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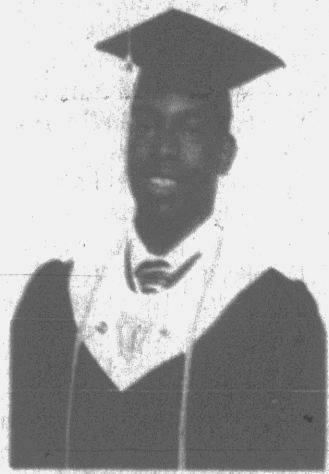
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# MINORITY VOICE

## Solidarity Behind Obama

### Popularity of Clintons Also Increase



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By Hazel Trice Edney, NNPA Editor-in-Chief

WASHINGTON (NNPA) – It's no secret that Black voters have in recent history overwhelmingly voted Democratic in presidential elections – even as much as 90 percent. But, this year's election will likely break even that record, revealing a strong African American solidarity behind the campaign of Sen. Barack Obama and a dramatic drop in support for the Republican ticket, according to a national poll released this week.

"Clearly, the historic Obama candidacy is drawing almost unprecedented Black support for the Democratic ticket, some 15 percentage points

higher than what Sen. John Kerry received in our poll four years ago," said David Bositis, Senior Research Associate at the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, which conducted the study. "If the undecided [voters] break along the same lines as those who expressed a preference, Sen. Obama would draw 94 percent of the Black vote and thereby tie President Johnson's record-high share in the 1964 election."

The new survey of African Americans' political attitudes, authored by Bositis, confirms that support for Obama "among Black voters is at near record levels for a Democratic nominee, while Black identification with the Republican Party has dropped

by 60 percent since 2004."

Based on the study, Ralph B. Everett, the Joint Center's president and CEO, predicts a record Black turnout on every level.

"These poll numbers are confirming what we expected—that Sen. Obama's historic candidacy is enormously popular with African American voters and is, in fact, driving significantly higher percentages of them to identify with the Democratic Party," said Everett in a statement. "These numbers come on top of record levels of participation by Black voters in the Democratic primaries, all of which indicate that Black turnout in

the general election will surpass existing records both national and in individual states."

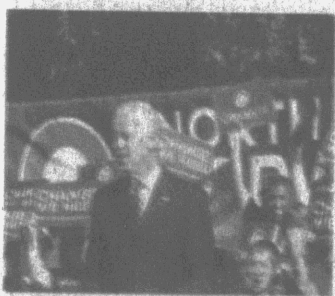
The poll of 750 African Americans, taken between September 16 and October 6 with a margin of error of plus or minus 3.6 percentage points, also revealed mainly one issue of note: the economy with 62 percent of African Americans naming it the most important national problem. In that regard, only a handful of respondents – 8 percent – said their financial situation improved over the past year while 55 percent of African Americans – 55 percent – said their financial status was worse than it was in the previous year.

The poll also found that despite the contentious Democratic Primary process, both former President Bill Clinton and Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-NY) have increased their favorability ratings among Black voters.

According to the report: "Sen. Clinton is viewed favorably by 86.4 percent [DCS1] of African Americans, more than six points higher than she fared in the Joint Center's 2004 poll, with only 7.8 percent viewing her unfavorably"

Former President Clinton was viewed favorably by 85.5 percent of respondents, and

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## White women voters speak up for Obama

White women voters speak up for Obama

By Nisa Islam Muhammad

WASHINGTON—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 Political Action Committee, 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 everyday 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 candi-

dates' records prior to the announcement and each independently came to the conclusion that 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 Gov.

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 Smeal.

Polls showed a dramatic switch in white women voters from Obama to 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 Smeal.

(Special to the NNPA from the Final Call)



Democratic presidential candidate, Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., greets supporters at the Maumee Bay Resort in Oregon, Ohio, Tuesday, Oct. 14. (AP Photo/Jae C. Hong)

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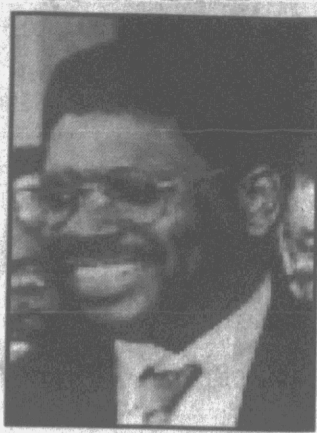
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OPINIONS

# White supremacy shaped John McCain's life

By ALTON HMADDOX, JR.



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Within a week of the ratification of the 13th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, the Ku Klux

Klan was formed in Pulaski, Tennessee. The founder was former Confederate general Nathan B. Forrest, who also led the Fort Pillow Massacre. After Forrest secured a truce with Union troops, he slaughtered 238 Black soldiers at Fort Pillow.

With the KKK leading America's first war on terrorism, slave power was transferred from private ownership to states' rights. The local custodians for newly emancipated Blacks were local sheriffs. Court-houses were the local headquarters for white supremacy. Black Codes would supplant the slave codes.

Nearly 100 years later, the

legal structure of the South remains unaltered. James Chaney, Michael Schwerner and Andrew Goodman found it out the hard way. The local sheriff and a posse of Klansmen intercepted them on June 21, 1964. Their bodies were later found near Philadelphia, Mississippi. Sheriffs in Mississippi were, invariably, members of the KKK.

On March 17, 1886, Blacks had assembled at the Carroll County, Mississippi, courthouse to support or to give testimony on behalf of two brothers who had been charged with assaulting a white lawyer with intent to kill. The white lawyer had assaulted Ed Brown. A gunfight ensued, with gunshot wounds to the lawyer, James Liddell. Ed and Charley Brown were vigorously prosecuted in Carroll County.

While Sheriff T.T. Hamilton was conveniently at home, a white mob entered the Carroll County Courthouse and proceeded to murder 23 defenseless Blacks. A grand jury would later fault the Black victims for their own demise. Even after the ratification of the 14th Amendment, Blacks enjoyed no right of self-defense.

Every white official in the state, including Sen. John McCain's great-grandfather, applauded the massacre. Sen. Blanche K. Bruce and Cong. John R. Lynch of Mississippi went to the White House to protest the Carrolton Courthouse Massacre to President Grover Cleveland, who would cite to them the

Supreme Court ruling in *Cruikshank v. United States*.

In February 1886, Sheriff Hamilton had already given the keys to the jail at the courthouse to a white mob. Will McKinney had been convicted of killing Charlie Broadway. The mob dragged McKinney out of the jail, shot and lynched him on the courthouse square. The courthouse had also served as the county's auction block and all slave records were housed in it.

Sen. John McCain co-authored "Faith of My Fathers." It is mostly about Sen. McCain, his father and his grandfather. However, he described his anonymous, great-grandfather in the book as "inspiring his sons, my grandfather and great-uncle, to pursue careers as professional officers."

McCain's father and grandfather became admirals. McCain had a career in the Navy, but opted out for politics and became a carpetbagger. He chose Arizona as his political home. Arizona had been a territory of the Confederate States of America.

Interestingly, McCain failed to reveal the name of his great-grandfather in the book and for good reason. He was an arch white supremacist. In four other books written about Sen. McCain, none of them even mentioned his great-grandfather.

By inference, Sen. McCain admitted that this racial patriarch and mentor wanted to fight for the Confederate States of America to uphold white supremacy, white Christianity and states' rights, but he was only 14 years of age. He upped his age to 18, but to no avail.

His great-grandfather was not only a prominent slaveholder in Carroll County, but he was also an influential local politician and eventually its sheriff. He took over the county's law enforcement reins in 1891 soon after the Carrolton Courthouse Massacre.

Sheriff McCain's reign of terror started during the height of the Colored Farmers' Alliance, which had organized 1,250,000 Black farmers by 1891 and would rival the all-white Southern Farmers' Alliance. Interestingly, the Colored Bar of Mississippi was also formed in 1891. This started the "Greenville Movement" to form bar associations in other states.

In 1891, this Black alliance had called for a cotton pickers strike and had supported the Federal Elections Bill. These demands, if successful, would have overthrown sharecropping and would have put Blacks on an equal par with white farmers.

Local sheriffs initiated another wave of white terrorism. The KKK furnished the manpower. Judges donned Black robes

over their Halloween costumes. Since the South had won the Civil War, philosophically, states' rights would trump federalism. The Supreme Court said its hands were tied to stop white terrorism.

This exercise of First Amendment rights by persons of African ancestry to achieve political and economic power angered white supremacists. Local sheriffs were on their posts. Organized Blacks, seeking political goals, were a threat to white supremacy. This was a bloody period and it wrought *Plessy v. Ferguson*.

The house organ of the Colored Farmers' Alliance, the *Colored Farmers' Advocate*, was published in Carroll County. State-sponsored terrorism, and particularly in Carroll County, Mississippi, would eventually undermine the Colored Alliance movement.

In 1902, when McCain's grandfather was admitted to the U.S. Naval Academy, it was institutionally racist and anti-Semitic. While Henry O. Flipper became the first Black graduate of West Point in 1877, the first

Black graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Wesley A. Brown, had to wait until 1949. The Navy fitted the McCains like "the glove" fitted O.J. Simpson's hand.

In "Faith of my Fathers" McCain said his great-

grandfather "had expressed his

patriotism by serving as sheriff of Carroll County, Mississippi" to suppress Black resistance. Sen. McCain uses the same term to describe those white supremacists who have heckled

Sen. Barack Obama's name at McCain's political rallies. In this country, a racist is, obviously, a patriot.

By the way, the full name of Sen. McCain's great-grandfather was John Sidney McCain. Three generations of McCains have embraced his white supremacist philosophy. White terrorism continued in Carroll County throughout the 1960s. History explains Sen. McCain. Hopefully, the Jefferson Davis side of Sen.

Obama's family will not captivate him.

October 29—Min. Joseph Carswell will be the keynote speaker at UAM's weekly forum at the Elks Plaza, 1068 Harriet Tubman Avenue (Fulton Street), near Classon Avenue in Brooklyn at 7:30 p.m. His topic is "G-7 and the Third World." Admission is free.

November 2—Alton Maddox and Carlos Russell will keynote a pre-Black Solidarity Day program at Boys and Girls High School, 1700 Fulton Street in Brooklyn, at 3 p.m.

## Polls Rocketing for Obama, But, Could Racism Undermine Nov 4?



Commentary by Hazel Trice Edney

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — U. S. Sen. Barack Obama has moved yet another step closer to becoming America's first Black president after an arguably bland debate Monday night that gave him strong leads over Sen. John McCain in several key polls. But, some political observers say the polls may not reflect a racial undercurrent among Whites that could hurt Obama's election on Nov. 4.

A National CNN poll at the conclusion of the debate — which focused largely on the economy — had 54 per cent of voters saying Obama won the debate, versus McCain at 30 per cent. Likewise, a CBS poll favored Obama at 39 percent to 27 percent among uncommitted voters with 35 percent claiming the debate as a draw. Moreover, Gallup, among the most credible polling agencies in the world, reports Obama actually leading McCain by more than 10 percentage points in a national poll asking voters who they favor.

"Barack Obama has opened up a nine-point lead over

John McCain, 51% to 42%, in the latest Gallup Poll Daily tracking," states an explanation on Gallup.com. "That matches Obama's largest lead of the campaign to date." University of Maryland Political Scientist Dr. Ron Walters called the polls astounding, but says Blacks should shave off at least five points to account for the racial factor that can go undetected until after people vote.

"I'm saying to myself, 'Wait a minute, this is okay, but I don't think it's that high,'" Walters says. "You have to respect the polling. But, you have to discount it a little." For example, Walters says although Gallup reports a more than 10 percent Obama lead, that should be thought of as more like five percent to account for racial and other prejudices that may factor in the voting booth. The so-called "Bradley effect", recalls the 1982 gubernatorial race between an African-American Democrat, Tom Bradley, and a White Republican, George Deukmejian. Though major polls placed Bradley well ahead of Deukmejian only days and hours before the election, Bradley narrowly lost.

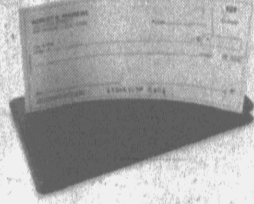
This discrepancy between how Whites say they will vote and how they actually vote was also observed in the 1989 Virginia governor's campaign between African-American candidate L. Douglas Wilder and White candidate Marshal Coleman. Wilder won, but by less than a percentage point — only a few days after polls gave him as much as an eight point lead. Walters says because the Bradley race was more than 25 years ago and the Wilder race nearly 20 years ago, racial attitudes have changed. Newer

and younger voters must now be factored in and it's no longer unique for an African-American to be running for public office.

Still, the Obama camp appears to not take polls for granted, working vigorously in so-called battleground — or unpredictable — states to now excite registered voters to go to the polls Nov. 4. The outreach appears to be working. In states considered especially hard for Democrats, such as Virginia, Obama is ahead 49.9 to 45.1. In Florida, he is up 48.3 to 45.3 and in Pennsylvania, he is up a whopping 51.2 to 39.2, according to RealClearpolitics.com. The key is economic worries, political observers say.

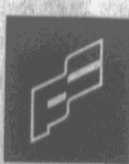
"There are no issues. There's just the one issue. It's the economy," says David Bositis, senior researcher for the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies. "I'm not worried about the 'Bradley effect.'" Even if attempts to deface Obama or undermine his reputation with veiled racial attacks in final days of the campaign become prevalent, Bositis predicts it won't matter. "If your house is on fire and Frankenstein is outside, you don't worry about

Frankenstein. You worry about you're going to die in the fire if you don't do something about it," Bositis says. "This election is about the way people feel about how things are going in the country right now. And the way they feel about how things are going in the country is that they stink. They stink bad



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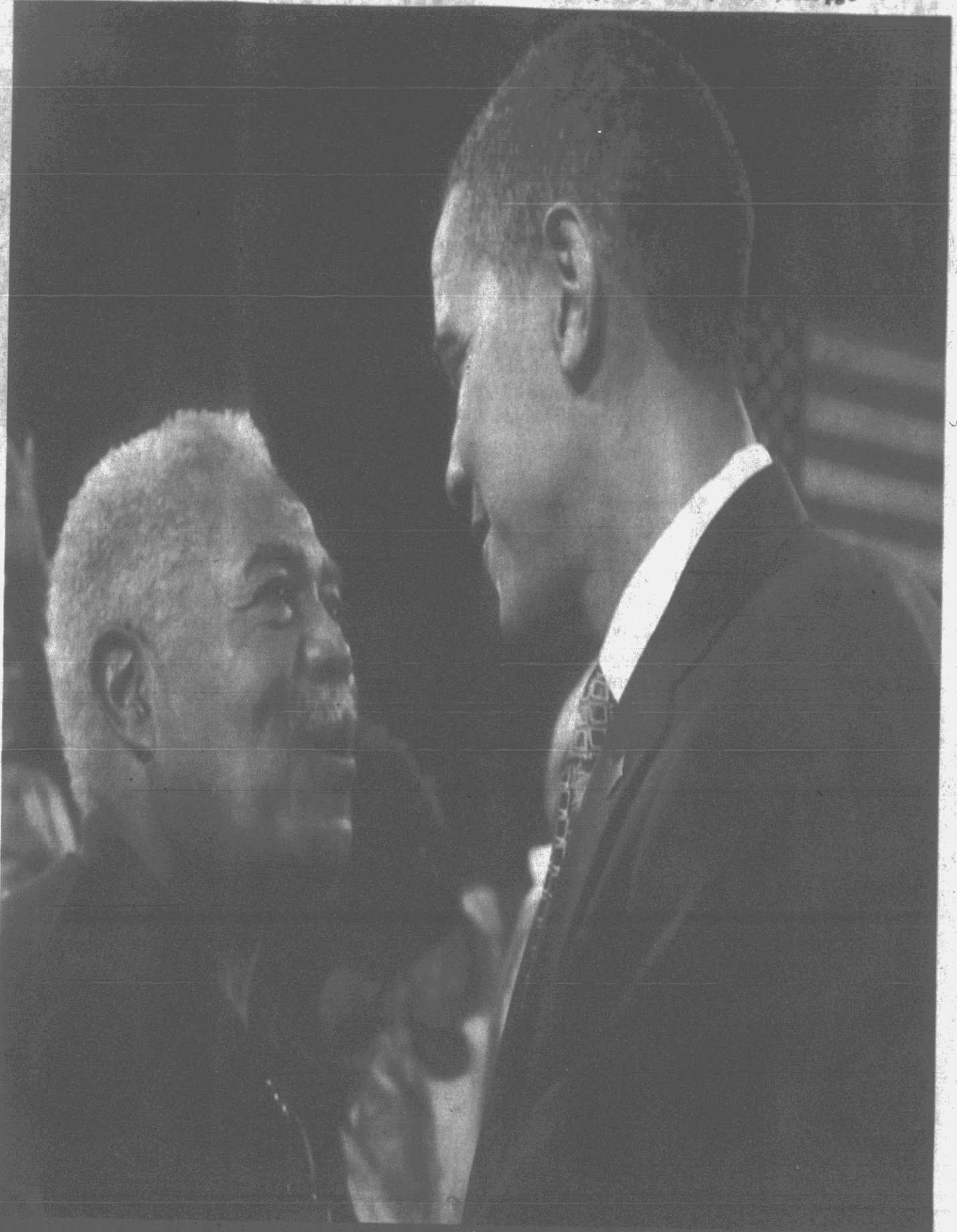
Lt. Gov. Bev Perdue's down-to-the-wire sweep of North Carolina continued morning when she visited local landmark, **The Tippy Teapot**, in Greenville, NC

photo M. Adams

"This is our last Eastern swing before the election," said Tim Crowley, Perdue's press secretary. "It's important for Bev to come back to where she is known best."

Bev was greeted by local government officials and organizations, including members of the Greenville City Council, local school board members, State Employees for North Carolina, the Pitt County Commissioners office and the ECU College Democrats.

Perdue, who is campaigning for governor of North Carolina, spoke to a small audience crowded in the restaurant/café The Tippy Teapot on Evans Street in Greenville about her goals if elected, and also about her opponent, Charlotte mayor Pat McCrory.



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When we don't vote, we pose ourselves as insignificant. Voting is a privilege. For many years minorities and women were not allowed in the political arena. A price was paid to afford each of us a choice to rightfully vote.

**Black Women Turn Out In Large Numbers**

By Cash Michaels

Editor

Amidst the record early voting turnout statewide, there's a big surprise emerging about how North Carolina's African-American community is balloting so far.

More black women Democrats have voted as a group than any other that's gone to the polls since early voting began Oct. 16.

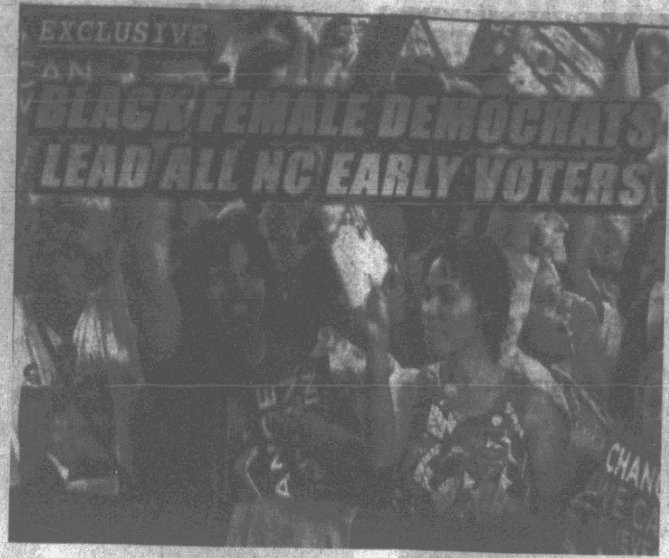
More than their black male, white male, female Democrat or Republican counterparts.

In fact, more than 6,000 more black female Democrats have voted than white female Democrats, the second largest group to poll.

One political observer suggested the fact that most may be energized to be voting for an African-American male, namely Sen. Barack Obama, to become the first black president of the United States, may definitely be a contributing factor.

Since Oct. 16 when One Stop Early Voting/Same Day Registration began in North Carolina, as of press time Tuesday, 544,020 ballots were cast, according to the N.C. State Board of Elections website ([www.sboe.state.nc.us/](http://www.sboe.state.nc.us/)).

That does not include the 79,711 "civilian" votes, the 3,812 military ballots, or the 1,723 North Carolinians who voted from overseas by absentee.



When it comes to the military balloting, 371 black Democrat female personnel have voted thus far, but 486 black male Democrats have outpaced them by over 100.

On the Republican side, 14 black female and 28 black male military voters have cast ballots, while 345 white females, and 866 white males have voted.

With white Democrats in the military, 143 females and 201 males have voted their choices.

So why are more black and white female Democrats showing up to the polls than the men?

Part of the answer lies in voter registration.

While the N.C. State Board of

Elections doesn't list party registration online per racial genders, it does show that there are more females overall registered to

vote than men in the state for all political parties and unaffiliated—3,339,661 women to 2,769,414 men as of Oct. 18.

In terms of Democrats overall, there are 2,804,383 registered to vote in North Carolina, compared to 1,980,092 Republicans, 2,728 Libertarians and 1,366,347 Independents.

The One Stop Early Voting period ends Saturday, Nov. 1.

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All totaled, more than 692,000 have voted thus far during North Carolina's early voting period.

Out of the 544,020 who've voted One Stop so far, 98,493 have been African-American female Democrats, while only 1,146 have been black female Republicans.

By comparison, when it comes to white female Democrats, 92,102 have voted, while white female Republicans could only muster 62,043.

Per black female unaffiliated voters, so far 6,770 have balloted, as opposed to 34,631 white female independents.

What about male voters statewide?

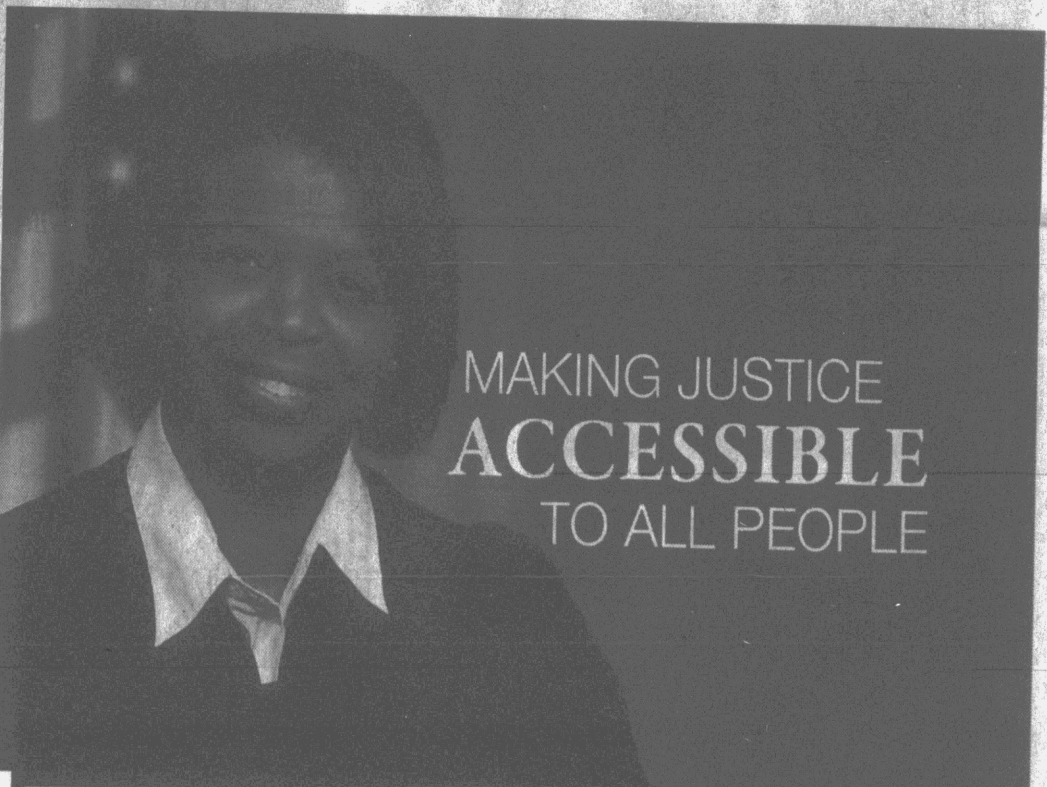
Black male Democrats have tallied 60,922 votes as of Oct. 21, almost 40,000 votes behind black female Democrats, and approximately 1,000 votes behind white female Republicans.

In comparison, white male Democrats have balloted 65,659 votes, while 57,085 Republican white males have marched to the polls.

African-American male Republicans, like black female GOP'ers, barely register on the voting scale with only 1,228.

Interestingly, though, more black male Republicans voted than black female Republicans with 1,146.

Per unaffiliated voters, 33,939 white males lead all independents, while black males comprise just 6,751.



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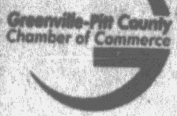
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# COMMUNITY NEWS



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. Nurture 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~~ **dream** to my sons we could be".

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

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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!**



Suetette 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. Tippett, 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.

Paul Harvey

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### Hundreds of FAMU students march to vote



The Rev. R.B. Holmes Jr. called it a "Pentecostal experience" as tears welled up in his eyes. Blocks of students marching from the campus of Florida A & M University to the Leon County Courthouse to vote on the first day of early voting with the FAMU band playing along with them.

"History being made in America," shouted Holmes, pastor of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church outside the courthouse doors in Tallahassee. "In the name of Booker T. Washington, Martin Luther King Jr. We've done it. In his name... You're prayers are up. Thank God for FAMU. Thank God for a new beginning. Change has come to America."

Holmes, a Democrat, who was an outspoken supporter of former Republican Gov. Jeb Bush, especially his education agenda and voucher programs, is now solidly behind Barack Obama.

"I never thought this day would come in my lifetime," he said. "To have these students vote their history, vote their heritage. Our foreparents are shouting and I'm overwhelmed by the Pentecostal experience."

He said he was inspired by the peaceful march of students to the courthouse building, directly across the street from Florida's Old Capital, where segregationist laws were enacted a generation ago and where, just blocks away, mob lynchings were once sanctioned.

"I've been involved in almost all the marches before but this is certainly the most significant march of the 21st Century — to make sure that this American dream is not a nightmare," Holmes said. "It's a new day in America."

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