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REGISTER ALREADY—and then learn all the rules of voting!

By MELISSA
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Special to the AmNews November 4, 2008 will be the first time millions of Americans will vote, and with that being said many will go to the polls unknowledgeable of voter rules and regulations. With the much intended focus on the younger voter population and first time voters, many will be confused with the whole process voting.

There has been a rumor circulating in e-mails that by going to the polls with

specific candidate's tee shirts and other items on is considered

campaigning and against rules, thus leading to getting turned away and not being allowed to enter the facility until shirt, buttons, pins, hats, are not visible or either removed.

So is this "rumor" true or false? In the past time, some would argue, the law prohibiting pro-candidate paraphernalia is not strictly enforced. Or it could just be another tactic to influence turnout. But there is truth in this.

Since most election rules are run through the state, they

may vary between borders but most "electioneering" laws are generally the same.

There are at least 11 states explicitly prohibiting the wearing of pins, buttons, t-shirts and signs while voting in the polling place. According to Board of Elections of New York, no candidate t-shirts, buttons, etc. will be allowed in the voting facility, and if worn you may be turned away or asked to take off what item applies to the law.

Also, any forms of "can-vassing," "campaigning" or "distributing pamphlets" for a candidate in the polling place vicinity is against the

law and if this should take place, a 10 to 200 feet distance must be kept.

With that being said, voters should check regulations before voting and know the facts. In some instances, rules can be subjected to change or enforced strictly in different areas.

Other important factors voters should know is how to properly and efficiently the voting machines. Some may vary depending on the districts and voting locations. Voters should have a voter registration card and also a valid form of identification, such as a social security card

or driver's licenses, may be necessary. You can only vote at your selected polling place or election district.

Stephanie Nelson, a first time voter from Brooklyn, told the AmNews, There is not enough information to educate first time voters because a lot of my friends don't know how to register or even know rules and regulations to vote.

For more information, you can check resources online and at your local city or state district office. Factual and accurate information can be found at www.voteny.com.

EXCLUSIVE TO THE MINORITY VOICE NEWSPAPER

NAACP PRES. JEALOUS ENDORSES NC'S 'MILLIONS VOTING MARCH'

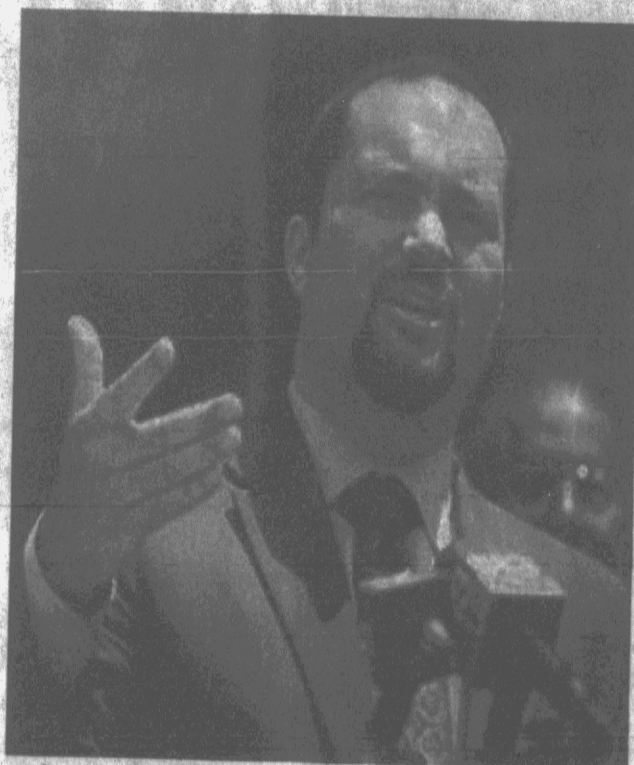
By Cash Michaels
Special from The Carolinian
Newspaper in Raleigh

[RALEIGH, NC] As civic and community organizations across the state prepare for Oct. 16th's "Millions Voting March," the new president/CEO of the national NAACP says this massive, nonpartisan, early get-out-the-vote effort - centered in the black community - is the direct result of the North Carolina chapter's "diligent" advocacy.

"The NAACP supports early voting, or voting by absentee ballot, as a way to avoid the risk of your vote being denied," NAACP President & CEO Benjamin Todd Jealous, who at 35 is the youngest national NAACP president in the civil rights organization's 99-year history, told North Carolina's African-American newspapers exclusively on Monday. (("As a result of the diligent work of the NAACP in North Carolina and its coalition partners, state law now allows early voting as well as same-day registration and voting."

Jealous continued, "This unprecedented move demonstrates a commitment to ensure that everyone has a vote, and that their vote is counted and protected."

President Jealous, formerly the managing editor of the *Jackson Advocate* in Jackson, Mississippi; and the former executive director of the *National Newspaper Publishers Association* - which represents over 200 black newspapers across the country - is expected to officially endorse North Carolina's "Millions Voting March" during a press



conference Friday with NCNAACP Pres. Rev. William Barber, before he keynotes the NCNAACP Membership Luncheon at the 65th annual state convention in Raleigh.

Beyond securing the support of the national NAACP office, Rev. Barber has been busily organizing and promoting the "Millions Voting March" on radio and in print.

"We are calling on millions to start voting on Oct. 16th," Barber said during his appearance by phone on WSHA-FM's "Traces of Faces and Places with Ms. Margaret Rose Murray" talk program Saturday in Raleigh.

Barber insisted that during this historic presidential election year that is probably the most critical in a lifetime, African-American and other communities of conscience need to maximize and

mobilize their votes like never before.

What makes the "Millions Voting March" so unique among other important nonpartisan get-out-to-vote efforts in the state, he said, is that it uses the proud history of the civil rights movement to encourage African-Americans to make history with their votes.

Thus, even though communities across the state are encouraged to develop their own unique "Millions Voting Marches," they are also asked to subscribe to a core principle of the MVM - honoring the community's elderly voters by allowing them to vote first on Oct. 16.

In addition, Rev. Barber said that as a powerful symbol of unity, not only should young voters like college students also be encouraged to vote first, but escort each elder into the polling place so that they can

share the historic experience together.

The picture of elderly and young voters walking together to cast historic ballots they never dreamed of in their lifetimes sends a powerful image of hope and unity to the African-American community not only throughout North Carolina, but the nation, Rev. Barber said.

"I especially like the theme of generations coming together," Bob Hall, executive director of Democracy North, a nonpartisan voter advocacy group, said. "Young helping old, old teaching young, respect for the long struggle and taking to next level."

That core principle is just part of the inspiration behind the Millions Voting March, Rev. Barber says.

"Same day registration and early voting - no other state in the South has it. No other state," Barber continued. "So North Carolina can be first out of the gate during this historic election to have millions voting at the polls from [the early voting period of] Oct. 16th to November 1st."

At presstime, arrangements were being made for Rev. Barber to appear on several nationally syndicated black radio programs that air in North Carolina to talk up the effort.

During several leadership conference calls with community activists and NCNAACP presidents from across the state, Barber has urged them to continue to involve as many churches, civic organizations and college students as possible so that the One Stop Early Voting/Same Day Registration

period from Thursday, October 16 to Saturday, November 1, gets off to a strong start.

On the state conference website, www.naacpnc.org, is key information about the Millions Voting March, including a new YouTube video and downloadable flyers that can be printed and distributed across the state.

Already, cities and towns throughout North Carolina are reporting ambitious plans for the "Millions Voting March" in their area.

In Raleigh, students from Shaw University and St. Augustine's College will take to the streets towards the polls on Oct. 16th. A local restaurant has announced that it will provide sandwiches to those MVM participants with special stickers.

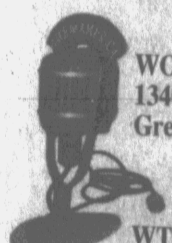
In Durham, where Mayor William Bell has endorsed the "Millions Voting March," students from North Carolina Central University will join with several area churches to turn out in large numbers for the first day of One Stop Early Voting.

Across the state, pre-march rallies and church services are being planned, like in Wilmington, where organizers will also have a community picnic. Some communities will schedule their pre-march rallies the night before on Oct. 15, so that the entire day on Oct. 16 is dedicated to getting people to the polls as early as possible, especially since they will close by 5 p.m.

Groups like 100 Black Men Triangle chapter will take part in the Millions

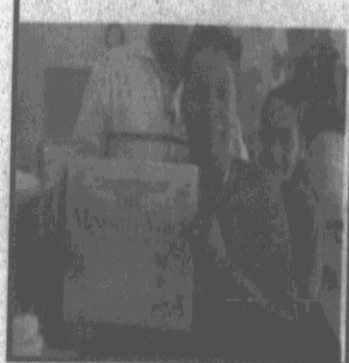
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Obama hits a triple and a home run

He won by exceeding expectations, exhibiting that he had a substantial grasp of issues and that he was presidential, while McCain talked in generalities and showed his disdain for Obama, not according him proper acknowledgment by refusing to look at him.

in 2007, then dramatically stated since the war began in 2003, McCain had been wrong about the reason for its start, wrong about how American troops would be received, and wrong about the tension between Sunni and Shia factions. And there were others.

feed into the "angry Black man" racial image and turn off some White voters; on the other, he has to establish a level of policy competence and physical ease that lets him appear presidential. But I give him a triple because he could have been much better.

But as Obama got into his speech and began to warm up, he answered the criticism of me and others, by dealing with critical aspects of the Black Agenda.

ending mass incarceration by rolling back punitive legislation. And he felt that we should not only be "tough on crime," but smart on crime. Gone was the patronizing language of moral responsibility as the only solution. This was not only good for the audience to hear assembled there, but it was fuel for the fundraising that he and Michele were doing in town, and for the message of a strong Black turnout that rippled through the CBC forums all week long.

Commentary...Obama hits a triple and a home run

By Ron Walters | Published 10/2/2008

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Commentary...Obama hits a triple and a home run

(NNPA)—By all accounts Barack Obama won the first of the presidential debates on Sept. 26 over John McCain, who was widely considered to have more experience in foreign affairs.

But whatever advantage McCain was thought to have over Obama by his familiarity with various heads of state and, as he intoned, having been involved in every major crisis in foreign policy in the past 25 years, Obama came back several times, diminishing McCain's winning points.

For example, when McCain alluded to the fact that he had a bracelet from a woman whose son had been killed in Iraq, Obama countered with his own bracelet, squelching McCain's emotional point. When McCain charged that Obama didn't understand the "Surge," Obama countered that McCain seemed to think the war began

Nevertheless, it was also somewhat unnerving to hear him say at least seven times that McCain was right; for him not to counter McCain repeated message that Obama didn't understand, to see McCain muscle him out of responses several times because Jim Lehrer was not in control of the debate; to see him not follow up on several obvious openings such as his definition of the "success" of the Surge, McCain's slavish support of George Bush's policies, McCain's lack of support for veterans, and others.

I understand the problem he has. On one hand, he can't

Then next evening, however, when Barack Obama stepped on the stage to give the keynote speech at Congressional Black Caucus annual dinner, that he was home could be witnessed by everybody who was on their feet, rocking to the music of, "Here I am baby, signed sealed delivered, I'm yours..."

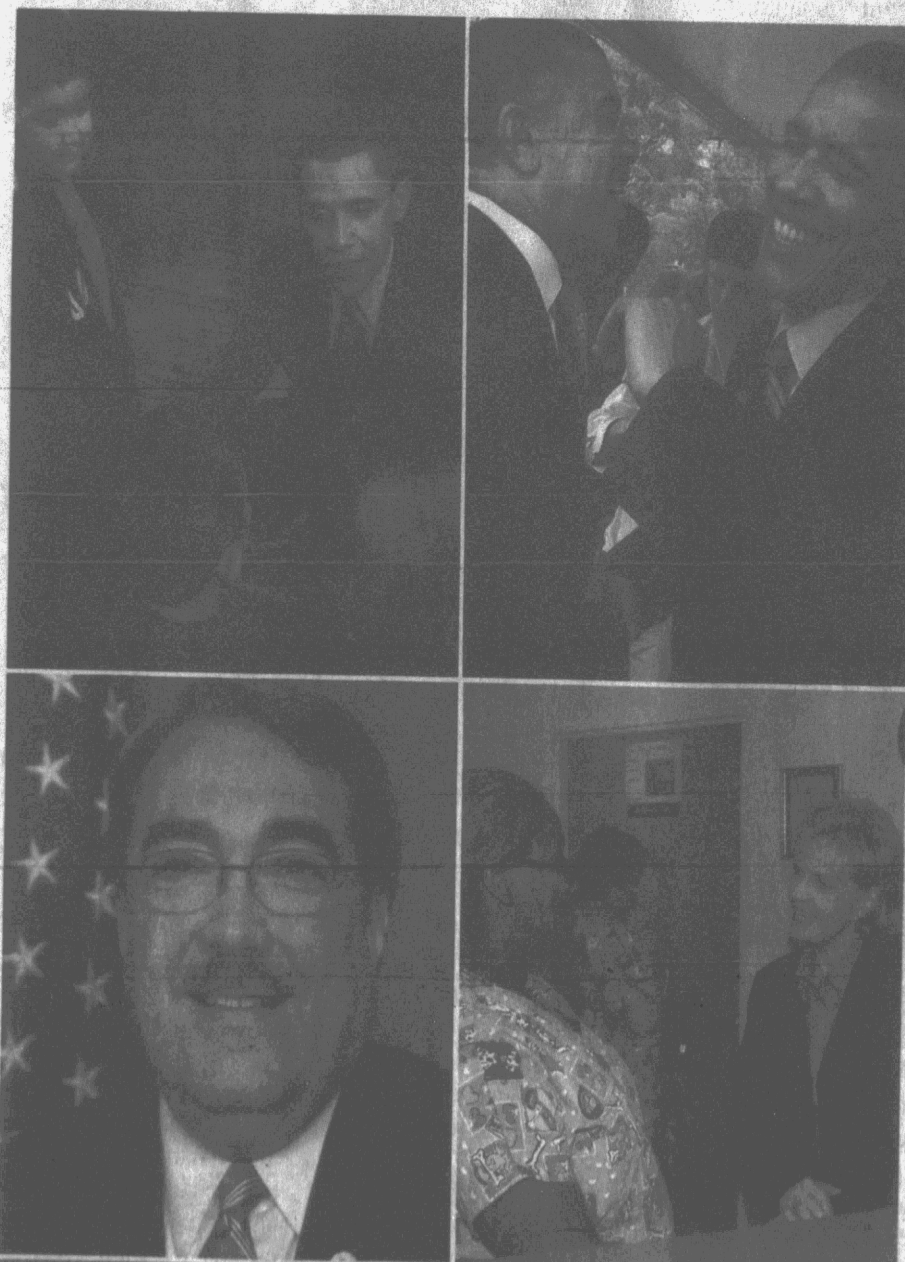
Obama was given the CBC's Harold Washington Award, named after the former mayor of his home city and he proceeded to acknowledge those who had paved his way—again, leaving out Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr. who sat at a table in front of him.

Time and again, he brought the crowd to its feet by observing that this historical moment was not just about him, but about the children who might benefit and who might live to actually see a Black person in the White House. He defined change with his stock presentation on issues like ending the Iraq war, enacting health adequate insurance and health care, and ending the failed No Child Left Behind education program. He also linked shoring up inadequate schools in poor neighborhoods to college attendance and good jobs.

Most important, he showed that he was conversant with the problems of urban America, pointing to the need to deal with poverty, promoting job training and

So, I give Obama a home run for his performance at the CBC and feel that he has not only put many of the questions raised to rest, he also teed up a number of issues he will bring to the table in the debates on domestic issues.

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Early Voting starts on October 16th. You can even register at the polls during Early Voting. Call 888-NC-EARLY or go to voteforchange.com for Early Voting hours and a location near you.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Mrs Beatrice Maye

In dealing with young folk or with anyone over whom we have authority - **CHECK YOURSELF.**

Do you live what you preach or are the young people around you getting conflicting messages? Are you saying, "Do as I say, not as I do". Do you drink and drive? Do you lie to your children? Do you cheat on your taxes? Do you hang out with negative people? **GET INVOLVED IN THEIR LIVES.** Can you name your children's friends? What is your child studying right now in school? When is the last time you did something your child wanted to do? **CELEBRATE THEIR GREATNESS AND THEIR UNIQUENESS.** All young people have something special, just as adults do. Respect their gifts and they will come to respect themselves. The lower your self-esteem, the

more you are driven to please other people without taking into account your own needs, feelings and reputation. If you cannot change the problem, change the way you view it. Good things happen to positive people. Let what is past, pass. Harriet Beecher Stow said, "When you get into a tight place and everything goes against you until it seems that you cannot hold for a minute longer, never give up then, for that is just the place and time for the tide to turn". Lord, help me to hold on until my change comes. The challenge is to hold on in bad times. As long as you are here, find ways to make yourself happy. Good things are supposed to happen to me. No matter how bad it is or how bad it gets, I going to make it.

EXAMINE YOUR ATTITUDE. Are you a defeatist? A moaner and a groaner? Is that a chip on your shoulder? Do you always have a story ready on how life has done you wrong? Bad relationships drain your positive charge. Seek out those who empower you, who inspire and complement you, the people who inspire you to see great possibilities for yourself. You really cannot afford to have relationships with people whose very presence drains energy from you.

SEEK OUT QUALITY PEOPLE. Don't run with

the wrong crowd. They can run you to death. We grow through our dreams. All great men and women are dreamers. Don't let your dreams die. Nurse and protect them through bad times and tough times to the sunshine and light which always come. Robert Schuller: "People do not plan to fail, but they do fail to plan". When people don't see instant results, many become discouraged with their dreams and goals. They become impatient. You must have patience. Your time is going to come. If you work diligently and meticulously, persist until you succeed. From: Les Brown, **LIVE YOUR DREAM** "Oversleeping is a mighty poor way to make your dreams come true". No comes true until you wake up and go to work. "We cannot dream ourselves into what we could be".

LETTER TO MY SONS

Marian Wright Edelman, Founder and President of the Children's Defence Fund, a leading national organization devoted to the needs of all children. She is author of **THE MEASURE OF OUR SUCCESS: A LETTER TO MY CHILDREN AND YOURS.** She is also the mother of three sons and lives in Washington, DC

1. Assign yourself
2. Don't be afraid of taking risks or of being criticized
3. Remember that your wife

- is not your mother or maid, but your partner and friend
4. Talk often with your spouse
5. Be honest
6. Be confident that you can make a difference
7. Don't ever stop learning and improving your mind
8. Be a can-do, will-try person
9. Learn to be alone without being lonely
10. Always remember that I am with you

ANYWAY!

People are unreasonable, illogical and self centered. Love them anyway!

If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives. Do good anyway!

If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies. Succeed anyway!

The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway!

Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable. Be honest and frank anyway!

The biggest men with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest men with the smallest minds. Think big anyway!

People favor underdogs but follow only top dogs. Fight for some underdogs anyway!

What you spend years building may be destroyed over-

night
Build anyway!

People really need help but may attack you if you help them. Help people anyway!

Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth. Give the world the best you've got anyway

KARMA

10 SPIRITUAL GUIDELINES OF VALUE TO YOUR CHILDREN

1. Be an example. Albert Schweitzer once said, "Example is not the main thing in influencing others - it is the only thing".

2. Keep it simple. To communicate to your children, begin looking around for everyday occurrences and objects you can use to convey deeper ideas to them. Keep it simple.

3. Be sensitive. Listen to their concerns.

4. Keep it short. Limit devotions to three minutes.

5. Make it exciting. Read Bible stories, watch and discuss Christian videos, use games. A favorite is "Twenty Questions".

6. Be flexible. Do things in the car, at meals, in the pool.

7. Be consistent. Taking time to talk about God and pray should become a lifetime and a lifestyle, not just on specific occasions.

8. Keep expectations realistic. The time you spend with them will shape them for a lifetime.

9. Be transparent with them. Let them know that we are real people with fears and faults just like them.

10. Begin today. The time you spend with your children will reap eternal dividends/benefits. Your children will never forget what they learned from parents. Be a Godly mom and dad, please. From: Rev. John Maxwell, senior pastor, Skyline Wesleyan Church, San Diego.

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SMILE BLESSES GIVER RECEIVER - Everybody smiles in the same language. A sincere smile offends no one. **SMILE!**



Suejette A. Jones

Reflections

Online Degrees

I can distinctly remember taking a correspondence course through the mail (circa 1952) from the University of North Carolina when I was converting my music certificate to a then called grammar grade certificate. This would certify me to teach grades 4-7. The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction's Certification Division had outlined a course of study for this change. Having gone to Winston-Salem State Teachers College and Shaw University during the summers, I decided to stay at home and complete my final course requirement by mail. Neither the computer nor the television had arrived on the scene, so it was necessary to enroll in a history class with a Dr. Tippet, an instructor, whom I never saw until this day.

I would receive an outline for a scheduled number of lessons and questions to answer along with a textbook to study. I would proceed with such assignments and send my finished work through the mail. The assignment was corrected, graded, and returned to me through the mail. Another series of lessons with questions to answer would arrive in the mail and that continued until course was completed. A grade was issued and my credentials were sent to the State Department to be applied

toward my new certificate. Today, people are turning to online education because it provides access to learning that would otherwise be inaccessible to many. Web-based programs present a flexible, independent learning opportunity that fits the schedule of busy people and complements their experience. Many people find that their career reaches a plateau and that employers place a greater value on employees with a higher level of education or one more relevant to the modern workplace. An online degree offers the perfect solution. There are a huge variety of degree programs available online which can be pursued to bachelor's, master's or doctoral level. With the advances in information technology, over the past decade, there is no reason to get stuck in a rut. Whether it is nursing, education, business management or information technology, a development of an existing career or a whole new departure, there is an online program to suit you. Few adults are able to return to college to pursue further education—they have jobs and families to support. Even on-campus adult education can be unfeasible for some. Consequently, adults seeking access to continued education are increasingly turning to online programs. The freedom to study how and when they want is essential. Many professionals work irregular hours or travel as part of their

job. An online degree program allows study wherever and whenever a busy schedule allows. Even if you are living abroad, you can gain a degree online from an American university. The convenience and accessibility of an online degree makes it easier than ever to learn while you earn and enhance your career prospects.

Words of Wisdom and Wit

Everybody is entitled to his own opinion, but not to his own facts.

Patrick Moynihan

No pleasure is worth giving up for the sake of two more years in a geriatric home.

Kingsley Amis

In all affairs, it's a healthy thing now and then to hang a question mark on the things you have long taken for granted.

Bert rand Russell

Everyone believes very easily whatever he fears or desires.

Jean de la Fontaine

If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door.

Milton Berle

All men make mistakes, but a good man yields when he knows his course is wrong, and repairs the evil. "The only sin is pride."

Sophocles

Witty and Wise Sayings

A man wrapped up in himself makes a very small parcel.

John Ruskin

I cannot give you the formula for success, but I can give you the formula for failure - which is: Try to please everybody.

Herbert Swope

Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak. Courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.

Winston Churchill

In times like these, it helps to recall that there have always been times like these.

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INSPIRATION & REVIEW



Sow A Seed

Joy R. Brown

God's Purpose Shall Prevail

"You can make many plans, but the Lord's purpose shall prevail." Proverbs 19:21 (NLT)

I believe it would be a safe assumption to say that most of us plan to succeed in life. We plan to fulfill the purpose of why we were created. Somehow, unfortunately, we have taken the wrong turns in life that have either detoured or delayed the fulfillment of the intended reason of why we were created. However, today, I want to encourage each of you, as I have encouraged myself through the Word of God. Proverbs 19:21, as it is written in the New Living Translation, "You can make

many plans, but the Lord's purpose shall prevail." When I read this one morning, my outlook on fulfilling my purpose was awakened. I have made many plans or goals for my life, but somehow it was such a fight or struggle to see them come to pass. I suddenly realized that those were my plans but not the purpose of God for my life. My plans

were to excel in corporate America but God's purpose was for me to use life's experiences to minister to others.

Many times we do not understand why our lives take so many unexpected turns. I've learned over the years, that the unexpected events that have occurred in my life were leading me directly to the purpose of God for my life. According to Jeremiah 29:11, it says, "For I know the plans I have for you says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." I am convinced that God has already prepared the map for our lives. It's up to us to use the Spiritual Navigating System to reach our divine purpose in Him.

Our plans are limited but the purpose of God has no limits.

When we acknowledge Him in all our ways, He will direct our paths. Many times our plans may lead to destruction with regrets and disappointments as a testimony. Sometimes our plans may cause us to compromise our values and standards. If we will seek after God for the true purpose He intended for us when He created us, our lives we have much more fulfillment.

I encourage you today to evaluate the plans for your life. After you have evaluated them, find out where God is in the midst. In spite of what we desire to do, God has a greater purpose in mind. God's thoughts and ways are greater than ours. Allow God to perform a 320 in your life. According to Ephesians 3:20 (NLT), "Now glory be to God! By His mighty power at work within us, He is able to accomplish infinitely more than we would ever dare to ask or hope."

Dare to exchange your plans for God's purpose for your life.

TELL SOMEBODY, "POWER OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER",

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25- OCTOBER 1, 2008

by SYLVIA HOOPER
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"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. I Timothy 2:1-2

The ministry of intercessory Prayer is a high calling of God which is very vital to the Body of Christ. Much focus, time, and attention has been given to the ministry of teaching, preaching, and prophesying, because they have such impact on the saving faith of Believers.

These "public ministries" are effective, rewarding, and fulfilling for many servants of the Lord. But, there are other servants, not quite so heralded because their ministries are, "behind the scenes". The ministry of intercessory prayer is also very rewarding and fulfilling, not to mention effective and necessary to the Body of Christ! Ministries all

over the world would crumble and fall without the support of these unsung heroes/heroines called "Intercessory Prayer Warriors!"

Behind every great church is a band or circle of Intercessory Prayer Warriors. They may or may not hold any positions, and they may not carry a Title in the church, but when they pray, it is with POWER! When they pray, something happens and things change! They are praying when others are sleeping. They are praying when others are out shopping and recreating. They are fasting while others are eating sumptuous meals.

They are people who believe that God listens when they pray for others.

Many of us can testify, that we are the product of the Power of Intercessory Prayer.

Have you ever been so concerned about someone that you felt driven to pray for them? Have you ever felt the prayers of others for you? Are you a prayer warrior? Would you like to be one?

There are many great intercessors in the bible, among which are Abraham, Solomon, Daniel, Hezekiah.....the list goes on and on! But, the greatest intercessor by far is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, for he interceded to God the Father on behalf of all mankind. Scripture shows us that Jesus was an intercessor for the sins of many, (Isaiah 53:12). In Luke 22:32, he made intercession for the weak brethren. Jesus even interceded for his enemies, when he said, "Father forgive

them, for they know not what they do." In Luke 23:34. We are saved because of the Lord's intercession. (Hebrews 7:28)

As Christ's disciples, we are to follow in his footsteps, and to do what he would do when confronted with the same issues. We can name it and claim it all day long, but until we live it, we are not Christians! We are not perfect, but we are forgiven! We all have a measure of faith, and we all have the capacity to love one another.

This is the mark of true discipleship, for by this shall men know that we are his disciples, because we have love one for another.

Intercessory Prayer shows servant's heart. When we love him enough to keep his commandments, we can love one another enough to pray for each other.

Jesus is the perfect example for one who is striving to please God the Father.

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My name is Sherida Suggs.

I am 28 years old, born and raised in North Carolina. I have an AAS Degree in Early childhood and am currently attending Ashford University to obtain a degree in Business and Organizational Management with a concentration in Early Childhood. My hobbies include singing, dancing, writing and acting. My future goals include writing, directing, and producing my own inspirational play(s), creating a gospel album, and giving back to my community and church in a positive way. I became interested in drama because I felt that my mission in life was to touch the lives of other people by using the gifts and talents that God has blessed me with. I wanted to spread the word to others about the choices that we make in life that can and will affect our future. Having made many unwise choices as a teenager, and still as an adult I was saved by God's grace.

I have been acting since 2001 beginning with TDM, in Kinston, NC and ministered through a number of dramas including, "From Boys to Men", "When The Doors Are

closed", "Preacher Man", and "Dead Wrong". In 2005, I appeared as Kim in the Gospel Comedy, That No Good Woman, with David Payton Promotions. My latest role was Ronnie in The House that Joy Built.

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Voting March through their "Real Men Vote" program.

"The goal of this initiative is too partner with civic organizations as a catalyst for raising civic constiousness and increasing voter participation," Anthony Jeffries, president of 100 Black Men Triangle Chapter said. "We can use our program and [the MVM] initiative to get the community involved."

"We want everyone to turn out Oct. 16". Don't wait until Nov. 4," Rev. Barber told Ms. Murray on WSHA-FM last Saturday. "We want a massive movement for the cause."

For more information about the Millions Voting March and how your community can take part, call the NC NAACP at 866-NC NAACP (866-626-227) or 919-682-4700, or visit the website at www.naacpnc.org for more information.

Voter registration in North Carolina ends this Friday, Oct. 10.

Persons 18 or older (or if you will be age 18 by November 4) who are citizens of the United States, and have resided in a North Carolina community for at least thirty days prior to the next election, may register to vote.

Ex-felons who have served their time, including probation or parole, automatically have their voting rights restored, and can also register to vote. Those who have been convicted only of misdemeanors always have the right to register and vote.

If an eligible person misses the Oct. 10 registration deadline, they can both register and vote on the same-day starting Thursday, Oct. 16 through Saturday, November 1 at either their county Board of Elections, or satellite One Stop Early Voting site.

All county Boards of Elections will conduct One-

Stop voting during normal business hours (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25, and also from 9 a.m. until 1pm on the last Saturday (November 1st) prior to Election Day.

Check with your local Board of Elections for specific times at various satellite locations in your area.

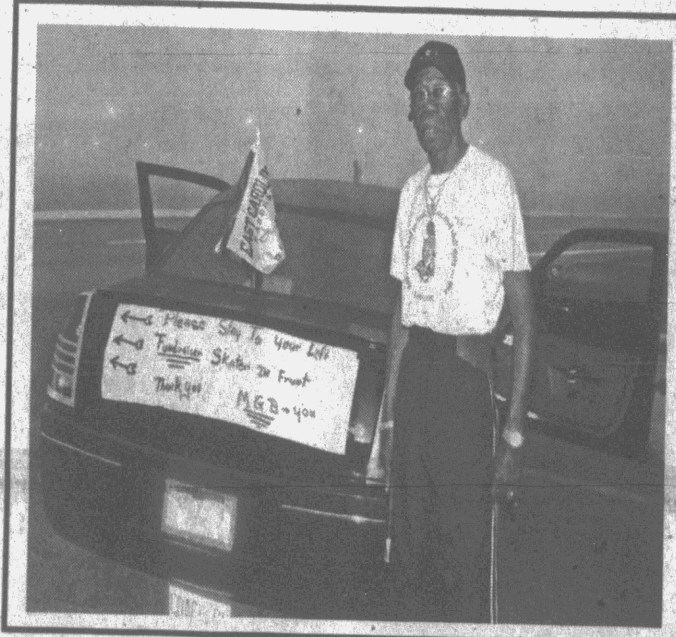
If you register and vote during this period, you will be required to bring some form of ID proving your name and place of residence.

If you are already registered to vote, but haven't voted in several past elections, you can check your current voting status by going online to your local Board of Elections, or to www.2008ElectionConnection.com/ for that, and any other NC election information you may need.

Special Olympics Coach Skates To Washington, NC

by Michael Adams

On Saturday, September 27, 2008 Mr David Nelson rose up early in the morning to do one of the things that he most enjoys. David has a passion and love for skating that drives him to skating rinks all over the state. The difference in this day is that he not only skate for his enjoyment, but he skated to raise funds for a special need. Being a member of Sweet Hope FWB Church he received donations for a chance to help others. The distance this time was from one county to another. The counties included Pitt and Beaufort Counties in NC. The most notable thing in this effort is that David Nelson is a Senior Citizen. When ever you wanted to find David Nelson (aka COACH) for a long time would be at the now converted ice skating rink in Greenville, NC. Many can recall the days when they would take a fall at our former skating rink and Cach




would be there to help them up. Many young people and some adults learned to skate with the aid of Coach Nelson. It was a great pleasure to assist Coach Nelson as he put on his skates early that Saturday morning to make the journey from Greenville to Washington, NC. As my wife and I followed him, for safety reasons, we noticed the many other people on the highway who waviered and blew there horns. That was enough but when we came to the end of

the event we were greeted by one person who passed on the highway who just happened to be one of those skaters Coach inspired in skating some years ago.

I was honored to be a part of this journey. I'm also proud to say this is my cousin who also inspires me to keep my head up after so many trials in my life. Love you cuz keep on doing what you do.

Michael Adams
Editor: Minority Voice Newspaper




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Absentee by Mail: You may request an absentee ballot to be mailed to you. This can be done by visiting the Elections Office and completing an absentee request form or you may mail a written request to the Elections Office. The deadline to request an absentee ballot is October 28th.

One-Stop Early Voting: There will be six One-Stop early voting sites for the 2008 General Election. The locations, dates, and times are as follows:

Pitt County Agricultural Center Auditorium – 403 Government Cir., Greenville
Community Schools Building Arts and Crafts Room – 4561 County Home Rd., Greenville
County Office Building (former Council on Aging facility) – 1717 W. 5th St., Greenville
Hours of operation for the above 3 sites are:
October 16th through November 1st
Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
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Jaycee Park Recreation and Parks Auditorium – 2000 Cedar Ln., Greenville
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October 16th through November 1st
Monday – Friday 11:00 am to 7:00 pm
Saturdays 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Newman Catholic Student Center Sanctuary – 953 E. 10th St., Greenville
Hours of operation for the above site are:
October 24th through November 1st
Monday – Friday 11:00 am to 7:00 pm
Saturdays 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Sunday Voting: The Community Schools Building will be the only One-Stop site offering voting on Sunday. This site will be open from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm on October 26th.

Same Day Registration: If you fail to submit your registration by October 10th, you can still register and vote during the One-Stop early voting period. In order to take advantage of this opportunity you must complete a registration form and present official documentation or ID that displays your current name and address.

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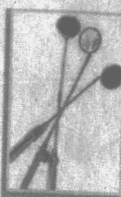
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Sterilization for poor people



Lawmaker mulls old Duke
idea: Paid sterilization
by The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS - A suburban New Orleans legislator has proposed revisiting an idea from former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke: paying poor women to undergo sterilization as a way to shrink welfare rolls and government costs.

Rep. John LaBruzzo's suggestion prompted outrage Wednesday from several of his fellow lawmakers and advocacy groups. The Louisiana chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union called the idea mean-spirited and said it would discriminate against black Louisianians.

LaBruzzo, R-Metairie, said the idea would involve the state giving \$1,000 to women who rely on government support like welfare and food stamps if they agree to have their fallopian tubes tied. He said it was too early to say whether he would introduce such a bill during the 2009 legislative session, but he said he was researching it.

"If we continue to have more people using government to support them as opposed to those who are supporting government with their taxes, government will collapse as we know it and will cease to exist," LaBruzzo said in a phone interview.

The idea — first reported this week in an article in New Orleans CityBusiness — lit up talk radio lines and prompted fiery debate on blogs around the country. The former chairman of the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus said the idea was discriminatory.

"LaBruzzo's an idiot," said Rep. Juan LaFonta, D-New Orleans, whose tenure as black caucus chairman ended this summer. "I think it's totally disrespectful to poor people in this country."

The proposal appeared unlikely to garner the support needed for passage in the Louisiana Legislature.

Gov. Bobby Jindal's office, when asked to comment on the idea, responded with a statement from Chief of Staff Timmy Teepell. "It's a non-starter," Teepell said.

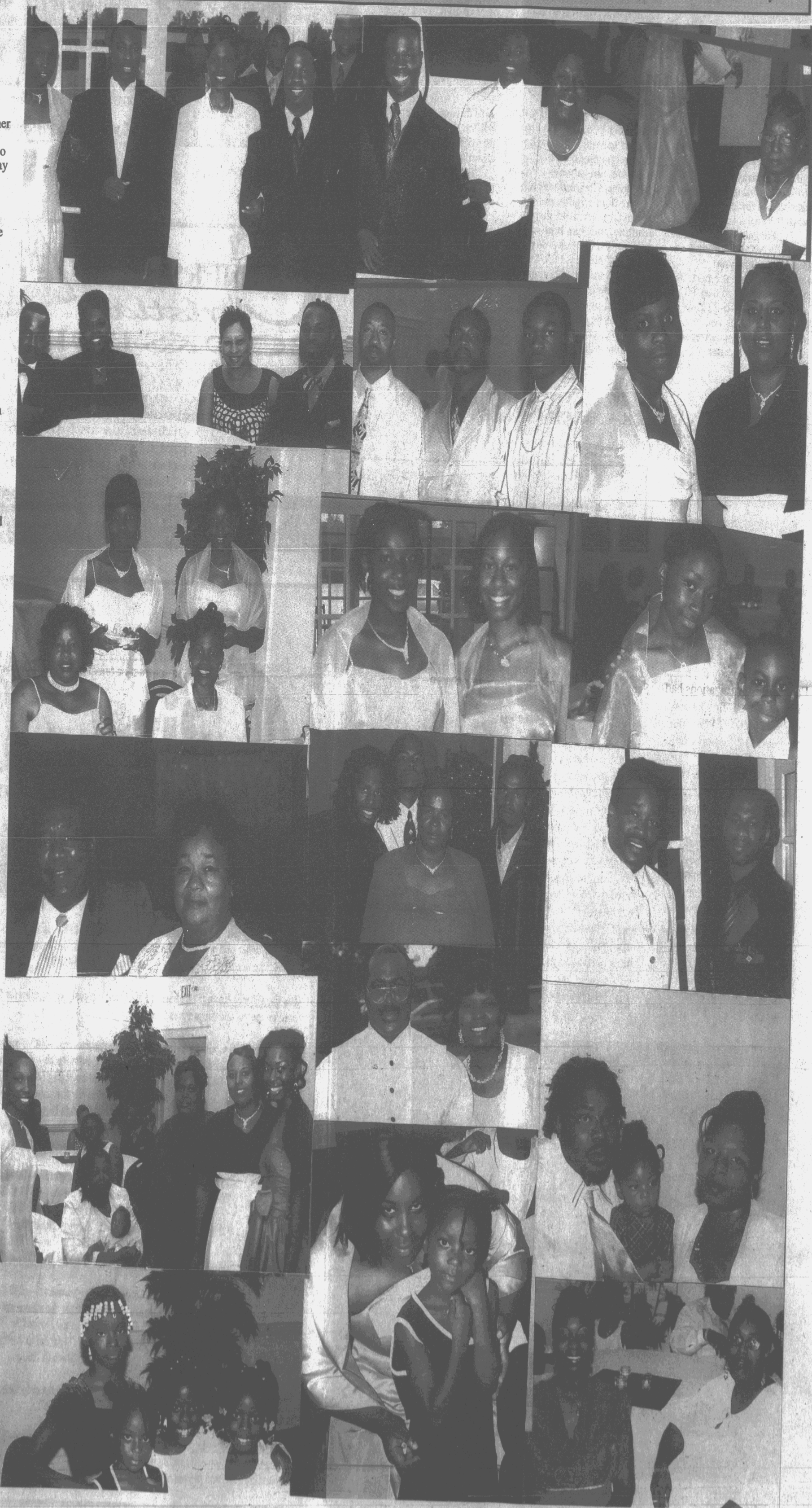
House Speaker Jim Tucker, R-Terrytown, also said he didn't believe the proposal would gain traction. "I doubt it, but he's free to put in a bill and see where it goes," Tucker said.

The voluntary sterilization idea isn't new in Louisiana. Duke, who held LaBruzzo's state House seat from 1989 to 1992, first raised the idea.

Opponents of such plans have long called the proposal racist, a suggestion LaBruzzo vehemently denied Wednesday. He said more whites than blacks receive welfare checks in the state.

"Anybody who says this is racist is an idiot and doesn't have a grasp of the facts. The

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White women speak up for Obama

WASHINGTON

(FinalCall.com) - White women voters have become the talk of the election and the prize for candidates trying to win their vote. Leaders of several national women's organizations primarily composed of White women recently came together to say Sen. Barack Obama is their candidate.

Representing "millions and millions of women," the National Organization of Women (NOW) Political Action Committee (PAC), the Feminist Majority PAC, the National Association of Social Workers, the Business and Professional Women's PAC and the National Congress of Black Women made the voices of everyday women heard.

"From teachers to social workers, from business owners to college students, women in this country are lining up behind the candidate who is out there every day standing up—clearly and consistently—for women," said Kim Gandy, president of NOW. "Women of all ages, races and ethnicities are coming together in support of Sen. Obama and his pledge to fulfill this country's promise of equal opportunity for our daughters as well as all our sons."

Each of the organizations had completed an issue-by-issue comparison of the candidates' records prior to the announcement and each independently came to the conclusion that Senator Obama was the best man for women's rights and women's issues.

"Women simply cannot afford a President McCain," said Eleanor Smeal, president of the Feminist Majority. "He would stack the Supreme

Court and federal judiciary against women's reproductive and economic rights for future generations; stubbornly pursue a policy of endless war no matter the cost in human lives and dollars; and continue Bush failed economics and political policies."

These organizations do not regularly endorse presidential candidates. NOW supported Sen. Hillary Clinton in the Democratic primary. The selection of Alaska Governor Sarah Palin as the Republican vice presidential candidate has forced these groups to take an aggressive stand in this election.

"John McCain just doesn't get it. He doesn't understand women voters and especially Hillary voters. Sarah Palin is no Hillary Clinton. You can't attract Hillary voters and women voters with a woman opposed to what Hillary stands for," said Ms. Smeal.

"Sarah Palin stands with John McCain, who is opposed to affirmative action for women in public employment, public education and public contracting, is opposed to legislation fighting wage discrimination for women, is opposed to the Violence Against Women Act authored by Sen. Joe Biden and has a zero rating with women's rights groups."

Polls showed a dramatic switch in White women voters from Sen. Obama to Sen. McCain immediately after the announcement of his vice presidential pick of Gov. Palin.

"We have to wait and see if these numbers hold true," said Ms. Smeal. "It's not enough to break the glass ceiling for one woman and leave millions behind. Palin's positions are so out of touch with the positions of most women."

Betsy Clark, president of the National Association of Social Workers, thinks women are smarter than to just vote for any woman. "While we are pleased that a woman is on the ticket, we are concerned that she is not the best woman candidate based on the issues. Women will not vote for John McCain simply because he has a woman as a running mate."

"Women know that they need to cast their vote based on the policies set forth by the candidates, regardless of gender," she said.

For many Black women the issue of who to vote for is clear.

"Our country needs the women to come to the rescue in this election. By women, I mean women who have a long history of working for the best interest of women and families—not those who are just reading from a script and trying to outdo those who'd be happy with keeping

the women in their lives hidden away without ambition of their own," said Dr. E. Faye Williams, national chair of Black Women for Obama.

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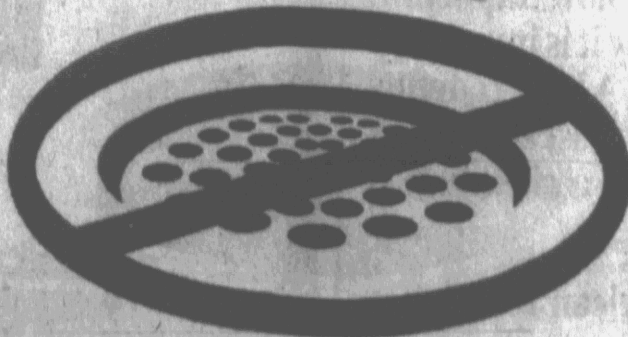
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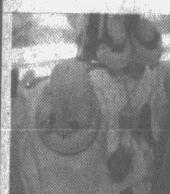
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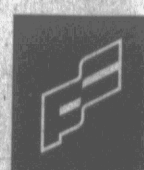
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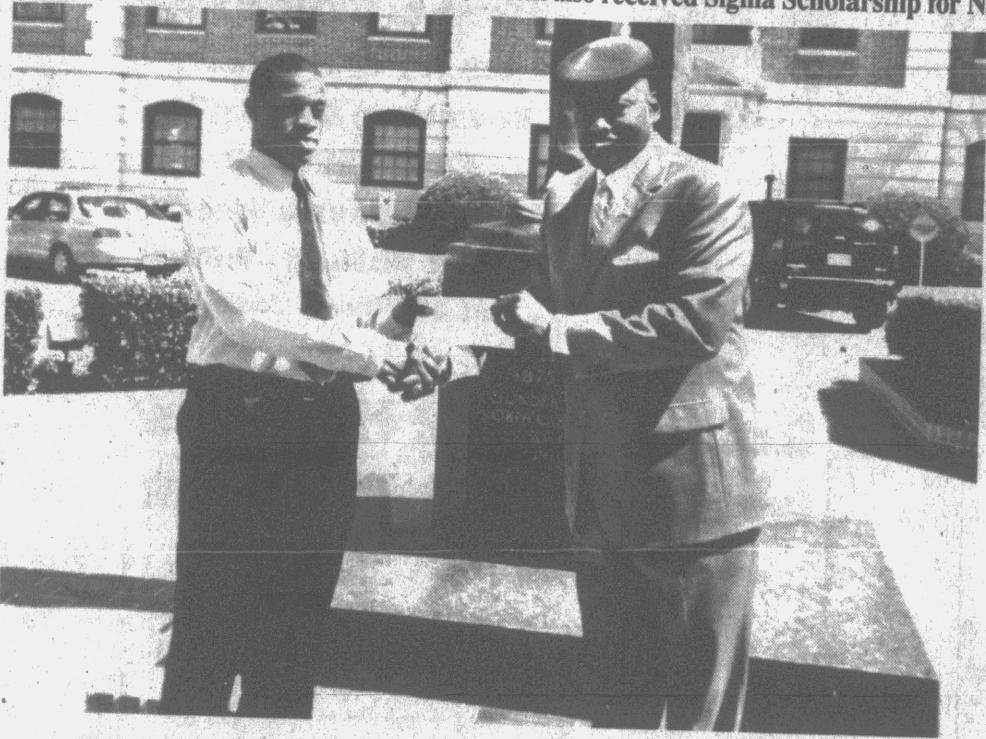
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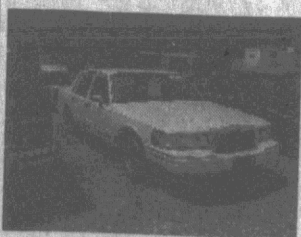
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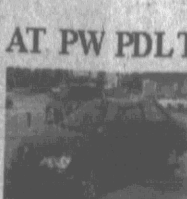
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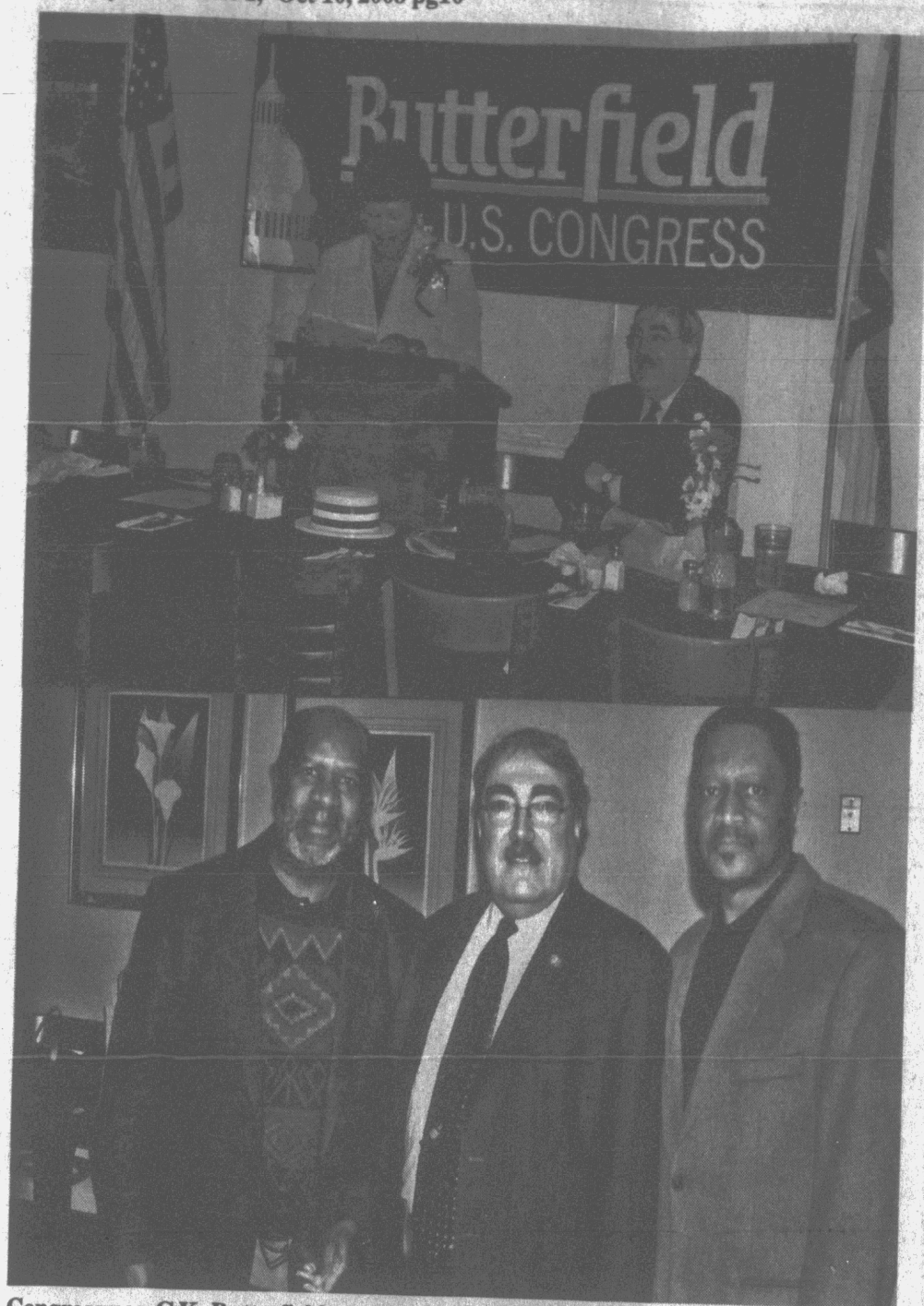
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people who say that are racist because they see everything as black and white. They are racist because they assume everyone on welfare is black," LaBruzzo said.

Marjorie Esman, the executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Louisiana, didn't call LaBruzzo's proposal racist. But she said it would have racial implications because blacks are disproportionately poorer in the country.

She said the idea was a misguided attempt to eliminate poverty by eliminating the poor. Esman said LaBruzzo should suggest instead proposals that would provide economic and educational opportunities to the poor so they can improve their circumstances.

"We would not want those people to feel like they have a quick cash incentive to give up their rights to have children. You have people being pressured to take money when they're in desperate circumstances," Esman said.

LaBruzzo tossed such criticism aside.

"They're not responsible enough to make this decision, but they're responsible enough to raise eight kids and make them productive members of society?" he said.

LaBruzzo said a state incentive for voluntary sterilization was one of several ideas he was studying as he looked at ways to break "the generational welfare cycle." He said he's received more phone calls from people supporting the proposal than criticizing it.

Louisiana welfare data indicate that LaBruzzo's claims about rising welfare

costs are unfounded: The number of people collecting welfare has dropped every year for almost two decades.

In the 2006-07 fiscal year, more than 13,000 recipients got welfare checks in Louisiana, for a cost of \$16.5 million, according to data from the Louisiana Department of Social Services. That's down from 279,000 recipients in 1990-91, costing \$187.9 million.


Food stamp usage has remained more steady. In the 1990-91 year, food stamps were given to nearly 737,000 recipients, at a cost of \$585 million. By 2006-07, the number of recipients had dropped to nearly 616,000, but the cost had grown to \$742 million.

LaFonta said LaBruzzo's "been known as the dumbest legislator in the House of Representatives." He compared the sterilization proposal to "a page out of a book of communism" and to Hitler's exterminations of the Jews and other groups considered undesirable.

The idea also recalls the legacy of eugenics in the United States. In the first half of the 20th century, more than two dozen states passed laws allowing the involuntary sterilization of those deemed unfit for reproduction, including convicts and those with what were considered mental or physical defects.

LaFonta said just the mention of voluntary sterilization of poor women hurts Louisiana nationally as it seeks federal aid from hurricanes Gustav and Ike — and continuing assistance to rebuild the New Orleans area after Hurricane Katrina.


"This is going to hammer us on our national perspective," LaFonta said.



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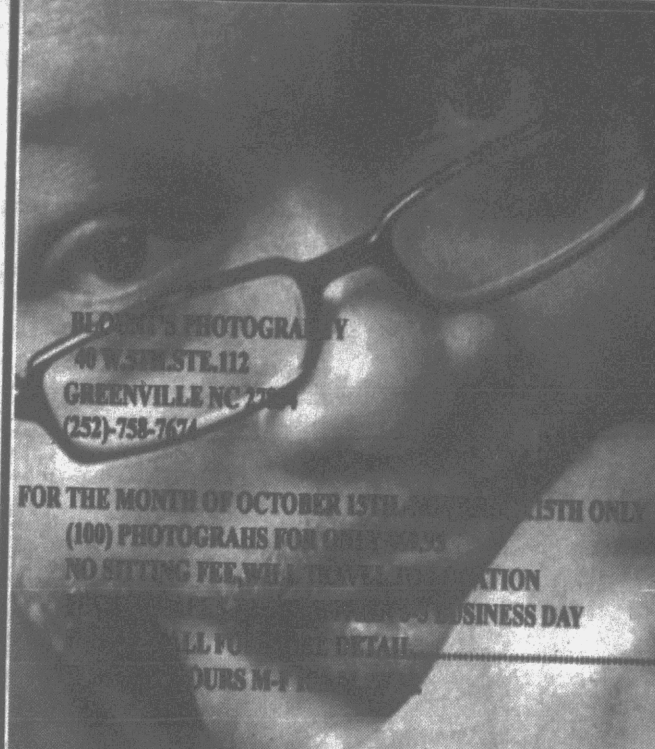
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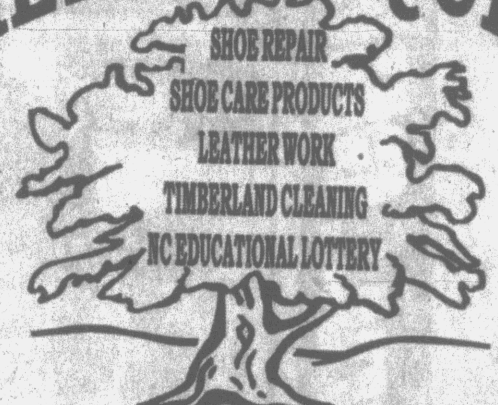


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