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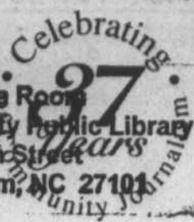
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Pro Football Hall of Famer Deion Sanders addresses a packed house last week's at St. Peter's World Outreach Center.

Sanders: Faith saved my life

BY LAYLA GARMS
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From the outside looking in, Deion Sanders had it all.

As the only man in history to have played in both a Super Bowl (two, actually) and a World Series, Sanders has lived a life that most could only dream of. Yet, the 2011 Pro Football Hall of Fame inductee says he never felt satisfied; he never felt fulfilled, until he gave his life to Christ.

"It seemed as if I was free, but I was enslaved," said Sanders, an NFL Network analyst and well known philanthropist. "...I was trapped inside my body, crying out to you for help. Some of you are walking this journey right now, you're confined, you're constrained, you're not even free."

Sanders, who was dubbed "Prime Time" because of his larger than life personality, addressed a crowd of hundreds last Friday during Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministries' annual Hope on the Inside fundraiser at St. Peter's Church and World Outreach Center.

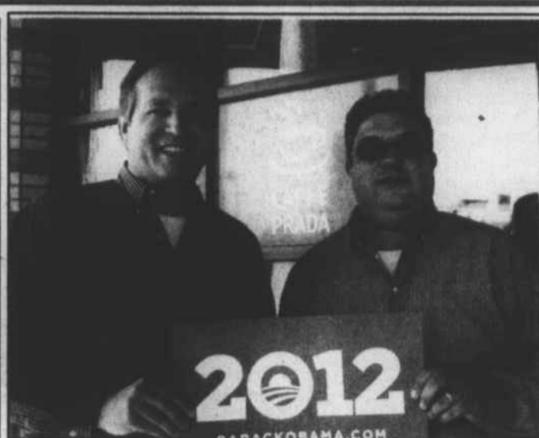
Sanders has given just as much in the community as he gave on the field during his playing days. He has lent his money and energy to initiative like the Prime Prep Academy, a Dallas, Texas area K-12 charter school slated to open in the fall. He has also spearheaded feeding programs in Georgia and Texas - where he currently resides - that are responsible for feeding 100,000 school aged children in free and reduced lunch programs daily.

Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministries Chaplain

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Ken Hart and Alex Prada support President Obama.

Locals make case for four more years

BY LAYLA GARMS
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President Obama officially kicked off his reelection campaign on Saturday during a spirited rally at a university in the battleground state of Ohio. Two days before that, local residents Ken Hart and Alex Prada held a rally of their own, touting what they see as the president's positive economic policies.

Prada and Hart opened Caffe Prada - a popular Fourth and Broad streets coffee shop known for its mouth-watering gelato and baked goods - in 2008, realizing a long-held dream.

"The redevelopment of downtown was happening and we thought this would be a perfect corner to have a café where people could gather with friends and have a good time," said Prada, who began making gelato when he was five years old. "The proximity to the baseball stadium made it a very good spot for us."

But it has not been Easy Street for Prada and Hart. They have weathered the storm of an uncertain economy and even faced the threat of having to close down at one time because the financial burden was so great.

Today, business is looking up. The company recently hired two new employees and hopes to expand its staff even further during the busy summer season. Though the economy is far from being on solid footing, Hart, a Miami native, says he believes things are looking up.

"I think the worst is behind us," said Hart, who added that the café's customer base is growing again and he's beginning to see "sold" signs on properties in the surrounding neighborhood. "...We're definitely not in the same situation we were in in 2008, coming from eight years of a Republican presidency."

Prada, a native of Argentina, credits President Barack



Mayor Joines speaks.

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Black lawyers present annual essay awards



Attorney Stacey Rubain presents an award to WSPA student Chloe Wilborn.

BY LAYLA GARMS
THE CHRONICLE

Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy senior Juane Morris got an early birthday present Tuesday.

Morris, who celebrated his 18th birthday Wednesday, was among five winners of the Winston-Salem Bar Association's annual essay contest. He, fellow winners Latoia Hawkins, Ehren Allen, Chloe Wilborn and Jalen Hatton and their guests were



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feted during a luncheon at the Piedmont Club.

Morris is the second person in his family to win the contest. His older sister Briyonna, now a freshman at Western Carolina University, was among last year's winners.

"It felt good when I got the notice," Morris said. "It was warming to my heart."

The contest, now in its third year, is part of an ongoing collaboration between WSPA and the predomi-

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Winners look to November and beyond

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

State Rep. Earline Parmon has won more elections than she can remember, yet she still let out a sigh of relief Tuesday night when it became all but certain that she had won the Democratic primary for the District 32 N.C. Senate seat.

"You never know," the political veteran said of election results. "You go out there, but you never know if your message is resonating with the voters."

Parmon topped Democratic challengers James Taylor and Wilbert Banks by

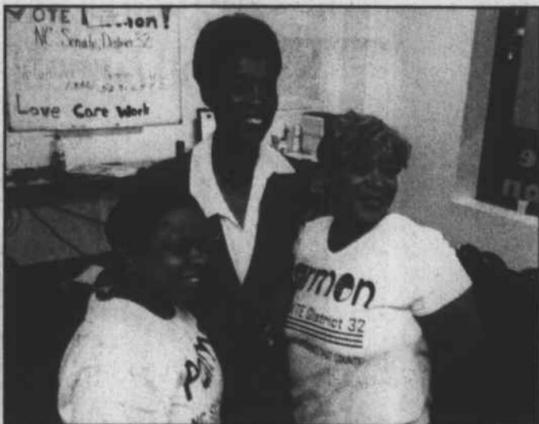


Photo by Kevin Walker

State Rep. Parmon is congratulated by her daughter, Tracy Ingram, and her granddaughter, Shalonda.

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Making a Marvtastic Noise



Photo by Layla Garms

Monica Clark (left) and fiancée Tika Douthit perform an original piece during auditions for the Black Reparatory Company's upcoming Marvtastic Talent Extravaganza. Read more on page A3.



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