made room to also invite women presenters into the Academy because I believe that, “we are a people who believe in ‘balance’ and no society is great without their women and men working together”. So the BMB Academy invited Dr. Karen Crozier, Dr. Francine Oputa, Ms. Colette Nwonye, as presenters. I also, provided presentation materials on Immigration and advocacy. Our presenters engaged in Q&A, which was most valuable to our participants. Our BMB participants were like sponges, soaking up information, taking down notes, and gathering business cards. Many of our participants are still in contact with these new network systems.

The last day of the Academy was special for us known as “Our Empowerment Day”. During that ‘s day, we also invited facilitators to set up real life scenarios and invited our participants to problem solve and come up with solutions. We had individuals like Mr. Darren Miller, Mr. Michael Lefall, Mr. Landon Green, Mr. Joe Covington who helped to facilitate the scenarios . Ms. Monica Blanco from the

BHC, joined us and shared their upcoming grant opportunity and information on the BHC upcoming meetings, (and not to mention her special cup cakes...mmm so good). Several of our participants are currently applying for these grants. Our participants will also go through the Incubator –in-a- Box training to help them develop their own business plan. The \$100.00 registration for the incubator in a Box fee was underwritten by FWCED for BMB participant.

As the BMB Coordinator/consultant, I can say that I am very proud of the BMB project. We intentionally targeted African American males, because statistics continue to reveal that our African American Males are the “at risk” populations for school drop out, incarceration, increase homelessness, health and economic disparities. We intentionally created an Academy for this reason so as to grow and cultivate future African American male. As a professional Organizational Psychologist, I know how to recognize and assess for change, and I can tell you unequivocally that our participants’ lives have been inspired for personal change thru these weekly presentations, discussions and personal goal setting. This Leadership Academy can be credited with producing an incubator of future African American male leaders. They are ready to be mentored and to be put to work within this community. So if your organizations wishes to partner with our other upcoming BMB Leadership Academy, please get in touch with FWCED, Mr. Keith Kelley. We are currently working on launching Co-hort (2) for our next Academy. This Academy is unique in that targets our African Americans males – a populations that is most at risk for a number of disparities here in the United States of America. As we seek additional funding for phase two of the Academy, we welcome partners.

Our new emerging leaders are in the

making. Like Bro Lee Majors (one of our BMB Leadership Participants who received special Honors), or our young Brother Isaiah, one of youngest participants, also receiving special honors, and who helped us to appreciate the importance of investing in our youth. Bro Majors explained the importance of setting aside differences and to take care of the children. According to Karton Brown (King Tut Mosis) who recently was elected as the vice President for Fresno City College Associated Student Government, and a BMB participant who received special honors, he states, “It was a very powerful and a spiritually impactful experience. The workshops were very much in sync with us becoming strong independent entities as the new infrastructure of our communities. This academy is very serious in providing us the opportunity to understanding how to serve our west side community. We are compassionate individuals and willing to orchestrate change within the communities right where we reside. We are ready to be invited to serve our community”. Bro. Karton Brown (King Tut Mosis) also stated, “We were able to learn how to show respect and love to our fellow brothers, and respect – today, that is what we are lacking in our community. As a young brother, I myself could feel the power radiating from the group as a whole. I loved just about everything about the Academy, and we thank Prof. Kennedy for her leadership. We found our common purpose and it seems we are all ready to take it to the next level”. A big thank you to the FWCED staff who helped this academy to be a huge success. Our graduation was held at the Mary Ella Brown Community Center on June 9th, 2011. Please welcome our new graduates from the BMB Leadership Academy first co-hort graduation. For information on the BMB Academy, contact Mr. Keith Kelley at (559)485-1273.



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A Father's 18-Year Crusade for Justice

Veronica Ultreras, 22, and her 3-year-old daughter Cynthia were killed in their Highland Park home in 1993. Luis Navarro won't let it go.

BY HECTOR TOBAR

In Los Angeles, not all murder investigations are created equal.

Sometimes a killing shocks our collective conscience so much that the media swarm and politicians line up for press conferences and the police assign dozens of officers to the case until it's solved.

The 1993 killing of Veronica Ultreras, 22, and her 3-year-old daughter Cynthia in their Highland Park home was not one of those crimes. Media attention was fleeting, and the police investigation yielded no suspects. And this makes Ultreras' father, a 66-year-old plumber named Luis Navarro, very angry.

"In my case, there are just two detectives, working part-time," Navarro told me. He calls them every week and visits them at Los Angeles police headquarters. "I try to be there at 6 a.m., so that I'm waiting for them when they get in." He's been doing this for 18 years now.

Navarro's question to the detectives is always the same: "Do you have any news for me?"

"I share with him as much as I can," said Det. Ray Morales. "I'm definitely sensitive to his frustrations."

Meanwhile, Navarro wages his one-man campaign - harassing assorted city and police officials, often showing up at their offices unannounced, demanding that they keep the investigation going.

"I'm going to be a rock in their shoe for as long as I'm alive, or until the case is resolved," he told me.

The unanswered questions, and the feeling of impotence before the great machinery of criminal justice, have haunted Navarro since the morning of Jan. 2, 1993.

One of his daughter's neighbors called to tell him that her home was on fire. Navarro drove from his home in El Sereno and found Veronica being tended by paramedics on the path in front of her

Highland Park duplex.

At first, officials said Veronica and Cynthia had been the victims of a fire triggered by a Christmas tree. But when Navarro later entered the home, "I could tell right away that they'd been murdered," he said.

Only a small portion of the living room had been burned, he said. In the back of the home, where Cynthia had been found in a bathtub, there had been no fire at all. Mother and daughter should have been able to escape.

Soon afterward the Fire Department confirmed that it was arson. And police announced that Veronica and Cynthia had been strangled.

Navarro was soon consumed by the notion that people in power didn't care. He upended his life to try to force them to do more. He canvassed the Highland Park neighborhood in search of witnesses. He pressured the City Council to increase the reward offered in the case.

"He's been a part of this office for many years," said Tony Perez, communications director for City Councilman Ed Reyes, who represents the neighborhood where the killings took place. Perez has been meeting with Navarro for 17 years.

Navarro also goes to meetings of the Police Commission. He's confronted several LAPD chiefs in public, going back to Willie Williams.

His obsession eventually became so great that his wife left and divorced him, he said. His plumbing business collapsed. These losses he appears willing to endure.

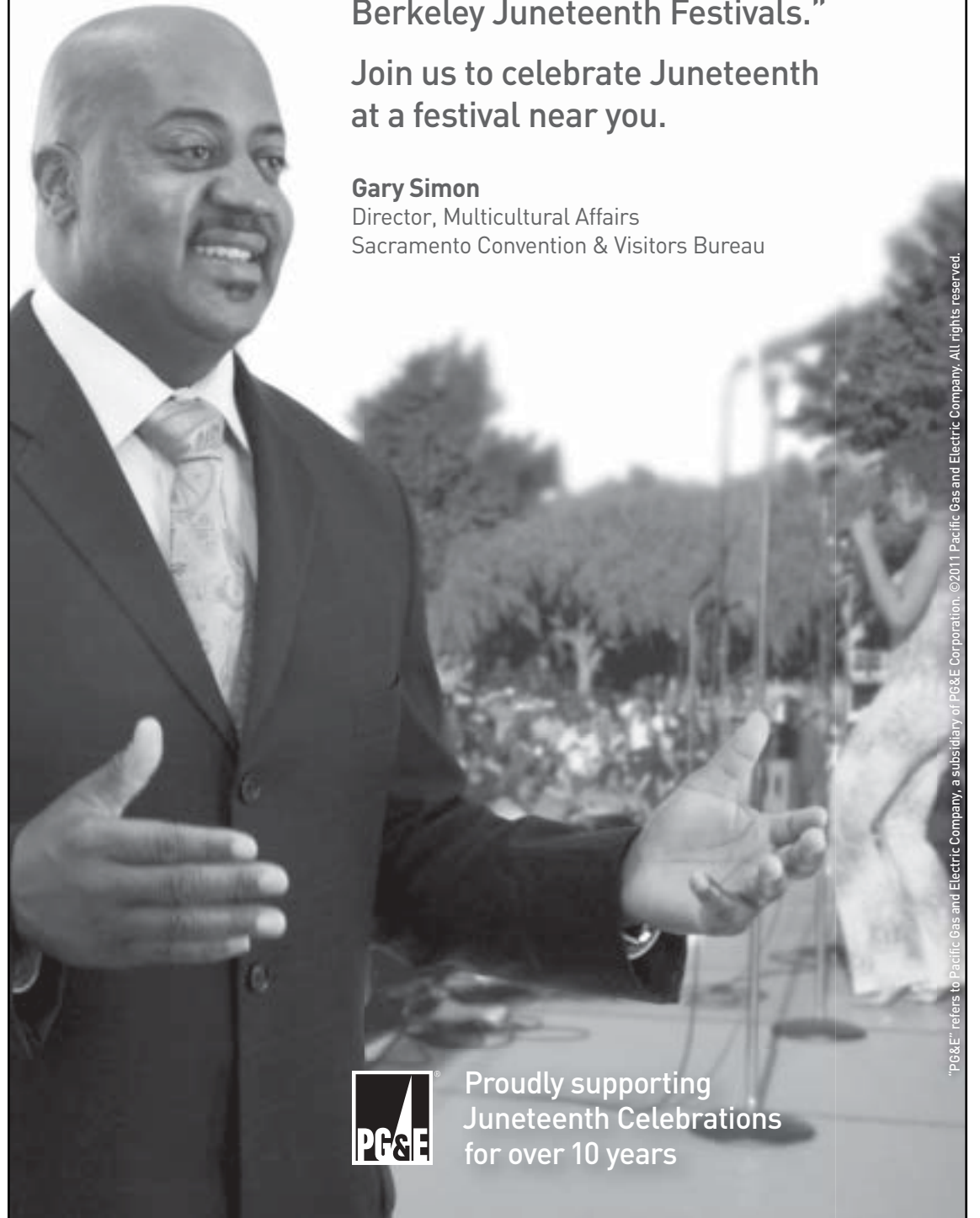
"I made two promises to my daughter and granddaughter," Navarro told me. "That there would always be fresh flowers on their graves. And that I would not stop until their killer or killers were in jail."

But as the years go by, he is reminded again and again of how small in the scheme of things the Ultreras case is.

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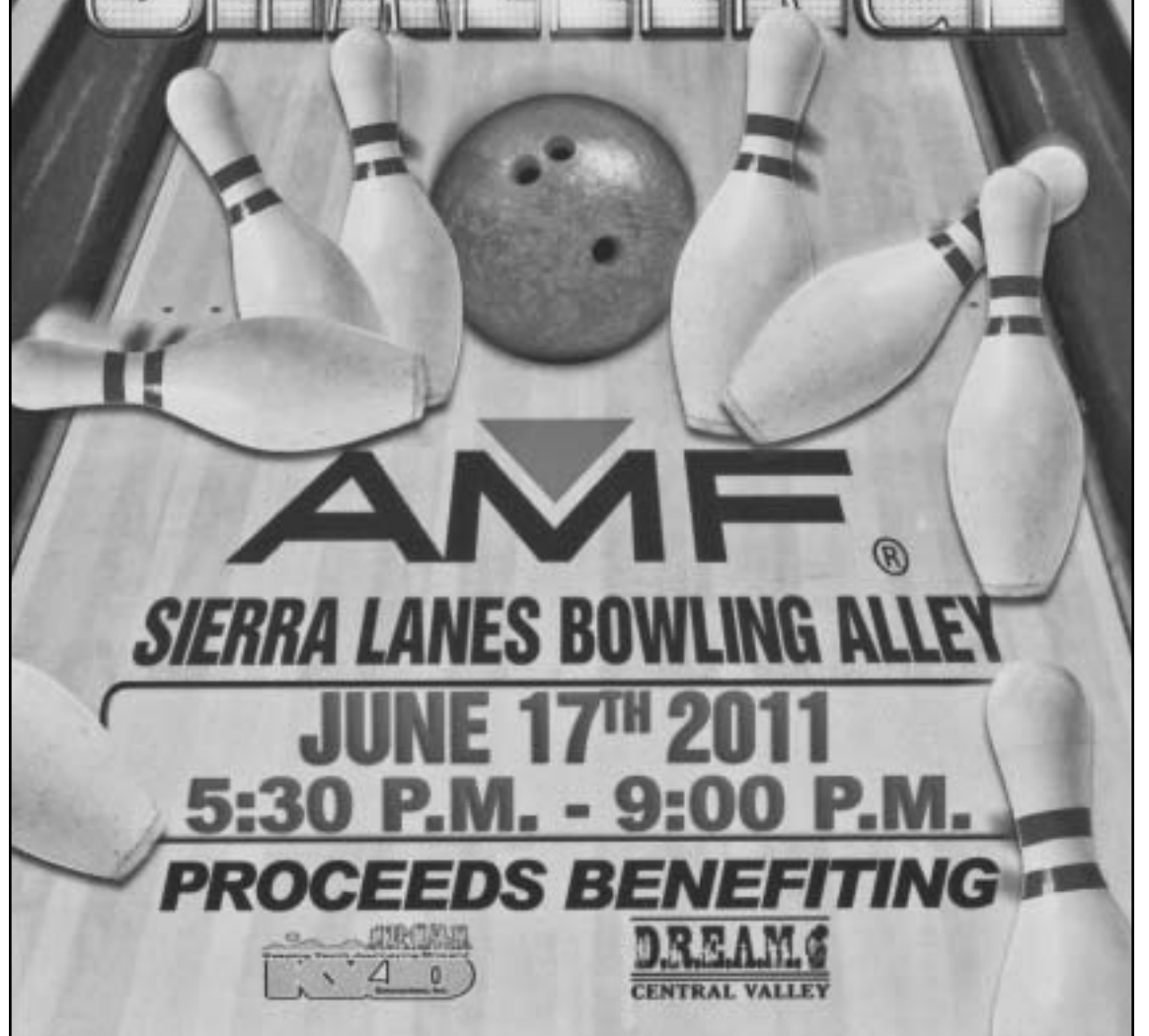
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KAMAREIA PARRISH

Kamareia Parrish, has received her A.S. in Social Services from Fresno City College. She'll continue her education at Fresno Pacific College. Kamareia is the daughter of Charles and Rene' Parrish.



ERIKKA BANKS

Parents: Erick Banks Sr. & Kimberly Harvey.
GPA: 3.8

Awards and Recognitions:

- Varsity Basketball for 4 years
- 2011 Senior Girl Athlete of the Year "Junior League of Fresno"
- The Fresno Bee Winter All-Stars Girls Basketball First Team 2011
- 10th Grade 2008-2009 TRAC- All Conference Basketball Team
- Co-Most Valuable Player 2009-2010
- Best Offensive Player 2011
- Fighting Spirit Award Central Section Finals 2011
- USA Junior Nationals 2009 All State Competition
- All Tourney-Hoover Classic 2009-2010
- All Tourney-Central Valley Showdown 2010
- City & County Basketball First Team 2011

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- Coach Little T-Wolves Basketball Team 2008-2010
- Fresno Stars AAU Basketball Team 2009-2011
- Daycare Assistant- Twinkle Twinkle Big Star Home Daycare
- Black Student Union- United Black Men African American Leadership Conference • 2011 "Senior of Distinction"

Scholarships:

- Northern Arizona University

Future Plans

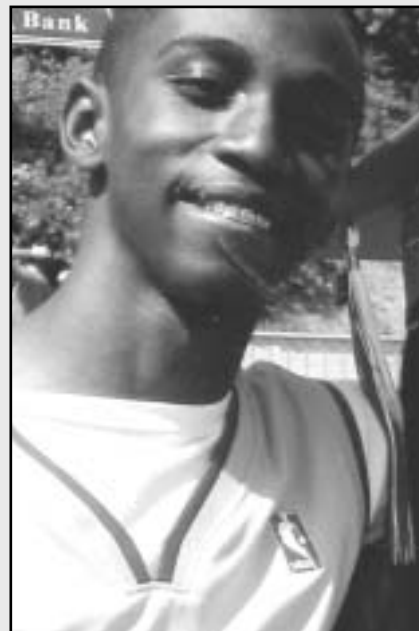
- To become a Pediatrician/ Physical Therapist
- Major in Kinesiology Pre-Med



ANDREW McDONALD BEASLEY

School: National University
Parents: Anthony & Cheri Beasley
Degree: Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
Future Plans: Entering the Master's Program in August.

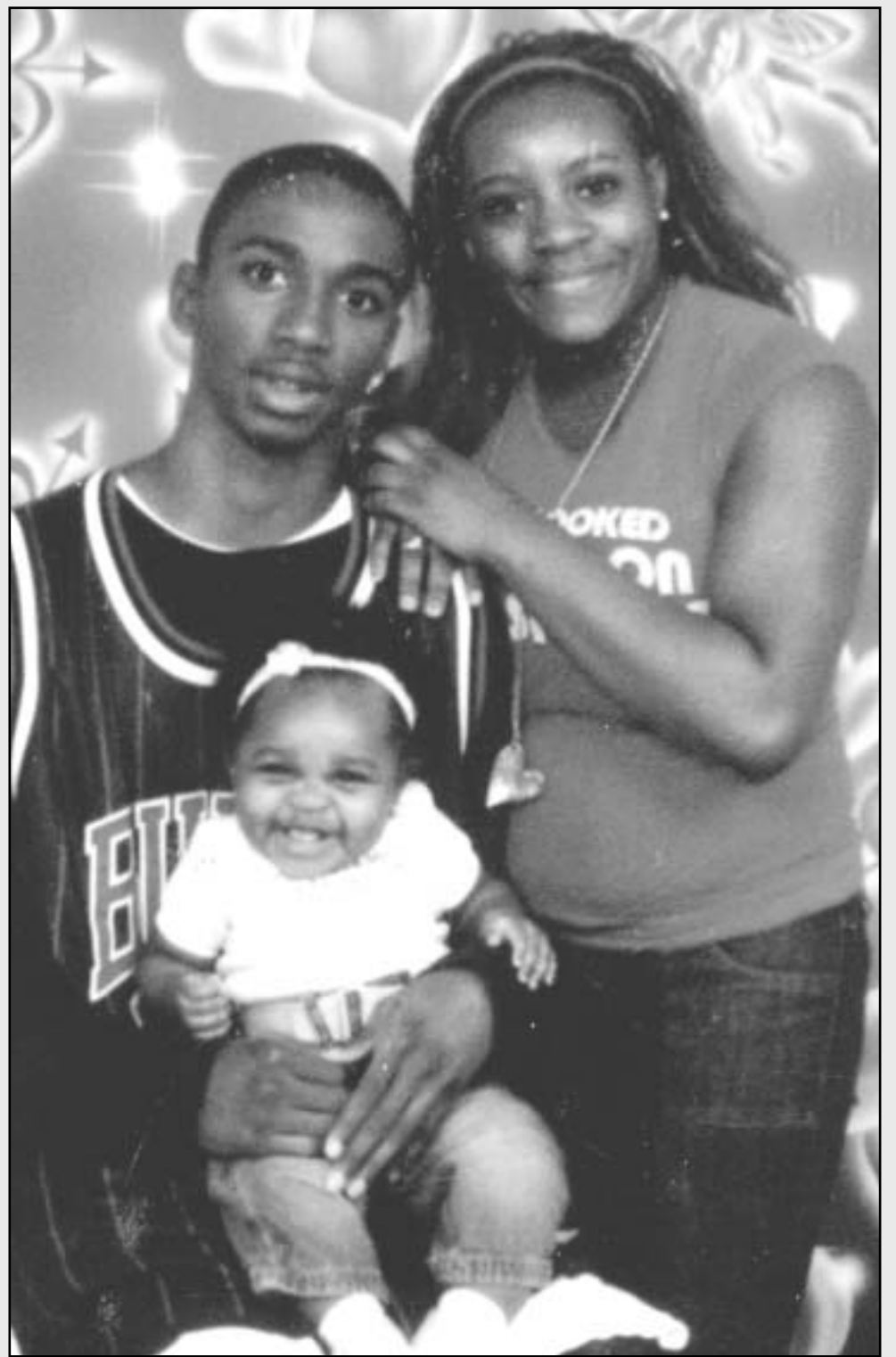
Advocate Feature Graduate Profile



LYNN WESSMORELAND MURRY, JR.

PROFILE WRITTEN BY LYNN'S MOTHER WHOM WE, AT THE ADVOCATE, EMBRACE

Lynn Wessmoreland Murry, Jr. is a graduate of Carter G. Woodson Public Charter School. Lynn was tragically murdered March 5. He would have attended Fresno City College in the fall majoring in Auto Mechanic. He was the best son ever and will be truly missed. He loved to take care of his daughter Zhenavia Murry, play basketball and listen to music. He is the son of Veronica Jones and the late Lynn Murray Sr. He is the grandson of Mary Keller and Cattie B. Holmes. Congratulations and lots of love son from your family. You will be truly missed.



MIRACLE MONE'T HALLMAN

Miracle Mone't Hallman was indeed a Miracle child who was born prematurely with many life threatening complications and was not expected to be able to learn. According to doctors, she would be mentally challenged. Despite those complications and expectations, Miracle graduated from Madera High School in 2005 and went on to further her education in Sacramento, California. She transferred from Sacramento City College to Howard University in Washington, D.C. where she became a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. Miracle graduated from Howard University on May 14, 2011 with a Bachelor's in Psychology and Human Development.



Support For Educational Trip To Africa

Dear Friends and Family:

This summer I have a wonderful opportunity to go to the Democratic Republic of the Congo in Central Africa on a short-term mission team with The Angelos Biblical Institute. Angelos Biblical Institute is a ministry training program that will equip me to proclaim God's word, serve the local church and develop my gifts as a woman of God and find my place in his will. As part of the teaching team, I will be involved in cross-cultural ministry and see the practical side of missions.

As some may already know I am a student at California State University of Fresno, I maintain a 3.0 GPA, and I will be going into my third year next semester. I am a member at Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Edward Bernard Lee Jr. I am a very kind hearted person who enjoys helping people and working toward completing the great commission of Christ which is to

spread God's word to all the nations (Matthew 28:16-20).

God has put missions on my heart, and I desire to serve the Lord where He is leading me. The Angelos Biblical Institute is providing me the opportunity to see firsthand what is involved in real mission work. To be effective in my service to him, I need to be more knowledgeable and involved in the work of sharing the Gospel around the world.

My trip to the Democratic Republic of the Congo is scheduled for July 29 - August 9, 2011. As a part of the team, I hope to accomplish multiple personal goals and support the missionaries and nationals in their work. I trust the things I learn in the Congo will help me serve the local church more effectively in its involvement in evangelism.

Before I can participate in this trip, I need to trust God to provide a team of prayer and financial partners who will stand with me. The cost of the trip is

approximately \$3,500.00 which covers all expenses for my trip. Pray that my life may glorify Him now and when I minister among others in a different culture. Please pray for clear discernment as I make choices that will affect my future. Pray that I get a closer encounter with God.

Would you consider becoming a financial or prayer partner with me? I am excited and eager to see what our Lord has for us this summer. If you would like to know more about how you can be involved with me in this mission opportunity, either through prayer or finances, please respond to this letter by writing to Angelos Biblical Institute, 4141 N. Fresno Street, Fresno, California 93726 or by calling (559) 803-2369.

Thank you and may God bless you. In Jesus Name,

Jamila Ahmed



Obama Surprises Students, Speaks at School Graduation...

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state of Tennessee, the country, and to him.

One girl was crying, and Obama gave her a reassuring, sympathetic look, leaned down and put his hand on her neck to comfort her.

Booker T. Washington High School was selected as the winner of this year's White House Race to the Top High School Commencement Challenge.

Student Christopher Dean was the voice of the video for the contest. He introduced President Obama by saying what the President meant to him, and even joked that we all knew where the President was born.

President Obama began by saying that he had met Principal Kiner, whose daughter goes to a different high school because she worried the boys wouldn't talk to her if her mother was around.

"This is why my next job will be principal at Sasha and Malia's high school. And then president of their college," President Obama joked.

"We are here today because every single one of you stood up and said, 'Yes we can.' Yes we can learn. Yes we can succeed," Obama told the students. "You decided that you weren't going to be defined by where you came from, but by where you want to go - by what you want to achieve, by the dreams you hope to fulfill."

Obama told the students that only a couple of years ago, only about half of the students at Booker T. Washington graduated, and only a handful went to college. But they created special academies for ninth graders, added AP classes, competitions, and created a new curriculum and a new culture.

"Because you created this culture of caring and learning, today we are standing in a very different Booker T. Washington High. Today, this is a place where more than four out of five students are earning a diploma - a place where 70 percent of the graduates will continue their education; where many will be the very first in their fam-

ilies to go to college," Obama said.

He said that these students from a high school in a tough South Memphis neighborhood prove that no excuses should be accepted when it comes to education.

"If success can happen here at Booker T. Washington, it can happen anywhere in Memphis. It can happen throughout Tennessee. And it can happen all across America," President Obama said.

He said Tennessee has been a leader in progress in education, by becoming one of the first winners of the "Race To the Top".

The President spoke about his upbringing, saying his father left his family when he was two-years-old and he was raised by a single mother. But she and his grandparents pushed him to work hard and get his education.

"I'm lucky they kept pushing. I'm lucky my teachers kept pushing. Because education made all the difference in my life," President Obama said. "And it's going to make an even greater difference in your lives - not just for your own success, but for our country's success."

Obama said the school has been a leader in showing that education reform can't just be led by Washington; he said it depends on teachers, principals, and entire communities demanding a better future for their children. And he said the students at Booker T. Washington will appreciate their accomplishments more because they have earned them.

"The truth is, not a single one of the graduates here today has had it easy. Not a single one of you were handed anything on a silver platter. You had to work for it. You had to earn it. But most of all, you had to believe in yourselves," Obama said.

"So, Class of 2011, the hard road doesn't end here; your journeys have just begun. And your diploma isn't a free pass - it can't protect you against every setback or challenge or mistake. You've got to keep working

hard," Obama finished. "You've got to keep pushing yourselves. But if you do, I am confident about your futures. I am hopeful and excited about all that you can achieve. And I know that, armed with the skills and experiences you've gained at Booker T. Washington High School, you are ready to make your mark on the world."

Obama then shook the hand of every graduating senior as they walked across the stage to accept their diplomas.

After implementing educational innovations and

adding variety to its curriculum, the school saw its graduation rate jump from 55 percent in 2007 to nearly 82 percent in 2010. Changes at the school include separate freshmen academies for boys and girls and a greater choice of advanced placement classes.

The school was selected before high waters struck at some of the most poverty stricken communities along the Mississippi. The river crested at Memphis last week, just inches short of the record set in 1937. Some low-lying neighborhoods were inundated, but the city's

high levees protected much of the rest of Memphis.

Before the speech, Obama met privately with families and local officials and emergency personnel forced to confront the highest waters since 1937. En route to the Cook Convention Center, Obama's motorcade went by the river, where the water was high but contained.

He met with Nanny Williams, her daughter Shandane Mull and her granddaughter Shaquilla Mull. Nanny's home was recently flooded out, and she is currently unemployed. Shandane and Shaquilla had re-

cently come to live with her before the flooding forced them out. Nanny has become a matriarchal figure in the Millington community shelter. Shandane drives a Memphis City School Bus for a living.

He also met with Rose Hunt and her son Ricky. Floodwater surrounded Rose's home and damaged her property, but did not reach her house. Ricky lived nearby, and his home was completely flooded out. Ricky is now staying with Rose who believes her house was spared so Ricky would have a place to go.

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51 Indicted in Azusa Gang's 'Terrorizing' of Blacks

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An Azusa street gang's campaign against blacks began during a meeting at a local park in 1992.

From there, prosecutors contend, the predominantly Latino street gang went on the attack.

Graffiti with racial epithets began appearing around town, including "Get out N..." sprayed on garage doors of some black residents. Gang members allegedly beat up blacks they found in their "territory," telling one man "We hate n... in Azusa. This is Azusa."

Over about 15 years, blacks were assaulted, chased and robbed, their property vandalized, in a "crime spree to drive African Americans out of the city of Azusa," said U.S. Atty. Andre Birotte Jr.

Authorities announced Tuesday that a federal grand jury had indicted 51 people allegedly associated with the Azusa 13 gang in what prosecutors described as "terrorizing" blacks in the San Gabriel Valley city of 44,000.

Azusa Police Chief Robert Garcia said the campaign was partly motivated by racial prejudice. But it also grew from orders by leaders of the Mexican Mafia prison gang to organize Azusa 13's narcotics business by "eliminating competition so they can have a monopoly on drug sales," Garcia said. "Usually a street gang member doesn't get an original idea; it comes from someone higher up."

According to the indictment, one Azusa 13 member actually drew up a "business plan" aimed at monopolizing drug sales in the city. The plan included taxing drug dealers, protecting those who paid and attacking and destroying the operations of those who did not.

But authorities said the campaign went beyond drug deals to harassment of innocent black residents because of their race.

"We're brainwashed to think that if we let a black family in, then their [gang] cousins are going to come from Compton," said one former Azusa gang member who grew up in the neighborhood. He spoke in an interview Tuesday, requesting anonymity out of concern for his safety.

The 24-count indictment is the latest in several prosecutions alleging that Latino gangs in Southern California attacked blacks to get them to move out of neighborhoods the gangs controlled. Many of those incidents occurred in the late 1990s and early 2000s in neighborhoods with histories of gang problems.

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Study Shows Minority Children Play Video Games, Watch TV, More Than Others

CHICAGO – Minority youth spend more than half their day consuming media content, a rate that's 4.5 hours greater than their white counterparts, according to a Northwestern University report released today.

• Read the report: Children, Media and Race: Media Use Among White, Black, Hispanic and Asian-American Children

Television remains king among all youth, but among minorities who spend 13 hours per day consuming media of various types, electronic gadgets such as cell phones and iPods increasingly are the way such content gets delivered, the report found.

"Children, Media and Race: Media Use Among White, Black, Hispanic and Asian American Children" was touted by researchers as the first national study to focus exclusively on children's media use by race and ethnicity.

Minority youth media consumption rates outpace their white counterparts by two hours when it comes to TV and video viewership, approximately an hour for music, up to 1.5 hours for computer use, and 30 to 40 minutes for playing video games.

"In the past decade, the gap between minority and white youth's daily media use has doubled for blacks and quadrupled for Hispanics," said Northwestern Professor Ellen Wartella, who coauthored the study along with former Kaiser Family Foundation vice president Vicky Rideout and Northwestern postdoc-

toral fellow Alexis Lauri. Wartella acknowledged that technology is a structural part of modern society but said the numbers suggest that young people are settling for a sedentary lifestyle and risk further exacerbating ongoing problems such as child obesity. She said increased parental involvement, including limiting usage time and monitoring content, could mitigate those concerns.

"Our study is not meant to blame parents," Wartella said, adding that in some cases minority youth are using media to bridge the gap between themselves and a predominantly white culture. "But it suggests that kids are very much tethered to technology at all times. To be tethered so much by technology seems to be an imbalance ... as a parent of two boys, I know it's a wake-up call for me: All things in moderation."

The report analyzes by race data from the 2010 Kaiser Family Foundation Generation M2 study on media use among 2,000 8- to 18-year-olds and the foundation's 2006 Media Family study on another 2,000 children from birth to 6 years old. It did not chart the type of programming youth were consuming nor did it offer final conclusions.

Young people in all groups read for pleasure 30 to 40 minutes a day, the only medium in which no difference was found between minority and white youth.

Other findings include: • Minority youth spend 3 hours and 7 minutes per

day using mobile devices to watch TV and videos, play games and listen to music. That's about 1.5 hours more each day than white youth.

• Traditional TV viewing remains most popular. Black and Hispanic youth consume more than three hours daily; whites and Asians more than two hours.

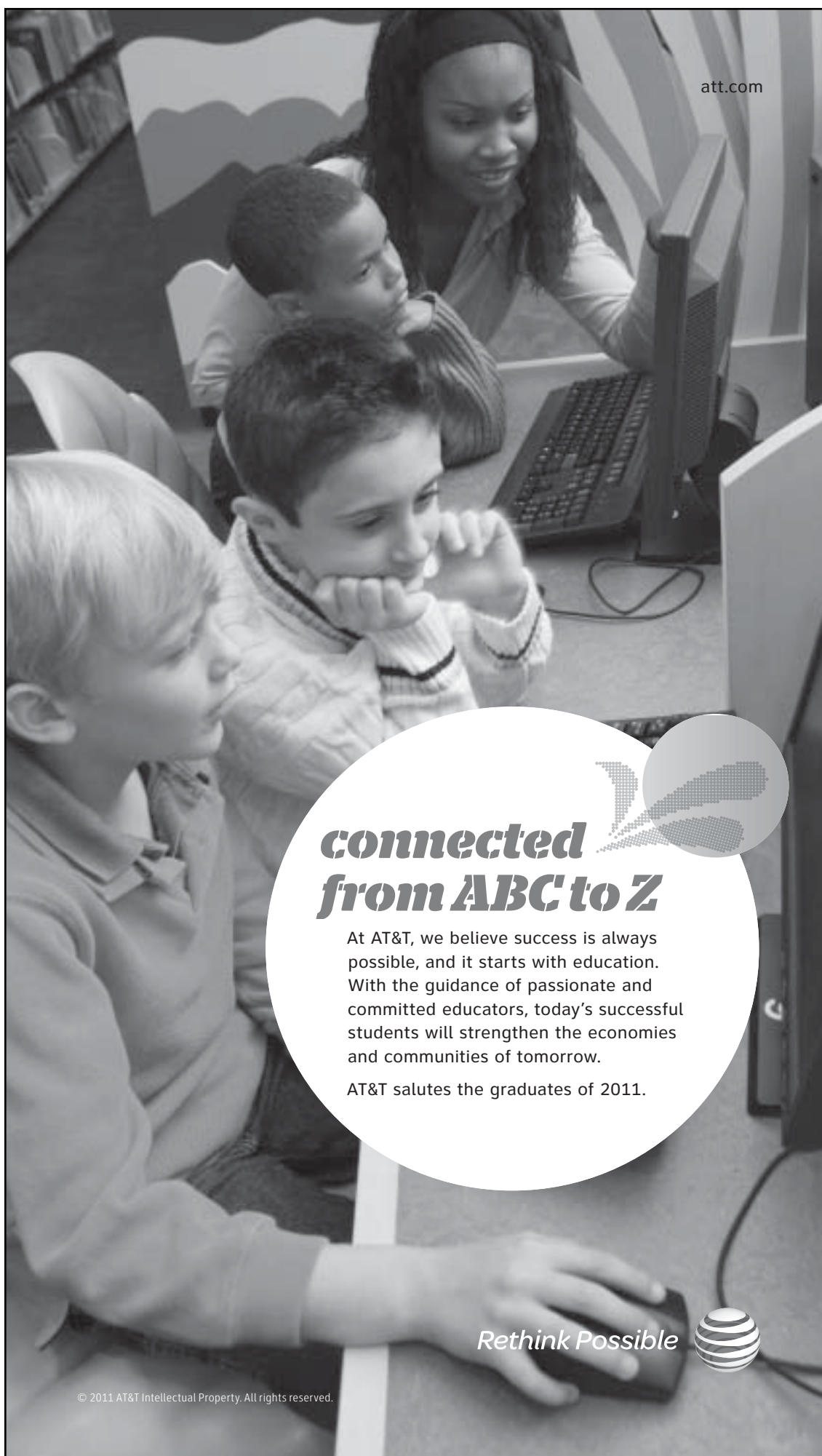
• Access to TiVo, DVDs, and mobile and online viewing increase television consumption to 5 hours and 54 minutes for black youth, 5 hours and 21 minutes for Hispanics, 4 hours and 41 minutes for Asians, and 3 hours and 36 minutes for whites.

• Black and Hispanic youth are more likely to have TV sets in their bedrooms (84% of blacks, 77% of Hispanics compared to 64% of whites and Asians), and to have cable and premium channels available in their bedrooms (42% of blacks and 28% of Hispanics compared to 17% of whites and 14% of Asians).

• 78% of black youth, 67% of Hispanic, 58% of white and 55% of Asian 8- to 18-year-olds say the TV is "usually" on during home meals.

• Black children under 6 are twice as likely to have a TV in their bedroom as whites, and more than twice as likely to go to sleep with the TV on.

• Asian youth spend more time in recreational computer use: Nearly 3 hours a day compared to 1:49 for Hispanics, nearly 1:24 for blacks and 1:17 for whites.



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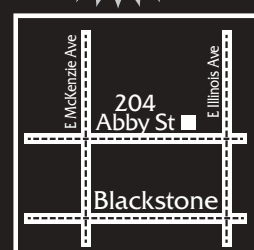


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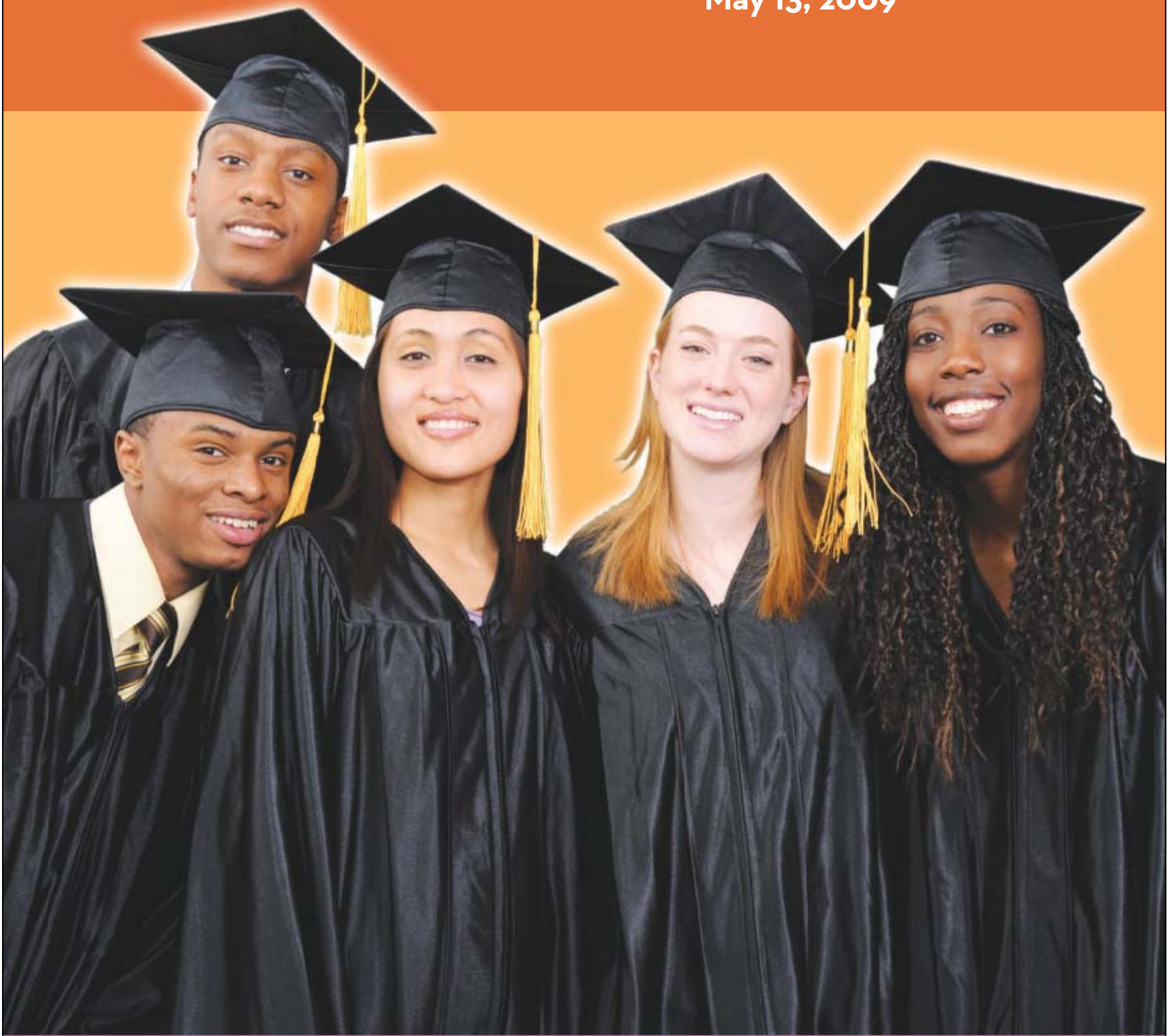
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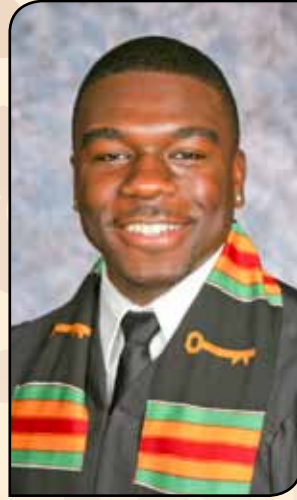
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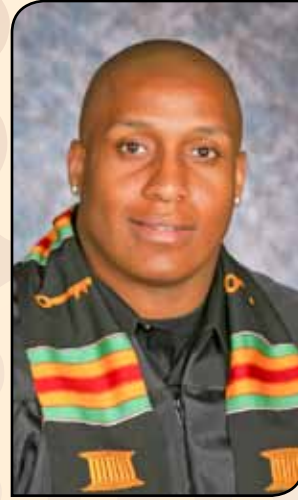
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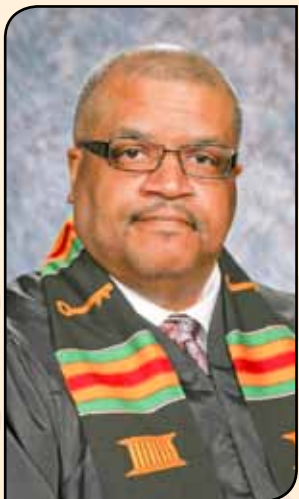
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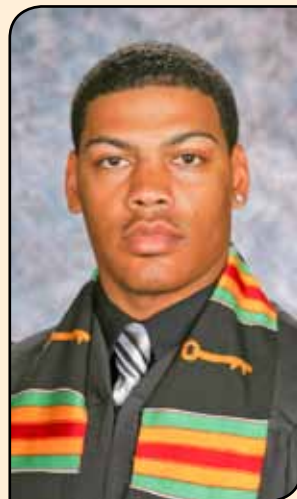
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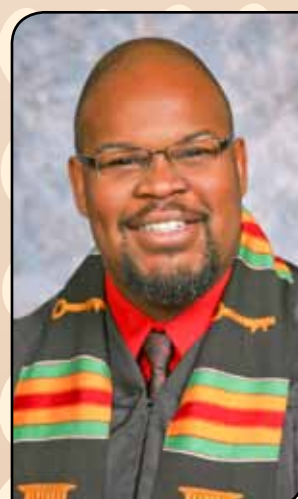
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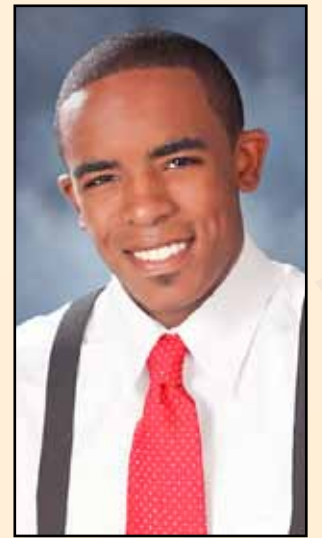
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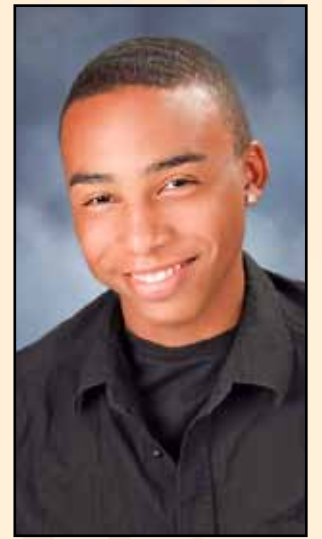
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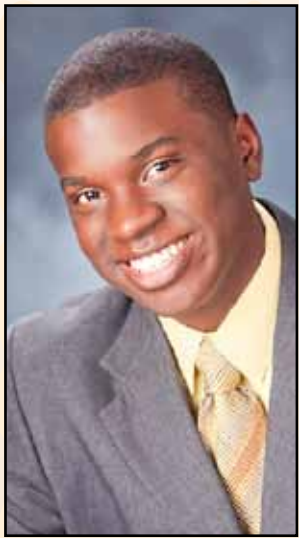
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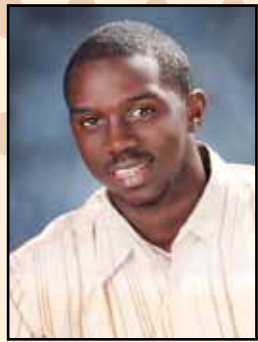
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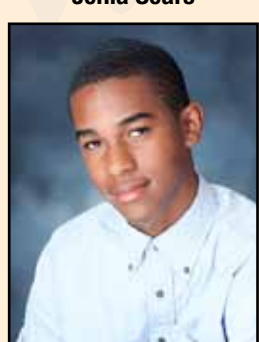
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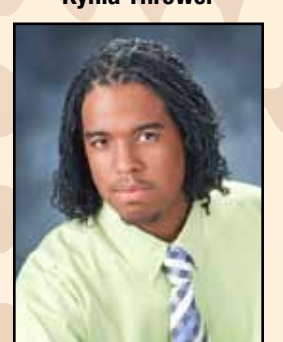
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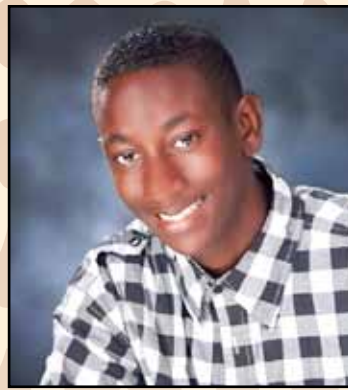
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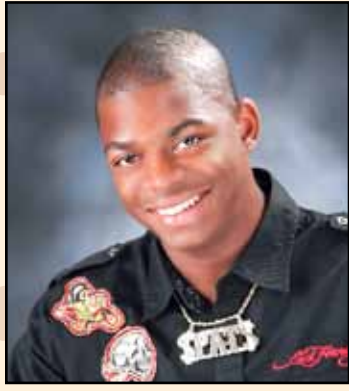
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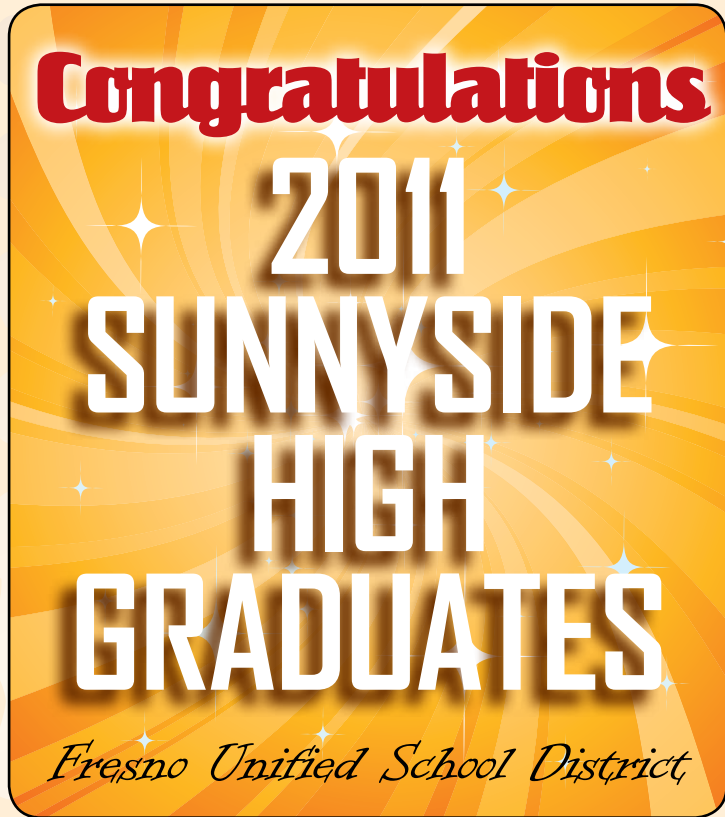
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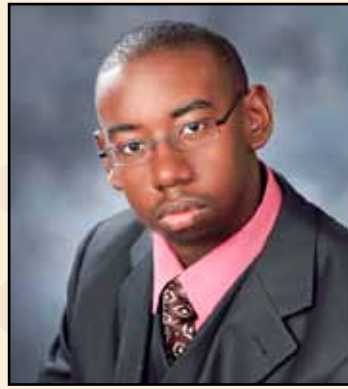
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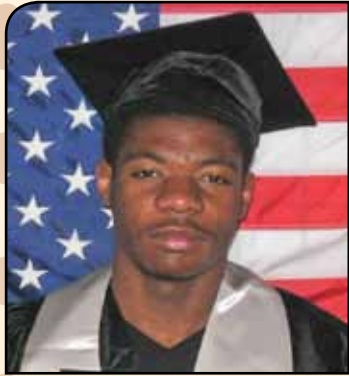


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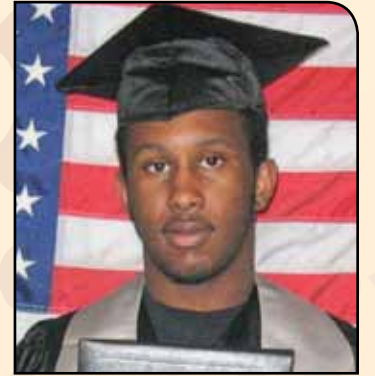
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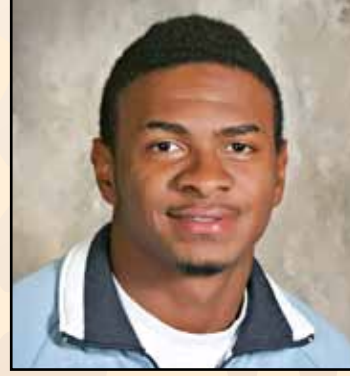
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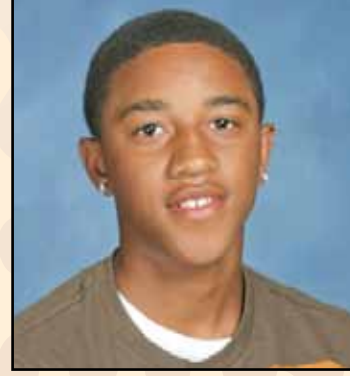
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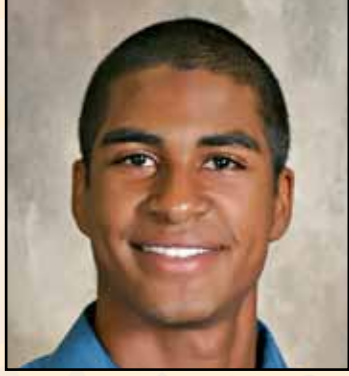
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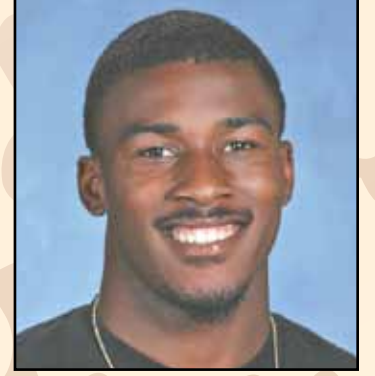
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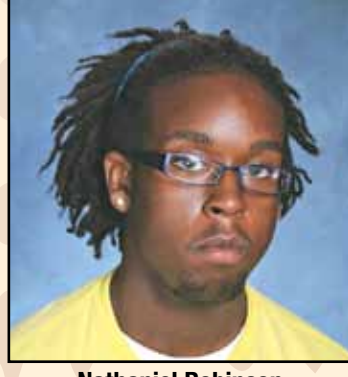
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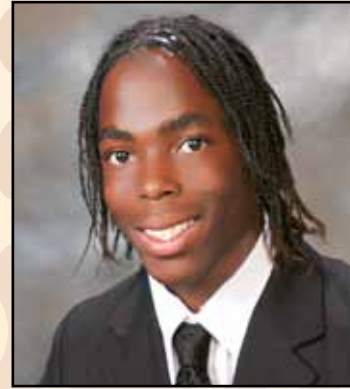
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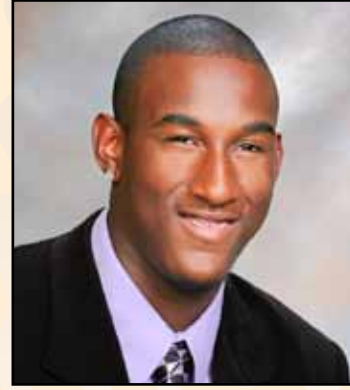
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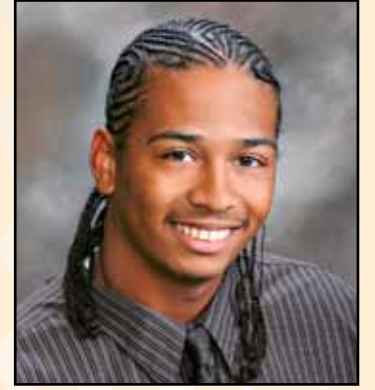
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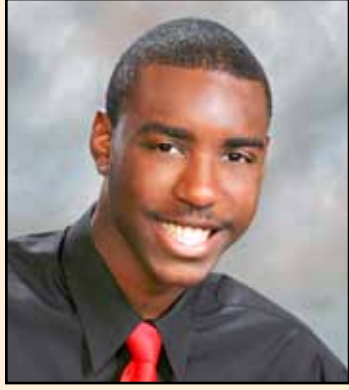
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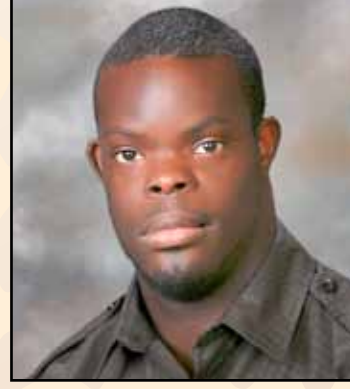
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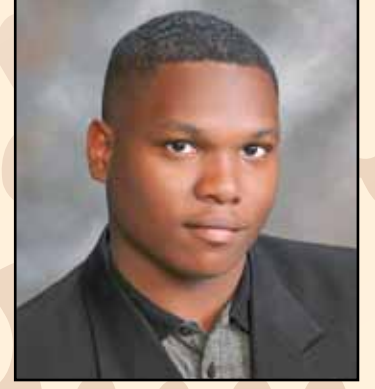
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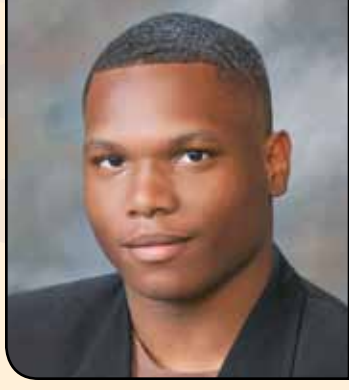
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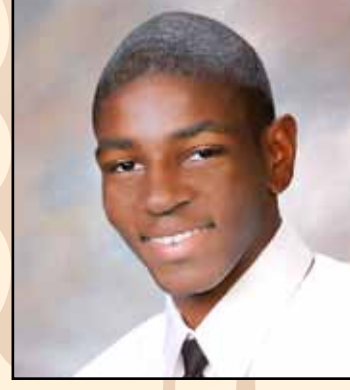


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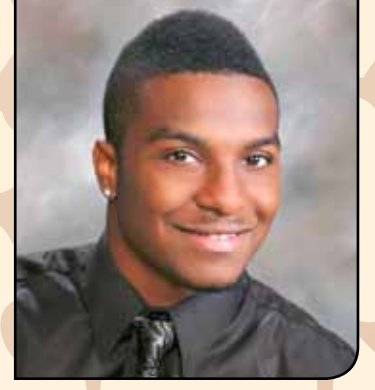


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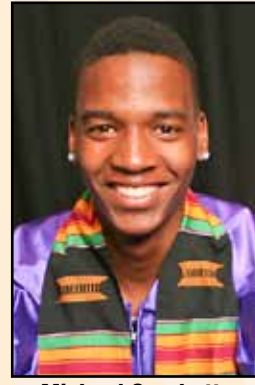
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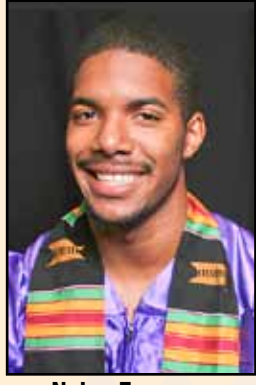
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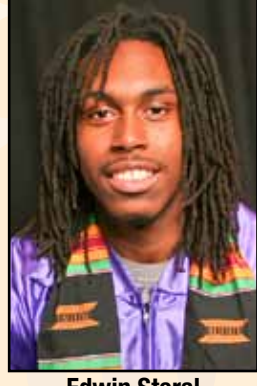
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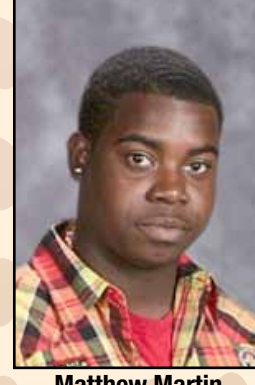
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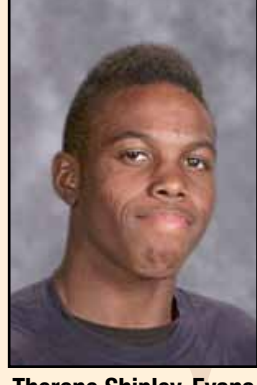
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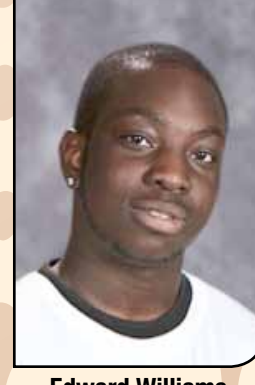
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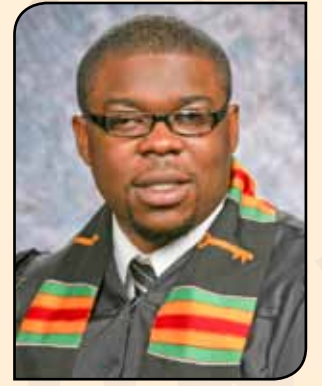
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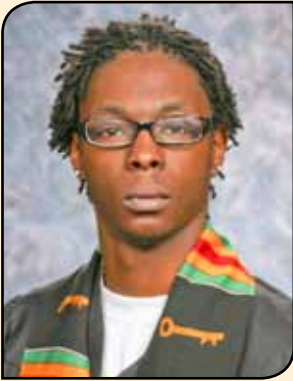
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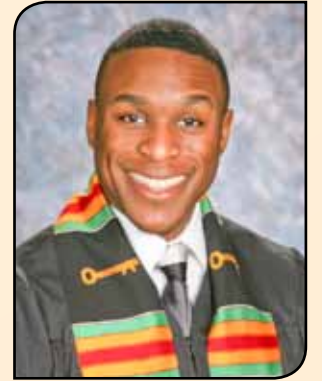
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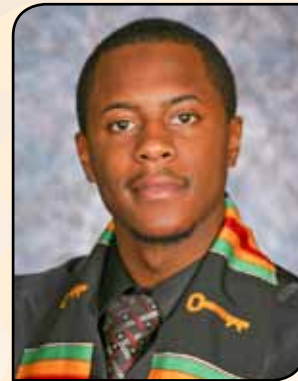
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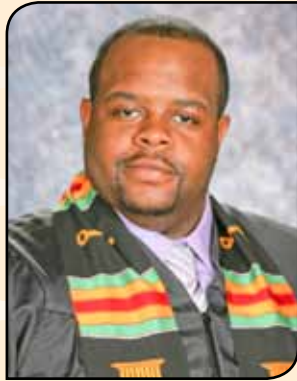
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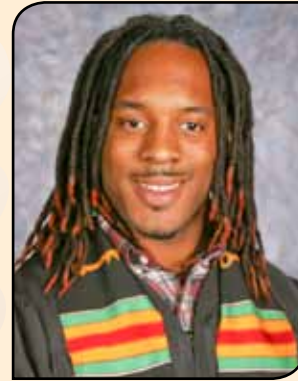
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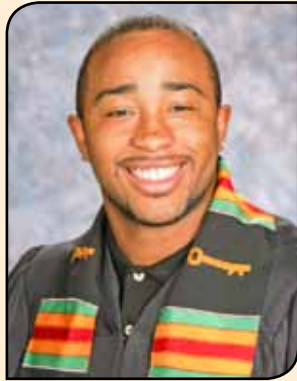
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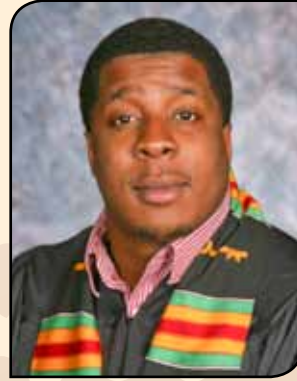
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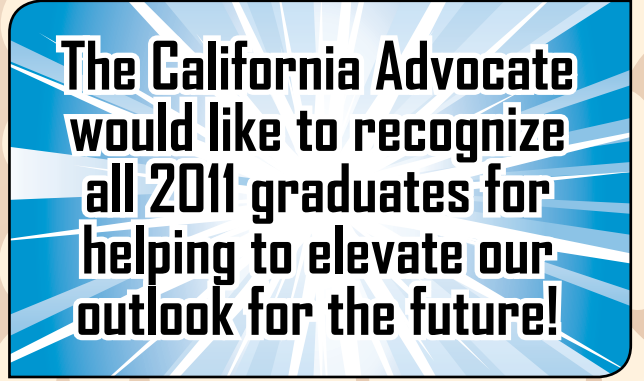
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