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#### The 'First' Portrait



The White House released the first official photo of the First Family last week. Snapped by famed picture-taker Annie Leibovitz, the Obamas were captured in the White House's Green Room on Sept. 1. Eight-year-old Sasha is seen here with her arm around her dad, President Obama, while Malia Obama snugs up to the First Lady.

#### **Tickets** available for health conference

Event will feature slew of recognizable names CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Members of the general public who want to hear from some of the well-known experts and personalities taking part in an upcoming

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Nov. 3-6 at Twin the City Quarter in downtown Winston-Salem. A project of WSSU's Center for Excellence in the Elimination Health - Disparities (CEEHD), the conference is designed to create on-going dialogue regarding healthcare

for underserved populations. The university is bringing in people like Dr. Sanjay Gupta, CNN's senior medical correspondent; Princeton Professor Dr. Cornel West; and Elizabeth Edwards, the wife of former Presidential

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## GIDE'-ING LIGHT

Goler to launch new agency to promote financial literacy, homeownership

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Knowledge is power.

That is the premise under which the Goler Institute for Development and Education (GIDE) was formed. The agency, housed in Goler Memorial AME Zion Church's Family Enrichment Center, is hopeful that many local residents will soon become more powerful, through a collaborative effort that will officially be launched next week.

"Folks with financial literacy make better financial decisions and in turn, it empowers them," commented Eddie Long Jr., director of Housing newly-formed Counseling Agency and Faith-based Technical Assistance Center, which is being funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. "We want folks to understand the financial system so

they can make it work for them." The center will provide a variety of services to the community in the form of workshops, seminars and



Eddie Long Jr. and Pastor Seth O. Lartey.

one-on-one counseling sessions, Long explained. Disseminating information is the best way to combat the housing crisis that plagues the nation, he believes.

"Lack of information is usually

the cause of what's going on in our country (with respect to the crisis), especially in low income communities," said Long, who has worked in the financial services industry for

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# Voters' decision time is nearing

Early voting ends Saturday; Election Day is Tuesday

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

After months of campaigning, local

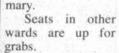
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City Council candidates are finally closing in on the finish line. Several seats on the City Council have already been decid-

Democratic Incumbent Molly Leight won her South Ward primary faces Republican opposi-tion; West Ward Representative Robert Clark, a Republican, is unopposed, as is popular Democratic Mayor Allen Joines; and Democrat Derwin Montgomery faces no Republican opposition, and will represent the East Ward after beating incumbent Joycelyn Johnson and two others in the pri-



Democrat James Taylor overcame incumbent Evelyn of Terry Southeast Ward in Democratic runoff earlier this month, and will face Republican challenger Lawrence "Chuck" Woolard in the General Election on Nov. 3.



Taylor

Woolard, a native of High Point, said he will continue working to raise awareness about his platform in the Southeast Ward leading up to Election Day.

"I'm just getting out and letting people know what I stand for and what I'd like to see the city do," commented Woolard, a retiree, who, if elected, wants

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### ison program ends on a bittersweet note



Kendra Davis

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

The floors of the chapel at Forsyth Correctional Center shook with the reverberations of exaltation Tuesday night during a culmination ceremony for one of the prison's most popular programs. A group of men at the front of the chapel led those seated on pews before them in spirited renditions of Gospel favorites.

"Hold on, you can make it," they sang, "hold

on, don't worry 'bout a thing... Despite the upbeat tenor they exhibited, many of the men were lamenting the ending of the Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministries' Plan to Prosper program, which has helped to facilitate hundreds

of ex-offenders' successful re-entry into society. "Regardless of what your past has been, it won't hold you hostage unless you allow it to,"



See 'Prosper' on All A group of men perform Tuesday night.





